



**Lions of Michigan
District II-E2 Cabinet Meeting
January 31, 2026 (Zoom)**

Call to Order- DG Marie Leathers
Invocation- 2VDG Kris Roberts
Pledge of Allegiance- ZC Kay Gaines
Introduction of Guests- DG Marie Leathers

Secretary's Report- Minutes- CST Durflinger
Correspondence- None

Treasurer's Report- 2025-26 YTD Financials-
CST Durflinger
Dues collection report

Old Business- Hunger Grant-DG Marie, PDG
Durflinger

New Business- Alcona Club

GET Report- PDG Murch-

GLT Report- IPDG Gocha- ORAL

GMT Report- PDG Rod Leathers- WRITTEN

GST Report- ZC BJ Sander-

Zone/Region Report

Zone 1 Chair- ZC Ron Morgan-
Zone 2 Chair- ZC Kris Roberts- WRITTEN
Zone 3 Chair- ZC BJ Sander-
Zone 4 Chair- ZC Kay Gaines- No Report

Committee Reports

Announcements/Audience Comments

VDG Comments- WRITTEN

DG Comments

Adjourn

District Committee Reports

ORAL

**District Convention- Lion Ray Kuiper, DG
Marie Leathers**

**Honorary Committee – IPDG Dennis
Gocha**

WRITTEN

**Bear Lake Camp- Lion Ray Kuiper
District Editor- Lion Dave Zimmer
Lions of Michigan Foundation – PDG Rod
Leathers**

**Peace Poster – Lion Jean Manning
PR/Social Media- Lion Jennie Partin
Project KidSight- Lion Linda Harris
White Cane- Lion Shirley Hill**

NO REPORT

**Convention Raffle – Lions Bill and Linda
Chase (tickets are at meeting for pick-up)
Credentials
Elections- Lions Chuck and Ginny Brew
Nominations**

No Response from Chair

**All State Band – Lion Kris Hoeksema
Constitution, By-Laws & Rules- DG
Marie Leathers
Diabetes Awareness- Lion BJ Sander
District Melvin Jones – VDG Kris Roberts
Environmental – PDG Bev Bodem
Eversight- Lion Julia Taylor
Hunger –Lions Brian and Elizabeth Chace
International Convention- DG Marie
Leathers
LCIF – PDG Bill Gaines
Leader Dog- Lion Tim Rubert
Leo Clubs- Lion Tony Smith
Lions of Michigan Forum- VDG Kris
Roberts
Medical Assistance – PDG Bev Bodem
Mental Health- Lion Julie Hasse
Pediatric Cancer- Lion Rebecca James
USA/Canada Forum- DG Marie Leathers
Website/Information Technology-DG
Marie Leathers**

NO CHAIRPERSON

Youth Exchange



Lions of Michigan
District 11 E-2
Cabinet/Business Meeting Minutes, January 31, 2026- Zoom

Cabinet Members in Attendance- DG Marie Leathers, IPDG Dennis Gocha, 2VDG Kris Roberts, CST Durflinger, GMT Rod Leathers, GET Murch, ZC Kay Gaines

Cabinet Members Absent – ZC's Ron Morgan and BJ Sander

Lions in Attendance –PDGs Bill Gaines, Dennis Richardson and Bev Bodem, Lions Shirley Hill, Dan Miller, Jennie Partin, Linda Gocha, Ray Kuiper, David Zimmer, Linda Harris, Julie Hasse and Mike Fochtman

Guests- None

The meeting was called to order at 10 AM by DG Leathers. The invocation was offered by 2VDG Roberts. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by ZC Gaines.

Secretary's Report - Minutes of the 11/22/25 cabinet meeting were presented by CST Durflinger. It was moved by GMT Leathers, supported by ZC Gaines that they be accepted as presented. Motion carried. There was no correspondence.

Treasurer's Report- The 2025-26 YTD financial reports were presented, with a beginning balance in the admin account of \$35,100.40, income of \$15,524.54 and expenses of \$15,637.94 leaving an ending balance of \$34,987.00 as of 1/31/26. This consists of \$32,900.80 in admin and \$2,086.20 in convention funds. The projects account has a beginning balance of \$28,587.65, income of \$28,924.92 and expenses of \$7,258.06, leaving an ending balance of \$50,254.51. It was moved by GET Murch, supported by 2VDG Roberts that the report be accepted as presented. Motion carried. We still have 2 clubs with unpaid dues. They have been sent reminders.

Old Business- Hunger Grant- DG Leathers reported that we have received official approval of our grant application from LCIF. We now have 6 months to complete raising the funds for the \$50,000 match. As of 1/30 we have raised \$40,434. If your club has not yet made a contribution, please consider doing so. As of now 17 of our 26 clubs have contributed. We also welcome contributions from individual Lions. If your club has already made a contribution, please ask them to consider an additional contribution.

Ski for Light- IPDG Gocha reported that Lions went to Roscommon to help with Ski for Light. He reported that the weather was good, and it was an interesting experience. He hopes we get more Lions to help out next year. They are in need of Sit-Skis for wheelchair bound skiers, which cost about \$2,000. He will contact them about exactly what they need, so we can see if we can help them.

New Business- Alcona Club- DG Marie announced that the Alcona Club has now completed all required steps, and has been approved as a Lions Club. They are planning a Charter Night party. More information will follow when available. She noted that at charter night it is traditional for other district clubs to give the new club a gift to help them start off, usually a contribution to their admin or project funds.

Dues Increase- IPDG Gocha noted that for the past few years we have steadily been losing money on our district conventions, and he proposed we increase the District Convention portion of the dues from \$1/member to \$2/member annually. CST Durflinger will review the policy manual to determine when we need to get notifications to district clubs so that it can be voted on at the convention. It was moved by IPDG Gocha, supported by 2VDG Roberts that we proceed with a dues increase. Motion carried.

GET Report- PDG Murch thanked Lion Larry Elmer for his hard work getting the Alcona Club started. He noted that we now have 8 Certified Guiding Lions. The course is available on the LCI website also.

GLT Report- GLT Gocha commented that he would like to see all clubs do a community needs assessment, and we should work in the areas that currently do not have a Lions Club to do them there also.



GMT Report- GMT Leathers turned in a written report.

GST Report- ZC Sanders had no report. DG Marie noted that we are currently running at about 90% in service reporting.

Zone Chair Reports- ZC Sander, ZC Gaines and ZC Morgan had no reports. ZC Roberts turned in a written report.

Committee Reports- Written Reports were provided for **All State Band-** Lion Kris Hoeksema, **Bear Lake Camp-** Lion Ray Kuiper, **District Editor-** Lion Dave Zimmer, **Environmental-** PDG Bev Bodem- **International Convention-** DG Leathers, **LCIF-** PDG Bill Gaines, **Lions of Michigan Foundation-** PDG Rod Leathers, **MD-11 Convention-** DG Leathers, **Peace Poster-** Lion Jean Manning, **PR/Social Media-** Lion Jennie Partin, **Project Kidsight-** Lion Linda Harris, **USA/Canada Forum-** DG Leathers, **White Cane-** Lion Shirley Hill. The following supplemented written reports- DG Leathers reminded us that the MD-11 Convention will be in Bellaire this year, so it would be great to see more Lions from our District attend. The service project will benefit the Bellaire area. The International President will be the guest speaker.

Oral Reports- Convention Raffle- DG Leathers noted that you can also purchase raffle tickets on your convention registration. **District Convention-** DG Leathers and Lion Ray Kuiper reported that convention planning is under way. Packets have been sent out to clubs. CST Durlfingler was asked to send the forms out every two weeks as a reminder. The next committee meeting is on Thursday 2/5 at 7 PM in Central Lake. Lion Kuiper noted that advertising is going slowly, so please encourage your club to place an ad in the book. The convention budget was presented. It was moved by Lion Dan Miller, supported by GMT Leathers that we approve the budget. Motion carried. The service project will be packing bags for Honor Flight veterans. We have received a list of items to go into the 80 bags, and will be determining soon how to collect them. Our luncheon speaker is wounded veteran Jonathan Turnbull, a Gaylord resident and spokesperson for Tunnel to Towers. He should be really interesting, so make your luncheon reservations soon. **Honorary Committee-** IPDG Gocha noted that he has Lions mints and trays that came from one of the clubs that folded and he will see if the Alcona Club needs them. **LCIF-** PDG Gaines reported that he has been making presentations to clubs about LCIF. He still has spots on his Melvin Jones raffle board for \$20. Contact him if you would like one. **Mental Health-** Lion Julie Hasse is working on a speaker and/or information table at the District Convention. **Lions of Michigan Forum-** 2VDG Roberts encouraged clubs to attend the Forum in Kalamazoo this year. There are a number of interesting sessions this time. See his written report for details.

Audience Comments- PDG Murch said Save the Date reminders will be going out soon for the Alpena Lions 100th anniversary celebration in October. Lion Shirley Hill reported the death of Jan Bassett, a former Elk Rapids Lion who moved to Florida a number of years ago. Lion Jan was active in the district, serving as Zone Chair several times. Our sympathies go to her husband, Lion Bob Bassett.

VDG Comments- VDG Roberts noted that training should also be reported for LCIF along with service.

DG Comments- DG Leathers thanked everyone for their support this year. She reminded zone chairs that one of our goals this year was to try and get at least one person from every club to attend the district convention.

With no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 AM. The next meeting will be at the district convention.

Respectfully submitted,
PDG Barb Durlfingler, Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer



Hunger grant budget

<u>Source</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Status</u>
Lions		
11-E2 Community Impact Grant funds	\$8,765.74	collected
District 11-E2 Hunger fund	\$8,804.73	collected
Individual Lion donations	\$1,568.04	collected
Lions District 11-B1	\$500.00	collected
Lions Club contributions		
Alcona	\$250.00	pledged
Alpena	\$1,000.00	collected
Beaver Run	\$1,000.00	collected
Boyne Valley	\$500.00	collected
Central Lake	\$1,000.00	collected
East Jordan	\$2,500.00	collected
Elk Rapids	\$1,000.00	collected
Glennie	\$200.00	collected
Grayling	\$1,000.00	collected
Hale	\$1,000.00	collected
Hillman	\$2,615.49	collected
Indian River	\$1,000.00	collected
Lewiston Lions	\$1,000.00	collected
Lewiston Lioness Lions	\$1,000.00	collected
Lincoln	\$500.00	collected
Mio	\$2,000.00	collected
Oscoda	\$2,000.00	collected
Non-Lion Contributions	\$830.00	collected
To be raised	\$9,566.00	
LCIF	<u>\$150,000.00</u>	Anticipated
	\$200,000.00	



District 11-E2
 January 2026 Board report
 Re: Lions of Michigan All State Band

The All State Band extended tryouts through the end of January as they are still working on building the band back up. To my knowledge, there is only one student from our District in the band currently, who happens to be my daughter. She is trying to get more students to join the band and has been communicating with three Ellsworth students who expressed interest. Two still indicate they are trying out, but I have not heard if this has happened yet or if they were admitted into the band. I would love to hear from any clubs that are aware of students in their area that either are in the band or might be interested in trying out.

The band is headed to Hong Kong this year and the cost is slightly less than the Australia trip 2 years ago (\$4995). The trip is scheduled for June 29-July 7. I have previously shared a televised interview with the band's director, Jason Russell. Please use this link if you have not seen it yet as it highlights what the band is about and some of the amazing opportunities for our youth.
https://www.abc12.com/video/lions-of-michigan-all-state-band-traveling-to-hong-kong/video_231df650-81a9-5242-a07c-0e5e971b46d1.html

There are a lot of resources for students to help them with fundraising efforts through Bob Roger's travel, who is managing the trip. If there is a student interested but not pursuing the band and trip because of cost or apprehension about travel, please encourage their parent/guardian to reach out to me so I can share about my experiences and/or help them connect with a band leader to address concerns.

Thank you,
 Kris Hoeksema
 LMASB district chair

District 11-E2 Newsletter Editor Report: January 31, 2026 Cabinet Meeting

Lion Barb:

Clubs sharing information for December-January Newsletter issues are shown in the table below.

Club newsletter submissions for December - January 7 Clubs - 27%

Name	Months Participated	Name	Months Participated
◆ Alpena	1	◆ East Jordan	2
◆ Boyne Valley	2	◆ Oshtemo	1
◆ Central Lake	2	◆ Petoskey	1
◆ Cheboygan	1	◆	

As I've said in every report, any District Lions Leaders who want to share something inspiring or informing are welcome to submit letters/columns/notes/ or photos. It would be great to read about activities any club who has something to share with all of our District Lions. How do we Serve our communities throughout the District? Sharing your activities and ideas with others is one step to Serving the goals of the Lions Mission. The more we work together the more we can accomplish.

Any suggestions for newsletter enhancement are also appreciated.

Thanks to all for your support. Stay Safe and Serve on.

Lion David J. Zimmer
 District 11-E2 Newsletter Editor
 dzim47@gmail.com

**Cost:**

\$30 per person

Includes dinner, coffee, and soft drinks

Additional Highlights:

- Cash Bar
- 50/50 Raffle
- Gift Baskets

This event is proudly hosted by the Shelby Township Lions Club, with special thanks to the Fraser Lions for their support.

Registration & Payment Information:

Please make checks payable to Shelby Township Lions Club

Mail to:

12875 Boardwalk Drive

Bruce Township, MI 48065

Kindly ensure payment and attendee information are received no later than Friday, February 11, 2026.

This evening is more than a dinner. It's a chance to see the collective generosity of Lions in action, reconnect with fellow members, and celebrate the shared commitment that makes Bear Lake Camp possible for so many children and families.

For questions or additional information, please contact:

Lion Bob Bittner

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RLB1028@comcast.net



Zone 2 and 2nd VDG Report – Lion Kris Roberts

The time since the last cabinet meeting has somehow drained away, and several things that were planned have not yet happened, including a Governor's Zone 2 Advisory Committee meeting and a planned SWOT survey of current and past members of the Elk Rapids Lions club, as an assigned Guiding Lion. Postponed, but not forgotten. The same goes for my club visits to Zone 2 clubs as Zone Chair.

One very big Highlight, though was assisting the Roscommon Higgins Lake Lions with the 50th Anniversary of the Michigan Ski For Light on January 16 to 18. Five Central Lake Lions and two East Jordan Lions, which included DG Marie, IPDG Dennis, PDG Rod, ZC2 Kris, and Lions DiAnn Platt-Roberts, Gretchen VanOrmer, and Linda Gocha served. It was a wonderful weekend for cross country skiing, and over 100 blind, visually impaired, their companions and guides attended. It kept the sponsoring Roscommon Higgins Lake Lions and us very busy. This is a service project that all of us plan to do again many times. It is particularly notable that if the Roscommon Higgins Lake club stepped up as a sponsor, with Lions Insurance several years ago. The MI Ski for Light officers stated that the organization would likely have folded after COVID if not. A huge win for partnering.

Another very interesting item that came up Monday night in the Area E Zoom Meeting (which was a reportable training meeting according to PID Bob Block). Our Area E districts and clubs hold down the **bottom of the list** of CA-1 Lions for training and activity reporting. This led to a question and discussion of what services, training and reporting are not only acceptable by LCI, but highly encouraged. The interpretation of this in the Monday meeting? All of the following list of trainings, services, and meetings (in person or Zoom) that I have attended since November are reportable activities, and I will be working with my club to get them reported. This specifically includes ALL regular club meetings if any service or training is discussed or provided in them (which pretty much includes everything done there in our clubs every time).

So, here is my November to January service/training list:

12/1 Lions Area E Zoom meeting and training workshop; 12/1 District 11E2 Dist: Convention planning meeting; 12/4 a rolltop desk was transferred to the CL Lions Barn for upcoming fundraiser sale; 12/5-6 Lions 2VDG training and Council of Governors meeting in Mt. Pleasant; 12/6 attended and assisted with the Elk Rapids Christmas Community dinner for 60+ attendees; 12/11 Attended the CL Club Christmas meeting meal, fundraiser and service project; 1/6/26 took part in planning the Lions of Michigan February Forum as a committee member; 1/6 attended the 1st Lions Growth Workshop on Zoom; 1/8 attended the CL Lions regular meeting, and as ZC, recruited members to assist the Roscommon Higgins Lake Lions with Ski For Light, and plugged the Lions of Michigan Forum; 1/11 attended a Zoom workshop – Lions Story Telling training; 1/14 as secretary, took part in the District Convention planning meeting at Treetops in Gaylord; 1/16-18 assisted the Roscommon Higgins Lake Lions with co-sponsoring the Michigan Ski For Light 50th Anniversary with 7 CL and EJ Lions; 1/20 attended the 2nd Lions Growth Workshop training on Zoom; 1/26 attended the regular Lions Area E workshop and training meeting on Zoom; on 1/28, will attend the Lions Mid-Year Zoom meeting with IP Singh; and lastly, on 1/30 I will transport a local resident for a medical consultation, as we CL Lions regularly do. I hope others will join me in many of these Zoom trainings.

By the discussion with PID Robert Block GAT CA-1 Area E Leader, any and all meeting, in person or remote, are reportable activities to LCI, and if there is any service discussion or training, that is reportable as such. In every one of the activities I listed above, there is either service or training involved, so let's get the word out to our clubs and get MD11E2 reporting levels rising.



Global Membership Team (GMT) Report 1/31/26

We are sitting at a positive 13 members so far this Lion year. This is a great start but we need to keep it up. If every Lion would try to bring one prospect to a Lions project or meeting we should be able to double that number by our District Convention.

We have added 52 new members so far this Lions year but we have dropped 39 members. We need to work harder on keeping our members. A good way to keep excitement in our members is to join us at our District Convention in April. It's a way to meet other Lions and learn what other clubs are doing and take their excitement back to your clubs.

I welcome the members of our new Alcona Lions Club. When the Governor and I visited them the excitement was amazing.

Remember "Together We Can"

11-E2 GMT PDG Rod Leathers

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Barb

From: Marie Leathers [lionmarieleathers@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 28, 2026 20:32
To: ComDaC
Subject: Lions International Convention

While the dates of the convention haven't changed, we have changed the dates of several key events, including the following:

- Opening Plenary Session: Saturday, July 4
- Elections: Saturday, July 4 – Monday, July 6
- Second Plenary Session: Sunday, July 5
- Closing Plenary Session: Monday, July 6
- MJF Luncheon: Monday, July 6
- Parade of Nations: Tuesday, July 7 (pending finalization of plans)



Environmental Committee report for District 11 E-2, January 31, 2026

Winter seems to be an appropriate topic for January. The 4 P's connected to winter safety are: **People, Pets, Pipes and Plants**. We need to prepare our homes and family, including loved ones, for the frigid temperatures. This is true especially this winter. How do we do this? How about preparing homes and loved ones who live in our cold climate? Bring our pets into a warmer area, insulate pipes to prevent freezing and cover and move plants to a protected area.

To help our people...dress in layers which keeps more warmth near the body. Check on our neighbors, especially the elderly who may have trouble keeping warm.

Stay hydrated since the dry air in winter can dehydrate our airways. Avoid carbon monoxide by resisting the temptation to use camp stoves, generators and grills indoors.

Pets...bring them inside or provide protection. Also, put their food and water in areas where they don't freeze.

Pipes: Insulate exposed pipes and disconnect hoses and turn off outdoor faucets.

Above all....try to stay positive and stop watching the news. Curl up with a good book or a movie.

See you in a couple of months! I'm hibernating until the end of March.

Beverly Bodem
Environmental Chair

District 11 E-2

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<https://www.google.com/search?q=Winter+environmental>



LCIF has approved the Hunger grant for the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan facility in Gaylord. District Governor Marie Leathers is the Grant Administrator and PDG Barb Durlinger is the Project Chairperson. We have six months from grant approval to raise the matching funds needed.

I have made several presentations on LCIF including the Legacy program and the importance of individual donations. They have been favorably received and our district is ahead of schedule to meet our LCIF assigned fund raising goals for the year.

District LCIF Coordinator

William Gaines

Barb

From: Jean Hill [daandjehill@gmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, January 25, 2026 20:22
To: Barb; Marie Leathers
Subject: Re: Cabinet meeting

The poster contest materials are usually available in February. If we want to distribute the materials at the convention, it may need to be voted on for the cabinet to purchase the kits at this meeting on the 31st. Also, I used all of the poster paper during the last contest, so if it's okay with the cabinet, I will order more from Allegra in Alpena. I would have to ask the paper place how much we ordered last time as I don't recall how many sheets.

From, Jean Manning

On Jan 24, 2026, at 1:01 PM, Barb <comdac@comdac.com> wrote:

Our next cabinet meeting will be at 10 AM on Saturday 1/31. This will be a Zoom meeting. The link will be sent out later.

I need committee chairs and cabinet members to get their written reports to me by end of day on Wednesday. The reports will be scanned and sent out to everyone prior to the meeting for your review. If you will not have a written report or want to do an oral report, let me know so that can be reflected on the agenda. Thanks! Let me know if you have any questions.

CST Barb
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llonbarb@comdac.com



Report on Lions of Michigan Forum February 27-28, 2026

Upcoming Lions of Michigan Forum begins with registration Friday afternoon at the Delta Marriott Conference Center, Kalamazoo.

Rooms are available at the Marriott Delta Kalamazoo (269-375-6000) and nearby Best Western Suites (269-350-5522). Lions Forum rate deadline is February 1, but still ask (Marriott code is LMC).

Registration (\$60 which includes lunch) is available online or print out and send with registration fee to: Lions of Michigan 5730 Executive Drive • Lansing, MI 48911, Telephone 517-887-6640 or Fax 517-887-6642. Register by February 16 to ensure you get lunch and the Forum Booklet.

The Forum opens Friday evening with the Annual Forum Service project – Forget Me Not Little Heroes Backpacks. We will be stuffing up to 500 backpacks with color coordinated items in their very own color backpack at 7:00 pm. These backpack will be distributed to children 3-12 years old who have been removed from homes and going to foster homes. The project was initiated by the organizers (now LIONS) when they heard that most children arrived at shelters with whatever they were allowed to take in a garbage bag. These backpacks are given, and become their personal property, and will go with them wherever they are moved, giving them a sense of ownership when everything makes them feel powerless. Each backpack will contain a throw blanket, water bottle, pencils, colored pencils, crayons, an activity book or coloring book, toothbrush, toothpaste, socks, an LED tablet (much like an etch-a-sketch), and a stuffed comfort animal toy.

Luncheon and Keynote Speaker Saturday: Our keynote speaker will be Kathleen Marcath. She will be telling moving stories about how one language – **American Sign Language (ASL)** – opens the hearts and minds with possibilities through the story of young Alice who learned her name for the first time at age 9, and other inspiring stories. Kathleen is the author of the ASL book, *“My Monster Truck Goes Everywhere with Me”*. At it's core, ASL Picture Books exist to help children feel seen, heard, and valued – and to remind us all that **ASL is an untapped resource with limitless potential for our children**. She will also have a booth in the Programs Room.

On Saturday, there will be 16 breakout information/training sessions in 4 rooms throughout the day. The topics:

- Planning a pollinator garden with native Michigan plants
- The role of the Tail Twister, and Ice Breakers for Club Meetings
- Lions Service Carnivals – What and how
- Managing your club on the Web
- Cyber security
- The Leadership Challenge
- Elder Law/Estate Planning
- Building members through Branch and Specialty Clubs
- Attracting younger members – Involvement is the key, and membership retention
- Officer training for Club Secretary and service reporting
- Officer training for Club Treasurer
- Officer training for Club President
- Flipping for Fundraisers – How to's of successful fundraising events and LCI legal rules
- Oversight – Lions Partnership and Leader Dogs
- Serving Together: Partners in Service with other Service Groups
- LCIF and LMF



Lions of Michigan Foundation report 01/31/2026

It is time for the Sight and Hearing Sweepstake tickets again. If you haven't participated in selling them before you are missing out on an easy way to make money for your club and the Lions of Michigan foundation. Tickets are \$10 each and there are 10 prizes including the grand prize of \$5,000.

If your club sells 100 to 249 tickets your club will make \$5.00 a ticket.
If your club sells 250 tickets and up your club will make \$5.50 a ticket.

All sold tickets and all money collected must be returned to the Lions of Michigan State Office by May 1, 2026. Please call 617-887-6640 or email info@lmsf.net for additional tickets or information.

1. How can the LMF help us?

- A. Provide KidSight equipment so we can do children's eye screening in our district.
- B. Provide financial assistance for sight and hearing.
- C. Provide financial assistance for emergency disaster relief.
- D. Provide financial assistance for military family and veterans relief.
- E. Provide mints for the military.

3. Where does their money come from?

A.) Project money comes from the fundraisers and the money clubs, individual Lions, and communities donate.

You can contact any of us for information or help filling out an application for medical or emergency assistance.

1st year trustee PDG Rod Leathers from Central Lake Lions 231-350-0567 email leathersrod@gmail.com

2nd year trustee PDG Dennis Richardson from Central Lake Lions 231-944-0587 email den7rich@gmail.com

Asst. Treasurer HOF Barb Durlinger from Hillman Lions Club 1-989-742-2790 email ccmdac@comdac.com

Fund and development committee DG Marie Leathers Central Lake Lions 231-350-0286 email lionmarieleathers@gmail.com

You can contact any of us for information and assistance to get aid from the foundation.

LMF Trustee PDG Rod Leathers



May 14-16, 2026 MD 11 Lions Convention
Shanty Creek Resort – Bellaire, MI (231) 533-3083
Room Rate: \$119/\$149 Studio/Parlor
Cutoff for reduced rate: April 15, 2026

Registration coming soon at lionsofmi.com

Guest Speaker: Lions International President A.P. Singh

Renaissance theme

Thursday Night, May 14: Service project to benefit Bellaire Youth Initiative. This organization provides after school and beyond experiences for students in the area. Some of the programs include Music, Archery, Lego Club, Martial Arts, Student Garden, Cooking and more. There will be a list of items to be donated.

Thursday Night Picnic: Cellar 1914, Central Lake. Charlevoix Lions Club will be providing a chicken dinner using their portable chicken grills.

Friday: Breakout sessions (details to follow)

Friday evening reception: DGs and District would be encouraged to create their "Coat of Arms" banner to bring into the banquet hall. Renaissance theme entertainment, renaissance costumes encouraged.
Hospitality room (need club(s) to sponsor)

Saturday: Awards breakfast, Breakout sessions, Awards banquet
Hospitality room (need club(s) to sponsor)

District 11-E2 was thanked for being one of the first sponsors for the convention.
Clubs may consider sponsoring too (see attached).



Barb

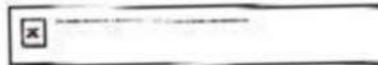
From: Raymond Kuiper [kuiper172@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, January 28, 2026 08:44
To: Lior Barb Durlinger
Subject: Fw: Kickoff Dinner & Parade of Checks 2026

Here is the only item which should be sent out and brought up for my report for Bear Lake Camp.
 Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Lions Bear Lake Camp <traci@bearlakecamp.org>
Date: January 9, 2026 at 8:49:09 AM EST
To: Raymond <kuiper172@gmail.com>
Subject: Kickoff Dinner & Parade of Checks 2026
Reply-To: Lions Bear Lake Camp <traci@bearlakecamp.org>

[View this email in your browser](#)



You're Invited: Lions Bear Lake Camp Kickoff Dinner & Parade of Checks

Dear Lions and Friends of Bear Lake Camp,

There are moments each year when we pause, come together, and reflect on the impact Lions make when we serve side by side. The Lions Bear Lake Camp Kickoff Dinner and Parade of Checks is one of those moments.

You are invited to join us for an evening of fellowship, gratitude, and celebration as we kick off another year of service in support of Lions Bear Lake Camp.

Kickoff Dinner & Parade of Checks

□ February 19, 2026

□ 6:00 PM

□ Fraser Lions Den

**Marketing Report January 2026**

Objective - Help grow individual clubs' social media presence. This will be accomplished in two ways: by utilizing a District Facebook page and group to help promote clubs and share ideas, and by providing training and mentorship to club marketing chairs to help aid in establishing, growing, and maintaining social media club accounts.

A new Facebook group has been created specifically for club marketing chairs in district 11-E2. This group is being utilized to share marketing ideas, tips, and tricks with each other to help grow our individual clubs' social media presence. Please share with your club's marketing chair, and feel free to join yourself as well! 11 members are currently in the group, and it is proving useful in sharing content ideas and images to help keep our pages active.

Marketing Group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/835681422524863>

Don't forget to like the district Facebook page, and join the group! A lot of good information about what's going on in our district, as well as with our State Projects, gets shared in both places. Please share with your club members as well.

District Page: <https://www.facebook.com/LionsDistrict11E2/>

District Group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/115205905173714>

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Barb

From: Linda Harris [lindish72@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, January 27, 2026 14:40
To: Barb Durlinger
Cc: Linda Harris
Subject: KidSight Screening Report for 1-31-2026 District 11E-2 Cabinet Meeting

11E-2 District Lions KidSight has completed 78 screenings.

**78 SCREENED
12 REFERRALS**

PLEASE contact Dr. Nate Slezak (BigNate34@gmail.com) 989-657-1995
Linda Harris (Lindish72@hotmail.com) 989-225-1396

Sincerely,
Linda Harris
KidSight Co-Coordinator

**Barb**

From: Shirley Hill [lhirley@yahoo.com]
Sent: Sunday, January 25, 2026 15:37
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Cc:
Subject: Re: Cabinet meeting (White Care Report)

The White Cane community is voting on January 27 at 6:00 to select 3 candidates of the 8 students who have applied for the scholarship. It was a hard decision because they are all well deserving for the scholarship.

White Cane Chair

Shirley Hill
 Elk Rapids

no applicants from our district

On Saturday, January 24, 2026 at 01:01:39 PM EST, Barb <comdac@condac.com> wrote:

Our next cabinet meeting will be at 10 AM on Saturday 1/31. This will be a Zoon meeting. The link will be sent out later.

I need committee chairs and cabinet members to get their written reports to me by end of day on Wednesday. The reports will be scanned and sent out to everyone prior to the meeting for your review. If you will not have a written report or want to do an oral report, let me know so that can be reflected on the agenda. Thanks! Let me know if you have any questions.

CST Barb



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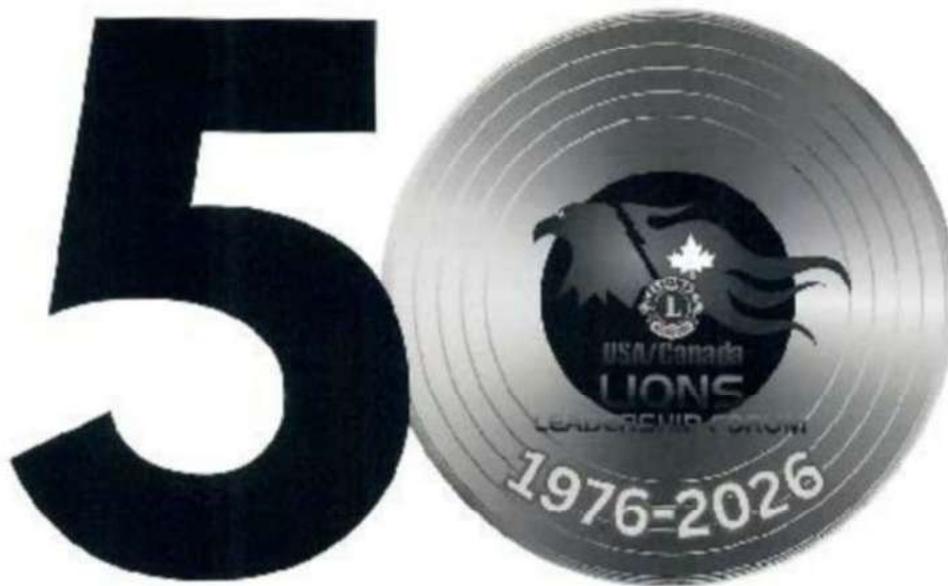
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1 ANNIVERSARY PARTY

4 INSPIRATIONAL SPEAKERS during meals

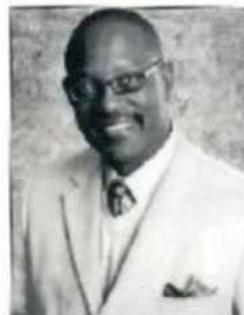


FRIDAY LUNCHEON

STEPHANIE KRIEGER GRAEF and Leslie F. King, will address their on the human trafficking. Graef is Founder of s7 Consulting, a small business exclusive to anti-human trafficking engagement, instruction and prevention. King is a survivor of human trafficking and sexual exploitation, coerced into the lifestyle of prostitution at the tender age of 15.

SATURDAY LUNCHEON

2024-2027 Lions International President Mark S. Lyon shares his story, vision and goals on the issues of our Lions organizations. He brings his broad and varied leadership experience to our amazing global website.



SAURDAY EVENING

Singer, songwriter and entrepreneur FLOYD ARMSTRONG will close out our 80 year forum with his high energy song he is performing at a Lions convention.

A former member of the Grammy award-winning pop group The Fifth Extinction, Lyon Floyd is a charter member of the ALCity Entertainment Lions Club featuring Son Diego's top musicians and artists benefiting the 50/50 Music Therapy for Veterans.



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 DESTINATION: HONG KONG & MACAU, CHINA
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- Breakfasts at hotel
- US \$100 prepaid card for meals on your own

ITINERARY: (see complete itinerary on Lions band website)

Monday, June 29 and Tuesday, June 30 -travel days

- Bus from band camp to Chicago O'Hare airport; flight from Chicago to San Francisco; flight from San Francisco to Hong Kong

Wednesday, July 1

- Victoria Peak and Peak Tram
- Aberdeen – Sampan ride/Night Market

Thursday, July 2

- LMASB performance at a local school
- Kowloon Park/comics Walk of Fame/Ladies Market
- LMASB performance in the park
- Avenue of Stars and Clock Tower/Harbor City Mall

Friday, July 3

- LMASB performance at a local establishment and Lions International Prade

Saturday, July 4

- Lantau Island
- Ngong Ping 360 Monastery, the Big Buddha and Wisdom Path
- Bauhinia dinner cruise

Sunday, July 5

- Disneyland Hong Kong with possible LMASB performance

Monday, July 6

- Trip to Macau via turbojet
- Ruins of St. Paul's, Senado Square and A-Ma Temple
- Group farewell dinner and awards at Macau Tower

Tuesday, July 7

- Return to USA via San Francisco and Chicago

Double occupancy \$4,995



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