



JANUARY 2026

Notable Quotes: "Only when our clever brain and our human heart work together in harmony can we achieve our true potential." — *Jane Goodall*

District Governor's Message



Dear Fellow Lions,

As we start the new year I think about the Lions logo and its meaning:

"Looking back with pride, looking forward with confidence"

As I look back with pride, I remember my Lions journey and seeing what our club did for our community and wanting to be a part of it. When I went to my first District convention I began to realize the bigger impact that Lions have around northern Michigan. As I expanded my horizons and I went to my first

Lions of Michigan Forum, state convention and then international convention I really began to understand how Lions from around the world working together can impact every one of our small communities. Here are some examples:

- KidSight screening equipment at no charge
- Eyeglass and hearing aid assistance
- Emergency relief after tornados, fires, floods and other emergencies
- Special camps for blind/visually impaired and deaf/hard of hearing
- Support and camps for children with cancer
- Veterans assistance
- Opportunities for band students to serve worldwide through music
- Leader Dogs and other assistance for blind/visually impaired
- Providing sight through cornea transplants

As I look forward with confidence, I see excitement and growth in our district. Most notably I am excited about the \$200,000 Lions International Foundation grant for the expansion of the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan in Gaylord. We've raised over \$35,000 of our \$50,000 matching requirement, and I'm confident we'll be able to raise the remaining amount because of Lions like YOU!

I hope that if your club isn't taking advantage of all the support that's available from the district, our state projects and our state and international foundations you'll be inspired to start using your resources to serve your communities even better. *The best way to learn about all this amazing support is to attend the District Convention on April 24-26, 2026 at Treetops in Gaylord!*

The convention is for all Lions young and old - it's sure to be a rip-roaring good time you won't want to miss! Visit the district website lionsdistrict11e2.org for more information and registration.

Thank you for all you do. WE SERVE!

DG Marie



District 11-E2 Website:

lionsdistrict11e2.org

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Note: This information is up to date at the time of this publication, but is subject to change as adjustments are needed.

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Lions Of Michigan Multiple District 11-E2 Counties

Alcona, Alpena, Antrim, Arenac, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Crawford, Emmet, Gladwin, Iosco, Kalkaska, Montmorency, Ogemaw, Oscoda, Otsego, Presque Isle, Roscommon





contributions to LCIF bring us all closer to success



Dear Lions and Leos,

Throughout 2025, Lions and Leos around the world have continued to serve millions, improving lives and communities through your generosity. LCIF grants have empowered your clubs and districts to reduce hunger, restore vision, help communities recover, rebuild after disaster, and so much more.

Thanks to your dedication and support, we are making strong progress toward our fundraising goals this fiscal year. As we move forward in 2026, please keep inspiring others to support LCIF and explore [grant opportunities](#) to expand your impact. Remember to invite new donors to make their gifts to LCIF in recognition of Melvin Jones' 147th birthday. [Every donation](#) makes a difference to someone in need and helps us leave our mark on the world.

At your service,

Fabrício Oliveira, LCIF Chairperson

Celebrate Melvin Jones' Birthday with LCIF

Honor our founder's 147th birthday this January by donating to LCIF. Lions and Leos can earn special recognition for their gifts and inspire new donors to join in supporting our global foundation. Together, we continue Melvin Jones' legacy of service.

[Donate Now](#)



Dear Lions Club Officer,

Congratulations on your club's success during the start of this exciting 2025-2026 Lion Year.

As the first half of this exciting Lion year approaches, it is important to review your club's roster ahead of the upcoming dues billing. By reviewing the club's roster, you are ensuring that it is up to date, and your club avoids being billed for inactive members. Log into the [Lion Portal](#) or your regional reporting system to update.

For questions on how to access the portal or make changes, visit the [Lion Portal Resource webpage](#) to review videos, FAQs and more. For additional assistance, contact us at lionssupport@lionsclubs.org.

Lions International has gone paperless. Log into the [Lion Portal](#) and navigate to My Club – Club Statements to check your club's balance, make payments and see outstanding balances. Reviewing and paying your club's balance regularly helps keep your club in good standing. For questions regarding your club's statement, please contact Membership Billing at membershipbilling@lionsclubs.org.

Thank you for your continued leadership and dedication to strengthening your club and serving your community. We appreciate your efforts to keep your club's information current and your membership strong. For club support, please contact us at clubofficers@lionsclubs.org.

Sincerely,

District & Club Administration Team



New Service Initiatives FOR 2025-2026

FROM INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT-ELECT A.P. SINGH

MENTAL
HEALTH &
WELL-BEING

OCTOBER 4-12, 2025



OCTOBER 4-12, 20

HUNGER



2026

ENVIRONMENT



January 3-11 APRIL 18-26, 2026

2026



Certified Guiding Lion Training:

Be the Leader Your Community Needs!

What is a Guiding Lion?

A Guiding Lion is a trained leader who helps guide and mentor Lions Clubs (new and existing) to ensure their success and community impact.

**January 24, 2026
1:00 pm – 4:00 pm**

Held on Zoom- register via QR



Who should attend?

- Experienced Lions who want to take on a leadership role
- Those who are passionate about helping others grow and make a difference
- Anyone looking to contribute to the success of new and existing Lions Clubs.

Questions? Contact PCC Julia Kozicki at 317-294-8064 or julia@thekozickis.org



January 2026

LEADING THE WAY



Leader Dogs for the Blind – Lions Newsletter



Happy new year, Lions! Whether your resolution is to travel more, explore new shops and stops in your community, or recruit more members for your Lions Club, we support you and wish you an amazing year.

Share Teen Programs With Your Community

At Leader Dog, we're already preparing for our summer programs for teens aged 16-17. High school-aged teens and their parents are beginning to plan for the summer, and we are ready to fill our halls. **Each summer, we offer two programs for teenagers who are blind, both free of charge including travel, room and board:**

Teen Summer Camp is a 1-week program in June. Up to 24 teenagers from across North America will come together for **a week of fun, leadership development, and community**. For many teens, our summer camp is their first opportunity to build friendships with other teenagers who are blind. While at Leader Dog, they will rock-climb at our local Lions Bear Lake Camp, practice safe night travel, enjoy bonfires, and even practice archery.

Applications for Teen Summer Camp are open now and will be accepted until April 3, 2026. Visit LeaderDog.org and click 'Client Programs' to learn more and apply.



Teen Orientation & Mobility is a 1-week program offered in three sessions over the summer. **Teens will work one-on-one with a certified orientation and mobility specialist** (COMS) to learn the skills they need to map out walking routes in their community, independently cross the street, and thoughtfully problem-solve when they come across obstacles or route changes. **Each teen brings a support person, usually a parent, who spends the week learning how to best support their teen** and how to help them advocate for themselves as they grow into independent young adults.

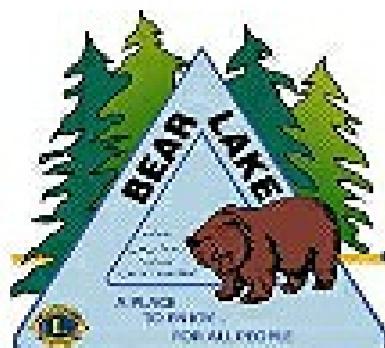
Applications for Teen Orientation & Mobility are open now. Visit LeaderDog.org and click 'Client Programs' to learn more and apply.



LeaderDog.org | LionsSupport@leaderdog.org



Lions International



Lions Bear Lake Camp

Our Mission is to develop leadership skills, build confidence, and to provide a premier outdoor educational and recreational experiences year-round to all persons, regardless of ability.

Lions of Michigan – Lions Bear Lake Camper Sponsorship Challenge

Challenge Dates: January 1, 2026 – May 1, 2026

Dear Lions Club Members, District Governors, and Chairs,

We are excited to launch the **Lions of Michigan – Lions Bear Lake Camp- Camper Sponsorship Challenge!** This is your club's opportunity to go above and beyond your annual giving and help make camp dreams come true for children across Michigan.

As a proud **project of Lions of Michigan MD11**, Lions Bear Lake Camp provides life-changing experiences to youth who are blind, visually impaired, deaf, or hard of hearing, and we need YOUR help to send campers to camp in 2026. It costs \$995 for a weeklong residential camp for one child; families only pay \$100 per camper, thanks to Camper Sponsorships and donations from Lions Clubs across Michigan. For our 3-day Visually Impaired/Blind and Deaf/Hard of Hearing family camps, the cost is \$500, with families charged only \$100.

💡 Here's the Challenge:

We're asking every club and district in Michigan to:

Sponsor one or more campers at \$995 each or sponsor one family at \$500 each

Reach out to local vision and hearing centers, eye doctors, and audiologists to help find additional sponsors

Engage local businesses, civic groups, and individuals who would be willing to sponsor a child

🎖️ Club & District Recognition:

To keep it fun and rewarding, we'll be recognizing:

- 🥇 The club that brings in the **most camper and family sponsorships**
- 🥇 The **district with the highest percentage of club participation**

Winners will be honored at the MD11 State Convention and featured in Lions Bear Lake Camp's communications and social media.

Let's show the power of Lions in action! Together, we can make sure no child is left behind from experiencing the leadership, independence, and joy that only camp can bring.

Thank you for your continued support of Lions Bear Lake Camp and our mission to serve all youth, regardless of ability.

In service,

Chrissy Andre

MD11 Lions Bear Lake Camp State Chair

✉ chrissy@bearlakecamp.org 🌐 www.bearlakecamp.org

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Lions Bear Lake Camp

4TH ANNUAL ICE PLUNGE & DINNER Fundraiser

FAMILY FRIENDLY EVENT

ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS

Dinner Includes Jumper Contests

**Soup Bar
Bread Bowls
Salad Bar
Hot Chocolate Bar
Dessert
Cash Bar**

**Prizes for
Best Costume
Best Jump (no diving)
and Most Money Raised**

FEBRUARY 7TH 2026

2:00 PM Check-In 3:00 PM Ice Plunge
followed by Dinner

\$50 - Jump/Dinner

**\$25 Dinner for Spectators Only
(Ages 0-5 Free, 6-12 \$10)**



**Seating limited to 200
so get your tickets early.**

For More Information Contact

traci@bearlakecamp.org

chrissy@bearlakecamp.org

810-245-0726

Sign up online at
bearlakecamp.org
under the "Events" Tab

****Costumes are encouraged, birthday suits highly discouraged.****



LIONS BEAR LAKE CAMP

LIONS OF MICHIGAN CAMPER SPONSORSHIP CHALLENGE

CHALLENGE DATES

**JAN 1ST -
MAY 1ST, 2026**



**HELP SEND A CHILD TO WEEKLONG RESIDENTIAL CAMP FOR \$995
OR A FAMILY WEEKEND CAMP FOR \$500**

Lions Bear Lake Camp provides life-changing outdoor experiences for youth who are blind, visually impaired, Deaf, or hard of hearing.

This year, we are challenging every Lions Club and District in Michigan to go above and beyond their annual giving to sponsor campers and engage their communities.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

- Sponsor one or more campers at \$995 each, or a family camp weekend at \$500 each for our Visually Impaired/Blind or Deaf & Hard of Hearing sessions.
- **Reach out to local vision & hearing centers to promote the camp and encourage sponsorship, each sponsorship will count towards your clubs total.**
- Engage local businesses and civic groups to sponsor.

RECOGNITION & AWARDS

Top Club – Most camper sponsorships
Top District – Highest percentage of club participation

Winners will be honored at the MDII State Convention and featured in Lions Bear Lake Camp's statewide communications.

EVERY SPONSORSHIP MAKES A DIFFERENCE!
TOGETHER, WE CAN ENSURE NO CHILD IS LEFT BEHIND FROM EXPERIENCING CONFIDENCE, INDEPENDENCE, AND JOY AT CAMP.

810-245-0726

www.bearlakecamp.org

Info@bearlakecamp.org



Lions Clubs of Michigan

SD10 and MD11, Lions International

Dear Club Secretaries,

We are so excited about the upcoming Michigan Lions Forum!

Please extend this invitation to your club members and join us for this year's Michigan Lions Forum February 27-28, 2026, at the Delta Marriott, Kalamazoo. This year's program features seminars on a wide variety of educational topics. We'll have many of the standard favorites and there will be some exciting new sessions and speakers too. Come and enjoy professional speakers, listen to keynote speaker, Kathleen Marcath, Author and Founder of ASL Picture Books, and enjoy fellowship with other Lions and guests while we Lead to Serve, Serve to Lead.

Sixteen sessions will be presented in four time slots throughout the morning. Participants will select one session to attend during each time slot. **Bring along members of your club to attend as many sessions as possible!**

Friday evening there will be a group service project to be held at the hotel. This year we will support **Forget Me Not Little Heroes**, an organization providing unique backpacks filled with supplies for children in foster care, domestic/homeless shelters, etc. Holly Tessman, Forget Me Not Little Heroes, will join us for this special evening of service. **Your club can help purchase a backpack by making a \$40.00 donation! Ask for details!**

Friday registration begins at 6:30 p.m. and Saturday registration begins at 7:00 a.m. The opening General Session is scheduled for 8:10 a.m. and breakouts begin at 8:30 a.m.

There will be a large room set up for our many exhibitors and an open area for registration, allowing for socializing over plenty of hot coffee/tea and water stations! Updates and online registration can be found on the Lions of Michigan web site: www.lionsofmi.com.

To register, simply fill out the registration form and mail it along with a check for \$60 per person. The registration fee covers the breakout sessions, lunch, keynote address, and a proceedings book containing information and handouts on each breakout session. In addition, every registrant is automatically entered in a drawing for door prizes. **Hotel reservations** are handled directly with the hotel by calling the Delta Marriott Kalamazoo direct at 269-375-6000 using code **Lions Michigan Forum**, or Best Western Plus Kalamazoo Suites 269-350-5522.

If you order **White Cane supplies** ahead of time, you can pick them up during the Michigan Forum and avoid postage charges. They'll be ready when you arrive! There will be no on-site sales, so please place your order in advance.

We look forward to seeing you at the Forum!

Sincerely,

Lion Julie Mayuiers

PDG Julie Mayuiers, Chair
Michigan Forum Committee

Club Secretaries - please share with your Club Members!

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phone: 517-887-6640 • fax: 517-887-6642
email: lions@lionsofmi.com • website: www.lionsofmi.com



MICHIGAN LIONS FORUM



LEAD TO SERVE< SERVICE TO LEAD

February 27-28, 2026

LIONS MICHIGAN FORUM SERVICE PROJECT HIGHLIGHT

Forget Me Not Little Heroes is an organization dedicated to supplying backpacks full of essential items to fostered, sheltered, and underprivileged children ages 3-12 years old. They have been selected as our Forum Service Project this year.

Why Backpacks?

Most children arrive at foster homes and shelters with nothing but a garbage bag. When the organizers heard of this, they stepped up to make a change. Items are designed to fit in a backpack. It makes them feel special, keeps them organized and teaches them to care about their belongings.

What Can You Do to Help?

Our goal is to fill 300 backpacks with color coordinated items in their very own backpack. **The cost for one backpack is \$40.00.** Through districts, clubs and grants, our goal is to raise \$12,000.00. Each club is being asked to donate as much as they can afford as part of a club service project, enabling us to provide many more of these special items for special kids. Please consider donating to this worthy cause!

Checks can be written and mailed to Three Rivers Lions Club:

Three Rivers Lions Club
PO Box 134
Three Rivers, MI 49093
Attn: Forum Service Project

Contact PDG Julie Mayuiers, Michigan Lions Forum Chair, with any questions you may have. 269-254-1938 or jumayuiers@gmail.com.

Thank you.



MICHIGAN LIONS FORUM



LEAD TO SERVE, SERVE TO LEAD!

February 27–28, 2026

Featuring Keynote Speaker Kathleen Marcath

Delta Marriott Kalamazoo
2747 S 11th Street, Kalamazoo, MI 49009
Room Reservations call 269-375-6000
CODE: LIONS MI FORUM
Cost: \$119.00 Cutoff date: 2/1/26
Alternate Hotel:
BEST WESTERN SUITES KALAMAZOO
269-350-5522 Room Rate: \$112.00

Registration Cost: \$60.00/person

Please complete the registration form and send it along with a check to:

Lions of Michigan
5730 Executive Dr., Lansing, MI 48911
Telephone 517-887-6640 or Fax 517-887-6642
-OR-

Register online at www.lionsofmi.com

Name _____

Address _____

Club Name _____

District _____

Contact Phone _____

Email _____

Names of Registrants

1. _____

2. _____

Early Registration Deadline: February 14, 2026

_____ Registrants at \$60.00/person* = \$ _____

*Registration includes lunch, Forum, and proceedings booklet.

List food allergies or dietary requirements:

REGISTER EARLY

To help us plan, prepare materials and guarantee lunch!

FRIDAY EVENTS: Registration open 6:30 pm

- 7:00 p.m. Service Project Forget Me Not Little Heroes
- Hospitality – Mingle at Lift inside the Hotel

SATURDAY SESSIONS:

7:00 a.m. Registration Delta Marriott Conference Center
8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Breakout Sessions - Lunch to follow

Session 1 Breakout Session - 8:30 a.m. (Check One)

- Leadership Challenge
- Managing Your Club on the Web
- Officer Training; President
- LCIF / LMF

Session 2 Breakout Session - 9:30 a.m. (Check One)

- Building Membership through Specialty Clubs
- Cybersecurity
- Club Secretary / Service Reporting
- Leader Dog / Puppy Raisers

Session 3 Breakout Session - 10:30 a.m. (Check One)

- Serving Together: Partners in Service
- Flipping for Fundraisers / LCI Legal Rules
- Officer Training; Treasurer
- Elder Law & Estate Planning

Session 4 Breakout Session - 11:30 a.m. (Check One)

- Attracting Younger Members
- Service Carnival
- Tail Twister / Ice Breakers
- Eversight

12:45 p.m. Luncheon, Scholarships, Keynote Address by Author Kathleen Marcath, Raffle Drawings



Keynote speaker and author Kathleen Marcath's presentation, delivered in an **inspirational storytelling format**, shares the moving story of how one language—**American Sign Language**—opens hearts, minds, and possibilities. From the moment young *Alice Cogswell* learned her name for the first time at age nine, to children inspired by *My Monster Truck Goes Everywhere with Me*, the talk invites audiences to experience the power of connection and the importance of communication for every child—regardless of hearing, vision, or circumstance.

At its core, her message echoes the Lions' values through their service: compassion, inclusion, and community. 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**.



Your \$40 donation helps every child experience the joy of simply being a kid.

We are an organization dedicated to supplying backpacks full of essential items to fostered, sheltered, and underprivileged children ages 3-12 years old.

How you can Help!

- Donate to support our little heroes.
- Volunteer to help Forget Me Not Little Heroes.
- Tell others about Forget Me Not Little Heroes and how to donate.

Donate Here to help children in need.

Contact us:
745 South US-Highway 131 Three Rivers, MI 49093
Email: Forgetmenotlittleheroes@gmail.com
Phone: (269) 858-3343





February 27-28, 2026

Delta Marriott, Kalamazoo, Michigan

2026 LIONS OF MICHIGAN FORUM ADVERTISEMENT OPTIONS

Listed below are several options to sponsor a personal or business ad in the 2026 Lions of Michigan Forum Proceedings Book. Placing an ad shows fellow Lions you support the Michigan Forum!

ADVERTISING RATES AND SIZES

1.1/4 page ad 3.6 x 4.8" (vertical) or 7.5 x 2.3" (horizontal)	\$25.00
2.1/2 page ad 3.6 x 10" (vertical) or 7.5 x 4.8" (horizontal)	\$30.00
3.3/4 page ad 7.5 x 7.4".....	\$50.00
4.Full page ad 7.5 x 10".....	\$60.00

EXHIBITOR'S SPECIAL!

Rent an exhibitor's table and run a full-page ad in the Michigan Forum book for just \$85.00!

LIONS OF MICHIGAN FORUM ADVERTISING FORM

Name: _____

Billing Address: _____

(City, State, Zip) _____

Phone: _____

Email address: _____

CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

Included is a print ready ad or message
 Please design my personal or business ad to read: (use separate paper if needed)

Ad Size: 1/4 page 1/2 page 3/4 page Full page

TOTAL COST: \$ _____

Signature: _____

DATE: _____

***Thank you for supporting Lions of Michigan! Deadline to submit: 2-9-2026
 Please send completed form and checks to: Lions of Michigan
 5730 Executive Drive • Lansing, MI 48911***





WHITE CANE ORDER FORM

Lions/Lioness Club Name _____

District _____ Date _____

**SHIPPING ADDRESS:**

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

BILLING ADDRESS:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Check here to pick up at the Forum!

UNITS	ITEM	UNIT	PRICE	TOTAL
	String Tags	1000/box	\$60.00	
	White Cane Stickers (roll)	1000/roll	\$32.00	
	Bib Apron	Each	\$14.00	
	Waist Apron	Each	\$8.00	
	White Cane Placemats	500/bundle	\$21.00	
	Eyeglass Collection Box (large)	Each	\$8.50	
	Eyeglass Collection Box (small)	Each	\$6.50	
	Extra Eyeglass Box Stickers (set of 3)	Each	\$3.00	
	White Cane Law Pamphlets	250/bundle	\$20.00	
	Certificate of Appreciation	Each	.60¢	
	White Cane Bookmarks	100/bundle	\$10.00	
	Leader Patch	Each	\$3.00	
	Leader Pin	Each	\$1.50	
	*NEW White Cane Lapel Pin with red tip	500 Quantity	\$85.00	
If shipping is required, you will be billed for shipping and handling fees.		TOTAL:		

Order Form Online: www.lionsofmi.com

Mail to: Lions of Michigan • 5730 Executive Drive, Lansing, MI 48911 • (517) 887-6640 ext. 10 • fax: (517) 887-6642



White Cane Supplies

Popular Picks: For photos of items visit our website at www.lionsafmi.com

Certificate of Appreciation

Recognize businesses and individuals who support your White Cane Drive.

60¢/each

String Tags

Blue tag with cane on front. White Cane Law printed on back.

\$60.00/1000



SAVE
on Shipping and
Handling Costs!
PICK UP AT
THE FORUM!

HARD PVC

BLACK
WHITE
PMS 186

1 1/2"



Lapel Pin

Miniature White Plastic Cane
Black Handle, Red Tip

\$85/500

Bib Apron

Over-the-shoulder apron made of heavy duck. Durable and good for all your Lions projects.

\$14.00/each

White Cane Placemats

Very colorful and great for public relations! (measures 10" x 13")

\$21.00/500



Waist Apron

Cloth apron with two large pockets for collecting money and holding white cane supplies.

\$8.00/each

Eyeglass & Hearing Aid Collection Boxes

White fiberboard collection boxes include stickers on three sides. Small box measures 9x9x14 1/2, large box measures 14x14x30.

\$6.50/each (small)

\$8.50/each (large)

Extra Eyeglass Collection Box Stickers

Each set consists of two large stickers promoting used eyeglass and hearing aid collection and one small sticker with club contact information.

\$3.00/each (set of 3)

CHECK OUT SOME OF OUR OTHER GREAT ITEMS!

White Cane Leader Patch

Recognize club members who are leaders in your White Cane Drive.

\$3.00/each

White Cane Leader Pin

Recognize club members who are leaders in your White Cane Drive.

\$1.50/each



White Cane Law Pamphlet

Tri-fold brochure which features the White Cane law and Public Accommodations act. It also explains what an individual should do when encountering a blind person.

\$20.00/250

White Cane Bookmarks

Bookmark with White Cane Law printed on back. Great giveaway for libraries.

\$10.00/100



White Cane Stickers

Two-color stickers on a roll. Design features the Lions logo and White Cane traffic symbol. 2 1/2" in diameter.

\$32.00/1000





MELVIN JONES FELLOWSHIP NOMINATION

Melvin Jones founded Lionism in the spirit of Service to Others. Recognition of OUTSTANDING service is therefore the number one criterion for selecting a recipient for this most prestigious award that is given by the Lions Clubs International Foundation. (LCIF)

Because this is an award that is to be at the District Level, the first consideration for recipients will be those who have served notably at the District and State levels, as well as at their own Club level.

With above in mind, we submit the following person

Name of Nominee (Print)

as a nominee for the District 11 E-2 Melvin Jones Fellowship Award. The person to contact as it pertains to this nomination is:

NAME:

Club:

Address

City, State, Zip

A. NARRATIVE INFORMATION:

Please write a narrative section here or attach, detailing why you believe this person is a worthy nominee for the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award for District 11 E-2. Keep in mind that the selection committee will depend on what you write about your nominee in considering the nomination.



DISTRICT 11 E-2 MELVIN JONES FELLOWSHIP AWARD NOMINEE PERSONAL DATA SHEET

Name of Nominee:

Member of (club):

Years of service in Lionism: Years with current club:

Club Offices & Years Held:

District, State Offices & Years Held:

Special Projects Involvement:

Other Community involvement

Other Information in support of Nominee

Name/Club of Nominator (Print)

Signature of Nominator

Note: Additional pages can be used if more space is needed.



LIONS OF MICHIGAN ALL STATE BAND
DESTINATION: HONG KONG & MACAU, CHINA
DATES: JUNE 29 - JULY 7, 2026

**INCLUDED IN TRIP:**

- Round-Trip Airfare United Airlines Flight
- Local Motor Coach Transportation
- 6 nights' accommodations at local hotel
- Daily dinners and 5 lunches are included
- Complimentary Second Checked Bag (up to 50 lbs)
- Round Trip Transportation to Airport
- Gratuities for your motor coach driver(s)
- 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 Parade

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



Scan to learn more!



Hello Lions!

Are you ready for a roaring fun weekend at the annual District Convention at Treetops Resort on April 24-26, 2026? Get ready to **step into the Roaring 20's**-where energy, excitement, and service come alive! You are cordially invited to join us at the **District Convention**, a weekend filled with fellowship, inspiration, celebration, and the unmistakable roar of ALL Lions who are making a difference.



This year's theme, "**Roaring Through the 20's**" captures the spirit of both the historic 1920's and the bold new era we are entering together as Lions. Just as the original Roaring 20's were filled with innovation, courage, and community spirit, our convention will showcase the powerful impact Lions are making today.

1920's Style - 2020's Purpose!!

What's Happening at the Convention?

- **Fun Friday Night Mixer & Service Project** - come in 1920's costume or come as you are! Bring your smile for photos with a fun themed backdrop and be ready to enjoy some roaring 20's fun, games and fellowship! The service project will be packing goodie bags for veterans going on the Honor Flight, or you can write personalized cards to thank a Vet for their service.
- **Saturday's Sessions** will include inspirational and informative messages from Leader Dogs for the Blind, Eversight, Ski for Light and our great Foundations that provide resources to help build our communities. We'll also have a Memorial to honor those Lions who have passed away in the past year, the pop tab challenge weigh-in, the raffle prize drawing and more!
- **Guest speakers** include Retired Major Johathan Turnbull for our lunch program, and International Director Lion Liz Crooke highlighting our dinner banquet, both very inspirational and energetic speakers!

Why You Should Be There

- **Reconnect** with fellow Lions who share your passion for service
- **Learn, grow, and get inspired** through uplifting speakers and engaging workshops
- **Celebrate** the accomplishments of clubs and members across the district
- **Shape the future** of our district through meaningful conversations and collaboration
- **HAVE FUN!** Enjoy the fellowship, the theme, and the joy of being part of something bigger than ourselves

Whether you're a longtime Lion or newly inducted, your presence brings energy and strength to our district. We serve best when we come together-sharing ideas, building connections, and reigniting our collective ROAR.

We Want YOU There!

Your voice matters. Your service matters. **You matter** to this district and to the communities we serve. Join us as we celebrate the past year, prepare for the future, and step boldly into a new Roaring 20's of Lionism.

We cannot wait to welcome you, celebrate with you, and roar forward together.

Let the Roar Begin!

We'll see you at the District Convention!

In Lionism,
Central Lake Lions
Convention Committee

More information or questions contact:
Ray Kuiper, Convention Chair
(616)581-1863 kuiperrl72@gmail.com



CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

Registrations are due April 6, 2026

Treetops Room Reservation cutoff is March 19, 2026 (details below)

Online registrations and payments can be made at lionsdistrict11e2.org

Or e-mail filled out form to lionsconvention11e2@gmail.com

If you prefer to mail registration and payment please see instructions below



Check all that apply: Lion Spouse Leo Guest

Club Name:

Attendee Name:

Name you want on your badge (if different):

Address:

Phone Email

Please check all events you plan on attending so we can prepare accordingly.

All events are free with registration unless otherwise noted.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Registration Fee \$10	\$
<input type="checkbox"/>	Friday Cabinet Meeting	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Friday Night service project/Hospitality room	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Saturday Continental Breakfast	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Saturday District Business Meeting	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Saturday morning sessions (see itinerary for details)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Saturday Lunch with guest speaker Jonathon Turnbull \$25	\$
<input type="checkbox"/>	Memorial	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Saturday afternoon sessions (see itinerary for details)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Elections	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Raffle prize drawing (tickets for sale \$5 each or 3 for \$10)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Happy Hour (pay as you go)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Saturday Banquet with guest speaker International Director Liz Crooke \$40	\$
<input type="checkbox"/>	Saturday hospitality room	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sunday Continental Breakfast	
TOTAL		\$

Please mail check payable to Lions District 11-E2 Convention with registration form(s) to:

Central Lake Lions Club, PO Box 233, Central Lake, MI 49622

One form for each person, one check may be written for multiple registrations. Check # _____

Room Reservations can be made directly thru Treetops Resort: 989-732-6711.

Rooms are \$129.29 per night plus tax and resort fees **through March 19, 2025**.

Your convention hosts are: The Central Lake Lions Club.

For more information or answers to questions please contact Ray Kuiper (616)581-1863



2026 CLUB DELEGATE FORM

Please fill out this form online at lionsdistrict11e2.org

If unable to complete online then fill out this form and email to:

lionsconvention11e2@gmail.com

If unable to email then mail to: Larry Taylor, 1990 Wildwood Harbor Rd, Boyne City, MI 49712

Questions: contact Larry Taylor (231)459-6095

NUMBER OF LIONS ON YOUR FEBRUARY 2025 MEMBERSHIP REPORT

NAMES OF DELEGATES:

NAMES OF ALTERNATES:

I hereby certify that the delegates/alternates listed above are members in good standing at the

Lions Club,

District 11-E2, Multiple District 11, and Lions Clubs International.

President

OR

Secretary



PROGRAM ADVERTISING ORDER FORM

2026 Lions District 11 E-2 Convention

April 24-26, 2026

Treetops Resort, Gaylord, MI



Club, Individual, or Business

Contact Person

Phone

Email

SIZE OF AD BEING ORDERED: (Sizes shown include borders around the ad)

- Full Page (5" wide x 8" high) \$125.00
- Half Page (5" wide x 4" high) \$ 75.00
- Quarter Page (2.5" wide x 4" high) \$ 50.00

Customer Signature

Full Color Ad artwork can be emailed to lionsconvention11e2@gmail.com

MAIL CHECK OR MONEY ORDER (*payable to District 11-E2 Convention Fund*)

Central Lake Lions Club, PO Box 233, Central Lake, MI 49622

FINAL DEADLINE TO SUBMIT ARTWORK IS APRIL 6, 2026

If you have questions on ad artwork contact:

Jack Bodis, Creative Characters
jackbodis@outlook.com
 (231)544-6084

Any other questions contact:

Ray Kuiper
 (616)581-1863

Suggestions for ads:

- ◆ Honor Lions who have passed away in the last year
- ◆ Honor outstanding Lions in your club
- ◆ Advertise your club fundraisers
- ◆ Show off your club service activities
- ◆ Advertise your business or offer coupons and discounts
- ◆ Share an inspirational message

WE SERVE!



MEMORIAL REPORT

Dear Club Officers:

Each year District 11-E2 holds a special Memorial Service at the convention. This is a solemn moment when we honor all the Lions who have passed away during the past Lion year.



Every club is asked to respond by submitting the names and a photo of each of your members whose service on Earth has ended. The names and photos will be played on a video slideshow at the memorial service. *Please be sure to include any Lions that may not have been a Lion when they passed away and therefore would not be included in the online reports.*

Furthermore, we ask that you honor them by attending the Memorial Service and taking a tree to plant in memory of them. The service will be held on Saturday after lunch.

If you are unable to submit electronically please fill out this form and mail to the address below.

Thank you for helping to honor your former members.

Club Name

Club Contact Person

E-mail Phone

Please submit the information and photos online at lionsdistrict11e2.org

If unable to complete online then fill out this form and email to: lionsconvention11e2@gmail.com

If unable to email then mail to: Brian Chace, Po Box 109, Frederic, Michigan 49733-0109

DECEASED MEMBERS:

Questions contact Brian Chace, (989)619-1890



ROARING 20'S
THEME

SOMETHING FOR
ALL LIONS!

SAVE THE DATE

DISTRICT CONVENTION

APRIL 24-26, 2026
TREETOPS RESORT, GAYLORD

CELEBRATE THE IMPACT LIONS ARE MAKING
ACROSS THE DISTRICT

LEARN NEW SERVICE IDEAS YOUR CLUB CAN
BRING HOME

DISCOVER NEW PARTNERSHIPS TO EXPAND YOUR
CLUB'S SERVICE

BE INSPIRED BY KEYNOTE SPEAKERS AND
SUCCESS STORIES

RECONNECT WITH THE PURPOSE OF BEING A LION
REIGNITE YOUR PASSION FOR SERVING YOUR
COMMUNITY



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WHICH PRIDE WILL PREVAIL?

DISTRICT 11-E2 POP TAB CHALLENGE



Collect pop tabs from now until the district convention (April 25, 2026)



Tabs will be weighed at the convention, with the top 3 clubs receiving recognition for their efforts!



Pop tabs go to support the Ronald McDonald House, a wonderful organization that provides support to the families of children undergoing medical treatments. Families receive free family style housing and meals, for as long as the family needs it.



Calendar of Events

January 2026

Cabinet Meeting — January 31, 2026 — 10:00 am — TBD

April 2026

District Convention — April 24-26, 2026—Treetops Resort, Gaylord — Cabinet meeting and Friday night mixer — More info to come.



PASSINGS REPORTED



We honor those who have passed; with sympathies & condolences to family & friends

NO Passings Reported

New Members Reported — November, 2025 (or Earlier)

NO NEW MEMBERS REPORTED:

Total: 0 New Members Reported

Information From Club Activities Sent In

On the Mend Reported

On the mend: No Reports Received

We wish all unwell Lions a successful and rapid recovery from their ailments!

**Boyne Valley Lions****DECEMBER 2025**

Wishing everyone a very healthy and happy New Year! Our next club meeting is January 14, 2026 in the Boyne Library. The meeting begins at noon and lunch will be served. Our speaker will be Lion Kecia Freed to bring us up to speed on the Boyne Heritage Center.



HOLIDAY HOPE

DONATE BLOOD

Tuesday
December
30
11:00 AM - 3:00 PM



Kiersten's Ride
Bringing help, hope and healing
through suicide prevention in
Northern Lower Michigan
www.KierstensRide.org | KierstenRide@yahoo.com

**GIVE THE
GIFT OF
HOPE THIS
SEASON**

**MacDonald Garber Broadcasting
Holiday Hero Blood Drive**

Held at the Boyne Heritage Center
319 North Lake Street, Boyne City

Appointments are preferred,
walk-ins are welcome as schedule
allows.
Call 866-642-5663
Or scan the QR code ---->



Double your impact and donate at this drive, help us
reach our goal of 25 donors and we will give a grant
to Kiersten's Ride!

As a thank you for being a holiday hero, all
attempting donors with a valid email will receive a
\$25 e-gift card.

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Blood Center of Michigan

Boyne Valley Lions participated in a Blood Drive on December 30.

**Central Lake Lions****DECEMBER 2025**

Central Lake Lions spent the holidays ringing bells collecting money for the Salvation Army. Pictured are Lion Randy Thomas, Lion Di LaBeau, and Lion Ray Kuiper



Deputy John Morris was presented with the Central Lake Lions Community Appreciation Award at the club's Christmas Party and Awards Ceremony for his outstanding innovation and commitment to the Antrim County community, and for making a positive and lasting impact through his dedication and service. The club's pass the hat collection at the event resulted in a \$1500 donation to the D.A.R.E. program, an initiative Deputy Morris is heavily involved with. Other awards presented include Lion Diann Platt-Roberts and Lion Jennie Partin each receiving Melvin Jones Fellowships, Lion Ray Kuiper receiving the Lion of the Year award, Lion Kevin Clayton receiving a William "Doc" Barr Knights for Vision Fellowship, Lion Gretchen VanOrmer receiving an A. Charles Weir Sight Conversation Fellowship, Lion Kris Roberts receiving a John S. Noel Fellowship, and Immediate Past President Lion Brian Graff

receiving an Appreciation of Service award for his year serving as the club's president.



East Jordan Lions

DECEMBER 2025

East Jordan Lions presented Lori Argetsinger from the Care and Share Food Pantry a check for \$1,000. It was the proceeds from the live gift auction at their Lions Christmas party.

Pictured are: EJ Lions Treasurer, Terry Graham, Care & Share Food Pantry Director, Lori Argetsinger, EJ Lion Sherry Pursel, EJ Lions Secretary, Linda Gocha and Past District Governor Dennis Gocha.



East Jordan Lions decorated Tourist Park for the lit-up Christmas Village.

Pictured are IPDG Dennis Gocha and Lion Kurt Tesnow setting up decorations for the lit-up village at Tourist Park.





Oscoda Lions

DECEMBER 2025

Oscoda Township held it's Annual Northern Lights parade on Saturday. it was very Cold but that did not stop Santa from coming to town on a sleigh provided by the Oscoda Lions.



Petoskey Lions

DECEMBER 2025

The Petoskey Lions donated \$1,250 to our community:

- Camp Dagget: \$300
- Women's Resource Center: \$300
- Northmen Den Youth Services (food for children): \$200
- Nehemiah House: \$200
- Leader Dog: \$150
- 11-E2 District Foundation: \$100

There are more donations for later in 2026.



JANUARY 2026 — Resolutions & Gratitude

A new month, a new Year to try to accomplish the best we can. Many people begin the year with a resolution to do something to better themselves, or quit a unsatisfactory habit, that they will continue to the next year. Regrettably, the majority of New Year's resolutions fail, though the exact percentage varies by study and how "failure" is defined.

The latest research (as of 2023–2024) indicates:

- About 65–80% of New Year's resolutions fail within the first month, according to behavioral science studies from institutions like the University of Scranton and the University of Stockholm.
- Roughly 8–20% of people maintain their resolutions for a full year.
- A study published in 2020 found that about 55% of participants considered themselves successful after one year when goals were phrased positively (e.g., "I will eat more vegetables" instead of "I will stop eating junk food").
- Most failures occur by mid-February, a phenomenon sometimes nicknamed the "Quitter's Day."
- Success improves when goals are specific, measured, and supported socially.

It's just normal for Humans to want better things in their lives. Life is full of circumstances, some that help, and some that are obstructions that have to be dealt with. For many of us, it's hard to be optimistic in these dark chaotic times.

One of the ways to get a good feeling in life is to experience gratitude. Gratitude is the feeling and practice of recognizing and appreciating the good things in life—whether they come from other people, circumstances, nature, or one's own efforts. It's not just saying "thank you," but an inner awareness that something valuable has been received.

How gratitude affects a person: It can bring out emotional well-being by increasing positive emotions like joy, contentment, and hope, reduces negative emotions such as envy, resentment, and regret, helps people cope better with stress and hardship.

It helps mental health, linked to lower levels of anxiety and depression, encourages a more optimistic and balanced mindset, shifts focus from what is lacking to what is meaningful.

Gratitude assists physical health, by being associated with better sleep and lower stress levels, can support healthier habits (exercise, self-care), reduced stress, can positively affect heart health and immunity.

It can help relationships, strengthening bonds by making people feel valued and acknowledged, encourages empathy, kindness, and forgiveness and improves communication and trust.

Gratitude also boosts personal growth, building resilience during difficult times, encourages humility and awareness of interdependence, and can increase motivation and life satisfaction

Gratitude shapes how people interpret their experiences. By regularly practicing gratitude—through reflection, journaling, or expressing thanks—people often experience greater happiness, stronger relationships, and a deeper sense of purpose.

Lions cannot exist without gratitude. When our fundraisers receive money from a donor, we appreciate their generosity and say "thank you" — and mean it, because it has been an act of kindness that makes us feel valued. When we donate to a cause or persons, they say "thank you", and we feel good that we have helped others. Gratitude is a shared act by both giver and receiver, with awareness of value and satisfaction for both. Keep on enjoying gratitude, it's good for everybody.



PICTURES OF THE MONTH

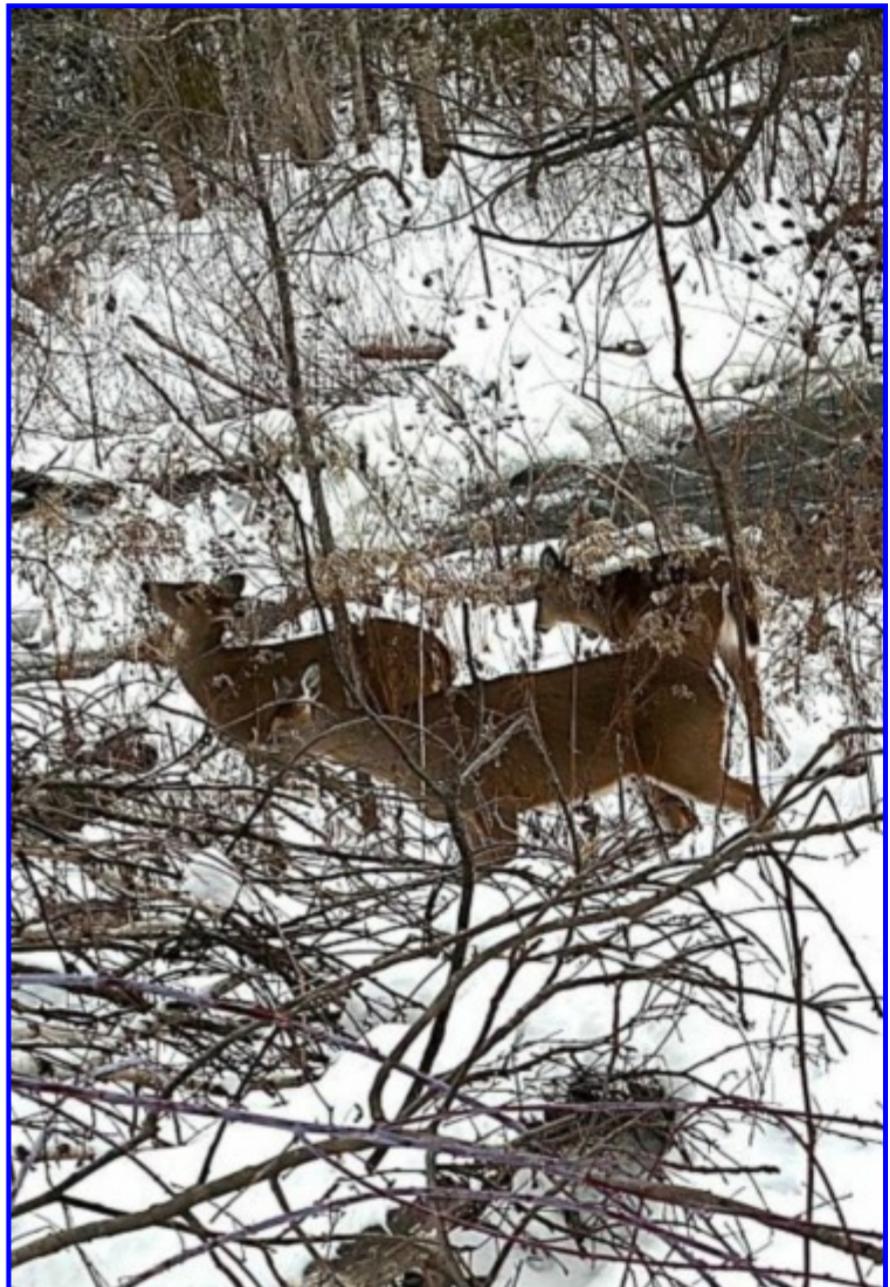
2026 WINTER PICS



Up Left & Left: Snow covers trees on hiking trail. Winter beauty at its best.

Up Right: Snow covers frozen Round Lake. Walk on the lake? Maybe, maybe not. Temperatures have been below and above 32 degrees. Not safe.

Right: Deer by the flowing Bear River. This park area inside Petoskey city borders protects deer, and they get used to people.



Right: This sign was just outside of the Munson Hospital, so it must be true. Haven't see it being used yet though.





You Make the News – We Publish It!

Didn't find any mention of YOUR Lions Club in this issue

Send your information to: dlzim47@gmail.com

NOTE: Submissions received after the 4th of the month will be printed in the next month issue

- Activities: Service Projects, Fundraising Events, Club Events – What You DO!
- Club Milestones: Awards, Club Officers, New Memberships, Passings – What Is Happening With Your Members!
- Photos of Service Activities, Fundraising Events, Awards, etc.

* **Photos:** Should be 300 pixels for good quality. **Include names of individuals in photos, and/or describe what the photo is showing.** **Text:** Include dates and names (if applicable) for all events submitted. Text will be edited as needed for space, spelling, corrections, etc.

This District is complex, with a variety of things going on throughout. We can learn much from each other, and I'd like to see more communication among Clubs for the growth and benefit of all.

Don't be left out!!

Racism has no place in our world.

Our organization depends on the incredible diversity of our members around the world because great things can only be achieved when we are united.

#kindnessmatters

