



APRIL 2026

Notable Quotes: "As you grow older, you will discover that you have two hands, one for helping yourself, the other for helping others."

- Audrey Hepburn

District Governor's Message



Dear Fellow Lions,

As we welcome spring, we find ourselves in a powerful season of renewal, growth, and opportunity. Spring is not only a time when our communities begin to bloom again—it's also a time for us, as Lions, to reflect on the incredible impact we've made and to recommit ourselves to finishing this Lions year strong.

Celebrate Your Impact

I encourage every club to take a moment to review and celebrate what you' accomplished so far. How many lives have you touched? How many meals have you provided? How many families have felt hope because of your efforts? These stories are powerful—and they deserve to be shared. Be sure to report your service activities and share them on social media so our collective impact is recognized across the district and beyond.

Membership Matters

Growth and sustainability remain key priorities. This is a great time to invite new members to experience the joy of service. Consider hosting a service project or social event that showcases what it means to be a Lion. Remember, every new member brings fresh energy, new ideas, and expanded reach into our communities.

Upcoming Opportunities

The upcoming conventions are great ways to connect with fellow Lions and renew your spirit of service.

*Be ready to ROAR at the Roaring 20' themed District Convention at Treetops Resort in Gaylord. Info is on the district website at lionsdistrict11e2.org. **International Director Liz Crooke will be our keynote speaker.***

*Prepare to Be Merry at the Renaissance themed Multiple District Convention at Shanty Creek Resort in Bellaire. Info is on the MD website at lionsofmi.com. **International President A.P. Singh and PID Sanjeeta Jatia will be keynote speakers.***

A Final Thought

April reminds us that growth requires action. Just as flowers don't bloom without care and attention, our communities don't thrive without service and compassion. Let's continue to lead with heart, serve with purpose, and inspire others through our actions.

Thank you for all you do as Lions. Together, we are making a difference — one act of kindness at a time.

DG Marie

District 11-E2 Website: lionsdistrict11e2.org

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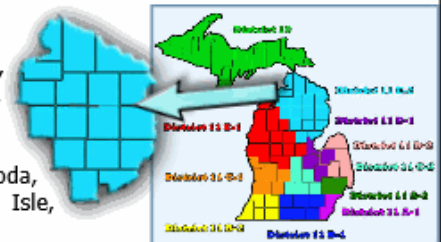
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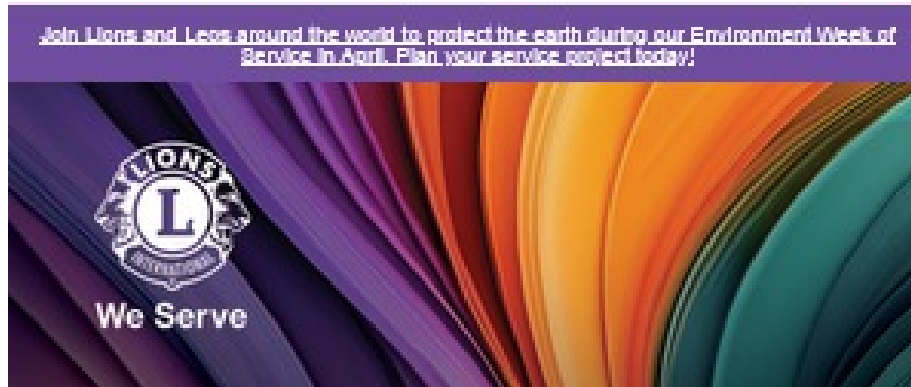
We Serve

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



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ZONE 2	CLUBS	ZONE 4	CLUBS
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**Lead to Serve,
Serve to Lead with
International President
A.P. Singh**

From the very beginning, Lions have welcomed everyone with a heart to serve — and that spirit shines especially bright when we engage younger generations. Young people bring fresh ideas, new energy and a passion for service that help keep our organization strong, relevant and growing.

To carry our mission into the next 100 years and beyond, we must continue inviting dynamic, service-minded people to stand alongside us.

Lions have a unique opportunity to grow alongside Leos through meaningful mentoring — including *reverse mentoring*, where young people inspire us with fresh ideas, new technologies like AI and service that speaks to their generation. By strengthening the journey from Alpha Leo to Omega Leo to Leo-Lion, and by building more family-friendly clubs, we open the door for younger neighbors, friends and families to join us in a lifetime of service.

The future of Lions is not ahead of us — it is already here, in the hands of the young. Together, across generations, we can continue to serve our communities — and the world — with purpose, compassion and love.

Together in service,
A.P. Singh
International President





Dear Lions Club Officer,

As your club begins the process of electing new officers for the upcoming Lion year, it is important to consider the growth of not only your club's leadership but also your zone and district. This will give club members the opportunity to lead and to grow within the district.

Upon the completion of your club's elections, ensure that the new officers are reported in the Lion Portal or your local reporting system. When you report your officers, your club will continue to:

- Receive important information, such as updated billing statements.
- Access your club's roster to make updates.
- Allow you to keep your meeting information current.
- Update your district, multiple district and Lions International, allowing your club to continue receiving support.
- Display the correct club officer information on the Club Locator for the new Lion year.

It is important to make sure your newly elected officers are ready for their terms. Encourage them to visit the [Lions Learning Center \(LLC\)](#) and review the club officer learning path and other helpful courses. They should also review the [Managing your Club webpage](#). This is a dedicated webpage for club officers and provides helpful resources and tools to manage their club.

We look forward to supporting you and your club. Please contact us via email at clubofficers@lionsclubs.org if you have any questions.

Thank you for your outstanding service!

Sincerely,

District and Club Administration Division

This message was sent to the following: Club President, Club First Vice President, Club Secretary

Lions International



Thank You for Supporting Leader Dog – Important Contact Update

Dear Michigan Lions,

Thank you for your dedication to Leader Dogs for the Blind. I want to follow up on an email that was recently shared regarding a change to the Michigan Lions portfolio.

Please know that Lion Claudia Gregory will remain your point person here at Leader Dog. Please send all of your questions and requests to her. Claudia can be reached at Claudia.Gregory@LeaderDog.org.

Our entire Lions team and both our president and CEO, Lion Melissa Weisse, and I will continue to work collaboratively to meet engagement requests and support Lions across our home state of Michigan. We deeply value the long-standing partnership we share with Michigan Lions and are grateful for the leadership, engagement, and support you provide to Leader Dog.

Thank you for all you do, and please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions.

Yours in Lionism

Lion Missy Aupperle
Chief Philanthropy and Marketing Officer
Leader Dogs for the Blind



Kelsey Martin-Gardner

Good afternoon!

April's edition of Leading the Way is ready to be shared with your district or directly with the Lions of your district. You can find it in English, Spanish, and large print at April 2026. This edition focuses on our guide dog program, with a celebration of International Guide Dog Day, common myths and misconceptions about guide dogs, an evaluation for someone who is blind to determine if they are ready for a guide dog, and an introduction to our spring matching campaign, beginning in April.

Our Lions team is thrilled to have been invited to so many district and multiple district conventions this spring. We'll be on the road often, so please send requests for speakers, materials, or other support as early as possible. I will include my own travel below.

- District 3E Convention - Oklahoma March 13 - 16
- District 2-T1 Convention - Texas April 24 - 29
- Texas State Convention - May 27-31
- 2-S2 Presidents and Council Meeting - June 3

If I am unable to see you this convention season, I hope we can find an opportunity for me to visit your district soon. Thank you for your continued advocacy and support of our mission at Leader Dogs for the Blind, together WE serve!

Yours in Lionism,

Lion Kelsey Martin Gardner
Director of Philanthropy for Lions Engagement
Leader Dogs for the Blind
P: 248.218.6227 | LeaderDog.org 1039 S.
Rochester Rd., Rochester Hills, MI 48307





A place to enjoy... for all people



Lions Bear Lake Camp

Buffalo & Boar Wild Game Dinner

Saturday, April 11th 2026

Doors open @ 5p. Dinner is served @ 6:30p.

NEW VENUE: Boulder Pointe Golf Club, 1 Champion Dr. Oxford, MI 48837

Join us for a night of auctions, raffles, drinks, and a gourmet Wild Game Dinner! Ticket prices include dinner buffet and an open beer, wine, and mixed drink bar. All proceeds will benefit the Lions Bear Lake Camp for children with disabilities!

\$70 per person OR \$480 for reserved table of 8

Order your tickets online TODAY at www.bearlakecamp.org under the event tab, or purchase tickets via mail.

Mail to 3409 N. Five Lakes Rd. Lapeer, MI 48448.

Make checks payable to Lions Bear Lake Camp.

Sponsorship Opportunities Available!



Platinum
\$2,500

Gold
\$1,000

Silver
\$500

For More Information Contact:

Jack Paton japlalp@gmail.com 248-535-9011

Traci Tribley traci@bearlakecamp.org 810-245-0726

EVENT SPONSORSHIP

Platinum \$2,500.00

Logo placed on event banner & program, sponsor recognized throughout the event, table of 8 with open bar, Golf for a foursome at the Lions Bear Lake Camp Golf Classic with awards dinner.

Gold \$1,000

Logo placed on the event banner, program Sponsor recognized throughout the event, table of 8 with open bar.

Silver \$500

Logo placed on the event banner, program Sponsor recognized throughout the event, table of 4 with open bar.

\$50 MEGA Ticket Raffle

CHANCE TO WIN

Sig MCX Regulator

Sig scope & Pelican V800 Vault

Retail value over \$3,000

ONLY 100 TICKETS SOLD!

Mega Raffle Ticket can be purchased at the camp website www.lionsbearlake.org then go to the event tab.

YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE PRESENT AT THE DINNER TO WIN.

Winners will be contacted via phone & email.

General Gun Raffles

All winners must pass FBI Background Check. Transferring firearms to any other individual that is not the winner is **PROHIBITED**. Winners must claim the prize within 30 days, or it is null and void. Age is limited to 21 years for the pistols and 18 years old for long guns. The winner must possess CPL or purchase permit from local PD to claim Pistols.

All proceeds are donated to The Lions Bear Lake Camp.

Please contact Jack Patton for more details

248-535-9011 or japlapelp@gmail.com

ITEMS SUBJECT TO CHANGE BASED ON ABAILABILITY

Silent Auction Items

Kayak

Fishing Rod Combo Kit

Gas Grills

Camping Tent

Booze Baskets

Trail Cams

And More

Live Auction Items

\$500 Value or More

36" Black Stone Griddle Package

Fishing Charters

Pheasant Hunts

Play & Stay Golf Pkg

Weekend Stays

\$20 & \$10

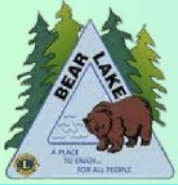
Card Gun Raffles

Combo of Guns & Crossbows

Gun Mfg. like Glock, A&K,

Smith & Wesson, Savage,

Ruger, Sig



Lions Bear Lake Camp

Lions Bear Lake Camp's Mission is to develop leadership skills, build confidence, and to provide a premier outdoor educational and recreational experience year-round to all persons, regardless of ability.

2025 Trail Markers: Our Year in Impact



1982

Founded by Big Al Kassin and the Lake Orion Lions Club. Camp opened in its current location in 2000.



15,000+

Number of campers & visitors since 2000.



25,500+

Total number of meals served by our food service team in 2025.



85%

Percentage of our summer camp staff who are returning campers that have been through our leadership development program.

2025 Campers and Visitors



3500+

Number of Individuals Served in 2025.

11

Weeks of summer kid camps.

1,506

Kids served.

Lions Sponsored Camps

25

Years of providing mission focused residential camps.

Visually Impaired & Blind Youth Camp

Deaf & Hard of Hearing Youth Camp

Camp Life

120

Acres of trails, nature, & adventure

160

Individuals we can house at full capacity in 10 cabins

250

Dining Hall Capacity

Partnerships

We have many partnerships allowing us to host several summer camp opportunities

- o Camp Quality- Kids with Cancer Sibling Camp
- o MSU Kesem- Kids with Parents who have Cancer
- o PBJ- Foster Kid camp ages 6-12
- o Jack and Jill Motor City Chapter, Youth Leadership Development
- o MASTA String Camps
- o Sterling Heights Marching Band Camp

3409 N. Five Lakes Rd. Lapeer, MI 48446



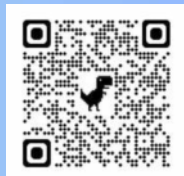
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Welcome to this Month's Newsletter

Dear Lions, Supporters, and Camp Family,

Somewhere right now, there is a child who hasn't experienced camp yet. They don't know what it feels like to stand at the climbing tower and wonder if they're brave enough.

They don't know what it's like to sit at a table where people believe in them before they believe in themselves.

What they will never fully see is how many people make that moment possible.

And that's where you come in.

Here's a quick look at what's inside this month's newsletter:

Camp Updates

Convention season is underway, helping us connect with Lions across Michigan and share the impact of camp. We are also celebrating Paighton Argue, who received the Grace Lange Memorial Scholarship for her growth and dedication.

LBLC Spotlights

This month we recognize Board Member Jay Caldwell for his steady leadership and support, along with Gabrielle Allers, who continues to guide and inspire campers through the VIB program.


Campfire Chats

From the creativity of the Crazy Crafters to the ongoing support of Greater Lapeer Transportation Agency, this month highlights the people and partnerships that keep camp moving forward.

UPCOMING EVENTS

There's a lot happening at camp, and every event plays a role in making summer possible:

- April 11, 2026 – Buffalo & Boar Wild Game Dinner
- May 9, 2026 – Annual Workbee
- June 8, 2026 – Golf Classic
- June 12, 2026 – Baseball Fundraiser
- June 28, 2026 – Open House
- September 26, 2026 – Clay Shoot

 These are more than events. They are opportunities to be part of something that changes lives.



SUMMER IS COMING

Our 2026 programs are right around the corner:

- Visually Impaired & Blind Family Camp | July 3–5
- VIB Youth Camp | July 5–11
- Deaf & Hard of Hearing Youth Camp | July 12–18
- DHH Family Camp | July 24–26

Each week brings new campers, new stories, and moments that stay with them long after they leave.

HOW YOU CAN BE PART OF IT

There is always a place for you here.

- ✓ Volunteer for Workbee or summer prep
- ✓ Attend an event
- ✓ Share the story of camp
- ✓ Sponsor a camper or family

A swept floor. A shared post. A single conversation.
It all matters more than you think.

Click below to read this month's newsletter.

**With gratitude,
The Bear Lake Camp Team**

Even in the quiet seasons, the mission keeps moving. Thank you for being part of it.

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.

Looking Back with Pride, Looking Forward with Confidence!!

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 Jonathan 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 kuiperr172@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 8, 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
kuiper172@gmail.com
(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

Delegates for convention

	<u>Members</u>	<u>Delegates</u>
Alcona	29	3
Alpena	49	5
Alpena Evening	5	1
Beaverton	32	3
Boyne Valley	28	3
Central Lake	60	6
Charlevoix	62	6
Cheboygan	7	1
East Jordan	41	4
Elk Rapids	9	1
Glennie	14	1
Grayling	12	1
Hale	20	2
Harrisville	23	2
Hillman	15	2
Hubbard Lake	14	1
Indian River	25	3
Lewiston	20	2
Lewiston Lioness-Lions	42	4
Lincoln	33	3
Mackinaw City	18	2
Mio	16	2
Oscoda	57	6
Petoskey	10	1
Roscommon/Higgins Lake	14	1
Rose City	14	1
	640	64

District Convention Schedule

April 24-26, 2026

Treetops Resort

3962 Wilkinson Rd, Gaylord, Michigan

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.

Friday, April 24		
3-4 PM	Registration/certification	Birch
4 PM	Cabinet Meeting	Birch
7 PM	Honor Flight Service Project Roaring 20's Mixer	Aspen
Saturday, April 25		
7-9 AM	Registration/certification/Continental breakfast	Aspen
9 AM	District Business Meeting ID Lion Liz Crooke Q&A	Birch
10 AM	Presentations: Leader Dog Puppy Raiser Eversight Cornea Recipient Lions of MI Foundation President LCIF District Chair Ski for Light President	Birch
12:00 PM	Awards Luncheon Peace Poster Winner Speaker Ret Major Jonathan Turnbull	Oak
2:00 PM	Presentation: Freedom from Stress	Birch
2:30 PM	Memorial Service	Birch
3:00 PM	District elections	Birch
3:30 PM	Pop tab weigh in	Birch
4:00 PM	District Raffle	Birch
5:30 PM	Social Hour	Oak
6:30 PM	District Awards Banquet Speaker ID Liz Crooke	
	Hospitality Room	Aspen
Sunday, April 26		
7-9 AM	Continental Breakfast	Aspen

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



lionsdistrict11e2.org

**Barb:**

Presidents/Secretaries,

It is the time of year when clubs start thinking about honoring members, so I thought you might like to see what your club has available for the various fellowships, and who has received them in previous years. Available to your club are:

- 1) From Lions Clubs International Foundation- Melvin Jones Fellowship-\$1000 in accumulated contributions.
- 2) From Lions of Michigan Foundation- Noel Fellowship- \$1000 in accumulated contributions, Helen Keller Fellowship- \$750 in accumulated contributions, Lautzenheiser Fellowship- \$500 in accumulated contributions
- 3) From Eversight- Barr Fellowship- \$1000 in accumulated contributions, Weir Fellowship- \$500 in accumulated contributions

In addition to giving a fellowship to members, if you have someone in your community who has been especially helpful to your club, they may also be awarded a fellowship. If you have questions, or need the forms to apply for the fellowships, let me know. As some of them take a while to receive, be sure to get them on order in plenty of time for your awards ceremony.

CST Barb Durlinger

989-742-2790

lionbarb@comdac.com

Alcona Lions Charter party

Attached is an invitation to the Charter Party for our new district Lions Club, Alcona. We would like to encourage every club to send a representative to the party if possible.

It is traditional for existing district clubs to make a contribution to the new club to help them get started. If you wish to make a contribution to their project account, it should come from your project account, and if you wish to help their administrative account it has to come from your administrative fund.

I hope to see you all there! Let me know if you have any questions.

CST Barb

989-742-2790

lionbarb@comdac.com

Subject: Outstanding District Editor Roger LaMothe Award

Fellow Editors,

It's time to nominate a member for the ODE Roger LaMothe Award. This award will be presented at the MD 11 convention by PID Esther LaMothe. The award is named after her husband, PCC Roger. Please send your nominations along with a brief explanation as to why they deserve this year's award.

Thank you!

Lion Wendy

Wendy Burns, Executive Director

Lions Clubs of Michigan

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Each year Lions are given the opportunity to serve in a number of ways through one of the 4 GAT positions or one of the 21 State chairperson positions.

MD 11 GAT applications are now being accepted. Positions are open for Global Service, Global Membership, Global Leadership and Global Extension Team Chairpersons.

Information on these positions can be found on LCI's website:



Please provide a letter of interest, resume and Lions history to:
wburns@lionsofmi.com
Lions of Michigan
5730 Executive Dr., Lansing, MI 48911

In addition to GAT positions, Lions may send a letter of interest for any of the following positions: Committee State Chair, State Treasurer or Assistant Treasurer. Positions are for a 1-3 year term.

Email Executive Director Wendy Burns by April 20:
wburns@lionsofmi.com

Calendar of Events

April 2026

April 1: April Fools Day — April 5: Easter — April 22: Earth Day

District Convention — April 24-26, 2026—Treetops Resort, Gaylord — Cabinet meeting and 4:00 Cabinet meeting — 7:00 Friday night mixer — 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



PASSINGS REPORTED



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

NO Passings Reported

New Members Reported — March, 2025 (or Earlier)

No New Members Reported

Total: 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!



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April 22, 2026

10:00 - 3:00

North Central Michigan College
Petoskey, MI

What is Project Connect?

Project Connect is a day of service for those in need in Charlevoix, and Emmet Counties. During this one day event 400 plus individuals will be connected with a range of health and human services provided by 80+ local non-profit agencies and other businesses. Free services are available in areas such as: Education & Employment, Food & Nutrition, Health & Wellness, Housing & Finance, Kids & Parenting, Veterans Affairs and other Social Services.

The idea behind the event is for people struggling to make ends meet, to have access to the services they need without the confusion, red tape, and waits that often characterize social services. And for those who don't understand the complicated social services system, they can be directed to the agencies in our community who can assist them in meeting their needs.

General Information

- Admission and all services are FREE.
- No pre-registration is required to attend.
- In order to register for assistance programs during the event, agencies ask that you bring as much of the following information as you have available:
 - o Picture ID
 - o Social Security Number
 - o Discharge Papers for Veterans (DD214)
 - o Proof of Income
 - o Medicaid or Private Insurance Info.

2026 Event Brochure & Flyers

To download a brochure or flyer click the buttons or images below. Professionally printed brochures area also available, just email your request to ProjectConnect231@gmail.com.

2026 Brochure



2026 Flyer



Until We See You Again..
Check out some of these great resources!



Dial 211 to connect with expert, caring help. Every call is completely confidential.



Click the image for an online flip book.



A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR GENEROUS COMMUNITY MEMBERS WHO MAKE THIS DAY POSSIBLE!

[Click to see a complete list of our supporters.](#)

Need a Free Ride To Project Connect?

Be sure to call ahead to secure your free ride a week in advance!

PETOSKEY AREA
60 or over, any age who have a disability
(231) 348-3425

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY
Residents of Charlevoix County, regardless of age
(231)-582-6900



Is your income under \$100,000

NMCAA provides FREE IRS-Certified Tax Preparation to help eligible community members file their taxes for FREE.

[Click for more details](#) or download the brochure above.



Veterans Corner will return

We will feature a Veterans Corner again to help our Veterans, their dependents and survivors. Please encourage the Veterans you know to come to Project Connect where they can meet with Veteran Affairs Representatives as well as many other health and human services agencies.

ProjectConnect231@gmail.com



Project Connect 231 asked if the Lions would do KidSight screenings at their event on Wednesday, March 18, 2026 from 10 am to 3 pm. As a club president in Emmet or Charlevoix County, could you please reach out to your club members and see if anyone would like to volunteer for all or part of this event? Anyone can help, even if they haven't had KidSight training. This is a great event to invite a friend to come and help out and see what Lions do in action.

I've created a SignUp broken down into one hour shifts so everyone can sign up all in one place. Just click on the link and sign up for as



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Click the buttons below for a list of exhibitors in each division and links to their sites.

Education & Employment	Food & Nutrition
Health & Wellness	Housing & Finance
Kids & Parenting	Social Services
Veterans Corner	Other Services

Education and Employment

Information about adult education opportunities, employment and training services, as well as on-site job applications for local businesses.

- [Char-Em ISD - Career and Technical Education for High School Students](#)
- [Michigan Reconnect Scholarship](#)
- [North Central Michigan College](#)
- [Northern Michigan Attainment Collaborative](#)
- [Northwest Michigan Works!](#)
- [Wal-Mart](#)
- [Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan, Inc.](#)

Food and Nutrition

Learn about food assistance, food pantries and how to find them, as well as how to use Double Up Food Bucks to buy fresh food at local farmer's markets.

- [Downtown Petoskey Farmers Market](#)
- [Environmental Health Bureau - MDHHS](#)
- [Northmen Den Youth Services](#)
- [The Manna Food Project](#)

Health and Wellness

Stroke screening, blood pressure checks, oral screenings, vision screenings, glucose testing, vaccinations, cancer awareness and prevention along with information and resources for mental and physical health.

- [Alcona Health Centers](#)
- [Bear River Health](#)
- [Boyer Area Free Clinic](#)
- [Community Recovery Alliance](#)
- [Crooked Tree Wellness Clinic](#)
- [Delicate Doula Services](#)
- [Docs by the Bay](#)
- [East Jordan Family Health Center](#)
- [Harbor Hall](#)
- [Health Department of Northwest Michigan](#)
- [Lions Clubs International](#)
- [McLaren Health Plan](#)
- [McLaren Northern Michigan Hospital](#)
- [Michigan Department of Health and Human Services](#)
- [Munson Healthcare](#)
- [North Country Community Mental Health](#)
- [Northern Michigan Opioid Response Consortium](#)
- [Planned Parenthood of Michigan](#)
- [Ronon's Place](#)
- [Thomas Judd Care Center](#)
- [Walmart Vision Center](#)

Housing and Finance

Applications for housing, and heat & energy assistance. Energy-saving kits, register for a home energy consultation to learn about free energy upgrades, info on home repair loans and grants as well as mortgages and banking, coupons for budget counseling services, tax prep drop-off site.

- [4Front Credit Union](#)
- [Consumers Energy](#)
- [DTE Energy](#)
- [Emmet County Recycling](#)
- [Huntington Bank](#)
- [Northern Homes Community Development Corporation](#)
- [Northwest Michigan Community Action Agency - Free VITA Tax Department](#)
- [Northwest Michigan Habitat for Humanity](#)
- [USDA Rural Development](#)

Kids and Parenting

Information on child development, pregnancy and parenting, tuition-free preschool, youth mentoring and teen programming, local library services, summer camp opportunities, free books and child care items.

- [Big Brothers Big Sisters](#)
- [CAPE Council - Child Abuse Prevention & Education Council](#)
- [Char-Em ISD](#)
- [Char-Em ISD - Early Childhood](#)
- [Child and Family Services](#)
- [EZ Child ID brought to us by Michigan State Police](#)
- [Great Start Collaborative and Family Coalition](#)
- [Michigan Organization on Adolescent Sexual Health](#)
- [MSU Extension - 4-H](#)
- [MSU Extension - Child & Family Development](#)
- [NMCAA Head Start](#)
- [SAFE in Northern Michigan](#)
- [S.T.A.R.S. - Straits Technical Alliance for Regional Safety](#)
- [The Haven \(formerly Pregnancy Care Center of Petoskey\)](#)

Social Services

Legal and mediation advice, registration for senior services, training on adaptive equipment for those who are blind or have low vision, support for abuse survivors, as well as info on transportation and various assistance programs including those focused on members of the LTBB of Odawa Indians.

- [Boyer District Library](#)
- [Breanna's Ride](#)
- [Bureau of Services for Blind Persons](#)
- [CCE Central Dispatch Authority](#)
- [Charlevoix County Commission on Aging](#)
- [Charlevoix Public Library](#)
- [Compassus](#)
- [Disability Network of Northern Michigan](#)
- [Friendship Center of Harbor Springs](#)
- [Friendship Centers of Emmet County](#)
- [Gen's Medical Loan Closet](#)
- [Health Department of Northwest Michigan - Community Connections](#)
- [Kiersten's Ride](#)
- [Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians - Survivor Outreach Services](#)
- [McLaren Health Plan](#)
- [McLaren Northern Michigan Hospice](#)
- [Michigan Department of Health and Human Services](#)
- [Michigan State Police Gaylord Post](#)
- [Northern Community Mediation](#)
- [Petoskey Club](#)
- [Petoskey District Library](#)
- [Priority Health](#)
- [Resort Bear Creek Fire Department](#)
- [Secretary of State](#)
- [Secretary of State Mobile Office](#)
- [Surf the EarthMHC](#)
- [The Salvation Army of Petoskey](#)



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Veterans Corner

Connecting Veterans and their family members to local, state and federal resources in the areas of: education, employment, healthcare, counseling services, temporary housing assistance and more.

- [Charlevoix County Veterans Affairs](#)
- [Department of Veteran Affairs - Medical Foster Care Program](#)
- [Emmet County Veterans Affairs](#)
- [Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency](#)
- [SSVF - Supportive Services for Veteran Families - NMCAA](#)
- [Saginaw Veterans Affairs Health Care System](#)
- [Skywood Recovery](#)
- [Traverse City Vet Center](#)
- [Department of Veterans Affairs - Justice Outreach Program](#)

Other Services

HOT SNACK
HAIRCUTS
FAMILY PHOTOS
PET CONNECT

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The new Alcona Lions Club would like to invite you to their Charter Party!

Where: Harrisville Harbor Pavilion
1 E. Harbor Drive, Harrisville

When: Sunday, 5/31 at 2 PM

Cost: \$5/person (to defray food costs)

Please come and help celebrate our district's newest Lion's Club!

RSVP to Lion Lisa Kahler by 5/15

dl.kahler@att.net
586-212-4856

Boyne Valley Lions

MARCH 2026

From March 25 Meeting Notes

Lion Mike has tickets to sell!

Speaker:

Scott McKenzie - Stiggs Feed a Friend Program

March 15, 2026

Sad news: Lion Jim Felton's wife, Linda, has entered hospice. Your thoughts and prayers for Linda, Lions Jim, and the family will be appreciated.



East Jordan Lions

MARCH 2026

East Jordan Lions had Elizabeth Gertz from Challenge Mtn speak at their Lions Club Meeting. She spoke about how they help individuals with disabilities with year-round adaptive recreation. East Jordan Lions contributed \$500 to this worthy organization.



East Jordan Lions had their annual Easter Fun and Games even for elementary age children. There were games, prizes and candy. Two bikes and fishing poles/tackle were also given away.



Oscoda Lions

MARCH 2026

Tony built a set of steps and handrail for an elderly lady who just came home from the hospital and needed something more than she had. She had steps 8 in, 3 in, 8 in made out of concrete blocks and no handrail. Very happy when I was done.

I had 3 hours in it.

Materials were \$37.69

Thanks Tony

We Serve



Tony, Scott and Dan Gross built another winter ramp today. With the help from the homeowners daughter and a local contractor. For a homeowner who has fallen and broke her leg in three places and can't leave rehab until there was a ramp in place. We started at 9 am and finished a little after 1 pm. It was a chilly start but turned out to be a beautiful day. Sunny and no wind. We built a 4x4 platform, 16 ft ramp and a wedge at the door. Which the daughter paid for.

Man hours 12 hours.

8 hrs guest help.

Thanks Tony

We Serve

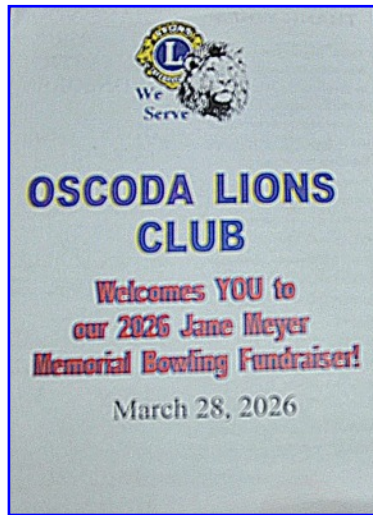


Oscoda Lions

MARCH 2026

The Oscoda Lions had their annual bowling fundraiser on March 28.

Pictures of the Oscoda Lions Club 2026 Jane Meyer Memorial Bowling Fundraiser event:



APRIL 2026 — Freak Weather, Time and Age

April is the first month of the year that is totally in the Spring Season, and May is the last to be a month totally in the Spring Season. March brought more Winter than Spring weather. The middle of March delivered a storm that we haven't seen in years, filled with Winter's weapons of mass destruction: clinging ice, rain (to turn to ice), high winds, and an incredible amount of snow. It left about 3 feet of snow here in the western area of north lower Michigan, and even more in the U.P. Southern Michigan and eastern North Michigan got more of the ice, much like the ice storm in Spring 2025. In Emmet County, there is still snow from the March storm on the ground, and plowed into heaps of snow, though it may be gone in a week if the weather forecast stays above freezing.

While we had Winter weather to enjoy, ironically a large part of the U.S. had record heat. According to the NOAA data: "The continental U.S. average temperature in March was 50.85°F, 9.35°F above the 20th-century average, marking the first time any month's average has exceeded 9°F above that baseline. March included several heat waves across the nation. A total of 1,432 counties — covering 52.8 percent of the nation and 38 percent of the population of the U.S. — had never been warmer in March, NOAA said" The most heat, 3 digits, was in the Southwest, areas from Oklahoma to California and from Texas to Idaho. Long winter and miserable heat; I'd prefer a choice somewhere between.

As another Winter of hibernation for many Lions Clubs in Northern areas are stirring, a lot of activity will soon have Lions busy Serving what needs to be served. We also see another year that means the aging members are yet another year older. We all know some day we will not be able to be a functioning Lion, due to bad health, moving to another area, or at the end of life on this earth.

We all know we need to find new members to keep the Lions continuing. Sometimes it seems a very hard thing to do. Our generation is what we are, but there are other generations taking over what we know, living life differently than we do because things change.

People in my generation, "Boomers", started out in a world much different than what we have now. For example, when I was very young, we had a phone connection that was on a wire with another family. We might want to call someone, but when we picked up the phone, our phone sharer was sometimes already talking on the phone. We would have to wait until that person ended the call. And it also went the same way if my family was connected and the other family had to wait.

Fortunately, the one phone wires were soon created, and everyone didn't need to share a wire. Then came the the wireless phone, and then the smart phone, which is now a computer with a connection app – but we still call it a "phone." Those who were born after the wireless or compute/phone came out have no idea what it was like to use the wired phone. They may see old phones in movies or TV, but it isn't the same as living with it. We Boomers know about horse-drawn wagons before our birth, but we haven't lived it. We have lived in times of different technical advances, far from anything before, and newer generations are born in a world different from our generation's beginning.

From the beginning of civilization older people were considered wise. Elders filled with knowledge learned much over their lives, and shared information that young people could use. That now seems to be a different situation. Now when older people get a new device, like a new phone, they often can't figure out the tech, and get a 12 year old child to show them how it works – children born with tech we didn't have in our youth.

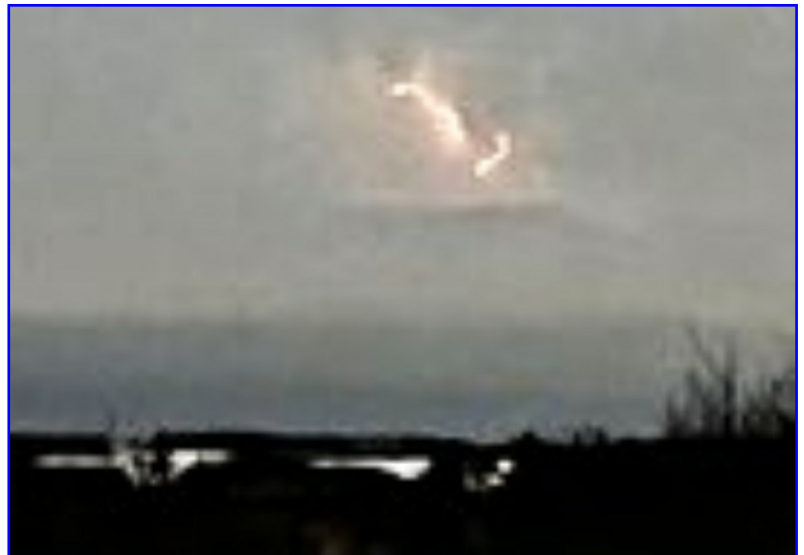
So getting new generation people to join the Lions may be asking them to become more like us and do things our ways. Or, we may have to merge our ways with changes to newer generation's ways. Whatever changes over time, the good news is that there will always be people of all generations who have large hearts and want to spread kindness to everyone. They're out there even in these dark days. We can have Lions clubs flourish if we keep our beliefs of helping others in need, and back it with Lion Service.

PICTURES OF THE MONTH

2026 SPRING Pics



The March super storm brought ice, high winds and incredible snow amounts in different areas of Northern Michigan. In the Petoskey/Harbor Springs area ice was less than a quarter inch. Days before the storm the grounds were about 95% empty of snow. The storm left up to 3 feet of snow. The top picture, taken from a window, shows a wind-created snow dune near 6 feet high in our dog pen– something I had never seen before. I shoveled some of the lesser snow so our dog could get outside.



These photos were taken on March 30. Just after 11:00 pm I went to a south window to see if the sky was clear or cloudy. The moon shined, being almost over our house. Then I saw a flash of lightning on the southern horizon, then another. Then another, all in a seconds. The light show lasted nearly an hour as the storm moved from west to east. It didn't get to our area.

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

