



DISTRICT GOVERNOR JIM PATTERSON'S MESSAGE

I have a confession: I am not a “natural” writer. I’ve always envied people for whom the words flow as easily as water from the tap. For me, the act of writing is an excruciating experience. The words come, as in the lines of a Jimmy Buffet song, “like molasses in the winter time.” It always has been so. Given enough time I can write clearly. And therein lies the problem. Publicizing a project or club event must be done in a timely manner. And that, my fellow Lions, is a very difficult task for me. Like this message - it’s already been three days and this is as far as I’ve gotten.

We all know that recruiting new members makes it vital that we inform them of the benefits of service to others. Not just the help given to those in need but the benefits received by the giver, both mentally and spiritually. In short, we need to give them a reason to want to join.

We need to “brag” more. We need to tell our story better - more thoroughly. Dare I use the word Publicity? If we are to reach potential members, we must learn to use social media to publicize the good things we’re doing. The thing about Facebook is that it is designed for “off the cuff” remarks - something I’m just not good at. Actually I suspect that is true for a lot of us. Not only are we not comfortable using the media, we have trouble composing the message. Here’s my method.

OK, actually it’s more like “stealing” the message. The secret is to start early. Want to publicize a pancake supper? Fire up your favorite search engine and search for “pancake supper.” You will be amazed at what pops up. Read a few of them to see how they do it. Go on, steal any good idea you find. Next search for suitable images or take your own photos. A good place to find royalty free downloadable images is pixabay.com. So now you have an idea and pictures. Open up your favorite word processor and compose your message. *I ABSOLUTELY NEVER compose in FaceBook. That’s just me asking for trouble.* If the event calls for it I will create two or three messages. Once I have my messages how I want it, I save everything and then wait until the right time to post it.

Sounds simple, doesn’t it? It is simple. It’s just not easy. Good publicity takes work. But it is work that will pay dividends! A good publicity plan will accomplish its task: making the public know what’s going on in your club. It will bring customers to your fund raisers, volunteers to your service projects and maybe even a few new members. What a concept!

**NOVEMBER IS DIABETES MONTH &
DIABETIC EYE DISEASE MONTH**

**November 5–Daylight Saving Time Ends
November 11–Veterans Day**



Fellow Lions,

This is an FYI - It's a "Heads Up!" - A Notification - For Your Reference - Please be Aware - Hey, listen up - and so on. . .

We had our first organizational meeting for the Spring District Convention.

It will be April 19 & 20, 2024, at the Comfort Inn & Suites in Mt. Pleasant.

[Room reservation info will be coming at a later date.]

The theme will be "Back to the '70s" - you know, all about Saturday Night Fever.

Why am I telling you this now?

The amount of money it costs the district to put on a convention seems to go up every year. So we need your help!!!

How can you help?

- By providing items for the silent auction.
- By purchasing ads in the Tid Bits Convention booklet at \$25.00 for a full page ad.
[Ad info will be coming at a later date so get your ad ready!]
- By registering and attending the convention.

All the money collected goes to help pay for this year's convention. Any leftover funds help pay for next year's.

What's in it for you and your club?

- A chance to meet and learn from other clubs in the district.
- A forum for forming collaborations with other clubs.
- New things to learn to make you a better Lion and make your club better.
- Fun!

Please help out by contributing.

Thanks in advance,

DG Jim

1st VDG Ken Hisey



[Letter from Lion Ken Hisey dated 31 October 2023.]

DG Patterson

PDGs: Glazier, Bradfield, Koch, Roeseler, Walls, Schroeder, Conarty, Anderson, Anderson, Simpson, Monahan, L. Johnson, Mast, McClure, Gibbons, Brandt, H. Johnson

And, to the many Lions of District 11E1 whom I have had the privilege of getting to know over the last several years.

It is with a heavy, heavy heart that I have decided to resign as 1st VDG.

Over the last month, my wife and I have been dealing with both a family issue as well as my own health. Neither of which I wish to discuss publicly. I have tried to make it through these issues and continue to do my 1st VDG duties but last week I realized I had to make some lifestyle choices. I realize this puts the district in a tough position but something had to be done and at the end of the day, I chose family.

I will continue to be a Mt. Pleasant Lion working hard to serve those in need.

It was a pleasure working with DG Jim and his cabinet and being involved in the fall conference. Lastly, to those who asked, supported and guided me through the VDG process, you have my sincere apology for not finishing the process.

Respectfully, Lion Ken

Global Membership District 11E1 Report

After the first quarter of our Lions year (September 30th), I am pleased to report that our district membership has increased by 13. Ten clubs in the district have lost a total of 24 members, but ten clubs have added a total of 37 members. I believe this is a great start to the year.

Since becoming Global Membership Chair last year, I have suggested that clubs consider hosting an open house for their communities. This provides Lions an opportunity to communicate to a wider audience their mission, accomplishments, and the resources they can provide. Earlier this month my home club Coleman hosted such an event. We invited quite a few people to our open house. Unfortunately, I believe our follow-up was not what it should have been. We did not call invitees as the event neared to remind them of the opportunity. As a result, we had only three people attend. None the less I believe we put on a compelling program about the value of Lions and the many opportunities to serve. Two of the three attendees have agreed to join our club. We were quite pleased with the result.

As part of LCI's efforts to increase membership to 1.5 million by 2027, membership development grants are available on a competitive basis. Our district can apply for a \$1,500 grant that must include chartering at least one new club of 20 members and adding 30 new members to existing clubs. I believe a broad range of ideas needs to be considered to develop a strong application. If anyone is interested in working on a grant proposal, please let me know.

Again, this year I am available for presentations on strategies and to assist clubs in their growth efforts. My contact information is in the district directory. Please let me know if there is any way I can be of assistance.

PDG AI Roeseler
Global Membership Chair

News from your District Service Coordinator

The MD11 GSTs, with approval from the District Governors, are currently planning 3 service projects this year. Child size blankets will be tied at the Forum to go with the bunk beds being built for children by Sleep in Heavenly Peace. A hundred and ten fleece blanket kits are being ordered from Jo Ann Fabrics for this project. The second project is to provide money to the Hope to Walk project for prosthetic legs (@\$250 each) for children, women, and men in 3rd world countries. The third project is working with the Kid's Coalition Against Hunger at the MD11 convention to assemble bags of food (soup or casserole).

There is money in the State Budget for service and it was voted to use \$5,000 of it to subsidize these projects. Each District is being asked to contribute at least \$264, to be collected by the District treasurer Peggy Frank, and sent to Wendy Burns Director of Lions of Michigan. *Each club in our District is asked to donate \$25 to help meet these goals. Individual Lions who are inspired by one or more of these projects may also donate. Checks should be sent to treasurer Peggy Frank made out to "Lions District 11-E1" with "State Service Projects" on the memo line.*

My hope is that each club will discuss this and vote to send at least \$25 to our district treasurer to support these important projects. Look for an email with links to these projects. (coming in November) Please consider attending the Forum in February and/or the MD11 Convention in May. Both offer great learning experiences as well as camaraderie among our fellow Lions in this District and around the state. You also have an opportunity to meet future or past International Directors and Presidents. It's an amazing experience.

Lion Ann Roeseler
Coleman Lions Club President
District Service Coordinator

Note to Club Treasurers: Remember to complete your annual reports for the State of Michigan if you are registered at the State level. It is also time to file the IRS Federal 990 for our clubs. If your club has less than \$50,000 in annual gross receipts, you can file an e-postcard (also known as a 990-N). If your club has more than \$50,000 in annual gross receipts, the club needs to file the IRS Form 990 or 990-EZ. The e-postcard 990-N is due by November 15 due to the Lions fiscal year. You are NOT able to request an extension for filing the 990-N. District 11E1 Treasurer-Lion Peggy Frank

Letter from the Editors:

District 11E1 Lions,

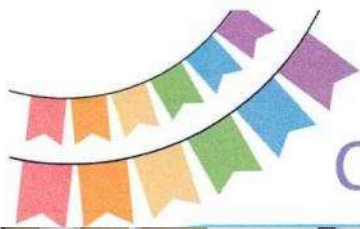
We have been the co-editors of the District 11E1 newsletter, *"LIONS CONNECTIONS"*, since July 2019. We will be retiring as editors and our last issue will be June 2024. It is time for someone else to step up. Please consider taking over this role and adding a fresh spin to the newsletter. If you are interested in this job, please let DG Jim know. This is a great opportunity to serve your District, improve the newsletter publication, and make a difference. We would be happy to work with you to get started and answer any questions. We will continue to be active in Lionism. Thank you for giving us this opportunity to serve our District in this capacity for these five years! **WE SERVE!**

Lions Mike & Tina Hoy

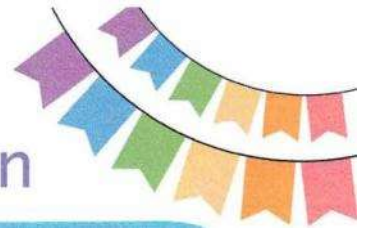
Service Stories and submissions to "LIONS CONNECTIONS"

We post club service stories and/or news under the *"Club News"* section of the District 11E1 newsletter. Has your story been shared? Our District 11E1 newsletter is forwarded to Lions of Michigan for consideration in the LION PRIDE MAGAZINE.

Please submit articles in Word [Please no PDF files] and pictures in jpeg format as an attachment for the December 2023 Newsletter by November 20 to Lions Mike and Tina Hoy at hoym@charter.net or call 989-832-8354. Any District 11E1 Lion can submit articles and/or pictures for the newsletter.



Lions 11-E1 Governor Appreciation



IPDG Jackie Appreciation celebration pictures from October 15 which was hosted by the Harrison Lions Club.



Lion Jackie with her 3 daughters, son-in-law, and husband Lion Steve.



Congratulations IPDG Jackie for serving as DG!



Many Lions from across the District came together to honor the two times Jackie Glazier served as our District Governor. Harrison Lions hosted and served as kitchen crew and served an excellent meal.

Stories were shared and gifts presented to Jackie. Many gifts were favorite treats or featured in her favorite color-purple!

IPDG Jackie made the official transfer of the DG banner to DG Jim at this event.





Jackie recognized her daughter with an award for help during her time as DG.

Jackie also recognized Midland Lion Scott Berry who was a DG when she was DG the first time.



Big Rapids Lion Wendy Fowler was a guest at the White Cloud Lions meeting where IPDG Jackie Glazier presented her with the Melvin Jones Award. Congratulations Lion Wendy! She helped District 11E1 achieve 1st place in DG challenge donating wrapped coins for our “jug”. Thank you Lions for the awesome donations. Be Flexible!! We Serve!!!

CLUB NEWS

EMPIRE LIONS

Dead And Forgotten - But Not Forever!

Arthur DeWitt of Empire Township was only 16 when his life was abruptly ended by a kick to the head by a horse in 1892. Richard Tobin, a descendant of early Glen Lake settlers, died in 1899 at the age of 15 due to a bout of meningitis. In 1901 Lillie Lucks, age 41, passed away giving birth. George Tweddle, a one-room school of the same name exists south of Empire, succumbed to pneumonia at 8 months of age in 1897. How are these tragedies related? They all were buried in unmarked graves at Maple Grove Cemetery 2 miles north of Empire at the junction of M-109 and M-22. Over a million people drive by them each summer, unaware, on their way to Sleeping Bear Sand Dunes.



A few unmarked graves would not be surprising, but cemetery administrator Claude Fields and volunteer Sandy Wilson discovered, by perusing old, but meticulously kept, cemetery records (thanks to Dorothy Fradd and her predecessors), that there are more than 200 unmarked graves at the Township cemetery with stories of misfortunes like those mentioned above. Over 50 of them are babies or young children, lending credence to the difficulties of life more than one hundred years ago in the middle of "God's Country".

This past Spring, around the dining room table of long-time Empire Township Supervisor Bill Bolton, where several members of the Empire Lions Club had gathered to celebrate a successful Maple Syrup season which will supply their pancake breakfasts, Lion Claude relayed this finding. The opportunity to seek a way to rectify this deficiency energized our group of Lions and the "Commemorative Crew" was born.

What is special about this project is that it involves a cooperative effort between a civic organization (Empire Lions) and a governmental unit (Empire Township). It is an arduous task to locate these unmarked graves in the midst of over 1,500 existing headstones. They are then flagged and the crew of a dozen or so Lions (which includes 98-year-old Jim Dorsey - grandson of one of the earliest settlers of this area) place a small amount of gravel in a hole at the head of the grave, lay a patio stone as a base and then a custom-made marker, with name, date of birth and death, is affixed to base with epoxy cement.

The group has marked 62 graves this Fall, with another 15 slated to be done next week. "This is a marathon, not a sprint", says Lion President Mike Bolton, "but the speed and determination of this crew has turned the marathon into a 5K race!"

The township has committed to paying for the first 100 markers, and a grant is being proposed to the local group of Native Americans which generously donate 2% of their casino profits to local causes and charities. The Lions are also accepting donations from anyone interested in this project with a check being made to Empire Lions, earmarked Commemorative Cemetery Project.

Rest in Peace Arthur DeWitt, you are no longer forgotten!

Respectfully submitted October 13, 2023
Mike Bolton - President - Empire Lions Club





Pictures of the **Empire Lions Club** final pancake breakfast for 2023. There were 222 people in attendance to enjoy breakfast.



Lions Pat Taghon, Claude Fields, Jim Sorbie, and Mike Bolton get another batch of food ready.

FREMONT LIONS



The Fremont and White Cloud Lions' fifth bi-annual Students in Need of Eyecare (SINE) project was October 24th. Fifteen students each from Fremont, Hesperia, Newaygo and White Cloud schools received a complete optometric and medical eye exam. If glasses were needed, the students chose their frames and the glasses will be produced by the college. They will be delivered to the students

in about two weeks. Several students were discovered to need advanced medical diagnosis and the college will do that as well.



This amazing project could not have been completed without the help and support of the Michigan School of Optometry at Ferris State University, The Fremont Area Community Foundation, the City of Fremont, the four schools, and the Fremont and White Cloud Lions. So proud to be a Lion!



BIG RAPIDS LIONS

The link below connects to an article about Big Rapids Lions receiving a grant on Oct 12 for eye glasses or hearing aids for those in need.

<https://www.bigrapidsnews.com/news/article/lions-club-receives-wellness-grant-walmart-18444848.php>



CRYSTAL LIONS



Todd Nemeth was awarded a 15 new member pin from District Governor Jim Patterson. Lion Todd is a great member for our club. He has helped Crystal Lions grow in the 9 years he has been a member of our club.



Crystal Lions Club did a fundraiser to fix the Noll Memorial Park basketball court. We collected over \$10,000. Our new basketball court, once it was poured, was smoothed out by the company that poured the cement. We put up a new basketball backboard and hoop.



COLEMAN LIONS

The Coleman Lions Club has been busy during the month of October 2023 with an open house to show the community the renovation of our club house and to talk to prospective members about what Lions do in their communities. We followed that by supporting the Coleman School District with their Variety Show and funds raised will go towards the Coleman Fireworks Project. In addition, we supported the Community Garden Fall Cleanup where we donated funds to install a new doggie clean-up station.



During our regular meeting, DG Jim Patterson made his official visit where he provided the club with an inspiring message along with inducting our newest member, Emily Burgess (President Ann Roeseler-Sponsor) who is the local branch manager of the United Bay Community Credit Union.



partnered with the Coleman Area Library with a Pajama Story Time. The community learned about Molly's life and that she was trained to be a Leader Dog for the Blind and now she visits hospitals, nursing homes, libraries, schools and bring joy and smiles to those involved. The library staff read four fun dog books while the children petted Molly.



Coleman Lions Club Celebrates 83rd Anniversary

Coleman Lions Club is 83 years old this fall! This was the 13th year Coleman Lions has held their Charter Night Dinner and Auction. As it has gotten better known, more businesses are donating, and more new "friends" are attending! Many District Lions, including DG Jim Patterson attended our event as well. Unfortunately, none of them won any of the "big" prizes this year! Lion Amy Hovey presented our Heart of a Lion Award to the Coleman Youth Athletic Association president, Kyle DeVreize, for all of the work they are doing to make sure Coleman kids have an opportunity to participate in baseball and softball. It was a heartwarming presentation and a fun evening.





Beautiful quilt made and donated by Connie Gordon Farrier (pictured with her quilt) and won by Belinda Lyons.



Fun was had by all. Lots of chances to win prizes and there was strong competitive bidding on both silent and live auction items. The food and desserts were great! Game of Heads or Tails was played and Tails won!

Other District Lions attended and were represented by Midland, Onokama, and White Cloud.

Congratulations to Coleman Lions on celebrating 83 years!

MIDLAND LIONS

The Midland Lions welcomed DG Jim Patterson to our regular meeting on October 3. He was honored to welcome and induct our new member Will Greeley. Lion Will was sponsored by Lion Dave Romenesko. Pictured (left to right) is Lions Dave, Will, and DG Jim.



Midland Lions Hosted the Stoppert Award Dinner on October 17. This year the Coach of the Year was Rich Juday, baseball coach at Dow High since 2017. Their 1st District Championship was in 2019. Dow High was in the 2021 State semi-finals and was 2023 District champs. His family was present when he received his award from Dave Marsh, selection committee chair. Lion Ollie Juengel is on the committee representing the Midland Lions. Bob Stoppert was a coach and a Midland Lion. The Stoppert Award was developed after he passed away to recognize outstanding coaches in Midland County.

Pictured is Coach Rich Juday and presenter Dave Marsh.

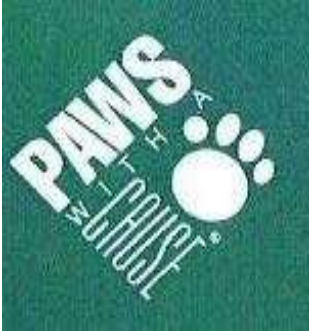
COATS FOR KIDS

During the month of November, the Midland Lions Club will be collecting Coats for Kids. This is an annual event and our goal is to beat last year's count of 57 coats! Since our club has participated in this project, we have collected over 400!

We will also be ringing the bell for the Salvation Army on November 24 and December 1. This is another one of our annual service projects.



District *Projects*



I would like to come and visit your club for a presentation. Please contact me through Lions Mike and Tina Hoy at hoym@charter.net or 989-832-8354.

Cowboy Hoy, Hearing/Assistance Dog



Here is the website link: <https://www.leaderdog.org/lions-club/resources/>
Each month, a newsletter page will be uploaded to our website.
Lion Beth, Director of Lions Engagement
Leader Dogs for the Blind
1039 S. Rochester Rd. • Rochester Hills, MI 48307-3115
Direct (248) 218 6421 or Toll Free (888) 777-5332

USED HEARING AID DONATIONS Remember we accept used hearing aids of any age or condition. All used hearing aids are recycled with one of the hearing aid manufactures. Lions of Michigan Foundation is given credits to be used towards the purchase of new hearing aids. Most Clubs collect hearing aids with their glasses. If you have hearing aids for recycling give them to our Foundation Reps., your Zone Chairs, or Lion Peggy Frank at 616 217-6840 for pick-up.

Lions of Michigan Foundation

Donations are greatly appreciated. There are more requests for disaster relief and individual help than we have seen in some time. We help many people all around our district, so if you missed the Parade of Checks, you can still send your checks to the foundation. The foundation helps many people, but we cannot do it without your club donations.

The foundation is ready to send out the Sight and Hearing Tickets, encourage clubs to use them as a fundraiser. For every ticket you sell you can receive money back to use in your clubs, the more you sell the more you get for your club.

There are still cookbooks for sale. You can get them from Chad for \$10 each and sell them for what you would like, also a fundraiser for your club.

Lions Clubs International Foundation

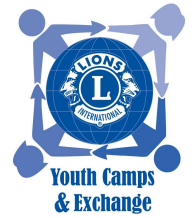
Each of your clubs should have a club coordinator for LCIF. Please forward their name and address information to PDG Pam Schroeder. My address and phone info are in the Roster Book.

It is not too late to make your yearly donation. Your donation can go toward a Melvin Jones, and when you have \$1,000 into LCIF, you can present a Melvin Jones Fellowship to someone for their dedication to Lionism. Many clubs have the funds into LCIF for a Melvin Jones that can be presented. If you need more info contact PDG Pam.

Donations are used to help clubs around the world. Some donations have also come back to Michigan to help with disasters. Grants can also be applied for, if your club has donated to LCIF.

Youth Camp and Exchange Program

Contributed By: Lion Lori Shelby, District 11E1 Chairperson



Is the YCE Program Right for Me?

Are you ready to embark on a life-changing adventure that will open your mind and heart? Are you curious about other cultures and ways of life? Do you want to develop your skills in a second language? Would you like to cultivate new friendships with individuals that have different backgrounds, beliefs, and customs than you? The Youth Camps and Exchange (YCE) Program may be the opportunity you are seeking.

Benefits of Participation

As an YCE you will:

- Live with a family in another country
- Meet people your age from around the world
- Learn about what it means to be a Lion or Leo in another country
- Deepen your understanding of yourself and the world around you
- Learn how to foster peace and understanding among peoples of the world

What to Expect

As a Youth Camp and Exchange you can expect to be immersed in a unique cultural experience with Lions and Leo club members supporting your YCE journey. Your host family will treat you as a member of the family, awaiting your engagement in typical daily routines and family meals. You will participate in social activities, possibly service projects and visit cultural places of interest. You are expected to familiarize yourself with the customs, expectations and basic language of the host country prior to your visit and have a desire to learn more. You can learn more about the roles and expectations of a Youth Exchange by checking out the [Youth Camp and Exchange Handbook!](#)

Participant Eligibility

The suggested age range for Youth Camp and Exchange is 15-22. Please note age range can vary by specific Youth Camp and Exchange program. Youth Camp and Exchange must:

- Be sponsored by a Lions club
- Be ready to represent your community, country and the sponsoring Lions club
- Welcome the opportunity to explore the customs of another culture
- Provide proof of insurance (health, medical, travel) and a liability release agreement
- Take initiative to learn the language of the host country (i.e. basic greetings and phrases)

What are the Costs?

Local program costs vary from country to country. Financial arrangements for transportation may be paid by the Sponsor Lions Club, by the Exchange Youth, the Exchange Youth's family or a combination of these sources. Host Lions clubs cover the costs of room and board with a host family. Exchange Youth are typically responsible for: Round-trip airfare, Camp Fees, Health, medical and travel insurance, Travel documents (such as passports and visas), and Spending money.



Youth Camps & Exchange Program

Outgoing Young Adult Ambassadors

Selection of a Lions Young Adult Ambassador

The appropriate selection of a young adult to represent a Lions Club, community, state, and America is of paramount importance. The choice should be a young adult who, it is believed, will make a good "ambassador" both in words and actions. Both areas of character are a reflection of the USA and are of equal importance. Academics are a factor in the selection process, but other areas of a person's character also demonstrate qualities of strength that make a good ambassador. These could be sports, music, leadership, technology, and the like. A young person with good character is what the Lions seek. A request to travel has never been denied if a young adult has interest. Young adult ambassadors that have not traveled with YCE previously will fill the slots for a country before a young adult ambassador that has traveled with YCE.

Lions believe that every opportunity should be extended to a young adult to expand his/her knowledge, international understanding, and education in cultural diversity. People of the world need to appreciate and understand one another. This can be done through exposure to the culture, through an immersion in the life of a family. As the world becomes smaller through technology, it is imperative that young adults have the opportunity to experience international cultural diversity in order to nurture an improved relationship with America's international neighbors. We do this with the International Lions Youth Exchange Program!

Time Line

September/October/November: District Chairs and committee members promote the program, focusing on and making personal contact with LEO Clubs and/or high schools in their District. Upon a young adult's commitment, the District Chairperson, Lori Shelby, sends the initial application to the State Chairperson, Lion Elvie Marfil. A formal recognition of the young adult's acceptance into the Lions Club Youth Exchange Program will be sent from the state chairperson to both the District Chairperson and the young adult.

December 13 or before: The signed Application, Indemnity Form, and Compulsory Items must be received by the District Chairperson Lion Lori Shelby, lorishelby@yahoo.com. Some exceptions may apply with permission however; it must go through the District Chair to the State Chair. Signatures are needed at each level.

Upon Commitment, until March 30, the LYE (Lions Youth Exchange) young adult's responsibilities include:

- Contact clubs via a phone call, letter or email correspondence to obtain donations for travel expenses. Make arrangements to meet with the club personally. A list of clubs and pertinent information is furnished by the District Chairperson. Many clubs will not donate unless there is face-to-face contact. The clubs want to know why this experience is important to the LYE young adult.
- Contact family and friends to solicit funds for travel expenses.
- Create, schedule, and execute fundraisers to raise money for the LYE experience.
- Attend the Fall District/Regional Lions Conference (usually in October) to make the LYE visible to the clubs. The clubs want to know why this experience is important to the LYE young adult.
- Obtain a passport and/or visa.

March 30: All funds should be gathered for travel expenses and submitted to District Chairperson Lion Lori Shelby. February 21 is the deadline for all trip donations from the clubs.

March/April/May/June: Host families are found and flight tickets are purchased. Contact between the host country and the state LYE chairperson is not always immediate. Flight tickets cannot be purchased until a host family is found. Please stick closely to this timeline.

May: Youth and family must attend a mandatory meeting in Lansing for LYE parents/guardians, district LYE chairperson, and/or committee member. The LYE young adult will receive a backpack, shirts, pins, banners, flight tickets, insurance information, and general information about airports, security, filling out immigration forms, etc.

IMPORTANT: Any young adult not making the timeline as listed above (pg. 12) will be dropped from that year's program, unless cleared by the District Chair and State Chair. This is a very time-consuming process for all involved, and it requires all involved to closely follow the deadlines.

Suggestions for LYE Fundraising

Create a display board, short 5-10 minute video, PowerPoint, or oral presentation about yourself and your desire to travel abroad. This can also be used when visiting a foreign country's Lions Club during your stay overseas.

Include these points and others as you see fit for your presentation:

- Name and family members
 - Where you live
 - Your involvement in sports, clubs, music, activities
 - Other involvement, whether academic or community-based
 - Places you have visited in the past
 - Why do you want to visit another country? What will you take from the experience? As an Ambassador for the American Lions Clubs and America, how will you relate to the people of a foreign country? Will you be open to new experiences? Will you taste new foods? Will you practice your foreign language skills?
1. Contact clubs via a phone call, letter, or email correspondence to obtain donations for travel expenses. A copy of the PowerPoint or video could be sent to the clubs in lieu of a formal visit when letting the club know of the intent to travel with LYEP.
 2. **VERY IMPORTANT:** Make arrangements to meet with the club personally. A list of clubs and pertinent information is furnished by the District Chairperson. Many clubs will not donate unless there is face-to-face contact. The clubs want to know why this experience is important to the LYE young adult. Present your short program to the clubs. They understand that you may be nervous. If timing or distance from a meeting is a problem, send your PowerPoint or a DVD of your video for them to present at a meeting. Follow up with a phone call to be certain that it was received; ask if there are any questions. Write a thank-you note for viewing your presentation at their meeting shortly after the meeting date. Do not wait for any funds to arrive; the clubs look for effort and gratitude.
 3. Contact friends and family members. Email and/or Facebook are a good way to get the word out to distant family members. Send your PowerPoint or Video presentation. This demonstrates that you have exerted some effort in exchange for their monetary donation. It demonstrates responsibility and adult behavior.
 4. Contact your church (if applicable) and ask to have a bake sale or car wash after Sunday Service.
 5. Conduct a community car wash or bake sale. This could occur at a community function, library, or outside a local business.
 6. Run, walk, or bike ride in an event. Gather pledges before the event occurs.

**For more information, please email the following 11E1 District Chair:
Lion Lori Shelby-Hall, email: lorishelby@yahoo.com**

Thank you for your involvement!

Lion Lori Shelby, District LYE Chairperson, lorishelby@yahoo.com 703-895-7366



Lions Clubs of Michigan

SD10 and MD11, Lions International
CHANGING THE WORLD

The Lions of Michigan MD 11 Convention Committee is please to offer the opportunity for corporate and personal sponsorships for the 2024 Multiple District 11 Lions Convention May 16-18, 2024 * SHERATON by MARRIOTT, GRAND RAPIDS, MI

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:

Platinum Sponsor - \$1,000

Speaking opportunity during the Saturday Awards Banquet (up to 10 minutes); Advertisement in the Lion Pride publication; advertisement in convention proceedings booklet; complimentary exhibitor table; your banner on display throughout event; insert included in welcome packet

Gold Sponsor - \$500

Speaking opportunity at Friday's Welcome Reception/Dinner **or** Saturday Awards Breakfast (up to 10 minutes); advertisement in convention proceedings booklet; complimentary exhibitor table; your banner on display throughout event

Silver Sponsor - \$400

Advertisement in proceedings booklet; complimentary exhibitor table; banner on display throughout the event; insert included in welcome packet

Bronze Sponsor - \$300

Our highly popular Kick-off Picnic, Hospitality Room or Coffee Break sponsor; advertisement in proceedings booklet; complimentary exhibitor table; your banner on display; insert included in welcome packet

Heart of a Lion - \$150 Club Special!

Breakout Session or Coffee Break sponsor; advertisement in proceedings booklet; banner on display

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2024 Lions Clubs of Michigan Scholarship for the Visually Impaired

Four \$3,000 scholarships to be awarded

Please mail completed scholarship application to:

The Lions of Michigan State Office
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 5730 Executive Drive, Lansing, MI 48911
www.lionsofmi.com

Phone: (517) 887-6640
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Scholarship Criteria:

1. Must be legally blind and provide verification (letter from optometrist or ophthalmologist or letter from vocational counselor).
2. Applicants must be a resident of the State of Michigan and a United States Citizen (International students must provide proof of citizenship) and either attending or accepted by an accredited trade or business school, college or university.
3. Applicants must complete the official scholarship application (both sides).
4. Must submit two letters of recommendation.
5. Must submit an essay outlining why you need the scholarship.
6. Must have a minimum GPA of 2.5 (transcript required).
7. Completed scholarship applications must be postmarked NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 15th annually.
8. Must attend the Lions of Michigan Forum to accept scholarship during a ceremonial presentation. *(Actual check(s) will be issued to the school/university/equipment manufacturer upon submission of documentation. Two weeks notice required).*

Scholarship Selection Process:

1. Lions of Michigan Scholarship Committee will review all applications during January.
2. This scholarship will be awarded in February annually at the Michigan Forum.

Name		Phone	()	
Address				
City		State		Zip
Email Address				
Date of Birth		* Degree of visual acuity		
* Legally blind is defined as best corrected vision in both eyes of 20/200 or less and/or visual fields of less than 20 degrees.				
How did you hear about the scholarship?				

Education Information

High School you attended			
What college or other institution are you attending/planning to attend?			
Have you been accepted?			
What do you plan to study?			
What are your personal and educational goals?			
How will the scholarship funds be used? <i>(Check all that apply)</i>			
<input type="checkbox"/> Tuition	<input type="checkbox"/> Books	<input type="checkbox"/> Housing	
<input type="checkbox"/> Specialized Equipment (please specify) _____			
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) _____			

Organizations, Activities and Awards

Describe briefly your most significant public service, community, or campus activities associated with your education and/or future career goals.			
Special honors and awards			
Special talents and training			
Applicant's Signature			Date