



DISTRICT GOVERNOR JIM PATTERSON'S MESSAGE

It's November and I'm closing in on the half-way point in my year as District Governor. As I start writing this, the Halloween snow has melted and the temperature has rebounded into the high 50s. Our family is now trying to find a date when we all can get together for a Christmas celebration - the usual confusing combination of events. I don't remember life being this complicated years ago. On the other hand, maybe it was; we humans have a way of forgetting the bad and remembering only the good.

There are significant challenges facing many of our clubs and it is easy to spiral down into the trap of doom and gloom. And it seems like everything we hear ends with "get new members." This far into my year I've visited about 20 clubs. What I've found are good people doing the best they can to relieve the burdens of people in need. And they are doing a darn good job of it too! Sure, more members mean more hands to do more good things. But for now, let's just stop, take a breath and reflect.

During this Christmas season, I need to express my gratitude for the invaluable work our Lions take on. My club visits have given me a profound appreciation for their dedication to spreading hope and cheer to those in need. Their efforts echo the sentiments of generosity and empathy inherent in the Christmas spirit. In celebrating the season of giving, Lions Clubs stand as examples of the profound impact a collective goodwill can have on making the world a better place.

Fellow Lions, you are important. What you do is important. "We Serve" is more than a motto, it is a mission. And you take on that mission willingly - out of compassion - out of a sense of responsibility - out of kindness. You are all good people and go that extra mile.

From our family to yours in this holiday season, Sherri and I send you the warmest and most sincere wishes for the best of all possible Christmas Holidays and hope you are blessed with a happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Happy New Year 2024!



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

News from your District Service Coordinator

Support Needed

Can your Club spare \$25 to help with State Service Projects? In October, your District Cabinet voted to ask clubs to contribute in support of the following three projects:

- Fleece blankets for **Sleep in Heavenly Peace**
- Donation to **Hope to Walk** for Prosthetic legs (\$250 each)
- Support of food packets for **Kid's Coalition Against Hunger**

Each District in Michigan has been asked to contribute at least \$264 toward these 3 projects. Any money above that will be used to purchase more prosthetic legs. (Please check out the video below.) Clubs and individual Lions members are welcome to contribute more if you are so moved, and after viewing the video, you might be!

Please discuss this with your club. Checks should be made out to "Lions District 11E1" with "State Service Projects" on the memo line, and mailed to the District Treasurer Lion Peggy Frank, 21899 22 Mile Rd, Paris, MI 49338.

Hope to Walk video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ceb-2fv5ZZk>

Lion Ann Roeseler, District Service Coordinator



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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

All sponsors who commit by April 1, 2024, will be listed on promotional materials, in the Lion Pride publication, on the Lions of Michigan website and Face Book page. Checks should be made out to Lions of Michigan and mailed to: Lions of MI, 5730 Executive Dr., Lansing, MI 48911. Contact wburns@lionsofmi.com or call 517-887-6640 for further details.

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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 January 2024 Newsletter by December 23 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.

CLUB NEWS

ONEKAMA LIONS

The Onekama Lions are having a **Christmas Party on December 17th**, 4 pm, at the Bungalow Restaurant in Manistee. The District Lions are invited to join us, just let PDG Pam Schroeder know how many from your club will be joining us by December 12th at 231-510-0137. Hope you will join us for our Christmas celebration.



The Onekama Lions Club has been very busy the last month. We inducted three new members Jacki van Voorst and Mark & Anna Smith! In the last six months we have inducted eight new members which has been a great addition to our club.

On October 29th the Onekama Lions sponsored a breakfast for the Onekama School Senior Class. We had over 17 students and parents help us out by flipping pancakes, cracking eggs, scooping up sausage and hash browns and even helped with dishes and cleanup. It was a great group effort and the kids were a joy to work with!





Our Lions Club was also out on Halloween night with our food trailer handing out free donuts, cider, hot chocolate, coffee and lots of candy was handed out by our Lions.



The Onekama Lions Club also donated \$500 to the Arts and Culture Alliance of Manistee County for the statues installed of James Earl Jones and his teacher mentor, Donald Crouch. Mentorship can be life changing as it was for James Earl Jones. These statues

were placed at the Brethren High School, James Earl Jones' alma mater.



West Shore Bank and the Onekama Lions have joined forces to sponsor a food and household products drive for the month of November. Donations are being accepted at both locations. Having communities work together helps out everyone involved.

Next month our Lions Club will travel to our local medical care facility and sing carols for the residents and bring them some sweet treats. We also donated funds to help purchase Christmas gifts for the residents.

Starting in January the Onekama Lions will begin our weekly Cornhole tournaments! It is a great way to bring our community members together during the winter!

GREENVILLE LIONS

The Greenville Lions Club, with the help of students from the National Honor Society, packed 60 Thanksgiving boxes for distribution to students and their families in the Greenville School District. Club members contributed turkeys to add to a variety of food items to help families through the Thanksgiving recess.



LUTHER LIONS

SAVE THE DATE! Our Club will be hosting a CHRISTMAS SOCIAL on Saturday, December 9th, from 7:00pm-10:00pm. This event is open to our Lions, all Lions, and our Community! There will be a live DJ and dancing with hors d'oeuvres and light desserts. Cost is \$10 per person. BYOB. Dress code: Christmas casual. We are also collecting canned goods and non-perishable food items for the Bread of Life Pantry in Baldwin. Hope to see you there!

December 3rd is our monthly Breakfast. This year Santa and his Helper will be dropping by to visit with the children! It runs from 8:30am-10:30am. The cost is \$10 for adults, \$5.00 for children (6-12 years), and 5 and under is free! Menu includes: eggs, sausage, ham, biscuits and gravy, pancakes, potatoes, and french toast, with Coffee and juice.

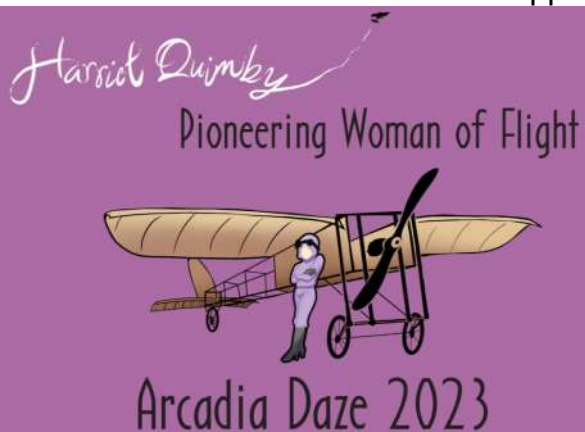
Our club recently held a Fall Craft Show on November 11th. Over 25 vendors/crafters attended with items such as jewelry, paintings, floral arrangements, clothes, etc. A bake sale was also held with pies donated by our lovely Lion ladies. Food also was sold. It was a very good turn-out.

On November 12th the club held its annual Hunter's Dinner featuring pork loin, mashed potatoes/gravy, squash, and homemade applesauce. The cost was \$12 for adults and \$6 for children 6-12 yrs. Our annual Fall Raffle drawing was held at this dinner. 1st prize was a gun safe and the 2nd prize was a brand new gun.

ARCADIA LIONS

Arcadia Lions had a ROARing Good Summer! Over the course of the Summer, the Arcadia Lions planned, hosted, or supported five community events, in addition to our three fundraising pancake breakfasts we hosted for the village.

We work year-round on planning our village's three-day festival, Arcadia Daze, which is held the third weekend of July annually and attended by several thousand people. We have 52 club members, so we couldn't do this without the support of our fellow Arcadians, and this year over 175 volunteered!



This year's 42nd Arcadia Daze Festival highlighted the historical achievements of one of Arcadia's own, Harriet Quimby, Pioneering Woman of Flight. Harriet Quimby was born in Arcadia in 1875 and was the first American woman to earn a pilot's license and the first woman to fly solo over the English Channel. This year's festival focused on her accomplishments and our 2023 Daze T-shirt featured her in an original design created by Annaliese Schwartz, the daughter of one of our members. We had a presentation and book signing by journalist and writer Don Dahler, author of *Fearless: Harriet Quimby A Life Without Limit*.

Arcadia Daze appeals to all, from athletes to auto enthusiasts to kids of all ages; there's something for everyone. The festival kicks off with a Pickleball Tournament on Friday, includes a 5K Run on Saturday morning, and a Doubles Cornhole Tournament on Saturday afternoon. Classic cars and hot rods were showcased at the Auto Muster on Saturday morning. With more than 60 crafts booths to visit there were plenty of handmade goodies from local artisans to purchase. Over 150 kids enjoyed our kids' activities, including Horse Drawn Carriage rides, a Fishing Tournament on Saturday morning, and kids' games and activities in the park, including races, relays, airplane crafts and contests, a bounce house, and Twister Joe, a Balloon Artist. A highlight of the Daze is the outstanding Friday night Fireworks show sponsored by Arcadia Marine, Ketch 22 Kafe and the Stoops family. There was a band at the Finch Park Pavilion for dancing on Friday and Saturday night, and of course, it wouldn't be a Michigan festival without a performance by the Scottville Clown Band, which closed out Arcadia Daze on Sunday following the parade.

This year's parade honored Lion Wes Hull, our town fire chief, as Grand Marshal and showcased an airplane float designed and created by Lion Ryan McKenna, featuring a member of the Michigan 99s, an international organization for female pilots, who portrayed Harriet Quimby.



Arcadia Daze is our major fundraiser of the year, which allows us to donate to youth scholarships, school and youth groups, and local nonprofits. This year we will contribute \$55,000 to local groups thanks to the generous support of our corporate sponsors and attendees.

In August, we partnered with Trinity Methodist Church, the Pleasant Valley Community Center and Michigan DHHS Farmworker Outreach Services Division to host a Farmworker Appreciation Dinner for local migrant workers. Thanks to the tireless assistance of Mara Luevano, one of the Migrant Program Staffers, we were able to host over 100 workers. They enjoyed bingo, a bounce house, horse-drawn carriage rides, door prize



drawings, a dinner buffet, and ice cream donated by Camp Arcadia. Thanks to generous donations by members of the community, they could also go through a donation room to pick out blankets, coats, backpacks, shoes, socks, hats, household goods, toys, books and games. This was our first year hosting this program, which was the brainchild of Lion Rick Jones, and plans are already underway to make next year's event even better.

In September, we assisted the Pleasant Valley Community Center with hosting a benefit breakfast which raised funds to support one of our own, Lion Bernie Howard, who suffered a cardiac event while running in the Arcadia Daze 5K. When Bernie collapsed at the finish line there were three physicians, Dr. Laura Heinrich, Dr. Charles Crotteau, and Dr. Geoffrey Prysak who had just run the race and performed CPR to save his life. Since Bernie is unable to work for up to six months while he rehabs, the community center held a pancake breakfast and silent auction benefit for him, which the Lions helped to plan, set up, and staff. The benefit raised over \$9,000 for Bernie and his family. One of the physicians who did the compressions on Bernie, Dr. Charles Crotteau, stopped by to meet him and his family, and was warmly welcomed by all. Bernie strongly encourages everyone to learn CPR, and part of our community donations this year will support local CPR training for Arcadians.



We ended our summer volunteering at the Music Moves Me Foundation's 2023 Minnehaha Brewhaha, which supports and promotes music education through collaboration with schools and community groups across northwestern Michigan. This annual Labor Day Music and Beer Festival is supported by many members of our club who volunteer as tasting servers, ticket takers or in merchandise sales.



Fall brought our final event, the Village Trunk or Treat event, co-sponsored by the Lions, Arcadia Fire Department, and the Pleasant Valley Community Center. This event featured 20 decorated trunks and our members served hot dogs and joined the villagers in doling out treats to about 75 children.



We publicize our events on both our own Facebook page and the Arcadia News Facebook page and residents have come to recognize and appreciate the impact that our club has on our village. As a result, over the past two years we have recruited 19 new members, including women, couples and even a teen member. As one new member said, "When I moved here and wanted to get involved, I quickly realized that nothing in this village happens without the involvement and support of the Lions. Joining the Lions has helped me make connections and friendships I would never have made on my own." [Here's a [link](#) for additional photos to accompany this article.]

From all the members of the Arcadia Lions we wish you and yours a joyous holiday season!
Lion Paula Rigling, Board Trustee & Publicity Chair

COLEMAN LIONS



Coleman Lions members Jeff, Sheryl and Al deliver 10 turkeys to the Coleman Food Pantry for Thanksgiving baskets.

New member Billie Jo and Lion Wendy visit with friend Norine finishing up a fleece blanket.



Coleman Lions Mary Jo, Sheryl, Wendy, friend Norine, and Lion Ann hold up finished blankets.





Members of the Coleman Lions Club attended a tour at [Paws With A Cause](#)® along with members from the Portage Lions Club and a few others. We learned about their breeding program, puppy raising, and advance training that their dogs undergo to support clients in areas such as autism, seizure response, hearing, and facility dogs. We were able to see demonstrations of their dogs opening doors, picking up items (phone, keys, ink pen, credit cards, etc), turning on lights, and activate the handicap ADA EZ door opener. It was an incredible experience to see what these wonderful dogs can do. Pictured from left to right are: Paws with a Cause Lab, Coleman President Ann Roeseler, PDG Sheryl Schafer and PCC Jeff Schafer holding a Paws with a Cause dog in training.

We had the honor of awarding two Coleman 7th Graders for their awesome Peace Posters at our meeting in November. Quinn Didaleuski received first place in the contest and Maximus Place won second. Each received a



Lions Clubs International certificate and a cash prize from the Coleman Lions Club. This year's theme was Dare to Dream. Quinn's poster will now be entered in the district contest. We wish Quinn good luck and hope she goes on to win State. A huge thank you to Mr. Lane Dexter for having his art students participate in our contest. Pictured from left to right are: Maximus Place (2nd Place), Coleman President Ann Roeseler, Lane Dexter (Art Teacher), and Quinn Didaleuski (1st Place).

STANWOOD LIONS

Stanwood Lions Club held a successful gun raffle again this year. Lion Steve Cole is over-seeing the pulling of the "winners".

FREMONT LIONS

SINE (Students In Need of Eyecare) The purpose of SINE is to offer access to quality eyecare and glasses to local students within Newaygo County. The Fremont Lions have organized this program in 2015, 2017, 2019, and 2021. This year's program, organized by chairperson Roger Bradshaw, was in conjunction with the White Cloud Lions Club, and now includes public schools in the White Cloud, Newaygo, Hesperia, and Fremont school districts. Students are chosen by their teachers, counselors or school staff when they can see they are challenged with following along in class. 55 students from these districts were brought to Ferris State University and the Michigan College of Optometry for complete medical eye exams by the FSU MCO junior and senior optometry students, who don't normally get to have pediatric eye exam experience. The lab on the top floor of the Michigan College of Optometry is designed specifically for an event like this one because it's in the shape of a wheel with individual exam rooms being pieces of a giant pie where they can conduct half the exams in the morning for half of the students and the remaining half is examined in the afternoon. If the exam shows the student needs eyeglasses then they proceed to the frame room on the first floor where they choose the frames, and those glasses are made right at Ferris State University for each of the

students needing glasses. This year 55 students were examined and 39 received eyeglasses. Twenty of the students needed additional medical follow-up care, so the generous grant from the Fremont area community foundation that was not used for eye exams and glasses will be used for this follow-up care. Some of the follow-up care can be provided by local optometrists while the rest will need to be done at the Michigan College of Optometry at Ferris State University. This program has many partners, including the four school districts and the City of Fremont, which serves as the financial partner because the city has a 501(c)3 designation and they receive the grant funding and dispense it as the program pays its services.



A student receives their medical eye exam from a Michigan College of Optometry senior.

MI College of Optometry SINE Coordinator Dr. Sarah Hinkley and Fremont Lions SINE chair Roger Bradshaw pose with six students who received glasses at White Cloud Public Schools.



Vickie Hawes, the Hesperia SINE coordinator since the program began joins Hesperia students when they received their glasses



BALDWIN LIONS

We had a call from the Evert King Lion, Ron Babb, to assist with giving aide to a family of 6, who lost everything in a house fire, including the house. Baldwin Lions sent a check for \$200. Also, we are in the process of doing our Winter fundraiser, selling small molded Christmas chocolates and Yooper bars. We sell at 2 locations, each Friday and Saturday through December 23. We normally gain a profit of \$600-\$800.

CENTRAL MONTCALM LIONS



The Central Montcalm Lions were happy to make donations to the following in the month of November. We were able to present a check to the Sheridan Fire Department during their annual pancake supper to help purchase new equipment. We were also able to make a donation to the Michigan State Police of Montcalm County to help them with their Christmas project to purchase toys for children in need. Thank you to these two great organizations for your service to our communities!!!



MIDLAND LIONS

“Coats for Kids” **Service Project** Report

THANK YOU LIONS!! Lion David Romenesko, this year’s chair, reports that we had 53 coats that will keep kids warm this winter. “WE SERVE” and help a child stay warm. Thank you for your generosity.



Our **service project**, volunteering bell ringing for Salvation Army, was a success. Thank you to Lions Pete Conarty, Robert Stoney, Al Ducham, Jim Mitchell, Dave Romenesko, Scott Berry, and Rick Ratell. This year we rang the bell at Wal-Mart on November 24 and again on December 1. Pictured are Lions Jim Mitchell, Scott Berry, and Al Ducham. [Lion Ann Fraser is our liaison to the Salvation Army in Midland.]



Lions Pat & Jim Dunlap made their annual trip to Ferris University recently, to deliver about 3,000 pairs of eyeglasses that our members have collected, to be recycled to those in need in Central America. Thanks to those members that deliver Lions mints and collect eyeglasses.

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

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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.

KidSight is going pretty well in our district. We have two new people qualified to use the camera-Del Trotman from Stanwood Lions and Laura Smith from Crystal Lions. There were 698 Children screened by White Cloud, Crystal, Midland, and Stanwood Lions. Ninety of those were referrals. Every Lions Club can help increase this number by scheduling KidSight screenings. Thanks to all those who put in 90+ volunteer hours with driving and paperwork time. "WE SERVE" PDG Bill Koch

LIONS INTERNATIONAL PIN TRADER SCHOLARSHIP

Applications are due to Michigan Pin Traders by March 1, 2024. Lions International Trading Pin Club offers a scholarship intended for children/grandchildren of Lions, Lioness, and/or Leo Clubs. The applicant must be a graduating senior who has been accepted for admission to an accredited college or institution of higher learning. The application can be found on the Lion International Trading Pin Club website. Completed application is to be sent to the Michigan Lions Pin Trading Club for regional selection. The regional application will be sent to the International Committee for possible selection.

Scholarship amount awarded is \$2,500. Check is issued in the name of the student at completion of their first semester.

Send completed application to: PDG Peggy Walls, President, Michigan Lions Pin Trading Club, 13500 215th Ave., Big Rapids, Michigan, 49307.

If questions, please call: 231- 796- 2861 or 231- 679- 7911.

LIONS BEAR LAKE CAMP REPORT

Submitted by Steve Glazier

November/October 2023 Lions Bear Lake Camp Update

November Camp update was pretty much a repeat of Octobers report. However, they have added that Youth Camps are now complete for 2023 with over 750 youth campers this year. Best Ever!

A BIG Thank You to all Staff, Volunteers, and Supporting Lions Clubs.

See Below Reprint of October Report.

On Behalf of Lions Bear Lake Camp Thank You 11E1 Lions for your generous Parade of Checks donation of \$2,650.

Mike Kurdy's walk from Mackinaw City to Traverse City was a first time very successful event. This was a fundraiser being done by Mike Kurdy. He is the father of A.J who is one of the Campers and Counselors at Bear Lake Camp. He walked from Mackinaw City to Traverse City a distance of over 100 miles. 100% of the mile pledges and donations went directly to the Camp. Mike covered all expenses involved for this self-promoted event.

The Ultra Marathon was October 6th and was well attended with more participants and growing every year. It's a race for beginners and Ultra veterans alike. Runners loop around Bear Lake Camp along rolling hills on a wide groomed trail over dirt, grass, and a few bridges—A loop is about 3 miles. Completing as many loops as you want and at any pace you're comfortable with over 24 hours (or much less for most). Breaks are allowed at any time and you can walk, run, or jog. Sorry, I checked and no all-terrain vehicles or 4 X 4's allowed except for staff. Maybe we can sponsor our Governor next year!!! Heck I'd run/walk with him!!

GREAT NEWS!! All new asphalt was donated due to the following appreciated donors: PRO-LINE ASPHALT, AJAX PAVING and MESSINA TRUCKING. This saved the camp over \$250,000. For pictures of this project go to the Camps Facebook page.

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE FOLLOWING CAMP FUNDRAISERS:

- “Sub Zero Hero” POLAR PLUNGE and DINNER on February 10th. For the adventurer, warm blooded or current 11E1 Governor or Vice Governors. (Or my suggestion is to donate and designate a fellow LION TO DIVE IN FOR YOU:))

- 11A2 BEAR LAKE KICK OFF DINNER February 21, 2024. Sponsored by the Shelby Lions

- BUFFALO AND WILD BOAR GAME DINNER, Saturday April 27, 2024, hosted at the Metamora Lions Club Hall. Metamora, Michigan.

- NEW DATE for the ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC will be May 19, 2024.

Please go to the Bear Lake Lions Camp Website and Facebook page for the fundraiser fliers and pictures.

FUNDRAISER SPONSORSHIPS AND CAMPER SCHOLARSHIPS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME.

Thank you for all you do for Lions and the Bear Lake Camp. Steve Glazier



Youth Camp and Exchange Sponsor Lions Clubs

Contributed by: Lion Lori Shelby, Youth Camps & Exchange District 11E1Chair

Interested in experiencing life in a different country? Join the exchange program where you can participate in the day-to-day life of a local family and meet other students from around the world.



Filing deadlines for all applicants vary by country. Most Countries have a filing deadline range from February 15 to March 31 depending on the country you pick. Please choose your country early and contact us right away.

A \$100 Youth Exchange Supplies fee is required with all applications. Fee includes shirts, backpack, MD11 Youth Exchange pins and banners, and orientation booklet. There may be additional charges for camps within your chosen country that are not included in the price of our program. You will be required to purchase your own airfare and international travel insurance. The travel insurance must be accepted in the country you are visiting.

Age requirements are typically 15 - 22

Our students usually depart the U.S. the last weekend of June or beginning of July for a 3 to 5 week stay depending on the Youth Exchange Program in those countries. Please note that all counties are on a first come basis and fill up fast so the sooner you apply the sooner we can confirm your acceptance.

Deadline for outgoing student's application form: March 30, 2024

Australia	Finland	India	South Africa
Belgium	France	Israel	Sri Lanka
Brazil	Hungary	Italy	Turkey
Canada	Japan		
Denmark	Mexico		

Apply to become a sponsor club and/or host family today by contacting Lion Elvie Marfil at 818-800-1060 or epmarfil5@yahoo.com. **Deadline for host family's application form: April 30, 2024**

PLEASE DO NOT FORGET YOUTH CAMPS & EXCHANGE PROGRAM IN YOUR BUDGET.

For more information, please contact 11E1 District Chair: Lion Lori Shelby-Hall, email: lorishelby@yahoo.com or 703-895-7366 Thank you for your involvement!



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
 Attn: Scholarship Committee
 5730 Executive Drive, Lansing, MI 48911
www.lionsofmi.com

Phone: (517) 887-6640
 Fax: (517) 887-6642
 email: lions@lionsofmi.com



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