



DISTRICT GOVERNOR JIM PATTERSON'S MESSAGE

Fellow Lions,

For me, March and April are the two worst months of the year. It isn't spring and it isn't winter. It's a time of unexpected snow or rain or freezing rain or sun - just enough of each to spoil whatever plans you had. But sooner or later the Crocus, the Forsythia and the Hyacinth bloom and my heart beats a little faster. It's a time of rebirth.

District Conventions start appearing on the calendar as we all approach the end of our membership year and start making plans for the next. Our District 11E1 Convention has popped up on our calendar, appearing on April 19 and 20. I sincerely hope to see you all that weekend.

But why would you give up a perfectly good weekend to attend the District Convention? There's a cost to attend as well. It's a question that many of us ask and eventually find an excuse not to attend. It's also a question I hope I can answer positively.

Simply stated: Nothing stays the same forever. The world around us has changed and is changing faster. We must adapt to stay relevant. The foundation of Lions Clubs in our district has always been our members' dedication to serving the community. But the way in which we serve is changing and will never go back to the way it was. The internet, credit cards, smart phones, video - and more - have changed how we fundraise and how we serve.

We're all volunteers - the best-intentioned volunteers - but volunteers none the less. How can a group such as ours deal with all the changes in our world and still be relevant to our community? By banding together to discuss issues affecting us all.

The mechanism for doing this is our District Convention. This is the place to meet other Lions and learn their approach. This is the place to attend learning sessions taught by experts to learn best practices. This is the place to get new, fresh ideas and to share yours. This is also the place to have some fun!

I urge you to reserve April 19 and 20 for a weekend to refresh, rebuild, rejuvenate, and rejoice.

1ST VDG Tom MacNaughton's Message



Hello Fellow Lions, I spent last week (February 26-March 1) at the Q-Center in St. Charles, IL. I have been trying to absorb over 20 courses the last few weeks online about becoming your FVDG. At St. Charles we had three days of intensive study. I met Lions from around the world and we all have the same problems. What did I learn? Alone we can solve small problems, but together we can solve problems impossible for one person or one club.

Since I am coming to the position without my two years of preparation, I hope those of you holding offices will carry over to help me through this year. You have knowledge of your position that I don't have a clue even exists at this point. Thanks to Governor Jim Patterson, PDG Bill Koch, and PID Justin Faber for helping me get this far. I have a lot more to learn between now and July and with your help I will be ready. This is an amazing organization and I look forward to serving you.



Fellow Lions,
PDG Stan Preshaw's daughter has contacted me regarding Lion Stan's final arrangements.

His funeral will be, Saturday, March 23, at the 1st Presbyterian Church, 218 E. Newark St., Ithaca, MI 48847. The service will be at 10:30 a.m., with burial and Naval honors immediately following. Then everyone will return to the church for a luncheon. It would be helpful to

the 'lunch ladies' if clubs would provide some kind of anticipated attendance number.

In Stan's daughter Susan's own words, *"Dad's faith was deep, and Lions was the mechanism by which he lived out that faith in the world. Please spread the word far and wide, inviting Lions who knew Dad to attend the services. There would be no better way to honor him."*

Lastly, PDG Stan specified that memorial gifts should be made to either the Alma College Choir program OR Lions International Foundation.

Please make every effort to join me in celebrating PDG Stan's life on March 23rd.
DG Jim

White Cane - Eversight Vision - And Me

The first White Cane Law came into effect in Peoria, Illinois in 1930. Today, all 50 States have a White Cane Law and they do vary a bit. The purpose of the White Cane Law is to give a person who is blind, independence, assistance with mobility, and for safety.

Eversight Vision: Eversight Vision/Eversight Michigan is the largest non-profit organization for cornea tissue and eye research. They research restoring vision and doing eye research for many eye conditions like Glaucoma and Macular Degeneration and many other conditions. They work with University of Michigan researchers. They became a state project in 1957. Beginning in December of 1999, till present, I have received 10 cornea tissues from family donors through what used to be Michigan Eye Bank and is now Eversight Vision and Eversight Michigan.

On October 7, 2023 I lost all of my vision due to a severe blood clot in my eye which tore the retina in several places. I am still without vision, and I have to learn how to be blind the hard way. The saying is it is much harder to lose vision at an older age and has proven to be very true. I have been legally blind most of my life and now I am totally blind. I am hoping to get some vision back which has not happened yet, but I do have high hopes of soon getting some vision back. Currently there is a gas bubble in my one eye that is expected to dissolve in a few weeks and I have high hopes that I will get some vision back when the process is complete.

I am planning to be at the District Convention on April 19 and 20 promoting Eversight Michigan. It has been very difficult to visit clubs this year with my situation, but I feel very strongly about Eversight and your new members need to learn what Eversight Vision is all about. I am doing fine and not getting out much which is not my lifestyle. When the weather warms up, I am hoping this will all change. I hope to see you all at the District Convention in April.

Lion Larry Alman, Chair Michigan Eversight
Home Club - Greenville
616-754-9213
w8wr@charter.net

DISTRICT 11E1 CONVENTION 2024

Theme: "Back to the 70's"

Date: April 19 & 20, 2024

Location: Comfort Inn, 2424 S. Mission, Mt. Pleasant

Must reserve your room by March 19 to get the \$139.00 rate. Call 989-772-4000.

New member lunch includes all new members since last convention. (They must pay registration fee, \$10.)

Registration Form (see below). Be sure to mark if you want pork loin or salmon for the banquet.

Do you need an Exhibit Table? Please let Lion Pam Schroeder know.

Auction fundraiser - Asking for auction items from all clubs. It will end at the end of voting on Saturday.

Tidbits - Be sure to advertise a club event or anniversary. See Tidbits Form (pg 5).

Banner Parade - Be sure to bring your club banner to lunch on Saturday.

Come to have Fun!!!

District 11E1 Convention 2024 Registration Form

Please print clearly and enter information for each person attending.

Name	Lion	Guest	Registration	Friday	Breakfast	Lunch	*Banquet	Total
			\$10	\$22	\$15	\$20	\$27	\$94

If you need special diet, let me know.

*Saturday banquet - indicate pork loin or salmon.

Club _____

Due by April 2, 2024. After that, the registration fee is \$20 per person.

Make checks payable to "District 11E1 Convention". Payment must be included with form.

Send to Lion Pam Schroeder, P.O. Box 326, Onkama, MI 49675

Address and phone number of person filling out form: _____

DISTRICT 11E1 CONVENTION UPDATES

● Rooms will be \$139 until March 19th, so get your reservations in, there is another event going on that same week-end.

● The sessions to be held are:

- Using Credit Cards and QR Codes
- Lions of Michigan Foundation Grants
- How to be a Better President
- How to be a Better Secretary

● The service project will be done at the same time as the sessions. Talk to your club to help furnish some things for the packets that will be filled for those in need. [See below for more information.]

● Come with questions for the Past International Director Block. We will have a Q & A after lunch. Write your questions out and get them to PDG Pam before lunch.

● Anyone that wants a display table must let me know, so we have a spot for everyone.

● Come and celebrate the 70's with us. District Governor Jim has been there for us the last three years, so let's be there for him at his convention.

PDG Pam Schroeder, Convention Chair

CONVENTION SERVICE PROJECT

Did you hear that we Lions of District 11E1 will be assembling Personal Hygiene Kits for the homeless at our convention in April? Donated items are starting to accumulate! We will be able to put together 200 bags! Much help will be needed to accomplish this. Plan to attend this year's convention in Mt. Pleasant on April 19 & 20. All clubs that participate will have their service entered in MyLion! Lion Ann Roeseler, District Service Coordinator, ann.roeseler@gmail.com

Memorial Service

This year, as it has been tradition, the Memorial Service will immediately follow breakfast on Saturday morning at the District 11E1 Convention. All Lions who have passed since last years' convention are eligible to be honored, but I need your help. I'd like your help now, rather than waiting until right before the convention. I need a photo of the Lion, and a bio that includes what they were involved with in Lions, as well as the club name please. This can be emailed to adsmond@comcast.net or snail mailed to 411 E. Maple St., Fremont MI 49412. You can give it to the gov'ner when you see him!
Steve Adsmond, Chaplain

Nominations & Elections

We have received nominations for District Governor and Trustee for the Lions of Michigan Foundation. However we haven't received any nominations for the 1st Vice District Governor or 2nd Vice District Governor positions. Without people serving in these leadership positions we will miss out on communication and direction for our Districts' clubs. Please let us know if you would be willing to serve in either capacity. We will receive nominations from the floor at our annual business meeting at the District Convention.

Nominations and Elections Committee: Steve Adsmond, Dave Hamelund, and PCC Jeff Schafer

NEW TIDBITS OPPORTUNITY!

PERSONAL TIDBITS AD fundraiser for 11E1 DISTRICT CONVENTION

Do you have a member of your club you'd like to honor? Is someone's birthday an important day that you could share with us? Would you like to share a special 'thank-you' for something or someone that needs recognition? *This is the year to show your appreciation of someone. Just let us know, we'll publish it for you.* Fill in the blanks or create your own ad, email ad to me then mail a check made out to District 11E1 Convention \$25.00 for each ad to:

Janalee McClure, Box 177, Brohman, MI 49312
Email: janalee@riverview.net phone: 231-689-1321

HONORING _____

WHY? _____

Anything else you want to include? _____



NOTE: Club Full Page Tidbit Ads are still \$25.00 and can include:

Campaign Ads

Your Lion Club Fundraisers

All Lion Club Anniversary Celebrations

Invite other Clubs to participate in your club activities!

Send the ad by email, mail the check and I'll get it in the book!

DISTRICT 11E1 DELEGATE CERTIFICATION FORM for April 20, 2024 Convention Voting

CLUB NAME _____ **Number of Members** _____

ARTICLE VII, SECTION 2 of the District 11E1 Constitution and By-Laws: **CLUB DELEGATE FORMULA**. Each chartered club in good standing in Lions Clubs International and its district shall be entitled in each annual convention of its district to one(1) delegate and one(1) alternate for each ten(10) members, who have been enrolled for at least one year and a day in the club, or major fraction thereof, of said club as shown by the records of the international office on the first day of the month last preceding that month during which the convention is held(March 1, 2023). The major fraction referred to in this section shall be five(5) or more members. Further, full delegate status shall be accorded each Past District Governor who is a member of a Club in this District, independent of the Club delegate quotas herein above specified. Each certified delegate present in person shall be entitled to cast one(1) vote only for each office to be filled by, and one(1) vote only on each question submitted to, the respective convention. Unless otherwise specified herein, the affirmative vote of a majority of delegates voting on any question shall be the act of the convention. All eligible delegates must be members in good standing of a club in good standing in this district. Delinquent dues may be paid and good standing acquired up to fifteen(15) days prior to the close of credential certification (12 noon, Saturday, April 20, 2024)

PRINTED NAME OF DELEGATES(D) ALTERNATES(A)	(D)(A)	MEMBER SIGNATURE AT CONVENTION
_____	_____	_____
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PRINTED NAME PAST DISTRICT GOVERNORS (PDG)	PDG SIGNATURE AT CONVENTION
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

I hereby certify that the delegates and alternates listed above are in good standing with Lions of Michigan & Lions Clubs International: _____ Club President/Secretary or DG at Convention

Note: TO VOTE delegates MUST be registered and certified BEFORE 12 NOON, Saturday, April 20, 2024. MAIL form by APRIL 1st to District Credential Chairperson: Janalee McClure, Box 177, Brohman, MI 49312



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

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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WHO WILL BE CROWNED THE 2023-2024 LIONS PROM KING and QUEEN?

Join the fun at our MD-11 Lions convention, Friday, May 17 and Saturday, May 18, at the Sheraton by Marriott, in Grand Rapids. This year's convention theme will be "Lion's Prom." We will be selecting a Prom King and Queen, but you must earn your way onto the court.

We will be raising money for our State Projects with a friendly, state -wide competition. Each district is asked to challenge members/clubs to raise money between now and April 30. The individual Lion or Lions Club raising the most money in a district will be promoted to the Lions Prom Court for crowning.

Top female and male fundraisers from each district in MD 11 and District 10 will advance to the Lions Prom court. Prom night is Friday, May 17. The crowning will take place that evening. Final contestants can continue to fundraise until 7 pm. on May 17.

Start your fund-raising now! We need to know your district's King and Queen candidates by April 30. The club in each district that raises the most money will select two members to represent their district as their King and Queen on our prom Court.

Notify MD 11 Lions Convention Co-Chairs Dave and Brenda Hacker of your district's 2023-2024 nominees for King and Queen, for entry to the May 17th crowning. Liondave1213@att.net or 586.531.2423 or contact Lion Wendy Burns, wburns@lionsofmi.com 517.887.6640 ext. 103

Money raised from this event will be donated to the State Projects of MD 11

CONGRATULATIONS DISTRICT 11E1



Thanks to your support of the State Service Projects, over 150 fleece blankets were tied and donated to **Sleep in Heavenly Peace** during the Forum! Lions from every District in our state had fun working together on this project!

We were also able to make a sizeable donation to **Hope to Walk** for prosthetic legs.

Our district donated **\$2,311** of the \$12,000 check presented to them by our Multi District! This will provide 48 prosthetic legs! I learned that **Hope to Walk** strives to employ many of the recipients of prostheses to make the various parts locally. My sincere thanks to all of our clubs that donated!

The third project we donated to is **Kid's Coalition Against Hunger**. Those who attend the MD11 Convention in Grand Rapids in May will have an opportunity to put together packets of food on Friday, May 17, 2024. It's a great feeling to participate in large group projects like this. Please consider attending!
Living by our motto **We Serve**. Lion Ann Roeseler, GST



CLUBS - PLEASE ENTER YOUR SERVICE

Several of our district clubs have not yet entered a service project on MyLion! Our goal is to reach 100% this year. We are 2/3 of the way there! You can report meetings, service projects, and fundraisers. Only one entry is needed for your club to count! Please let me know if help is needed.

Lion Ann (ann.roeseler@gmail.com or 989-615-3959)

CLUB NEWS

CENTRAL MONTCALM LIONS



The Central Montcalm Lions have been having a busy start to the year. We recently had members of the Montcalm Intermediate School District come to our meeting to discuss the Bond Proposal which will be on the February 27th ballot. We also

voted to make donations to the Big O Foundation which helps cancer patients in the Montcalm family, the Central Montcalm Wrestling program, who will be traveling to Ford Field for the state tournament, and to Emma Johnson who has been selected to attend the National Youth Leadership Forum in Chicago later this summer. We are also busy selling Sight and Hearing sweepstakes tickets and planning our fundraiser golf outing which will be Friday, June 14th, in Greenville, MI. We look forward to our March meeting as District Governor Jim Patterson will be joining us.

STANWOOD LIONS

President PDG Jim Walls and treasurer Lion Steve Cole oversee the winning number being selected at the conclusion of the gun raffle.



COLEMAN LIONS



Members of the Coleman Lions Club (from left to right: Lion Chuck Dinsmore, PDG Sheryl & PCC Jeff Schafer, Guide Dog Puppy Captain, PDG Al and Lion Ann (President) Roeseler) enjoyed their time while attending the Lions of Michigan Forum held in Kalamazoo. They participated in the service project Friday night, along with helping out with the computer lab educating Lions on how to enter service projects on MyLion. They spent most of Saturday attending classes ranging from leadership, healthy clubs, demystifying dementia, social media and marketing, Michigan Forestry, and diabetic screening.

LUTHER LIONS

- March 3rd, our monthly breakfast at the Luther Lions Club Center, 8:30 am to 10:30 am. Breakfast is \$10.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children (6 to 12), and under 6 are Free.
- Feed America truck will be at the Luther Lions Club on March 7th. Line up time is around 2:30 and we will pass out food until gone. Come Early!
- March 16th, our social and community event will be an Irish Social. Dinner and Entertainment provided. Cost is \$10 per person. BYOB. Dinner, dessert, and punch will be served. Doors open at 5:00 pm and the coffee is on! Dinner starts around 5:45 pm and Entertainment by the Northern Lights Irish Dance Academy will start at 6:30 pm. 50/50 Raffle and a Raffle for a chance to win an Irish Basket will be held.
- March 27th, our monthly dinner will be held along with a famous guest - The EASTER BUNNY and his helper! Cost of dinner is \$12.00 for adults, \$6.00 for children (6 to 12), and under 6 are FREE. Every child with a paying adult or themselves will be entered into a drawing to win either a girl's or a boy's Easter Basket. Hope to see you there! A Blessed Easter to all!

HARRISON LIONS

Lions Club of Harrison fundraisers for 2024

- St. Patrick's Day Bingo, Sunday, March 17, Lions Club Building, Harrison, 11 am
- Vidalia Onion Sales, orders due by April 5th. Any Lion member at 989-317-6447
- Lions Hotdog Sales, Saturday May 11th & Saturday June 1st, Witbecks in Clare, 10 am
- Lions Bake Sales, Saturday May 25th & Saturday June 15th, Jay's Sporting Goods in Clare, 10 am
- Lions KidSight, Health Fair, April 20, Farwell High School 9 am
- Clare County Fair, July 22-27, 2024, Lions Building
- Putt Putt Golf Tournament, Adventure Land Course/Lions Club Building, August 2024, Date TBD
- Lions Club of Harrison Fall Raffle 2024 [TBD]

MIDLAND LIONS

Midland Lions have contributed to the Puppy Raisers program and are symbolic puppy sponsors of the 2 dogs pictured. Mali is pictured on the left and Juno on the right. They both are female and are being raised in Michigan.

Mali is a Labrador retriever. Her parents are Jan and Banner. She is confident, lovable, and watchful. Her favorite toy is a Kong Wobbler.

Juno is a Golden retriever. Her parents are Maysaa and Bucky. She is active, comical, and thoughtful. Her favorite toy is deer antlers.



Sponsoring a future Leader Dog is a great idea. Leader Dogs sends a package of information for each dog that includes pictures (including wallet prints), Certificate of Sponsorship, and information sheet about the dog. The information sheet includes their breed, parents, personality, Zodiac sign, how they were named, training, etc. There is even a toy dog, which represents their breed, in the box!

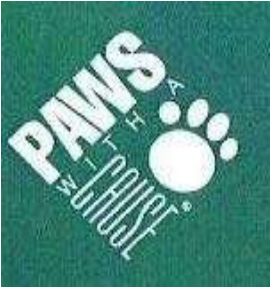
Service Stories and submissions to “LIONS CONNECTIONS”

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 April 2024 Newsletter by March 22 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.

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

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.

DISTRICT MISSION TRIP 2024

Now that the COVID has pretty well cycled out, I would like all clubs in the District to please ask their local eye doctors and/or ophthalmologists if they would like to participate in another eyeglass mission. We have the glasses ready to go but need volunteers to go with us. For a worthwhile trip it will give you a hands on experience of what Lions do in foreign countries with those used eyeglasses.

Please call PDG Harry Johnson at 231 745-4524 and leave a message if I'm not home. We are currently looking to go to Puerto Penasco, Mexico, this October.

Please contact PDG Harry Johnson for more details lionharry1947@gmail.com

Extra Extra Read all about it!

An invitation has been extended to LEO Club members to join the Youth Camp & Exchange at Lions Bear Lake Camp, [3409 N Five Lakes Rd, Lapeer, MI 48446](https://www.google.com/maps/place/3409+N+Five+Lakes+Rd,+Lapeer,+MI+48446), August 11-17, 2024.



The YCE Program will cover one LEO per District to participate. If you have more than one LEO who want to participate, we can raffle their name and pick one winner per District.

In addition, the LEO Club or District can sponsor a LEO to attend the camp if they choose to participate. This will be a great way for our LEOs to mingle with other youth from other countries.

Cost: \$150.00 (Please make check payable to: Lions Of Michigan, memo: Youth Camps & Exchange).

Bring essential items such as pillow, twin fitted sheet, blanket, towel, toiletries, bug spray, & sunscreen.

Host family is responsible for picking up and dropping off students from/to airport and camp.



Multiple District 11 is looking for some families in the community who can open their hearts and homes for the month of summer 2024 to host a Youth Exchange Ambassador. These young people are part of Lions International Youth Camps & Exchange program, bringing young adults from various parts of the world to the United States during the summer program July 25 – August 22, 2024.

Host families need not be Lion members, nor must they have children at home. You would be responsible for their room and board. Visiting young adults comes with spending money, and additional activities will be at your discretion.

If you are interested in becoming a Host Family, please contact:
State Chair Lion Elvie Marfil at 818-800-1060 or email epmarfil5@gmail.com.

Additionally, clubs that donates \$100 will receive a 4x4 YCE Banner Patch or a 2023-2024 year patch.