



DISTRICT GOVERNOR JIM PATTERSON'S MESSAGE

Fellow Lions, Our annual District Convention is April 19 and 20 - only a few short weeks away! It is the time for fun, fellowship, and renewing our commitment to Lions International. Friday night is an informal dinner and fun with DJ Dean and music from the 70s. Dress up (or down - depending on your point of view) in your disco duds and dance under the disco ball (or just listen) to the Bee Gees and all the great music of that era. And, of course, our ever-popular Hospitality Room.

Saturday, we have business to attend to:

- Lion Ann Roeseler has come up with an outstanding Service Project.
- There is a Business Meeting and elections to be held.
- Four really great Breakout Sessions to help you be better Lions than you already are.
- A Memorial Service to honor all Lions who have passed in the last year.
- A Silent Auction with some great items offered.
- A great lunch and an Honors Banquet with our keynote speaker, Past International Director Bob Block.

The convention is a time when you can reacquaint yourself with old friends and make new ones. You can learn how other clubs are coping with the same issues you have.

We did our best to find the most centrally located, economical venue available for the dates. The Comfort Inn & Suites at 2424 S. Mission, Mt. Pleasant fits the bill. Call 989-772-4000 to reserve your room for Friday night. Individual registration and delegate registration forms are in this newsletter.

I'd love to see you all there.

1ST VDG Tom MacNaughton's Message

Hello Lions, I have been to the Q Center for training. It taught me how much I don't know and how much I will need your help. It was great meeting Lions from around the world.

As Lions Band Chair, let me encourage you to help support our members from our district. The Cedar-Maple City Lions just helped support a band member from Birmingham. Her Grandpa is a member of the Empire Lions who were our sponsors many years ago and a friendly competitive environment exists between the clubs. We have no one from our local school so when we received word that a fellow Lion's granddaughter was looking for sponsors we contributed \$500 and challenged them to match or exceed it. They answered by giving \$1000 to this band member. The same situation is present this year. Since the cost of going to Melbourne is so much

greater we have given her \$1000 this year with the same challenge to the Empire Lions. We will see what comes of this. This is what I would like to see from other clubs. We have 47 in the band at present. This is a State Project and we need to support these kids to build up the band regardless of what their address is and especially the students from 11E1.



It's a 70s Party at the 11E1 District Convention!

Join the fun April 19 and 20 at the
Comfort Inn & Suites, Mt. Pleasant.

On Friday bring your 70's attitude, costumes,
and dancing shoes for a great time with DJ
Dean Rusch.

Party starts right after dinner.

Hospitality Room afterwards.



DJ Dean – The DJ All of Michigan Loves! Dean's Motto: "If I don't have fun,
NOBODY has fun!"

On Saturday memorialize your members that have passed, attend the Training
Sessions, the Business Meeting, and the Banquet.



Reserve your room now!
Call (989) 772-4000

Deadline for early registration is April 2, then that fee goes up
to \$20. The hotel reservation rate of \$139 has been extended
up to the date of arrival, but the
meals are extra and reservation
cut-off date for them is April 6.



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 Adsmund, Dave Hamelund, and PCC Jeff Schafer

DISTRICT 11E1 CONVENTION 2024

Theme: "Back to the 70's"

Date: April 19 & 20, 2024

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

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

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.

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 PROGRAM

FRIDAY SCHEDULE:

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	Registration & Certification
4 p.m. - 9 p.m.	Silent Auction & Exhibits
4 p.m.	Cabinet Meeting
5 p.m.	Cash Bar / Meet and Greet
5:30 p.m.	Welcome / Introductions
6 p.m.	Dinner (Bring ticket)
7 p.m.	70's Trivia / DJ Dean / 50/50 Raffle / Hospitality Room in Stadium Room

SATURDAY SCHEDULE

7:30 a.m.	Breakfast
8:15 a.m.	Memorial Service
9 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Registration & Certification
9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.	Silent Auction / Project Tables
9:30 - 11:15 a.m.	Service Project - Lion Ann Roeseler
9:30 - 10:15 a.m.	How to be a Better President - PDG Al Roeseler
	How to be a Better Secretary - PCC Jeff Scafer
10:30 - 11:15 a.m.	Lions of Michigan Foundation - Lion Chad McCann
	Creating Credit Card Payments and QR Code - DG Jim Patterson
11:45 a.m.	Banner Parade
12:15 p.m.	Welcome / Introductions
12:30 p.m.	Lunch
1:15 p.m.	Peace Poster / New Member Induction - PID Block
	Question and Answer Session - PID Block

•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.

	50/50
2:30 p.m.	Business Meeting / Voting to follow
6 p.m.	Cash Bar
6:20 p.m.	PDGs Council / ID and Spouses meet near back door to line up
6:45 p.m.	Dinner
	PID Bob Block "words of wisdom" / Awards / Election results / 50/50

Hospitality Room Open afterwards.

**THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING OUR CONVENTION
SAFE TRAVELS**

PDG Pam Schroeder, Convention Chair

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. **Steve Adsmond, Chaplain**

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
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

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

Lion Portal: Get ready for launch

Fellow Lions,

I received this message regarding the new Lions Portal and am sending it along in case you didn't yet receive it. This contains information that is important to all Lions!

DG Jim



Dear Lions and Leos,

Preparation is underway to begin rolling out the new Lion Portal. Here is some important information to prepare you for launch.

Phased rollout for Lion Account Users

Our target launch window is April 15 – May 13*. During this time, all current Lion Account users will receive an email inviting them to access the new Lion Portal**. We're doing this phased rollout to ensure staff is available to provide the best support possible and offer you a positive introductory experience.

- **Now – April 11:** MyLion, MyLCI and Insights will continue to function as normal.
- **April 12 and beyond:** MyLion, MyLCI and Insights are no longer available.
- **April 15 – May 13:** Invitations to access the new Lion Portal sent via email on a rolling basis to existing Lion Account users.

Please note: User permissions will not change. In other words, those who can report service, access member data and other key functions remain the same.

- **May 13 and beyond:** All visitors attempting to access the previous digital tools will be automatically redirected to the new Lion Portal.

*Dates are subject to change. Our number one goal is to create a positive experience for Lions and Leos. If determined more time is required to ensure the product is in an optimal state, the dates may be adjusted accordingly.

**If you don't see the email in your everyday inbox, please check all spam and junk folders for it first before contacting Member Support.

Note that the new Lion Portal will require a unique, unshared email, and phone numbers will no longer be supported as a log in credential.

Information and resources

Be sure to visit lionsclubs.org/portal-updates for the latest information and resources, which includes handy how-to videos for help accessing the new portal once you've received your Lion Portal invitation email.

We appreciate your support and thank you for your continued service as we prepare for the new Lion

Portal – together. [Learn more](#)

Sincerely, Sue Ben, Chief of Technology, Lions International

CONVENTION SERVICE PROJECT

Fellow Lions,

I hope to see you at the District Convention on April 19-20. The District Service Project will be Saturday morning from 9:30-11:15. Stop in to help assemble personal hygiene bags for those in need. Many items have already been donated and others are being purchased so we can have the best possible bags to give out. If you have travel size toothpaste, soap, hand sanitizer, etc. feel free to bring them to donate. When the project is finished, all Lions are invited to take bags to the shelters in their communities to distribute. We hope to impact many individuals in our District!

-Lion Ann Roeseler
Global Service Team (GST) Coordinator



Club Officer Training

(May 9 2024, from 5-7pm)

Hosted by Kaleva Lions Club, 14361 9 Mile Rd., Kaleva



Programs planned during the training:

Awards Available (District, State, International)

Projects (District, State)

Dues & Financial Responsibilities

MyLion & Accessing Lionsclub.org

Officer Training (President/VP, Secretary, Treasurer, etc.)

Please RSVP Zone Chair Karla Kasten at karlask2960@gmail.com or call/text 630-816-9443 by May 1. Please include in the RSVP the type of officer training needed. Kaleva Lions will provide a meal to include a pastie, coleslaw, awesome desserts, lemonade, water, and coffee for \$12 per person.

USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum

Fellow Lions,

I hope everyone weathered our Michigan winter this year and those that went south have returned to their Michigan homes. I know for my family this time of year is spent planning for spring district and state conventions, spring/summer RV trips and Lions leadership forums. One leadership forum that is coming this fall is the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Louisville, Kentucky from September 5th through 7th. The last location which was closer to us was in Grand Rapids (2015) and Columbus, Ohio (2018). The early bird registration for the event is \$295 for the two days of 80 seminars and four motivational speakers, including of course the International President, Fabricio Oliveira. The forum will not be closer to our district again through 2027, **so register now for the early bird savings (by March 31)** and enjoy a great weekend in Louisville with Lions from across the USA and Canada.

Their website to register online is www.lionsforum.org and included is a pdf to register by mail. [See below, pages 11 & 12.]

-PCC Jeff Schafer
Global Leadership Team (GLT) Coordinator

48th ANNUAL USA/CANADA LIONS LEADERSHIP FORUM

Louisville, Kentucky

Thursday, September 5, 2024 - Saturday, September 7, 2024

The first event begins on Thursday at noon and the Forum ends after the closing banquet on Saturday evening.

Please book your hotel stay accordingly.

Registrant A

SUB-DISTRICT LION LEO NON-MEMBER

Name

First Last Initial Nickname (Titles will not be included)

Mailing Address

Street Number/PO Box City State/Prov Zip/PC

Phone () () E-Mail

Home Phone Cell Phone Please print clearly

This is my First Time Attending a Forum I was invited to the Forum by

(name of mentor must be listed to receive credit for your attendance)

Forums attended Highest Office Held Past Present

Please check all that apply:

Special Meals: Diabetic Vegetarian Hindu Vegetarian Other

(Please specify needs and include any allergies. It may not be possible to accommodate all special meal requests)

Hearing Challenged Visually Challenged Physically Challenged Specific needs

(Please let us know how we can help with your specific challenge, i.e.: hearing device, Braille, wheelchair access...?)

I am a Pin Trader I will need a table for pin trading Number of tables needed

(Pin trading tables will be available at \$60 each)

I would like to participate in the Strides Event on Thursday afternoon, September 5, 2024. (Cost is \$25 per person)

T-shirt size

Registrant B

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Street Number/PO Box City State/Prov Zip/PC

Phone () () E-Mail

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HOUSING

Hotels: Reservations must be made with this form. Do not register directly with the hotel. Please rank hotels by order of preference. Rooms cannot be reserved without \$150 US deposit.

HOTELS	RATE	DISTANCE TO CENTER
Galt House (Headquarters)	\$164	2 blocks
Courtyard by Marriott	\$155	2 blocks
Embassy Suites	\$179	3 blocks
Hampton Inn	\$144	1/2 block
Holiday Inn Express	\$149	7 blocks

THESE ITEMS MUST BE COMPLETED BEFORE ROOM RESERVATIONS CAN BE FINALIZED!!

Arrival Date Departure Date
 # in Room # of Beds
 Sharing Room with
 Special Room Requests:
 Room requests will be made on a first come-first served basis

CANCELLATION POLICY: If you must cancel your registration and/or room, notification must be in writing to the Forum Registrar. Any cancellations received between July 1, 2024 and August 1, 2024 will be subject to a \$50 per person cancellation fee and forfeiture of the Hotel Deposit. After August 1, 2024 no refunds will be issued. Cancellation notification must be received on or before August 1, 2024. Please send cancellation notice to: USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, 21 Giants Dr, Rapid City, SD 57701. Phone (605) 723-4007; FAX (605) 791-0950; Email: registrar@lionsforum.org

HELP US BETTER PLAN FOR YOUR ARRIVAL

I will be arriving by:
 Air Ground

REGISTRATION FEE covers the cost of the seminars and four designated meals (Thursday evening banquet, Friday noon lunch, Saturday noon lunch, Saturday evening banquet). All attendees must pay full registration fee to participate in any of the meals or seminars. Individual meal function tickets will NOT be available.

Hotel rooms CANNOT be assigned until registration fee and hotel deposit are received. ALL REGISTRATION AND HOTEL RESERVATIONS ARE MADE ON A FIRST-COME FIRST-SERVED BASIS.

Please note: The USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum will be documenting the Forum for promotional purposes. Your participation may be filmed, photographed, or recorded at this event. Your registration is your consent for use of these images and recordings by the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum.

Registration Fees (US \$)
 Rooms cannot be reserved without \$150 US Deposit

	Early Bird	Postmarked after March 31, 2024	Postmarked after May 31, 2024	Postmarked after July 31, 2024
Registrant A	\$295	\$325	\$340	\$365
Registrant B	\$295	\$325	\$340	\$365
Leos	\$150	\$150	\$150	\$175
Hotel Deposit	\$150	\$150	\$150	\$150
Strides Event Reg A	\$ 25	\$ 25	\$ 25	\$ 25
Strides Event Reg B	\$ 25	\$ 25	\$ 25	\$ 25
Pin Trading per Table	\$60	\$ 60	\$ 60	\$ 60

Total Amount Due Now \$

PAYMENT

By Credit Card:
 I authorize \$ to be charged to my credit card. Signature
 card number exp date security code (3 digits on back)

I have included a check in the amount of \$ Please make check payable to: USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum

Mail your complete registration form to the Forum office: USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, 21 Giants Dr, Rapid City, SD 57701; Phone (605)723-4007; Fax (605)791-0950; Email: registrar@lionsforum.org
 Online registration available at: www.lionsforum.org

CLUB NEWS

CEDAR-MAPLE CITY LIONS



Cedar-Maple City Lions Club Pancake Breakfast Sunday the 10TH of March. The Students helping serve are members of the football team from Glen Lake Community Schools.



MT. PLEASANT LIONS

Diane and Richard Fleming's Mt. Pleasant Citizens of the Year Award [Click on Link to see news.]

<https://www.themorningsun.com/2024/03/05/67th-annual-awards-banquet-honors-outstanding-community-leaders/>

GREENVILLE LIONS



The Greenville Lions and Rotary clubs joined forces to serve a pancake breakfast March 9 to raise funds to provide food boxes for students and their families in our Greenville schools during spring break. Thanks to the Greenville American Legion for providing the facilities.



Greenville Lions and Rotary Club members, with help from the Interact youth, joined forces once again on March 20 to fill 45 boxes with food for students and their families from Greenville Public Schools and the Flat River Academy for their use during spring break, when school cafeterias are closed. We also had help from GPS Superintendent Wayne Roedel and former Superintendent Linda Van Houten. Thanks to our Greenville Lions who helped organize this event and those who turned out to help.

COLEMAN LIONS

Coleman Lions Club member, Lion Mary Jo Fachting received her 20 year service chevron from President Ann Roeseler. Lion Mary Jo has been instrumental over the years in many of our service projects and fund raisers including our annual bake sale, yard sale, Charter Night festivities, and Kidsight Screenings. Pictured from left to right: President Ann Roeseler, Lion Mary Jo Fachting.



LAKE ANN LIONS

The Lake Ann Lions Club will be holding its 28th Annual Golf Outing at Mistwood Golf Course in Lake Ann, MI on June 8, 2024. Starting time will be on the registration site. 18 holes, 4 golfer scramble format. Includes pastries / coffee in the AM and Lunch after golf. This is a very popular event. Open to the public, and that means Lions. All levels of abilities. Contact us for lodging suggestions. Come on up for a great day of golf and fun. Find us at [@lakeannlionsclub](https://www.lakeannlionsclub.com) Golf information and registration is at www.Lakeanngolf.com. Check for events. See you there.

LUTHER LIONS

The Luther Lions held a rip-roarin' Irish St. Paddy's Party at their hall on Sat., March 16th. If you missed it, well.....The Club served Guinness Irish Stew, Guinness Shepherds' Pie, Cabbage with onions and pasta, Irish Soda Bread, and Dubliner Cheese from Ireland. Two raffles were held, one was a 50/50 and the other was a chance to win a nice Irish basket made up of Irish goodies. Then we were entertained by the Northern Lights Academy of Dance, featuring 19 dancers, from the ages of 6 to 19 years old.



After the show anyone who wanted to stay, was taught an Irish Folk Dance, by Gina Dewey, the owner of the Academy. It was called a Ceili.

SO MUCH FUN!



Our April 7th breakfast is coming up quick! \$10 for adults, children 6-12 yrs. are \$5.00, and under 6 free! Feeding American will be on Thursday, April 11th starting with line-up at 2:30 and when the truck arrives; food is passed out until gone.

April 24th, a Wednesday, is our monthly Lions Club Dinner. As of this writing, sorry, we do not know what the menu will be, but rest assured there will be meat, with all the trimmings! Cost is \$12.00 for adults, \$6.00 for children 6-12 years old and under 6 is Free. A 50/50 raffle will be held. Hope to see you there! Come on down and introduce yourselves! Love to have you!

FREMONT LIONS

March is Reading Month and the Fremont Lions participate in a big way! For many years, the Lions have sponsored "First Graders March into Reading." Four area schools are given funds to purchase books for their students' personal libraries. During March, Lions members visit the classrooms to share information about the Lions Club and to read to the students. (District Governor Jim Patterson is pictured with Mrs. Christoffersen's class at Fremont's Pathfinder Elementary). One area school has a Spanish immersion class as well as an English class; these classes celebrate their new books by reading to each other!



MIDLAND LIONS



WHITE CANE FUNDRAISER, PART I
Midland Lions will have their White Cane Fundraiser on May 23 & 24. I'm hoping to get the 44 one hour time slots filled by our eager volunteers at the next 4 meetings.

Lion Al Ducham



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**.

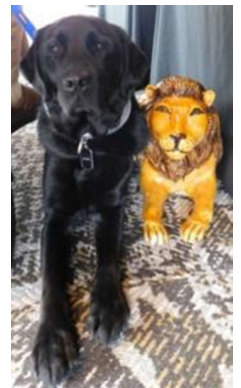
Please submit articles in Word [Please no PDF files] and pictures in jpeg format as an attachment for the May 2024 Newsletter by April 22 to Lions Mike and Tina Hoy at hoym@charter.net or call 989-832-8354.

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

BEAR LAKE CAMP

No update this month from Lions Bear Lake Camp other than it was another great year per Jack Patton, State Chair. This summer's upcoming programs, for ages 5 to 16, include deaf and hard of hearing "family" camp, deaf and hard of hearing "kids" camp, visually impaired camp, juvenile diabetes camp, autism camp, and cancer camp. Activities include a 1.5 mile wheelchair accessible hard surface trail, kayaks, canoes, volley ball, low ropes, climbing tower and zip line (new), team building games, group bonding, bonfires, swimming, camp fire songs, fishing dock, archery, crafts, and so much more. There are 10 cabins each housing 16 people which are wheelchair accessible and a multipurpose hall with air conditioning that holds up to 250 people and Lions Bear Lake Camp is accredited by the American Camping Association. The above are all great programs and activities we as Lions should all be proud of as a generous part of funding is provided by our clubs. 11E1 parade of checks totaled \$2650 not counting checks that were mailed in. Let's keep providing smiles, memories, and donations for these kids. So when your club does their budget this year, please put some money aside for this special camp where kids from all over the state are welcome. On behalf of the staff and volunteers, the attending kids and their parents and guardians, Thank You!

Lion Steve Glazier.

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.



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

New Policy on Electing the MD 11 Council Chair

At the December Council of Governors meeting the District Governors voted to change the process for electing a council chair. PID Justin Faber introduced this new process as outlined by LCI President Dr. Patti Hill.

The new policy states that each year it is the responsibility of the incoming **Second Vice District Governors** to select a Council Chairperson, in order to meet the deadline imposed by Lions Clubs International and to allow for a smooth transition between Council Chairpersons, and to have a leader for the Council in place by the International Convention.

What does this mean, exactly? It means that you have the opportunity to apply and interview for the position of the 2025-2026 Council Chair during the MD 11 Convention in May! The seated 2nd VDGs will conduct the interviews and select their Council Chair for the term of 2025-2026. The Council Chair-Elect will serve as Vice Council Chair for the 2024-2025 term, under the leadership of Council Chair Elect Terri Huffman.

In December 2024, elections will be held for the position of the 2026-2027 Council Chair. This will allow for multiple opportunities to work as a team with your council while working together as the Council of Governors for a longer term than the typical one-year period.

Interested Lions may fill out the application form and send it along with a letter of interest to Executive Director Wendy Burns. Emailed or mailed copies are accepted. Deadline to submit an application is May 6, 2024. For position description and qualifications overview, please refer to the MD 11 Policy Manual on our website: www.lionsofmi.com or contact the state office.



MISSION 1.5

We're on a mission to grow.

**MD 11 Council Chairperson – 2025-2026
Application Form**

Please type or print:

Last Name	First Name	Middle Initial
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Spouse's Name (if applicable)

Address	City and State	Zip/Postal Code
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Residence Phone (Include Area Code)	Business Phone (Include Area Code)
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Fax (Include Area Code)	Cell Phone (Include Area Code)
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E-Mail Address

Your Lions Club	District #	Year Served as a DG
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**For complete position description contact Executive Director Wendy Burns
wburns@lionsofmi.com**

PLEASE INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ON A SEPARATE SHEET OF PAPER:

Offices held at the club level:

Offices held at the zone, region, and district level (including committee assignments):

Offices held at the multiple district level (including committee assignments):

Special awards, honors, and recognitions you have received:

Skills or talents you bring to the position:



The MD 11 Global Action Team

Applications now being accepted for the 2024-2025 Lions year

The Global Action Team is a vast network of dedicated Lions of all levels who are focused on helping districts achieve their goals. This important team helps foster club membership growth, increase Lions visibility in the community through impactful service and build strong, innovative leaders.

As a member of the GAT, your success is our success. Whether you're a part of the Global Service Team (GST), Global Membership Team (GMT), Global Extension Team (GET) or Global Leadership Team (GLT), you'll find helpful information and resources on LCI's website that will help you better understand your role and make a greater impact. **You can also learn more about the GAT by taking the Global Action Team course available in the Lions Learning Center using your Lion Account login credentials.**

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/resource-center/global-action-team-roles-resources>

This is a one-year term and candidates selected by the Multiple District Governors. For a complete overview of each of the GAT positions, please refer to LCI's website. www.lionsclubs.org Applications now being accepted for the 2024-2025 year. Send your letter of interest along with your resume and Lion's history to the Lions State Office. Interview date is yet to be determined.

Multiple District 11 Proposed Dues Increase

The subject of a dues increase for Multiple District 11 was discussed at a Council of Governors meeting after it was recommended by MD 11 Council Treasurer Paul Hemeryck.

A committee was appointed to review and make a report a to the Council of Governors with a recommendation.

Based on the committee's report the Council of Governors approved the following resolution to be presented and voted on by the club delegates at the Multiple District 11 Convention Business Meeting to be held on Saturday, May 17th at the Marriott Sheraton Hotel in Grand Rapids to be voted:

Resolved That Article VIII Section 1 the administrative fund tax (member dues) be increased to \$12.00 effective July 1, 2024 with semi-annual payments of \$6.00 be collected September 10, 2024 and March 10, 2025; and

Be it further Resolved That the dues be increased to \$14.00 with semi-annual payments of \$7.00 be collected September 10, 2025 and March 10, 2026 and each year thereafter.

This requires an amendment to Article VIII, Section 1 of the MD11 By-laws.

Currently Article VIII Section 1 reads:

Section 1. MULTIPLE DISTRICT REVENUE. To provide revenue for approved multiple district projects and to defray the administrative expenses of the multiple district, an annual multiple district administrative fund tax of \$10.00 is hereby levied upon each member of each club in the multiple district and shall be collected and paid in advance by each club in two (2) semi-annual payments as follows: \$5.00 per club member on September tenth of each year to cover the semi-annual period July 1 to December 31; and \$5.00 per club member on March tenth of each year, to cover the semi-annual period January 1 to June 30, with billings of the same to be based upon the roster of each club as of the first days of July and January, respectively. Said tax shall be paid to the council secretary/treasurer by each club in the multiple district, except newly chartered and reorganized clubs, which shall collect and pay said tax on a pro-rata basis from the first day of the second month following the date of their organization or reorganization, as the case may be. Said tax shall be disbursed only for administrative expenses of the multiple district and only upon approval by the

Council of Governors. Disbursement therefore shall be by checks drawn and signed by the council secretary-treasurer and countersigned by the council chairperson.

The proposed new amendment would read as follows:

Section 1. MULTIPLE DISTRICT REVENUE. To provide revenue for approved multiple district projects and to defray the administrative expenses of the multiple district, a multiple district administrative fund tax of \$12.00 is hereby levied upon each member of each club in the multiple district and shall be collected and paid in advance by each club in two (2) semi-annual payments as follows: \$6.00 per club member on September tenth of 2024, to cover the semi-annual period July 1 to December 31; and \$6.00 per club member on March tenth of 2025, to cover the semi-annual period January 1 to June 30, with billings of the same to be based upon the roster of each club as of the first days of July and January, respectively.

Section 2. An annual multiple district administrative fund tax of \$14.00 is hereby levied upon each member of each club in two (2) semi-annual payments as follows: \$7.00 per club member on September tenth of each year following to cover the semi-annual period July 1 through December 31; and \$7.00 per club member to cover the semi-annual period January 1 to June 30, with billings of the same to be based upon the roster of each club as of the first days of July and January, respectfully.

Said tax shall be paid to the council secretary/treasurer by each club in the multiple district, except newly chartered and reorganized clubs, which shall collect and pay said tax on a pro-rata basis from the first day of the second month following the date of their organization or reorganization, as the case may be. Said tax shall be disbursed only for administrative expenses of the multiple district and only upon approval by the Council of Governors. Disbursement therefore shall be by checks drawn and signed by the council secretary-treasurer and countersigned by the council chairperson.

State Committees

There are many ways to serve the membership of MD 11. Participating as a State Chairperson or District Representative on one of our many State Committees is just one of several opportunities. Thank you to the many Lions who have volunteered to serve our membership in this capacity!

2023-2024 Lions of Michigan State Committees

Lions All State Band -Chair, Tom MacNaughton

Lions Bear Lake Camp-Chair, Jack Patton

Childhood Cancer-Chair, Darlene Anderson

Constitution and By-Laws-Chair, Dick DeLong

Diabetes-Chair, Roger Blackwell

District Editors Advisory-Chair, Bob Tetzlaff

Global Leadership Team-Chair, Traci Tribbley

Global Membership Team-Chair, Shawn Blaszczyk

Global Service Team-Chair, Terri Huffman

Hearing-Chair, Bev Bodem

Hunger-Chair, Lloyd Foster

Information Technology-Chair, Ray Robins

Lions Clubs International Convention-Chair, Wendy Burns

Lions Clubs International Foundation-Chair, Harold Stephens/Justin Faber

Leader Dogs for the Blind-Chair, Frank Cunningham

Leo Clubs-Chair, Larry Wegrzyn

Lions Michigan Forum-Chair, Jim Leach, Jr.

Lions Quest-Chair, Stan Masters

MD 11 Lions Convention-Co Chairs, Brenda & Dave Hacker

Michigan Eversight-Chair, Kurt Stromlund

Public Relations/Social Media-Chair, Doug Klein

Reading Action Plan-Chair, Don Spinks

Sight Conservation/White Cane-Chair, Roger Bosse

Youth Exchange-Chair, Elvie Marfil

Many of the state chair terms will expire on 6-30-2024. Anyone interested in serving during the 2024-2025 Lions year is asked to submit a request in writing to: Executive Director Wendy Burns, 5730 Executive Dr., Lansing, 48911 or email your letter of interest to: wburns@lionsofmi.com Please submit no later than April 20, 2024