

# **Lions Connections**

December 2024

**District 11E1 Newsletter** 

# **District Dispatches**

Reports from District Officers



**District Governor Tom MacNaughton** 

We are doing quite well getting new Lions. I have inducted many new Lions from Northport to Greenville and from Hart to Evart. However, we have lost nearly as many Lions who have resigned.

When was the last time you asked the members of your club what they like to do? As years go by, our interests change, our abilities change, and of course, Covid is still having a negative impact. As many have said, "We are in a new normal."

For a Lion to feel valued they need to be involved. Maybe their thing is Lion mints, eye glasses, Lions band. diabetes or other causes. Put them in charge of what they want to do! Make them feel valued again. Together we can succeed and keep our Lions.

Don't say we tried that X number of years ago and it didn't work, so we won't do it now. This is a new time, especially post COVID. That Lion may have a new approach. NEW LIONS HAVE NEW IDEAS.

Set up a SMART goal: Specific, measurable, achievable, relevant and time bound. In other words set up a goal, be able to measure how it is going, determine if this is achievable. If not alter it so it is achievable. Is it valuable to the club, the community of your targeted audience?

And set a time to complete the project. If it isn't happening reassess and alter your plan. You can do this. When you finish, celebrate your success or failure. Have a good time and take time to celebrate as a club. Have a time when you do nothing as far as business and have fun as a club.



**December Membership Report** 

#### PDG Al Roeseler, Membership Chair

Our district has been gaining a lot of new members, unfortunately we have been losing an equal number of current members. Obviously, we cannot do anything about members who pass away or who move, but we can and must make sure that we keep our current members engaged and satisfied with being a Lion. Often this will mean listening to new ideas, trying new projects, or changing the way things have always been done. In other words, be flexible. This is most important at this time of year as membership losses in December are often greater due to the second half year dues bills arrival.

An important learning opportunity is coming up in January for Lions. It is the "Growing Lions Workshop", a three-session online workshop on starting new clubs and growing current clubs. It is geared to the Lions in Area E1 (Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, and Kentucky). It would be ideal if each club President and Membership Chair would register for the workshop. It will be held live from 8-10pm on January 16 &30 and February 13. To register go online to <a href="https://bit.ly/AreaEGrow">https://bit.ly/AreaEGrow</a>. There will be recorded sessions available if you are unable to attend one or more sessions.



# Is Your Club's Service Being Reported?

Eight clubs in our District have not yet reported their Service on the LCI Portal. Ask your Secretary and President if they are reporting. If not, perhaps you (or someone else in your club can help! They will need to be officially listed as the club administrator (under this year's officers). If you can't find someone in your club to report, please call, text or email me with your service information. I would be happy to report it for you. Lions International wants and needs to know how we are serving our communities, especially the number of people we are serving.

Keep doing all the good things you are doing! We Serve!

Lion Ann Roeseler, District Service Coordinator (GST)

989-615-3959 or ann.roeseler@gmail.com

#### Old Socks Needed!!!





Don't throw away those old socks! They might be needed to make dog and cat toys at our District Convention in April. Cotton socks are best. Colorful socks are very welcome! Don't worry, socks with holes can be used for stuffing!

I have contacted a few animal shelters in our district and have gotten a green light for homemade pet toys. Start collecting old socks. Save the date and plan to attend our awesome District Convention on April 25-6, 2025, in Clare.

#### Global Leadership Team (GLT) Report

Here we are in December and the Lion Year is half over. The daylight hours are shorter and it's getting cold! Quite a few of our Michigan Lions will be going south for a few months and returning in early spring. For those that are staying around I hope you plan to attend the Lions of Michigan Forum planned for February 28 through March 1 at the Delta Marriott in Kalamazoo. The guest speaker will be Past International President Brian Sheehan. There will be 16 breakout sessions to choose from.

Our district is planning for a two-part Zone Chairperson Training session to occur on two subsequent Saturdays in March (Mar 15 & 22) from 8:30am-3pm. The event will be at the Isabella Commission on Aging in Mount Pleasant. Our district is struggling to find volunteers to be zone chairs for our clubs, and this training will give you some information on the responsibilities of being a zone chairperson. In addition, it will give you some skills such as goal setting, action planning and problem solving that you can use in other areas of your life. There are no costs for this event and morning refreshments and lunch is planned for both dates. The registration form is included in this newsletter and the on-line link is: <a href="https://form.jotform.com/242983980847172">https://form.jotform.com/242983980847172</a>.

We'll be starting the second half of our Lion Year and it's time to start putting together your team for the upcoming Lion Year (2025-2026). Be sure to choose people for positions for which they have strengths and are excited about serving in that position. It's not about filling the position with just anyone, but with someone who is energized about their new position, can bring in some new ideas and works well with others. For those stepping up into some club leadership position, please plan to attend some new club officer training planned for the April-May timeframe.

The district is still looking to fill our vacant 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor (FVDG) and the upcoming 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor (SVDG) positions. The FVDG will finish out this year and become the District Governor in July 2025. The candidate for SVDG will take office in July 2025 and become District Governor in 2027-2028. Please consider volunteering for one of these leadership positions for next year. If you're interested, please contact IPDG Jim Patterson at 231-250-0925 or email: pattersonjv@comcast.net.

# Growing Lions Workshop

ILLINOIS

Join Lion leaders from across Global Action Team Area 1E to learn tips & tools you can use to start new clubs & grow membership in existing clubs.

This Workshop is designed for your **District Growth Team** to work through the process of starting new clubs together & use these same tools to rejuvenate membership in current clubs — and, if all goes well, have a new club chartered, or well on its way to being chartered, by the end of the 6 week session or soon thereafter.

# All sessions are virtual & begin @ 7 PM CST (Central)



Thursday, January 16 Thursday, January 30 Thursday, February 13

**Advance Registration Required** 

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

https://bit.ly/AreaEGrow

# **Workshop Overview**

- Session 1 Mission To Grow, Resources, Clubs Types & Formats, Develop Your Team, Identify Areas of Opportunity & Site Research
- Session 2 Promoting the New Club, Inviting A New Generation, Recruitment Models, Recruiting Tips
- Session 3 Formation
   Meetings, Club Process &
   Approval & Launching the
   Club
- Each session involves a 120 minute virtual learning component, success stories, and an assignment to complete before the next session
- District Teams will work together during each session to plan & strategize
- Live participation in all sessions is strongly encouraged
- Session recordings will be available



# 2025 Tidbits





# Grab an Oar and Let's Start Rowing District 11-E1 Spring Convention

Personal Tidbits Ad Fund-Raiser

Do you have a member of your club you'd like to honor? You can recognize that special someone's Birthday. Would you like to share a special "Thank You" for something or someone that needs recognition? This is the year to show your appreciation to someone. Just let us know, we'll publish it for you. Fill in the blanks below or create your own ad, email the ad to me then mail a check made out to "Lions of Michigan 11-E1, State of MI" for \$25 for each ad.

Mailing address: PCC Jeff Schafer, 975 Outback Ridge, Midland, MI 48640

Email: jem.scharer (@comcast.net	Cell Phone/Text: 812-325-3130
Honoring:	
Why?	
Anything Else to Include?	

\*\* Tidbit Ads can be Campaign Ads, Club Fund-Raisers (BBQ Chicken Dinners, Pancake Breakfast, Fish Fry, etc.), Club Anniversary Celebration, Individual Birthdays or Wedding Anniversary, Thank You Note, and anything else you want to share with the Lions of Michigan District 11-E1!

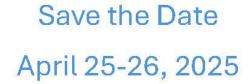
# **District 11-E1 Terri Lynn Fundraiser**

Check out our new Fundraising Webstore at <a href="https://Lions-District-11-E1.terrilynn.com">https://Lions-District-11-E1.terrilynn.com</a> A portion of every sale goes to support our cause—and you get delicious nuts, snacks, and confections delivered right to your door. Just in time for the holidays! Typically takes 8-10 business days for deliveries. Please shop and share to help Lions District 11-E1 Michigan raise money for this important cause! If you're planning to send holiday gifts to family, friends or clients, these would make an excellent choice while supporting our District fundraising efforts. Also, feel free to publicize this site on your club's Facebook page and promote it to your family and friends to use for their holiday gifting!

The Lions of Michigan District 11-E1 serve in 16 counties in central & northwest Michigan. Our Lions are working to help support their local clubs in their communities. You can help too by purchasing these delicious nuts, snacks, and chocolates. Every purchase brings us one step closer to reaching our goal of \$500. Please help us with a purchase today!











# Grab an Oar and Let's Start Rowing District 11-E1 Spring Convention

The Doherty Hotel, Clare, Michigan

- \*The Early Bird registration fee until April 2, 2025 is only \$15. Registration begins in December 2024
- \*4 informative seminars + 2 service projects
- \*Meals: Friday dinner, Saturday breakfast, lunch, and banquet dinner. Meals have been discounted \$18.82 to make this event more affordable!
- \*<u>Friday Night Speaker</u>: Dr. Pol, America's favorite country veterinarian and star of National Geography WILD's hit TV series, The Incredible Dr. Pol.
- \*<u>Lodging:</u> Rooms available at The Doherty Hotel at a discounted rate until March 25. King or double Queen at \$132 + taxes, Double Queen Fireside at \$152 + taxes
- \*Silent Auction, State & District Projects, 50/50 drawing, Memorial Service, Voting, new member inductions, Peace Poster winner recognition, and more!



# District 11-E1 Spring Convention The Doherty Hotel

April 25-26, 2025



# The Doherty Hotel

604 N McEwan St., Clare, MI

The District's Spring Convention is open to ALL Lions and their guests (if not a Lion, please insert "Guest" in where you would state your Club. All events at the Convention are open to anyone to attend which includes cabinet meeting, training seminars, business meeting, etc.

\*\* Two name(s) may be listed on one registration form if both reside at the same address. \*\*

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Emergency Contact Name:			Emergency			
			First Name(s)	Qty	Price	Total
Registration Fe	е		N/A		\$15*	
Friday Dinner					\$25	
Saturday Break	fast				\$20	
Saturday Lunch	7				\$20	
Saturday Banqı	uet				\$35	
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Make checks payable to: "Lions of Michigan 11-E1, State of Mi" and mail to PCC Jeff Schafer, 975 Outback Ridge, Midland, MI 48640. For questions call PCC Jeff at (812) 325-3130 or Email: jeff.schafer1@comcast.net.

**Friday Dinner:** Dinner will be buffet style to include three cheese & beef lasagna, garlic & herb baked chicken, Mac & cheese, real mashed potatoes with gravy, soup of the day, mix salad greens/dressing, tuna salad, Italian pasta salad, cottage cheese, dessert, and beverages (Tea, coffee, soft drink).

<sup>\*</sup>Registration fee will increase to \$25 on April 2, 2025. No meal reservations will be accepted after April 14, 2025.

<u>Saturday Breakfast</u>: Breakfast will be buffet style to include scrambled eggs, sausage links, thick cut bacon, French toast, herb roasted red potatoes, sausage gravy & buttermilk biscuits, fresh baked pastries and muffins, fresh fruit, and beverages (Tea, coffee, orange juice).

<u>Saturday Lunch:</u> Lunch will be buffet style to include two soups, salad bar, and chicken salad, beverages (Tea, coffee, soft drink) and dessert.

<u>Saturday Banquet</u>: Banquet will be buffet style to include beef stroganoff-egg noodles, baked lemon pepper cod, baked pork loin, herb roasted red potatoes, rice pilaf, green beans, California blend (cauliflower, broccoli & carrots), salad bar, desserts (cookies, brownies, and carrot cake) and beverages (Tea, coffee, soft drink).

Meals have been discounted a total of \$18.82 to make it more affordable for Lions to attend those events.

Meal tickets will be provided for each meal purchased and must be presented during the meal.

<u>Seminars:</u> There will be two time periods for seminars this year, one between 9:30 – 10:15am and the other between 10:30 – 11:15am. If you're interested in attending one of these please make a selection below so the Seminar Committee will have an idea of how many Lions to expect at each one. Seminars will be in meeting rooms D and E.

9:30-10:15am (Name 1)		Club President Training Membership Recruitment Training
9:30-10:15am (Name 2)	<u> </u>	Club President Training Membership Recruitment Training
10:30-11:15am (Name 1)	_	Club Secretary Training Golden Key Camp for Kids
10:30-11:15am (Name 2)	_	Club Secretary Training Golden Key Camp for Kids

#### Seminar Description:

Club President/Secretary: Club officer training for new Club Presidents and Secretaries

Membership Recruitment: Methods discussed to recruit new members along with methods to retain existing

**Golden Key Camp for Kids:** Golden Key Camp is a Michigan 501c3 nonprofit with a goal and mission and purpose of giving kids with cancer some time in nature with their families.

<u>District Service Projects</u> will be on Friday evening from 7-9pm and Saturday morning from 9:30-11:15am. Both will be in meeting room A. Friday's service project will be making toys for pets and Saturday's service project will be comfort bags for Golden Key Camp for children with cancer.

<u>Lodging:</u> Rooms are given below plus taxes (8% which includes the 6% sales & 2% local). Rooms are for single or double occupancy (\$5 fee for each additional person beyond double occupancy). To reserve a room, call 1-989-386-1562 and request a room in the "*Lions 11-E1*" block of rooms. The Doherty Hotel requires the first night's room and taxes (only) to be paid in full or guaranteed on a credit/debit card. Guests will be charged for any cancellations within seventy-two (72) hours of scheduled arrival.

Room TypeDiscounted RatesKing or Double Queen\$132+TaxesDouble Queen Fireside\$152+TaxesJacuzzi Suite\$177+Taxes

Room Reservations must be made by March 25, 2025 to receive the discounted rate.

<u>Mobility Assistance:</u> Contact Access Mobility of Midland at 989-284-0844 and ask for Phil Schempp if you need assistance with mobility requirements (mobility scooters, etc.).



# 2025 District 11-E1 Zone Chairperson Training



March 15 & 22, 2025

Location: Isabella Commission on Aging

2200 S Lincoln St., Mount Pleasant, MI

Deadline: Registration for this event is by March 9, 2025

The event will be from 8:30am – 3pm for each date and will include morning refreshments and lunch at no cost to the attendees.

Agenda will include the zone chairperson responsibilities as well as information about resources available, goal setting and action planning, problem solving and assessing lions club health. We will also have informational briefs on state and district projects.

Name:		
Address:		
City State 7in Code.		
Phone:	Email:	
Club:		

Please return this form PCC Jeff Schafer, 975 Outback Ridge, Midland, MI 48640 or email: <a href="mailto:jeff.schafer1@comcast.net">jeff.schafer1@comcast.net</a>

# **Bear Lake Camp District 11E1 December Newsletter 2024**

# **Submitted By: Steve Glazier Bear Lake Camp District Chairperson**

Hi Fellow Lions, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

While the Bear Lake Camp year end rental season is winding down the energy at the camp hasn't slowed down. From this fall to present every weekend has been booked with many different groups such as a quilting bee get together, scrapbooking weekends, craft retreats, school choirs, scout troops, nonprofits and more.

Our Bear Lake Camp team has been hard at work extending the camp's reach and building relationships across Michigan. Executive Director Traci Tribley has been traveling to district project nights, fall conferences and appreciation dinners to bring awareness to Bear Lake's goals and mission and also to inspire more Lions to get involved. We were also proud to be represented at the National Federation of the Blind conference in Kalamazoo by Lion Fran Grabowski. This presence strengthens our partnerships and emphasizes the commitment to inclusion and accessibility at our camp.

Looking ahead to summer of 2025, the season is well underway and we're looking forward to another incredible year. Some of the key dates so far include:

REGISTRATION FOR SUMMER KIDS CAMP OPENS January 1, 2025

ICE PLUNGE FUNDRAISER February 1st. (I've already signed up to do this! See Flier for more details)

CAMP PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE July12, 2024

NOTE: LIONS OF MICHIGAN BEAR LAKE OPEN HOUSE WEEKEND, FOR ALL LIONS THROUGH OUT OUR STATE will be in September 2024 but dates not yet been confirmed. Free meals and lodging provided for all attendees. What an affordable great weekend to experience all this camp has to offer. Zip Lining, 50 Foot Rock Wall Climb, Dock Fishing, Archery, Challenge Course experience, tours and more.....

VISUALLY IMPAIRED AND BLIND CAMP July 13 - 19, 2025

DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING CAMP July 20 - 26, 2025

Just a reminder if you know of a child eligible for "visually impaired or deaf and hard of hearing camp" this summer made affordable by Michigan Lions or any of the other available activities on the website (lions bear lake camp.org) their parents can register directly on line, contact their local Lions Club, Bear Lake Camp directly or myself for further assistance or questions. Cost for the visually impaired or deaf and hard of hearing camp week is only \$40 which is often paid by the referring Lions Club.

Upcoming Events and Fundraisers. On May 10, 2025, Lions throughout Michigan and local community members are welcomed for the ANNUAL Bear Lake Camp "WORK BEE". This event is a chance to prepare the camp for summer while exploring the facilities and connecting with others who share a passion for our mission. For those who haven't visited or visited recently it's an opportunity to see all the updates and improvements that have been made. I know several of you have already advised me you plan on attending and assisting at this event. Hope to see you there!

ICE PLUNGE Is set for February 1, 2025. and we're counting on Lions to make it a success. Encourage your club and club members to jump, sponsor, volunteer or simply attend to cheer everyone on. Because I'm a supporter of the Camp and their Mission that provides life changing experiences for kids and their families, as announced in last month's newsletter I have already signed up to represent our District 11E1 as an ice jumper and on-site volunteer.

Please note there is a limit of 200 tickets to be sold this year. Last year was sold out so don't delay purchasing tickets if you plan on attending.

CLAY SHOOT—NEW EVENT in 2025. We're excited to introduce a new clay shoot fundraiser on September 6, 2025, at the Fenton Sportsman's Club. This event will be a fun way to engage supporters while raising funds for the camp. More details will be shared as the event approaches.

WILD GAME DINNER April 12, 2025

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# GOLF OUTING June 9, 20

All the above events and "more to be announced" for next year help support the programs and facilities that make Bear Lake Camp special. More information to follow on all events in future District 11E1 Newsletters. So please keep reading and encourage Club Presidents to share our District 11E1 Newsletter with their membership when they receive by email.

The success of the Lions Bear Lake Camp depends on the continued generosity and support of Lion Clubs. The Lions Bear Lake Camp donation funds received as a District Project and at the annual Convention Parade of Checks each year shows our District 11E1 is already on board in this regard and we Thank You! Running a year-round camp comes with challenges, from maintaining heavily used facilities to expanding accessibility and offering new programs. These donations help the camp replace aging equipment, improve safety measures and ensure that the facilities remain welcoming for all and most importantly, help support, fund and make affordable Summer Camp for Visually Impaired and Hard Of Hearing kids. Additionally, we also rely on your donated time and advocacy. Whether it's volunteering at the annual "Spring Camp Work Bee" or any of the events mentioned above, by spreading the word about the camp's programs, fun events or attending fundraisers, every person's effort makes a difference.

Again, for those who haven't visited the camp or visited recently. I encourage you to come out and see the impact of your support. Walking the grounds, meeting the staff and witnessing the joy of campers firsthand is a powerful reminder of why we do what we do. Lions Bear Lake Camp is more than just a summer camp. It's a place where kids find confidence, adults find connections, and everyone leaves with memories that last a lifetime. None of this would be possible without the dedication of Lions.

On behalf of Bear Lake Staff, the Special Needs Campers, their Parents and myself "Thanks" again for helping the camp to continue to thrive and grow. Your funds and volunteer time support ensures that Bear Lake Camp remains a place where lives are changed, and futures are brightened.

Be sure to see the "ICE PLUNGE" flier in this Newsletter and support or attend if you can......

# LIONS BEAR LAKE CAMP

# ICE PLUNGE & DINNER FUNDRAISER

**FEBRUARY 1ST, 2025 2:00PM** 

3409 N. FIVE LAKES RD LAPEER, MI 48446

# ICE PLUNGE REGISTRATION FEE & PLEDGES

There is a \$50 registration fee to jump. Jumpers may collect pledges to support Lions Bear Lake Camp. Jumpers Receive:

\$50 Registration Fee: Plunge, Dinner, T-shirt, Medal \$100 or More: Plunge, Dinner, T-shirt, Tote Bag, Medal \$250 or More: Jump, Dinner x2, T-shirt, Tote Bag, Medal

\$500 or More: Jump, Dinner x4, T-shirt, Tote Bag, Medal, Event Hoodie

# SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY

# **Event Sponsorship Opportunities**

Sub Zero Hero Sponsor \$1,000

Sponsor's Logo will be featured on back of T-shirt and sponsor banner, Table of 8 Dinner Tickets, Exhibitor Table, 5 Minute speaking opportunity to promote services during dinner.

# Arctic Champion Sponsor \$500

Sponsor's name or Logo will be featured on back of T-shirt, 4 Dinner Tickets

# Frosty Friends Sponsor \$250

Sponsor's name will be featured on back of T-shirt, 2 Dinner Tickets

# Ice Breaker Sponsor \$100

Sponsor's name will be featured on back of T-shirt

Donations Welcome!!! Donated raffle and prize items are appreciated.

Donors will be acknowledged throughout the event via announcements Please visit the "Events"

page on

bearlakecamp.org or

send check to:

Lions Bear Lake Camp 3409 N. Five Lakes Rd Lapeer, MI 48446





# **Club Chronicles**

#### **Central Montcalm**

The Central Montcalm Lions are having a busy December. We were happy to donate to the Central Montcalm High School band program. We recently filled two more eyeglass requests for local students. We volunteered to help an elderly gentleman move into his new home here in our area. We are also in the process of putting together 50 gift bags that will be delivered to folks in the area that may be alone or may have lost a loved one this past year. We look forward to hosting DG Tom at our December meeting later this month. Happy Holidays to all!!!

#### Coleman

We had two very interesting young ladies speak to us during our November 4 meeting. Julia Weglowska is an exchange student living with Lion Billie Jo Parker. She showed us all about Poland with slides and video clips and even got us up dancing a traditional (easy) step! Julia also gave us a taste of her homemade pierogi! We also learned about Lions of Michigan All State Band from Amelia Ward who traveled to Melbourne Australia last July to march in the Lions Clubs International convention parade. Amelia also showed slides of her trip and told us about some of the awesome experiences she had performing for children at a hospital and a school. Amelia, who is a senior, plans to attend this year's convention in Orlando, Florida in July 2025. Pictured from left to right are Lion Billie Jo Parker, Julia Weglowska, & Amelia Ward.



The Coleman Lions Club donated 11 turkeys to the Greater Midland Coleman Family Center for families within the Coleman community. Pictured from left to right: Coleman Lions Ann Roeseler, President PDG Al Roeseler, Wendy Gross, PDG Sheryl Schafer, and Coleman Community Center employee Kari Wedge.



Congratulations to our newest members to the Coleman Lions Club. Matt and Kathryn (Katie) Huber were inducted into Lions during our regular club meeting on Monday by District Governor Tom Mac Naughton. Each received a certificate of membership, Lions pin, and ball cap. In addition, their sponsor, Lion Billie Jo Parker received a certificate of sponsorship and a Lion sponsor pin. Pictured from left to right: President PDG Al Roeseler, Lion Billie Jo Parker, Katie Huber, Matt Huber, and DG Tom Mac Naughton.



Congratulations to our Lions for their length of service Chevrons. Lions Pam Render and Wendy Gross each received their 10-year chevron and Lion Chuck Dinsmore received his 20-year chevron from District Governor Tom Mac Naughton.





# **Fremont**



The Fremont Lions Club is in the midst of one of their biggest fundraisers selling Koeze Nuts now through December 30, 2024. 100% of the proceeds support the many ways the Lions give back to the community. We offer:

- 20 oz Colossal Cashews in a decanter for \$34
- 20 oz Classic Mixed Nuts in a decanter for \$32
- 8 oz box of Milk Chocolate/Dark Chocolate Caramel Pecan Clusters for \$22.

These fine Koeze Nuts and Chocolates are available from any Fremont Lions member or at these Fremont/Newaygo locations: Ace Hardware - Fremont, CBD Store – Fremont, Gerber Federal Credit Union – 300 Adams, Newaygo, Gerber Federal Credit Union – 1004 W Main, Fremont, Horizon Bank – Fremont and Joan & Co. – Fremont

If your company wishes to give Koeze Nuts as Christmas gifts – message for a catalog and case prices. --Brenda Adsmond, Koeze Nut Sale Chair 231-740-2304

The Fremont Lions Club gathered at the Shack Retreat and Conference Center in White Cloud for their annual Christmas Party on Tues Dec. 3rd. Twenty-eight members and guests enjoyed a wonderful buffet dinner and a festive time Christmas caroling led by none other than PDG Jim Patterson. All in attendance brought unwrapped toys for our local Toys for Tots collection at True North.





#### Greenville

The Greenville Lions Club recognized Mary Ane Krum for her 10 years of Lions Club Service and Kyle Madole & Mike Kreitner for 35 years of Lions Club Service each!







The Greenville Lions Club Members compiled food baskets and donated frozen turkeys for 40 families for our Thanksgiving Food Project!





Lion Mike Hurst delivered roughly 1500 used eyeglasses (7 cases) to Ferris State University, College of Optometry in Big Rapids, MI. These will be used on future mission trips to help those will vision challenges throughout the world.



# Harrison

Dear 11-e-1 Lions,

Time for some Lions Fun!!!!! We are having a Christmas gathering at the Harrison lions. It will be December 18, 2024. It is also open to any Lion Clubs, members and public participation. There might be a nominal charge for additional non-lions.

This is a BYOB event, with some mixers and finger foods provided. We will be doing a Dirty Santa Gift exchange for those that want to participate. Any gift (normal) \$15 or less or any gag gift (preferred)

Contact Harrison Secretary Lion Sandy for all additional details and RSVPs or call 989-539-1010.

# Hart

The Hart Lions inducted four new members at their December meeting.



L-R: Sponsor Lion Craig, New member Lion Mike, New member Lion Jamie, New member Lion Gladis, Sponsor Lions Paula, New member Lion Dan, Sponsor Lion Bruce



The Hart Club celebrated their 45th Anniversary at their December meeting.

#### **Lake Ann**

On Nov 18 we had the Honor Flight of Michigan give a presentation as we honored several of our members who served in the military. Our only remaining charter member, Jame K. Morse Sr., a Korean War era Veteran and Honor Flight participant gave a firsthand account of his experiences in Germany from 1950-1952 and going on the Honor Flight in 2022.

Five members of the L.A. Lions help direct traffic and keep pedestrians safe as the Village of Lake Ann welcomed Santa Claus on November 30th.





Three members helped with the Great Cookie challenge that the village hosted on December 5th, to help raise funds so the village can buy updated/newer Christmas decorations.

#### Luther

Luther Lions Club News: Come join us on December 14 th at the Luther Lions Club for a Christmas Party Social. We will have a live DJ with dancing and some Karaoke. Doors open at 5:30. Hors D'oeuvres will be served from 6 pm to 7 pm or until we run out. Music and Dancing will also start at 6 pm. This function runs from 5:30 until 9 pm. Feel free to bring your own beverage. Punch will be served. Cost: DONATION only! Hope to see you there!

Feed America Truck will be at the Luther Lions Club on December 19th and line up starts at 2 pm. Donations of Food items not known and will be handed out until gone.

A Joyous and Blessed Christmas to all our fellow Lions from the Luther Lions of Luther, MI. MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR....

# **Midland**



In 2011, the club started their Coats for Kids coat drive and since then, they have donated over **600** coats, including donating 60 coats in this year's drive. Throughout October and November, their chapter conducted six Kidsight Screening events where they screened 370 children.

# **Stanwood**

Stanwood Lions Club is sponsoring a new extracurricular monthly Art Club at Morley Stanwood Elementary. There are 27 students so far involved who are provided a snack and art project led by Lions members.



Our club sponsored a Peace Poster Contest with Morley Stanwood Middle School. Here the kids are enjoying their hot chocolate bar as a reward for participating and the winner with her certificate.



