



Lions Connections

February 2025

District 11E1 Newsletter

District Dispatches

Reports from District Officers

What Makes an Effective Lions Leader?

IPDG Jim Patterson

I did some research on the internet about being an effective leader and found an absolute flood of opinions: “*The 5 P’s of Effective Leadership*”, “*The 10 C’s of Effective Leaders*”, “*12 Characteristics of an Effective Leader*” and on-and-on. I found nearly 50 different opinions of what it takes to be an effective leader. After skimming a bunch of these articles, I decided they were all right and they were all wrong. Being a Lions leader takes a different skill set than a business leader. So here is what I think it takes to be an effective Lions leader.

1. **Stop Defeating Yourself**– One of the worst traits a leader can have is thinking they aren’t good enough or no one wants to hear their opinion. But the worst self-defeating thought is that you don’t know how to lead. When that happens, you’re beaten before the race starts. Of course, you know how to lead – you just need help recognizing that fact.

News Flash! Everyone has doubts – I speak from experience – I have often stood in front of a group of Lions, and thought, “What the heck am I doing here?”

You and I joined Lions for an important reason. Becoming a leader helps you get that reason out in front. Your reason – your vision – is what is important. Quit letting doubt prevent you from sharing your vision of service. Leadership is doing what you know is right.

2. **Be Courageous** – Take all those doubts and put them in the back of your mind and take a deep breath. Then step to the front. Notice I didn’t say eliminate the doubts. Those doubts are there to keep you on your toes – nagging you to do your best. But you can’t let doubt control your actions. Having the courage to take a leadership role pays enormous dividends. Every ball player steps to the plate expecting to hit a home run. But even if that player strikes out seven out of ten at-bats they’re still hailed as a hero. Every leader will stumble somewhere along the way – maybe even fall. So what? Failure is not final; it’s just one step on the road to success – ask any baseball player.
3. **Prepare Yourself as Best You Can** – Learn all you can about your club, your district and LCI. You can’t know everything and something will come up that throws you. The best thing to know is where to go or who to ask to find the answer. But learning also pays double personal dividends because you become a better Lion and a better leader.
4. **Be Honest** – The absolute worst thing you can do is pass on bad information or a wild guess. It’s impossible to know everything so when you don’t know, say you don’t know but that you will find out. And then go and find out and report back.
5. **Talk to Your People** – Communication is the grease on the wheels of any organization. I cannot stress this enough! LCI sends an absolute flood of emails to club, district and state leaders. Some leaders keep everything to themselves – they seem to have this need for secrecy. I am convinced that is wrong. A good leader informs their membership and asks for opinions and help. Keeping members who have busy personal lives reminded of important Lions events and news is vital to your organization’s health.
6. **Do the Small Things** – This was a lesson I needed to be taught. I’d always believed folks didn’t join Lions to be rewarded. A good friend of mine encouraged me to start writing thank-you notes. I soon learned that a hand-written thank-you note is more valuable than gold or diamonds. People may not “expect” to be thanked but they are gratified when you do it. And they are more inclined to help someone else down the road. Seize every opportunity to thank and reward those who did you a favor, did an excellent job, or showed you a kindness.

There you have it, my take on effective leadership. None of these things are terribly complicated or difficult but they do take some of your time. But it will be time well spent.

Notice I didn’t say anything about goals, objectives, missions, or drives. I’ll leave that to you. But if you can’t do these 6 things well, you will never accomplish your goals.



February 2025 Bear Lake Camp Report/District Newsletter

Steve Glazier District 11E1 Bear Lake Camp Chairperson

Hi Fellow Lions!

I'm repeating some Bear Lake Camp activity dates that were in the January District Newsletter in case you missed it and added some new ones. So now you can better plan your busy schedule.

ICE PLUNGE FUNDRAISER was February 1st. and a huge success. The Ice Plunge revenue total to date is approximately \$20,000 for the day; a record breaking year amount. Thank you to those from our district that donated to the Ice Plunge. But a special mention and Thank You to three people who went above and beyond for support of the Ice Plunge: Janalee McClure from the White Cloud Club, and Pam Schroeder and Dan Gibbon from the Onekama Club. There were initially 37 signed up and paid in advance enthusiastic participants for this event. However, with temperatures in the mid-twenties by 3:00 PM the field narrowed down to 30 taking part in the Polar Plunge which included myself as a novice first time jumper. I prepped myself before I left for Bear Lake by watching TITANIC (LOL). Jumping into the icy water in 25 degree temperature was exhilarating and breath taking. I had no clue what to expect when that first body part touched the icy water immediately followed by what I knew would be complete immersion. There was initially exhilaration being in front of a crowd cheering for you, followed by anticipation and a fear factor of the 15 foot deep frigid water and finally a debate with myself as I stood there knowing that I could walk the dock back to shore and dip my foot in the water filled kids pool (for those less adventurist) and still qualify for the free T-shirt and medal.

So, I took a leap of faith, survived and looking forward to doing it again next year! I think the look on my face and my jump style in the picture says it all.....



I should mention for anyone wishing to join me next year. For safety there were four firemen divers in the water, an on-site ambulance and medic on the grounds

On a more serious topic, some of you may not be aware the Houghton Lake Lions Club is dissolving. While we are saddened by the news, we are honored that they chose Lions Bear Lake Camp as part of their legacy with a \$3500 donation.

REGISTRATION FOR SUMMER KIDS CAMP OPENED January 1, 2025

CAMP GENERAL PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE July 12, 2025 Open for tours 2:00 to 5:00 Pm

NOTE: LIONS OF MICHIGAN BEAR LAKE OPEN HOUSE WEEKEND, exclusive for all lions throughout our state will be in September 2025 but date has not yet been confirmed. Tracy has again offered Free meals and lodging on Friday Night, provided for all attendees from our district due to distance. What an affordable great weekend to experience all this camp has to offer: Indoor Activities, Zip Lining, 50 Foot Rock Wall Climb, Dock Fishing, Archery, Challenge Course experience, camp tours, comradery with fellow lions and more.....

Let's try to beat our district attendance of six last year by promoting this to our clubs.

VISUALLY IMPAIRED AND BLIND YOUTH CAMP July 13 – 19, 2025 Provides outdoor activities like climbing the rock tower, kayaking and many other outdoor activities.

DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING CAMP July 20 – 26, 2025 Offers an environment with many outdoor adventures and activities plus team building and leadership development opportunities.

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 (lionsbearlakecamp.org) their parents can register directly online, contact their local Lions Club, Bear Lake Camp directly or myself for further assistance or questions. The 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.

Other 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 already advised me you plan on attending and assisting at this event. There’s a job for everyone. It’s both indoor and outdoor tasks that need to be done around the camp. Painting, dusting, prepping the grounds and outdoor sports equipment, cleaning 10 cabins, clearing trails, sprucing up and organizing areas and spaces. I’ve been told all jobs are categorized and printed on a card and laid out on tables for you to choose from and as each card is completed another can be selected. This is a one-day event with lunch provided one day event with lunch provided and Tracy is providing **FREE LODGING** Friday night for our District Members at Bear Lake Camp due to distance (Bring your own bedding). Volunteers are encouraged to bring gloves, outdoor and garden tools (rakes, power trimmers, etc.) and plenty of energy.

CLAY SHOOT—NEW EVENT in 2025. Bear Lake is excited to introduce a new clay shoot fundraiser on September 6, 2025, at the Fenton Sportsman 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.

DISTRICT 11-C2 FUNDRAISER Will take place on April 4, 2025. Tickets are just \$15 and will take place at the Grand Ledge Masonic Temple. It will be an evening with bingo, raffles, silent auctions and presentations about Bear Lake Camp’s impact and successes from 2024 and learning about plans for the camp’s upcoming summer season.

WILD GAME DINNER April 12, 2025 (buffalo and wild boar) Metamora Golf and Country Club. & GOLF OUTING June 9, 2025 at the Metamora Golf and Country Club. Includes 18 holes of golf, course contest and a buffet style awards dinner. All funds raised benefiting Bear Lake Camp’s mission.

JIMMY JOHNS FIELD BASEBALL FUNDRAISER- JULY Date TBA A fun way to support the camp while enjoying an evening of baseball, great company and fundraising opportunities. More details to follow as soon as the date is confirmed.

BEAR LAKE ULTRA MARATHON October 4, 2025. This endurance race is one of their biggest fundraisers, bringing runners from all over to challenge themselves while raising money for the camp. Last year they had 114 participants and raised nearly \$10,000. It’s a 24-hour race for the serious competitor but can be much less time for the average person. You can run, jog, walk, skip or sleepwalk. You can take as long a break as you need or opt out at any time. Many clubs and individuals become mile sponsors for someone they know, donating for a person just showing up or some people just volunteer in the many break stations along the way.

All the above events and “more to be announced” for this 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.

For those members who haven’t visited the camp or visited recently. I encourage you to contact Tracy Tribley (Facility Director) if you’re in the Lapeer area and come out and see the impact of your

support. Walk the grounds, meet the staff and witness first-hand the impact you have on these kids' lives.

In closing I want to emphasize the overwhelming interest from kids who want to attend this camp which speaks volumes of the quality of the programs offered. Two years ago Bear Lake Summer Camp hosted 785 Kids over 8 weeks. Last year they hosted almost 1100 kids over 8 weeks. THIS YEAR SUMMER CAMP WILL BE EXPANDED TO A PROJECTED ATTENDANCE OF 1500 KIDS OVER 11 WEEKS.

Zone Meetings



The third meeting of the 2024-2025 District 11-E1 **Region 3 Zone 1** will be Thursday, **March 6 at the Winter Inn, 100 N Lafayette St., Greenville at 6:00 pm.** Thanks to the Greenville Lions Club for volunteering to host the third meeting. I would also like to thank the Central Montcalm Lions Club for hosting our second Zone Meeting on November 7 at the American Legion in Stanton.

The meeting is open to all Lions members in your clubs. Those clubs within Region 3 Zone 1 include Carson City, Central Montcalm, Crystal, Edmore and Greenville. You may order your dinner off the menu; all meal expenses are your own. In addition, other Lions Clubs are also welcome to join us too.

Please notify me via email or call me at (812) 325-3130 to let me know how many members from your club plan to attend.

JeP Schafer, District 11-E1 Region 3 Zone 1 Chairperson, 812-325-3130,
jeP.schafer1@comcast.net

LIONS BEAR LAKE CAMP

Spring Workbee

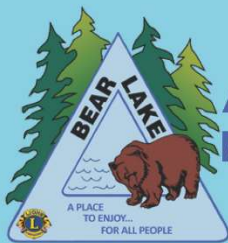
May 10th, 2025

Registration 8:00 AM

Cleanup 9:00 AM



LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED



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

**Easy, Medium, and
Advanced Tasks available**
Please bring your own gloves and tools

PLEASE RSVP TO:

traci@bearlakecamp.org
jwalling@bearlakecamp.org



Youth Camps & Exchange (YCE) SUMMER PROGRAM 2025



Dates to Remember:

Application deadlines:

Outgoing participants: **March 30, 2025**

Host Family: **June 30, 2025**

Incoming Youth Exchange participants:

Arrival date: **July 26, 2025**

Departure date: **August 16, 2025**

D-Bar-A Scout Ranch

Camp dates: **August 3-9, 2025**



Become a Host Family

Bring a new culture into your home!

Multiple District 11 is looking for families in the community who can open their hearts and homes for a few weeks during the summer of 2025 to host a Youth Exchange Ambassador. These young adults 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 26 – August 16, 2025.

Host families need not be Lions 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:

Your District chair or State Chair Lion Elvie Marfil at 818-800-1060, email epmarfil5@gmail.com.

Facebook page: Youth Camps & Exchange - Michigan, USA

Link: [Lions of Michigan Youth Camps & Exchange](https://lionsofmi.com/index.php/youth-exchange) (<https://lionsofmi.com/index.php/youth-exchange>)

Your help is needed!



District Global Service Team (GST) Coordinator
Ann Roeseler

#LUVSight

Lions in the United States were asked to do as many vision screenings as possible during the week of January 12-18 to show the world that we are actively serving in our communities. We were asked to enter these on the LCI Portal with the name “#LUVSight” to make the reports easy to find. Our district was able to hold three vision screenings during that week. Thank you to Midland Lions, Stanwood Lions, and Coleman Lions for participating! Together they screened 242 children with 11 referrals!

Supporting Kids with Cancer

During the District Convention on Saturday, April 26, we will learn about a new camp for children with cancer and their family, Golden Key Camp in Gladwin, MI. Harrison Lions Club wrote a grant to help restore buildings in the camp and worked hard last summer to complete that project. Camp owner and director Lisa Kujawa will speak during one of the Forum sessions giving us an update on the camp.

Our service project on Convention Saturday will be to assemble bags for Kids with Cancer when they arrive at Golden Key Camp. Can you or your club help provide something for the bags? If each club commits to bringing 5 or 10 of one of the suggested items, we will easily be able to give Lisa 30 bags for kids! Please discuss this in your next meeting and let me know what you can help with. I already have clubs willing to provide backpacks and Beanie Babies! Other items that you can think of are welcome as well. Thank you in advance!

Suggested items:

- Lotion
- Soft Socks
- Soft Hats/Wraps/Kid's Turban
- Activity/Coloring book
- Crayons/Markers
- Stickers
- Suckers

GMT Report
Al Roeseler
Global Membership Chair

As I reported previously LCI is presenting a series of three growth workshops for Lions in the US. It focuses on adding new clubs in each district. Since our district does not have an Extension Chair PCC, Jeff has picked up the slack and is working on developing the three-year plan suggested in the workshops. It has also presented materials that can be useful in helping clubs add new members.

A very powerful tool is Lions Virtual powered by Chat GPT. You can find it at lionsvirtual.org. Registration is simple and is without cost. The program will help your club develop growth strategies, identify community resources, and determine a step-by-step process for success. I would urge every club to have someone explore the site to see if it can be of value to you.



Have some club news to share of your own? Want to showcase some of your club's achievements? Send your club news and photos to District 11E1 Newsletter Editor, Paula Rigling, Arcadia Lions at District11E1Newsletter@gmail.com.

Please send your articles by the 7th of each month.



**2025 District 11-E1
Certified Guiding Lion Course**

March 15, 2025

Location: Isabella Commission on Aging
2200 S Lincoln St., Mount Pleasant, MI

Deadline: Registration for this event is by March 1, 2025

The event will be from 9am – 2pm and will include morning refreshments and lunch at no cost to the attendees.

Guiding Lions are needed in the district to help work with new or existing clubs or serve (or plan to serve) in a leadership position. The Guiding Lion Program is designed to assist clubs that are newly chartered, established or are rebuilding. Guiding Lions are assigned for a 2-year term by the District Governor in consultation with the sponsoring or established club president.

Even if you are an experienced Guiding Lion, you will benefit from this course because it provides the most comprehensive overview available of the roles and responsibilities of a Guiding Lion.

The Certified Guiding Lion Course will help you:

1. Understand your role as a Guiding Lion
2. Help you develop a plan to guide the club to become self-sufficient and strong
3. Provide tools to help the club officers manage their club
4. Establish a system to track development over the course of your term

Name: _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

Club: _____

Please return this form PCC Jeff Schafer, 975 Outback Ridge, Midland, MI 48640
or email: jeff.schafer1@comcast.net



Lions of Michigan - Youth Camps & Exchange Program

Lion Elvie Marfil, State Chairperson 2024-2025

818-800-1060 epmarfil5@gmail.com

Do you know a young person who would like to embark on a life-changing adventure?

The YCE program allows youths aged 15 to 21 the opportunity to travel to a foreign country where they will experience another culture up close and personal in a family environment.

********Deadline to apply: March 30, 2025********

Would you be willing to be a host family and open your home to a youth from another country?

*Hosting Dates: July 26 – August 16, 2025; Camp Dates: August 3-9, 2025, at D-Bar-A Scouting Ranch
We are actively seeking host families for incoming youth exchange participants.*

********Deadline to apply: June 30, 2025********

Join in on the adventure of a lifetime!





Save the Date
April 25-26, 2025



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 for a total savings of \$18.82 to make this event more affordable!

*Friday Night Speaker: Dr. Pol, America's favorite country veterinarian and star of National Geography WILD's hit TV series, The Incredible Dr. Pol.

*Lodging: 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. **

Person 1 Name: _____

First Last Title

Person 2 Name: _____

First Last Title

Address: _____

Street City State Zip

Club: _____ District: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____ Emergency Phone: _____

	First Name(s)	Qty	Price	Total
Registration Fee	N/A		\$15*	
Friday Dinner			\$25	
Saturday Breakfast			\$20	
Saturday Lunch			\$20	
Saturday Banquet			\$35	
DG Tom's Pin	N/A		\$3	
			TOTAL:	

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

Make checks payable to: "**Lions District 11 E1**" 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).

Saturday Breakfast: 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).

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

Saturday Banquet: 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).

All of the meals have been discounted for a total savings 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.

Seminars: 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)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Club President Training
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Membership Recruitment Training
9:30-10:15am (Name 2)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Club President Training
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Membership Recruitment Training
10:30-11:15am (Name 1)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Club Secretary Training
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Golden Key Camp for Kids
10:30-11:15am (Name 2)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Club Secretary Training
	<input type="checkbox"/>	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 members.

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.

District Service Projects 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.

Lodging: 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.

<u>Room Type</u>	<u>Discounted Rates</u>
King or Double Queen	\$132+Taxes
Double Queen Fireside	\$152+Taxes
Jacuzzi Suite	\$177+Taxes

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

Mobility Assistance: 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 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 District 11 E1" for \$25 for each ad.

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

Email: jeff.schafer1@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!**



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604 N McEwan St. Clare, Michigan



Exhibit & Project Application

***We're asking each project/exhibit to bring their own table for their material to be displayed to help reduce our costs. If you're unable to, please note below and we'll provide one for you.**

***Setup will be on Friday (April 25) from 4-9pm or Saturday (April 26) before 9am. Location will be in the back lobby and our meeting room area.**

***Tear down should be no earlier than 3pm and prior to 6pm on Saturday, April 26.**

***There is no fee to display your exhibit if you're signed up to attend the 2025 District 11-E1 Convention. If not, then the registration fee of \$15 is required. Please make your check payable to "*Lions District 11-E1.*"**

Please return this form (**by April 13**) to PCC Jeff Schafer, 975 Outback Ridge, Midland, MI 48640 or email to: jeff.schafer1@comcast.net.

Name: _____

Club/Project/Group Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Table Needed: Yes: _____ No: _____

Skirting Needed: Yes: _____ No: _____

Thank you for supporting the Lions of Michigan District 11-E1

2025 MICHIGAN LIONS FORUM
MICHIGAN LIONS-MAKE YOUR MARK! Feb. 28-Mar. 1, 2025
Featuring LCI Guests, PIP Brian & Lori Sheehan



Join us February 28-March 1, 2025 at the Delta Marriott Kalamazoo
2747 S 11th Street, Kalamazoo, MI 49009

Reservations available at the Marriott Delta Kalamazoo
(269) 375-6000 Rate: \$114.00 Use Code: Lions Michigan Forum 2025
Alternate Hotel:

Best Western Suites 269-350-5522 Room Rate: \$114.00
2575 11th St. S., Kalamazoo

Please complete the registration form and send it along with a check to:
Lions of Michigan 5730 Executive Drive • Lansing, MI 48911 Telephone 517-887-6640
or Fax 517-887-6642. **Register and pay online:**

<https://lionsofmi.com/index.php/up-coming-events/2025-forum-registration>

Name _____

Address _____

Club Name/District _____

Contact Phone _____

Email _____

Names of Registrants: _____ Food Allergies: _____

1. _____ 2. _____

3. _____ 4. _____

_____ Registrants at \$50.00/person* = \$ _____

***Registration includes lunch, Forum, and proceedings booklet.**
Register by February 14 to guarantee lunch and booklet.
Large Group Service Project Friday Night – Lions MI Forum Saturday!

MAKE YOUR MARK!



2025 Lions Michigan Forum Session Topics

	Reaching Out to Help	Personal Growth	Lions Causes	Club Management
8:30	Human Trafficking Lion Stephanie Graef, Leslie King	LCI/LCIF Available Grants and how to apply successfully	Childhood Cancer Dream Team Amanda Rounds	Localeyes Lion Doug Klein Marketing Clubs Effectively
9:30	Victims Advocacy Group VanBuren County Victim Service Unit Tara Burg; Neva Carey	A Ball for All PID Gary Anderson PDG Roshni Patel	Lions Passport PDG Brent Beracy	ABCs of Event Planning Kayleigh Gratz, Pres., Michigan JayCees
10:30	Elder Law Attorney David Carrier	Lions Club Resale Shops = Service Dollars VDG Kim Hooper Lion Laurie Althaus	Great Balls of Fire PIP Brian Sheehan	Incorporating Your Club DG Jonathan VanTol
11:30	Pillars of Service CC Terri Huffman	Chat GPT PDG Amy Thackston	Lions in Motion Lion Lori Sheehan	LCI Portal PDG Don Spinks

LUNCHEON AGENDA

- 12:40 p.m. Seating for Luncheon and announcements
- 12:50 p.m. Lunch
- 1:20 p.m. Welcome – PDG Jim Leach, Chair
- 1:25 p.m. Introductions of White Cane Scholarship Recipients – PDG Lula Gardfrey
- 2:00 p.m. Keynote address by PIP Brian Sheehan
- 2:45 p.m. Raffle Drawings
- 3:00 p.m. Dismissal

Club Chronicles

Cedar- Maple City



Sandy Galla received her pin for serving 10 years as a Lion member. District Governor Tom McNaughton presented the award.

Central Montcalm



The Central Montcalm Lions made up 50 gift bags for the holidays and delivered them to folks in the area that were either alone or may have lost a loved one recently. The highlight of these bags each year are the homemade Christmas cards that the local fourth graders make for us to add to the bags.



We were also happy to have District Governor Tom MacNaughton at our December meeting. DG Tom was able to present Larry Beardslee with his 20-year anniversary pin and Richard Langin with his 35-year anniversary pin. We appreciate the District Governor's efforts in coming to the meeting as the roads were poor at best.

Greenville



Thanks to King Lion Ed Milam & Lions Dan Eagles for helping to deliver sleds, hats & mittens to each to the Elementary schools in The Greenville Public Schools. The sleds, hats & mittens were donated by the Greenville Lions Club.

Luther

Jig on down to the Luther Lions Club on Saturday, March 15th, for our ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER AND ENTERTAINMENT night. Doors open at 5pm with the coffee on! Dinner served at approximately 5:45 pm and Entertainment by the Northern Lights Dance Academy Irish Dancers will begin at 6:30pm. FREE Irish Dance Lesson offered after it's done. COST is: \$15.00. This includes coffee, punch, and Irish Dinner with the fixings, Dessert and Entertainment. Hope the Irish winds blow you over to the Luther Lions Club that night.

April 6 is our All You Can Eat Breakfast served from 8:30am-11:00am. Cost is just \$10 for adults and \$5.00 for children 6-12 yrs. old and under 6 are FREE!

Our yearly Spring Craft Show will be on April 12th from 10:00am-4pm. A bake sale will also be held during the Craft Show. Get those early Spring and Mother's Day gifts now!

Upcoming events include May 4th Breakfast served from 8:30-11:00am and our May 17th BINGO NIGHT. Doors open at 5:00pm with Early Bird Specials at 5:30pm and Regular Bingo begins at 6:00pm. Food will be available for purchase that night.

Midland



Last month, Trailside Senior Center held their Christmas dinner at which the Midland Lions assisted and supported financially. Lions served and helped with prizes. Everyone had a great time.

Thank you to all our Midland Lion bell ringers for standing out in the windy, cold weather this year for Salvation Army. We raised \$803.96 for both days.

