



Lions Connections

August 2024

District 11E1 Newsletter

District Dispatches

Reports from District Officers



**District Governor
Tom MacNaughton**

We will have fun at the Fall Conference, September 28th in Harrison. Everyone is invited and what's more it is inexpensive! It will be held at the Harrison Lions Club, 417 Fairlane, Harrison, MI. The cost is only \$20.00 dollars that covers coffee and rolls when you arrive and a wonderful lunch. If you have stopped at a fast-food location lately you know what a good deal this is. To register, mail your check to: Harrison Lions PO Box 232, Harrison, Mi. 48625 care of Sandra Castle or via email; sixpackgranny@yahoo.com .

Parade of Checks

The parade of checks is very impressive. The checks for each club will be taken up to the Treasurer. The checks can be for any of our state projects or other lion causes you wish to support. You can tell who the checks are for if you wish.

Since I was State Chair for the Lions Band, I can tell you the Parade of Checks for the Lions Band goes to the administrative fund. This covers costs for building rentals, instrument repairs, mailings, etc. It does not pay for the students' travel costs so expect the students to come looking for sponsors to help pay for their trip.

The six state projects include Bear Lake Camp, Leader Dogs for the Blind, LMASB, Lions Service Foundation, Michigan Oversight, and Paws with a Cause. Information on these and district 11 E1 projects is available in the roster book as well as the awards that are available to clubs.

Presentations

We will have Lion Jeff Morse of the Lake Ann Lions share how he was able to go from a club that was closing with 6 members to more than 40 in just a few short months. WOW!

Robert MacNaughton will present the Lions of Michigan All State Band (LMASB). I have a goal, to go from 7 LMASB members this past year to 15 for next summer.

Another exciting project is the Youth Exchange. We had several come to the USA but only one student from Michigan went to Europe. We need to do more. So, Lion Lori Hall will be explaining the program.

In the Lions of Michigan Service Foundation, we had unused money for grants. Why? Because your club didn't apply for them. Past District Governor Jim Patterson will explain the Lions of Michigan Service Foundation and how you can apply for a grant. We have funds available it is a shame not to use them.

At present we are putting together a service project for the Fall Conference so we can all have something to do that is fun.

Every Lion is invited to the Fall Conference so **come one come all!**



Come One, Come All Lions
District 11 E1 Fall Conference

The District Fall Conference is an opportunity to meet Lions from other clubs, exchange ideas, learn what is happening with your state projects, and hear about some techniques that can help your club.

Mark your calendar – **SATURDAY, September 28, 2024, Harrison Lions Den, 417 Fairlane, Harrison, MI**
Meet and Greet - Coffee and treats; 9:00 -3:00 pm.

Share great ideas, information, and a chance to interact with other Lions. We'll take a lunch break at noon to enjoy a Harrison Lions scrumptious lunch. The price is only \$20.00.

Proposed Agenda

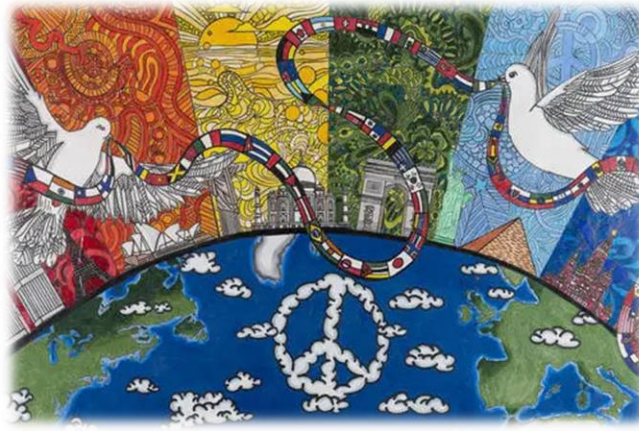
1. Parade of Checks - Short discussion of what your state project is doing. Bring your contributions.
2. Presentation – How Lake Ann Lions Club went from six members to forty.
3. Michigan lions Band- What's Happening?
4. Michigan Lions Youth Exchange Program.
5. Michigan Lions Service Foundation - How Does this Affect My Lions Club?
6. District 11 E1 Convention – Details
7. Chance to ask those burning questions about Lions and what is happening!

Plan to attend and bring other Lions with you – Fall Conference, Sept. 28, Harrison Lions Den.



Region 2 Zone 1 Chairperson
Diane Fleming

I am Lion Diane Lambart Fleming from the Mt. Pleasant Lions Club. I have been a Lion since 1992 – the first woman to be inducted into the Mt. Pleasant Lions Club. I have served as President two times, and I have served Lions District 11-E1 as Region 2 Zone 1 Chairperson 3 times over a period of years. I am currently the Region 2 Zone 1 Chairperson. I have also served as District 11-E1 treasurer for three years.



Peace Poster Contest

How To Guide

Who? The Lions International Peace Poster contest is open to children between the ages of 11 and 13 on November 15, 2024, sixth, seventh and eighth graders.

Why? What a great thing for Lions to promote – World Peace. By sponsoring a contest, we can help get young people to think about what peace means to them. Students do not need to be the top academically but use their artistic ability to express themselves.

How? 1. Check out Peace Poster Contest on the LCI Website:

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/start-our-approach/youth/peace-poster#contest> Each year the theme has a slightly different take on peace. The 2024-5 theme is **“Peace Without Limits.”** **2.** Discuss the contest with your club members to get approval to move forward and discuss timeline. **3.** Approach an adult leader of middle school children and ask if they would be willing to have their students participate in “our” Peace Poster contest. This can be a school art teacher, a scout leader or church youth group leader. (Be prepared to explain the contest, materials allowed, and the due date, allowing enough time to judge the posters and mail the winning poster to District Governor Tom by November 15th.) **4.** Order one Peace Poster kit for *each group* you are sponsoring. The deadline for ordering kits is October 1st. Kits are inexpensive, \$11.95 each, but shipping and handling fees bump it up. **5.** The District winner is selected prior to the December Council of Governors and then taken there where the MD11 winner is selected. *The District winner receives a check for \$100 during the convention in April!*

Our District used to have many clubs participate in the Peace Poster contest. That number has decreased dramatically, with only three clubs participating last year. Let’s turn this around with an emphasis on our youth this year! Only good can come out of having our young people focus on peace!

If your club wants to see the rules before ordering a kit, I will be happy to email my electronic information to you. Call, text or email me for further information at 989-615-3959 or ann.roeseler@gmail.com.

Lion Ann Roeseler,
Peace Poster Chairperson



Reporting Service Lion Ann Roeseler, GST

As the District Global Service coordinator (GST) it is my job to encourage all District Lions Clubs to **Enter their Service on the LCI Portal**. Each club president, secretary and club administrator, if you have designated one, are able to officially report your club's service. Last year 84% of our clubs reported service. Let's hit 100% this year. Kudos to Big Rapids Lions for being the first club to report their service this Lion year!

Why does Lions Clubs International want to know what service we are doing? First and foremost, as an organization they want to know what Lions are accomplishing worldwide. The information we report (especially the *number of people served*) can then help LCI get large donations from corporations to impact our global causes, including disaster relief.

What can be reported? You can report your club's projects, meetings, donations and fundraisers. It is easier than you might think and best to do while the details are fresh in your mind! Don't put it off so long that it becomes overwhelming!

How do we report service? Log into the Portal when you have a few minutes. Select "Service" and then "Report Service." After you enter the project "Name" and "Type of Service," the report form will appear. **Remember to check the box "Report Complete" at the top or it will remain a draft** and will not be reported. In previous Newsletters I have given more specific instructions. (Let me know if you would like those emailed to you.)

If you hit a snag, call me. I can quickly walk you through it. Call, text or email me for further information at 989-615-3959 or ann.roeseler@gmail.com

You've got this!



FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY
MICHIGAN COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRY

Lions Club District 11-E1

MEMORANDUM From Dr. Dan Wrubel, MCO, VOSH and BR Lions Member

NOTE: Changes in the protocols for Lions Club Recycled Glasses Drop-off at MCO at FSU.

First of all, I want to sincerely thank all of those Lions that have been involved with the Recycled Glasses Programs over the past 30+ years! ***We could not do what we do without you!***

I, Dr. Dan, am a BR Lions Club member.

I am a recently retired (May 6, 2024) Professor at MCO of FSU for 44 years.

I have been involved in the SVOSH/VOSH-MI philanthropic entities for over 35 years.

(VOSH= Volunteer Optometric Services to Humanity for over 50 years)

VOSH-MI has been in existence for over 40 years.

We have averaged 3 missions (out of country) per year for 30+ years.

We have averaged 1,200+ patients per mission for 30+ years

We have averaged 5,000+ Rx glasses, OTC Readers, and Sunglasses per mission for 30+ years.

We have averaged 5 MCO Interns per year for 30+ years.

We collect, sort and organize from over 100,000 Lions Club recycled glasses per year.

(Includes Rx glasses, readers, sunglasses, cases, lenses, frames, hearing aides and low vision devices)

All by me and my SVOSH Students once they are delivered to MCO!

Now that I am retired, I will not be at MCO on a regular (daily) basis teaching, but will still be involved with subbing, SVOSH/VOSH, Special Olympics, Men's Health at Ford Field, etc.

SO, CHANGES IN PROTOCOLS MUST BE MADE!

#1. We still WANT and NEED Lions Club Recycled Glasses.

#2. BUT – These donated glasses **MUST BE PRE-SORTED**

- No trash bags accepted, only boxes or clothe grocery bags
- No trash, broken, rusty, moldy or badly scratched glasses accepted
- No loose lenses accepted
- No hearing aids accepted
- No cell phones accepted

My personal email is danielwrubel@ferris.edu and my cell number is 517-285-2020

Feedback is welcome, more to come...

Thanks

1124 S. State Street, MCO 231
Big Rapids, MI 49307

Phone: (231) 591-3700

Fax: (231) 591-2394

Web: www.ferris.edu/mco

2024-25 Parade of Checks

October 28, 2024

Harrison Lions Den



- * Bear Lake Camp
- * Leader Dogs for the Blind
- * Michigan Eversight
- * Lions of MI All State Band
- * Lions of MI Service Foundation
- * PAWS with a Cause
- * Project KidSight Make checks payable to:
Lions of Michigan Foundation
- * Lions Clubs International Foundation

The Parade of Checks will be held during the
Fall Conference.

If your club is not able to attend in person please send your
8 checks or pledges made out to each of the service projects to:

Peggy Frank 21899 22 Mile Rd, Paris, MI 49338

The checks will be reported and sent to the Service Projects



**Lions Bear Lake Camp District Chairperson
Steve Glazier**

Hi Fellow Lions,

For the benefit of our newer Club Members each month I will share some information about what Lions Bear Lake is and the great programs it offers for kids. Club Presidents and Secretaries please share the monthly Newsletter with your club members.

Bear Lake Kids Camp is located on 200 acres with a lake in Lapeer Michigan which is approximately 20 miles west of Flint. It hosts approximately 800 to 1000 plus kids per year with attendance growing. The camp is open to ages 5 to 16 years old. Camp activities include trail hikes, wheelchair accessible paved trails, rope climbing, climbing tower, zip lines, team building games, group bonding, bonfires, swimming, camp food (smores) songs, crafts and so much more.

It was founded in 1982. Bear Lake Summer camps are "sponsored" by Lions and have been available for "free" a total of 38 years to our Visually Impaired youth, later adding "free" summer camps for Deaf and Hard of Hearing kids, a special Hard of Hearing camp that includes their family and more recently, adding a free Juvenile Diabetes camp all sponsored by Lions throughout the state of Michigan.

Other youth programs offered throughout the year are Grievance Camp, Foster Kids Camp, Cancer Camps, Autism Camp and others. Lions Bear Lake Camp became a State Project in 2003 and we need all Lions and Lion Clubs to support this awesome camp. There is not any camp like this in the state with all the programs it provides for the kids. So, when your Club discusses their budget this year "Please" put some money aside for this special dream that the founders of Kids Bear Lake Camp had in mind for the kids in need in our great state of Michigan where kids from all over the state are welcome.

Which leads into Lions Bear Lake Camp open house for ALL LION MEMBERS" September 13th through the 14th. As previously mentioned in last month's newsletter it's a very affordable (as in "FREE" weekend including lodging) way to experience firsthand all this Camp has to offer and immerse yourself in nature and the comradery of fellow Lions.

See below the Lions of Michigan Weekend Invite and hope to see you there!

LIONS BEAR LAKE CAMP

Lions of Michigan Weekend



**EXPLORE, EDUCATE,
ENJOY**

**Dinner, Breakfast, & Lunch
Provided. Lodging available
at no cost.**

SEPTEMBER 13-14TH, 2024

Friday Welcome 6:00PM
Dinner 6:30 PM
Saturday Wrap Up 3:00 PM

WHO IS INVITED:

District Governors, VDG's,
2VDG's, LBLC District
Committee Chairs, Board
Members, MD 11 GAT Team,
New Lions, ALL LIONS

**Tours, Teambuilding,
Education, Fellowship**

Enjoy spending time with fellow
lions and learning more about
your state project Lions Bear
Lake Camp.



**RSVP ONLINE
SCAN QR CODE OR EMAIL
TRACI@BEARLAKECAMP.ORG**



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ARRIVE WHEN YOU CAN, LEAVE WHEN YOU NEED

IPDG and MD 11 GST Steve Murch - 20-20 Challenge

SPONSORSHIP DEADLINE: 9-30-24

Please support IPDG and MD 11 GST Steve Murch and the Lions of Michigan Foundation. Steve has dedicated his annual 20 mile birthday walk on September 9 to support the programs and services of the Lions of Michigan Foundation, and he challenges all Michigan Lions Clubs to make a \$20 gift to the foundation.



lmsf.net - lhcmi.org

I would like to make a \$20.00 gift to the Lions of Michigan Foundation in honor of IPDG and MD 11 GST Steve Murch. My gift is designated for the _____ Fund.

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Payment Method: ___ Check Enclosed ___ Pay Pal (info@lmsf.net) ___ Venmo (@LionsofMIFoundation)

___ Credit/Debit Card: Visa Discover MasterCard AmEx

Card Number: _____

Expiration Date: _____ CVV Code: _____

Signature: _____



LIONS OF MICHIGAN FOUNDATION
 5730 Executive Drive
 Lansing, Michigan 48911
www.lmsf.net - info@lmsf.net
 517-887-6640 - 517-887-6642 (Fax)





The USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum will take place in Louisville, KY, September 5-7, 2024. Registration for the forum is available [here](#). During the Forum, there will be a Midwest Breakfast hosted by MD-13 Ohio Lions on Friday, September 6th from 6:45-8:00 am at the Galt House Hotel. To register, complete the registration form on the next page and return it to ohiolions@gmail.com.



YOU ARE INVITED TO THE MIDWEST BREAKFAST

Hosted by the MD-13



Ohio Lions

Serving with Pride Since 1920



2024 USA/Canada Forum – Louisville KY

When: Friday September 6, 2024

Time: 6:30 AM - 8:00 AM

Where: Galt House Hotel

**Archibald Cochran Room - 3rd Fl. West Tower
140 N. Fourth St., Louisville, KY**

American Breakfast Buffet:

Farm Fresh Scrambled Eggs, Seasonal Fruit, Crisp Peppered Bacon, Golden Fried Hash Browns, Buttermilk Biscuits, Sweet Butter, and Fruit Preserves, Freshly Brewed Coffee (Regular and Decaffeinated), Selection of Bigelow Teas, Fresh Lemon and Honey, Iced Water Chilled Orange Juice.

Cost: \$44 per person-includes breakfast, tax and gratuity. Please fill out the attached REGISTRATION FORM.

Due Date for reservations and payments: Must be received no later than Thursday, August 22, 2024.

Registration Form

YES! I plan to attend the 2024 USA/Canada Forum Midwest Breakfast

Midwest Breakfast hosted by MD-13 Ohio Lions

Friday September 6, 2024 Registrations opens at 6:15 AM

Buffet open 6:45 am Program at 7:20am Close at 8:00am Seminars begin at 8:30

Galt House – Archibald Cochran Room - 3rd Floor, West Tower

Please provide the name, email, cell phone and Multiple District for each attendee.

1. Name: _____ Cell #: _____
Email: _____ MD _____

2. Name _____ Cell#: _____
Email: _____ MD _____

3. Name: _____ Cell#: _____
Email: _____ MD _____

4. Name: _____ Cell#: _____
Email: _____ MD _____

5. Name: _____ Cell#: _____
Email: _____ MD _____

6. Name: _____ Cell#: _____
Email: _____ MD _____

Checks (\$44 per person) should be payable to *Ohio Lions, Inc*

No tickets available at the door. All registrations must be paid in advance

Due Date for Reservations with payments: **Thursday, August 22, 2024**

Please keep a copy of this form for your records, we will not send receipts, but will confirm your reservation via email upon receipt of payment and completed form.

Please make copies and fill out multiple forms if you have more than 6 attendees.

MD's can send one check for all or individual checks along with registration forms.

Forms and checks should be sent to:

Ohio Lions, Inc., 2082 Stringtown Rd, PO Box 155, Grove City, OH 43123

Questions? **PDG Deborah Luttrell** Email; ohiolions@gmail.com P: 614-539-5060

Club Chronicles

Arcadia

The club hosted Arcadia Daze 2024 July 26-28 with a three-day weekend full of activities and events that draw several thousand visitors to our village. The festival includes pickleball and cornhole tournaments, kids' fishing and kids' games, Saturday and Sunday pancake breakfasts, an Auto Muster, Arts and Crafts vendors, a pulled pork dinner, two nights of live music and dancing, a beer tent, horse-drawn wagon rides, Friday night fireworks, Saturday night chicken dinner, and a Sunday parade and concert by the Scottville Clown Band. We also had the Project Kids Sight trailer, where we screened 22 kids.

Our club has 53 members, and we wouldn't be able to do this without the support of our fellow Arcadians. We promote our club activities through our Facebook page that has 1075 followers. We then share these posts to a local Arcadia Facebook Group with its 5,900 followers. This year we had over 175 volunteers who signed up to work 280 shifts. We use SignUp Genius, which is a free app that allows volunteers to sign up for shifts and allows you to push reminders and emails to them via the app. This is our major fundraiser for our charitable donations to area nonprofit organizations and students and last year, we donated \$35,000 through our profits and corporate sponsors.



Lion Craig Jachs and his wife Julie selling tickets. Peep that shirt he's wearing!



Lion Kristina Steirholz selling Arcadia Daze Merch.



World's greatest barbecue chicken crew!



L-R: Lions Rick Jones, Steve Hammond, Bill Bunn, and Ron Porter helped us sell 500 raffle tickets.



Empire

The Empire Lions Club Annual Chicken Dinner was held on July 20, 2024. Over 400 dinners were served to patrons.



Nancy Pykosz, Linda Peppler, Bill Banish, Linda Chase and Bob Chase, ready to serve!



Empire Lions on the right, back to front, Claude Fields, Pat Taghon and Dave Taghon joined friends at the dinner.



Nancy Pykosz, Dianne Hammersmith, Bill Freeman, Bob Graham ready to serve customers.

Greenville



9 bags of trash picked up on M 57.



Join us September 13 for our Spaghetti Dinner.

Hart



Hart Lion Bruce and Lion Bob installing a canopy over the booth for Oceana County Fair Booth.

Luther

The Luther Lions club had an all you can eat Breakfast on August 4th and on August 8th, they helped distribute food through the Feed America Truck at their Clubhouse. On August 16th they hosted a Sock Hop Dinner Dance.

Midlands

The Midland Lions Club held another Chicken Dinner on Saturday, August 3, 2024, during the River Days Festival held at Farmer's Market Area near the Tridge. The Midland Lions Club had approximately 20 Lions and 5 relatives of Lions assisting while the club sold roughly 900 chicken dinners in a four-hour span.

Other members volunteered to screen for vision related problems with Project KidSight. Over the 5-hour period, 80 children were screened with 5 referrals.

The chicken dinner is one of our favorite events to host and we always look forward to next year.

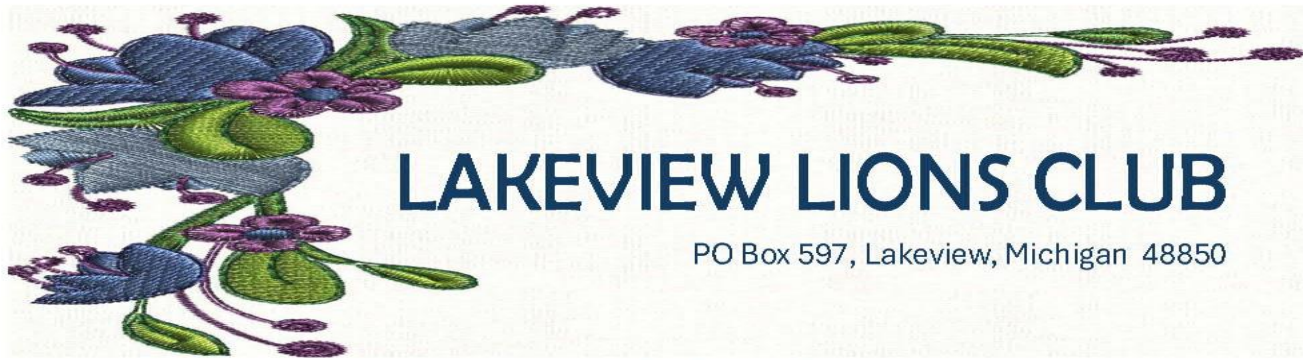
Northpoint

The annual Northport Lions Club Breakfast Fly-In, held at Woolsey Airport in Leelanau Township on August 3rd, was by all measurement a great fund-raising event. 110 volunteers made breakfast for over 1500 patrons including 54 car show owners and families, and 36 pilots and families. And to make the event even more enjoyable the Northport Community Band provided great music throughout the morning.



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.



LAKEVIEW LIONS CLUB

PO Box 597, Lakeview, Michigan 48850

Is proud to host the

LEADER DOGS FOR THE BLIND

Wednesday, October 9th
5:30 PM, McKenna's Village Restaurant
Lakeview, Michigan 48850

We invite you to join us to learn about this wonderful organization that is supported by your local Lions Club.

*A lite meal and non-alcoholic beverages will be served.
We will be accepting donations for LEADER DOGS at the presentation.*



For more information, please contact

Lion Rosemary Witt, 989-534-1916.

LEADER DOGS FOR THE BLIND:

"Our mission is empowering people who are blind or visually impaired with lifelong skills for safe and independent daily travel."

