

Anchored in Service



Lighting the Way Forward

District 11-E1

June 2026 Newsletter



Michigan Lions Serving 16 Counties & 35 Clubs!



Governor's Corner:

As we enter the final month of this Lions year, I want to personally thank each Lion and club throughout District 11-E1 for your dedication, service, and commitment to Lionism. It has truly been an honor and privilege to serve as your District Governor during the 2025–2026 Lions year.

I am proud to report that our district currently stands at **+13 in membership growth**, and even more impressive, we have maintained **positive membership growth every single month this year**. This accomplishment reflects the energy, commitment, and welcoming spirit of our clubs across the district.

Another tremendous achievement is that **100% of our clubs have reported at least one service project in the Lions Portal this year**. This demonstrates that Lions in District 11-E1 continue to actively serve their communities and make a meaningful difference every day.

I also want to thank the clubs that supported Lions Clubs International Foundation this year. To date, **63% of our clubs have contributed a combined total of \$12,440 to LCIF**. Your generosity helps Lions respond to disasters, support humanitarian causes, and improve lives both locally and worldwide. I would encourage any remaining clubs that have not yet contributed to consider making a donation before the close of the Lions year. Our district did receive a LCIF grant just a month or so ago to help with those families affected by the floods.

As we prepare for the upcoming year, one area still needing attention is club officer reporting. Currently, only **40% of our clubs have reported their incoming officers in the Lions Portal**. Timely officer reporting is critical to ensuring clubs receive important communications, access training resources, and begin the new Lions year successfully. Please work with your club leadership teams to complete officer reporting as soon as possible.

To assist clubs and incoming officers, District 11-E1 will be hosting **five Club Officer Training Sessions throughout June**. These sessions are open to current and incoming Presidents, Vice Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers, LCIF Coordinators, and any Lion interested in leadership development. The training flyer and agenda are included in this newsletter (pages 11-12), and I strongly encourage all clubs to participate.

Finally, we continue to seek Lions willing to step forward into district leadership opportunities, including:

- Zone Chairpersons
- Committee Chairpersons
- Global Extension Team (GET) Coordinator

Strong Districts are built by Lions willing to lead, mentor, and serve beyond the club level. If you have ever considered becoming more involved at the district level, now is an excellent time to step forward.

Thank you again for your friendship, support, and dedication throughout this Lions year. Together, we have accomplished many great things, and I know the future of District 11-E1 remains bright.

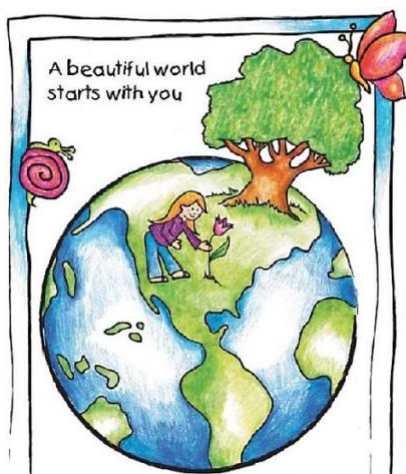
Yours in Service,
Lion Jeff Schafer
DG 11-E1

Upcoming Events:

- June: Club Officer Training. See pages 8-9 for Flyer and Agenda
- July 3-7: 108th LCI Convention, Hong Kong, China
- Aug 15: District 11-E1 Cabinet/Town Hall Mtg, Luther Lions Den
- Sep 3-5: USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, Memphis, TN

Upcoming Club Visits:

- June 1: Fremont
- June 2: Cadillac
- June 8: Mt Pleasant
- June 9: Weidman
- Arcadia: TBD
- Baldwin: TBD
- Sand Lake: TBD





District Team

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Vacant

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Lighting the Way Forward

LCI Executive Committee Appoints District 11-E1 Leadership Team

District 11-E1 is pleased to announce that the Lions Clubs International Executive Committee has officially approved the appointments of **PDG Laura Johnson** as District Governor and **Lion Roger Gilbert** as Second Vice District Governor for the 2026–2027 Lions year.

PDG Laura Johnson, a member of the Baldwin Lions Club, brings a wealth of Lions leadership experience and a strong commitment to service. Her dedication to Lionism and the communities we serve will help guide District 11-E1 into another successful year.

Lion Roger Gilbert, a member of the Mt. Pleasant Lions Club, will begin his journey in district leadership as Second Vice District Governor. His enthusiasm, leadership skills, and commitment to Lions service make him an excellent addition to the district leadership team.

Please join us in congratulating Laura and Roger on their appointments and thanking them for their willingness to serve District 11-E1. We look forward to working together as we continue to strengthen our clubs, grow our membership, and expand our service to communities throughout the district.

Congratulations, Laura and Roger!

Prayer List:

DG Jeff & PDG Sheryl Schafer
PDGs Pam Schroeder & Dan Gibbons (Onekama)
PDG Pete Conarty (Midland)



Our thoughts and prayers are with those Lions who lost family members, those that have family members or friends that are sick or in the hospital or at home, and all others whose losses are unknown to us at this time.

Lions if you have prayer requests, please let me know so we can add you to the prayer list. If anyone has a concern and would like for me to pray with you over the phone, I will be glad to do that too. Prayer and trust are powerful in our lives.

Hope to hear from you, Blessings. - Lion Steve Adsmond, District Chaplain



USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum

September 3-5, 2026
Memphis, Tennessee

Your registration fee covers 3 full days of educational seminars, 4 general sessions with professional speakers, and untold experiences with fellow Lions, LEOs and so many others. Register today to join with us in celebrating **50 years** of leadership skills, shared ideas, an atmosphere to build relationships and so much more.



**Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION**

LCIF Update – Building Our Impact Together

As we approach the close of another successful Lions year, I would like to thank the clubs and Lions throughout District 11-E1 for their continued support of LCIF and the incredible humanitarian work it makes possible around the world.

As of today, **63% of our clubs have contributed a combined total of \$12,340 to LCIF** during the 2025–2026 Lions year. Every donation—large or small—helps Lions respond to disasters, improve vision care, support youth, fight hunger, and strengthen communities both locally and globally.

One of the exciting benefits of supporting LCIF is the direct impact it can have right here within our own district. Increased district giving helps strengthen our eligibility and funding opportunities through programs such as the **District Community Impact Grant (DCIG)** program. The stronger our district participation and contributions to LCIF, the greater our ability to secure grant funding that can support meaningful projects and service initiatives throughout District 11-E1 in the future.

As we finish out the Lions year, we encourage every club that has not yet made a contribution to consider participating before June 30. Together, we can continue building momentum and demonstrate District 11-E1's commitment to service and humanitarian impact.

Every dollar donated represents hope, compassion, and the power of Lions working together to make a difference.

Thank you again for your generosity, leadership, and dedication to Lionism. Let's finish the year strong and continue building an even brighter future for our district and communities.

Together We Serve.

Yours in service,
PDG Sheryl Schafer
District 11-E1 LCIF Coordinator

District Governor Appreciation Dinner Cancellation

After much consideration, we have made the difficult decision to cancel the District Governor Appreciation Dinner that had been planned for Saturday, August 22.

As many of you know, our son was critically injured in a tragic fire on March 15, 2026, suffering severe third- and fourth-degree burns over more than 65% of his body. Since that time, he has undergone numerous surgeries and continues to fight through a long and challenging recovery journey.

As part of his treatment, both of his arms were amputated below the elbow, and his right leg was amputated below the knee. We are also continuing efforts to preserve his vision in both eyes. While his progress has been remarkable considering the extent of his injuries, the coming months will continue to require our full attention and support as a family.

The current plan is for him to transition from the burn unit later this summer into a long-term rehabilitation center in Indianapolis, with hopes that he may be able to return home to Michigan in early January 2027. Follow-up treatment is expected to continue through the Ann Arbor area burn specialists.

Over the past few months, we have been traveling to Indianapolis multiple times each week, and at times staying there for extended periods in our fifth-wheel camper near Indianapolis so we can remain close to him throughout his recovery.

We sincerely appreciate the understanding, prayers, encouragement, and support shown by Lions throughout District 11-E1 and beyond. Your kindness and compassion have meant more to our family than words can express.

Thank you for your continued friendship, support, and service.

-DG Jeff & PDG Sheryl Schafer

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We're on the Web at:
www.MiLions11e1.org

Visit our facebook page.

District 11-E1 Lions
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/Lions11E1>

Welcome New Members!

Club	Member	Sponsor
Big Rapids	Crisa Lyons	PDG Jim Chipman
Empire	David Brazeau	Matt Young
Empire	Ingrid Brazeau	Carrie Young
Mt. Pleasant	Franklin Mackenzie	Joseph Barberi
Shepherd	Richard Feltman	John Williams

For the month of May, we added 5 new members. Overall, for the year, we have added 74 new members, transferred/reinstated 19 members & dropped 81 members. Net gain for the year of +12.

July 2025: +2	Nov 2025: +29	Mar 2026: +15
Aug 2025: +1	Dec 2025: +21	Apr 2026: +11
Sep 2025: +15	Jan 2026: +21	May 2026: +12
Oct 2025: +14	Feb 2026: +15	Jun 2026:

Congratulations District 11-E1, we have had **POSITIVE** membership growth every month during our LION YEAR! **CONGRATS!**

Bring a prospective member to a service project and remember "Just Ask One!"



Eversight: Reflect on the Impact you helped make in 2025

From January 1 through April 30, **3,539** donors and their families selflessly gave the gift of sight. **3,763** tissues were provided for sight restoring transplants, and **1,173** tissues helped to advance vision research and support clinical education and training.





DISTRICT 11-E1 CABINET TOWN HALL Meeting!



Led by
LAURA JOHNSON
DISTRICT GOVERNOR 11-E1
2026-2027

SAVE THE DATE!



SATURDAY
AUGUST 8, 2026



9:00 AM – 1:00 PM
(Coffee & Registration at 8:30 AM)



LUTHER LIONS HALL
1003 N State Rd.
Luther, MI

Service is Sweet!



LAURA JOHNSON
DISTRICT GOVERNOR 11-E1

Come Together. Share Ideas. Build Our Future!

ALL LIONS ARE INVITED!

- ✓ Club Officers
- ✓ Zone Chairs
- ✓ Committee Chairs
- ✓ All Lions Members

*Your voice matters!
Be part of the conversation.*

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS



DG Laura Johnson's Vision
for 2026-2027



District Updates
& Priorities



Town Hall Discussion –
Your Ideas, Your District



Working Together for
a Stronger 11-E1!

WHY ATTEND?



Stay informed



Share ideas



Plan for success



Strengthen our
Lions family

*Let's make
this our best
year yet!*

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

and join us!

QUESTIONS?

Contact your Zone Chair
or DG Laura Johnson
We look forward to
seeing you there!

Together We Serve. Together We Lead. Together We Grow.

SERVICE IS SWEET WITH DISTRICT 11-E1!

www.mwLIONS11E1.org



Global Leadership Team (GLT) Corner:

Club Officer Training Opportunities

As we begin preparing for the upcoming Lion year, one of the most important steps we can take is ensuring our incoming club officers are equipped for success. Strong leadership at the club level is the foundation of a strong district, and training plays a key role in that success.

The Global Leadership Team (GLT) is pleased to offer Club Officer Training sessions designed to support incoming Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers, and all leadership team members. These sessions provide practical guidance, helpful resources, and an opportunity to ask questions and share ideas with fellow Lions.

We currently have the following training sessions scheduled:

- **Saturday, June 6 – Greenville 1st Congregational Church**
- **Thursday, June 11 – Kaleva Lions Club - \$10 meal**
- **Wednesday, June 24 – Shepherd Restaurant and Bar – Order from menu**
- **Thursday, June 25 – Empire Township Hall**
- **Tuesday, June 30 – White Cloud Lions Club - \$10 meal**

We encourage all incoming club officers – and any interested Lions – to attend one of these sessions.

In addition, we are looking to expand training opportunities across the district. If your club is willing to host a Club Officer Training session during May or June, we would love to partner with you. Hosting is simple and helps make training more accessible for nearby clubs.

By working together and investing in leadership development, we can ensure our clubs remain strong, active, and impactful in their communities.

If your club is interested in hosting or if you have any questions about training, please contact DG Jeff Schafer.

Let's build strong Leaders for a successful year ahead! _____

Pages 11-12 in this newsletter is the flyer for the upcoming training sessions along with the tentative agenda for the session.

Yours in Service,
Lion Jeff Schafer
DG 11-E1





Global Membership Team (GMT) Corner:



GMT Membership Update – Finishing Strong!

District 11-E1 continues to move in a very positive direction as we approach the close of the 2025–2026 Lions year. As of today, our district stands at **+13 in membership growth**, and even more exciting, we have maintained **positive membership growth every single month this year!**

This accomplishment reflects the hard work of our clubs, the welcoming spirit of our members, and the dedication of Lions who continue to invite others to become part of something meaningful through service and fellowship.

Membership growth does not happen by accident. It happens because clubs are active in their communities, visible through service projects, and willing to share the story of Lionism with others. Every new Lion brings new energy, new ideas, and new opportunities to strengthen our clubs and expand our impact.

As we finish out the Lions year, let's continue building momentum by:

- Inviting prospective members to meetings and service projects
- Sharing the impact your club is making in the community
- Encouraging current members to stay engaged and involved
- Welcoming new Lions with enthusiasm and mentorship

We are in a strong position, but we are not done yet! Let's work together to finish the year strong and create even greater momentum heading into the 2026–2027 Lions year.

Thank you to every club and every Lion who has helped make membership growth a success this year. Your efforts are helping ensure a bright future for District 11-E1.

Together We Serve. Together We Grow!

For membership support or ideas, contact:

Global Membership Team (GMT)

Coordinator Lion Jeff Morse at 231-620-5333 or
email: inlandfirechief@gmail.com.



Flag Day

Sunday

June 14, 2026



DISTRICT 11-E1 NEEDS YOU!



Help Lead Our District in 2026-2027



Become Part of the GLOBAL ACTION TEAM (GAT)!

The future success of District 11-E1 depends on Lions who are willing to share their talents, ideas, and leadership. We are currently seeking Lions interested in serving on our District Global Action Team (GAT) for the 2026-2027 Lions Year.

Whether you are a newer Lion looking to grow or an experienced Lion ready to mentor others, there is a place for you on our team!

**YOUR
LEADERSHIP.
YOUR IMPACT.
OUR FUTURE.**

GET GLOBAL EXTENSION TEAM	GLT GLOBAL LEADERSHIP TEAM	GMT GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP TEAM	GST GLOBAL SERVICE TEAM
<i>Building New Clubs</i>	<i>Developing Future Leaders</i>	<i>Growing Our Pride</i>	<i>Making an Impact</i>
PRIMARY FOCUS: • New club development • Club branch development • Reaching new communities	PRIMARY FOCUS: • Leadership development • Training • Mentoring	PRIMARY FOCUS: • Membership growth • New member recruitment • Club retention • Supporting healthy clubs	PRIMARY FOCUS: • Service projects • Community impact • Reporting service activities
KEY RESPONSIBILITIES: ✓ Identify opportunities for new clubs ✓ Support club extension efforts ✓ Recruit charter members ✓ Expand Lions service footprint	KEY RESPONSIBILITIES: ✓ Organize leadership training ✓ Mentor emerging leaders ✓ Support officer development ✓ Promote Lions learning opportunities	KEY RESPONSIBILITIES: ✓ Help clubs attract new members ✓ Promote membership campaigns ✓ Support club retention efforts ✓ Encourage club excellence	KEY RESPONSIBILITIES: ✓ Promote meaningful service projects ✓ Increase service reporting ✓ Support Lions Portal reporting ✓ Highlight district service successes
MORE CLUBS. MORE SERVICE. MORE IMPACT.	STRONG LEADERS. STRONGER DISTRICT.	MORE MEMBERS. MORE PRIDE. MORE POWER.	SERVICE FROM THE HEART. IMPACT THAT LASTS.

WHY SERVE ON THE GAT?



**DEVELOP
LEADERSHIP
SKILLS**



**MEET LIONS
ACROSS THE
DISTRICT**



**BUILD
FRIENDSHIPS
& CONNECTIONS**



**HELP SHAPE
THE FUTURE OF
DISTRICT 11-E1**



**MAKE AN EVEN
GREATER IMPACT
THROUGH LIONISM**

INTERESTED?

*We'd love to
talk with you!*



CONTACT:

PDG Laura Johnson
District Governor 2026-2027

OR

District Governor Jeff Schafer
District 11-E1



**TOGETHER
WE SERVE.**



**TOGETHER
WE LEAD.**



**TOGETHER
WE GROW.**

Your District Needs You!



LIONS CLUB DUES

LION YEAR 2026-2027

*Stronger
Together.
Better
Together!* 



YOUR DUES • YOUR IMPACT • OUR FUTURE

Dues support local, district, multiple district, and international programs that change lives.

**TOGETHER
WE SERVE.
TOGETHER
WE GROW.**

SINGLE MEMBERSHIP (Per Member)



LCI DUES
Lions Clubs
International

\$50
ANNUAL



MD-11 DUES
Multiple District 11
(Michigan)

\$14
ANNUAL



**MD-11
NEWSPAPER**
Michigan Lions
Newspaper

\$4.50
ANNUAL



**DISTRICT 11-E1
DUES**
Supports District
Programs & Service

\$8
ANNUAL

TOTAL SINGLE MEMBER DUES \$76.50

FAMILY PLAN

(Household Head + 1 Family Member)



LCI DUES
Lions Clubs
International

\$75
ANNUAL



MD-11 DUES
Multiple District 11
(Michigan)

\$21
ANNUAL



**MD-11
NEWSPAPER**
Michigan Lions
Newspaper

\$9
ANNUAL



**DISTRICT 11-E1
DUES**
Supports District
Programs & Service

\$16
ANNUAL

TOTAL FAMILY PLAN DUES \$121



PLEASE NOTE: These dues do **NOT** include any local Club dues.

Please check with your Club Treasurer for your club's local dues amount and payment deadlines.



YOUR DUES HELP SUPPORT:

-  Local Club Projects
-  District & State Initiatives
-  Leadership Development
-  LCI Global Service Initiatives
-  Disaster Relief & Humanitarian Aid



ANNUAL DUES

Payable July 1 – June 30

Please ensure your club's dues are paid on time so we can continue to **serve** and **grow**

together!



**THANK YOU
FOR YOUR COMMITMENT
TO LIONISM!**

*We Serve.
We Lead.
We Grow.*

**STRONG CLUBS
STRONG DISTRICT
BRIGHTER FUTURE!**



TOGETHER, WE CAN MAKE AN EVEN BIGGER IMPACT IN LION YEAR 2026-2027!



DISTRICT 11-E1 IMPORTANT REMINDER

CLUB OFFICER REPORTING FOR 2026–2027

It is time to enter your club's incoming officers for the **2026–2027 Lions Year** into the Lions Portal.

Accurate and timely officer reporting helps ensure your club:

- ✓ Receives important district and LCI communications
- ✓ Maintains access to Lions Portal resources
- ✓ Allows incoming officers to receive training materials and support
- ✓ Starts the new Lions year successfully

Officers That Need To Be Reported:

- Club President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Vice Presidents
- Membership Chairperson
- LCIF Coordinator
- Service Chairperson
- Other club leadership positions

HOW TO REPORT OFFICERS

Step 1:

Log into the Lions Portal

Step 2:

Select your club

Step 3:

Go to:

Club Management → Officers

Step 4:

Enter incoming officers for the 2026–2027 Lions year

Step 5:

Save and submit your updates

PLEASE COMPLETE ASAP

Only a portion of District 11-E1 clubs have completed officer reporting so far. Please help us achieve 100% club reporting before the start of the new Lions year.

QUESTIONS OR ASSISTANCE?

Contact:

DG Jeff Schafer

✉ Jeff.schafer1@comcast.net

☎ Text/Call: 812-325-3130

Lion Peggy Frank (District Administrator)

pfrank1219@yahoo.com

616-217-6840

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DISTRICT 11-E1 LIONS CLUB OFFICERS Training!



**STRONG CLUBS
STRONG DISTRICT
STRONGER
TOGETHER!**

Join us for valuable training, resources and fellowship to help you lead your club with confidence and success!



TRAINING FOR:

- ✓ PRESIDENTS / VICE PRESIDENTS
- ✓ SECRETARIES
- ✓ TREASURERS
- ✓ LCIF COORDINATOR



**ALL INCOMING AND CURRENT OFFICERS
WELCOME!**

Any Lion that is interested is encouraged to attend!

5 TRAINING SESSIONS IN JUNE

**SATURDAY
JUNE
6**
9–11 AM



**First Congregational Church
of Greenville**
126 E Cass St.,
Greenville, MI



**DONUTS
& COFFEE**

**THURSDAY
JUNE
11**
6–8 PM



Kaleva Lions Club
14369 9 Mile Rd,
Kaleva, MI



**PASTY
DINNER
\$10**

**WEDNESDAY
JUNE
24**
6–8 PM



Shepherd Bar & Restaurant
324 W Wright Ave,
Shepherd, MI



**ORDER
FROM
MENU**

**THURSDAY
JUNE
25**
6–8 PM



Empire Township Hall
10088 W Front St.,
Empire, MI



**SNACKS /
DESSERTS**

**TUESDAY
JUNE
30**
6–8 PM



White Cloud Lions Den
294 N Charles St. (M-37),
White Cloud, MI



MEAL



PLEASE RSVP TO:

DG Jeff Schafer
Jeff.schafer1@comcast.net

Text / Call 812-325-3130

*Thank you for
your commitment
to Lionism and
service!*



WE SERVE • WE LEAD • WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE



District 11-E1
New Club Officer Training

Call to Order
Pledge

Welcome/Greetings

Club Officer Training
President/Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer
LCIF Coordinator

Dues and Financial Responsibilities
Includes LCI, State/District & Club Fees

State Projects
Lions of Michigan Service Foundation
Lion Bear Lake Camp
Michigan EverSight
Lions of Michigan All State Band
Leader Dogs for the Blind
Paws With A Cause
Project Kidsight

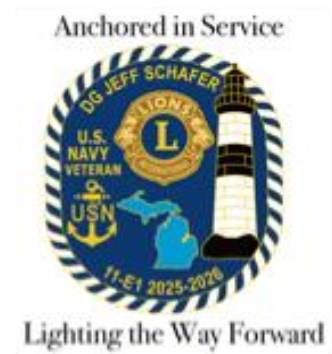
Awards
Club Excellence
Chevron Awards
Melvin Jones Fellowship

Accessing Lions Portal
Why Report Service

District Leadership Positions Available for 2026-27
1st Vice District Governor
Global Action Team (GAT) Coordinators
Global Extension Team (GET)
Zone Chairpersons
Various Committee Chairs

Q & A

Closing Remarks





LIONS OF MICHIGAN FOUNDATION

5730 EXECUTIVE DRIVE - LANSING, MICHIGAN 48911

VOICE: 517 887-6640

FAX: 517 887-6642

WEB: www.lmsf.net

May 8, 2026

Kay Brandt
8815 Knapp Rd. - C9
Houghton Lake, MI 48629

Dear Kay:

I am pleased to inform you that Jerry Brandt has been selected for induction into the Lions of Michigan Hall of Fame on August 1, 2026. Induction into the Lions of Michigan Hall of Fame is the highest honor bestowed on a Michigan Lion or past Lions member, and only a few extraordinary Lions are inducted into our Hall of Fame each year. Jerry will join a very select group of the very finest Michigan Lions to faithfully serve our association.

We would be honored if some of Jerry's family and friends could share in our celebration of Jerry's accomplishments at the 17th Annual Lions of Michigan Hall of Fame Banquet at 6:00 PM on August 1, 2026 at the Comfort Inn Hotel in Mt. Pleasant, Michigan. Please note the enclosed registration form.

Jerry's biographical information, including his service to the Lions of Michigan and other organizations, will be presented at the installation banquet, and Jerry's picture will be forever displayed on the Wall of Honor in the Lions of Michigan State Office. We invite family members and/or friends to present the biographical information or history of inductees. If you are able to identify family or friends to represent Jerry, please email their names and their relationship to Jerry to info@lmsf.net.

We are excited about being able to recognize the outstanding accomplishments of Michigan Lions, and we truly wish Jerry could join in our celebration. We look forward to meeting some of Jerry's family members and friends on August 1.

Sincerely yours,

Chad A. McCann
Executive Director

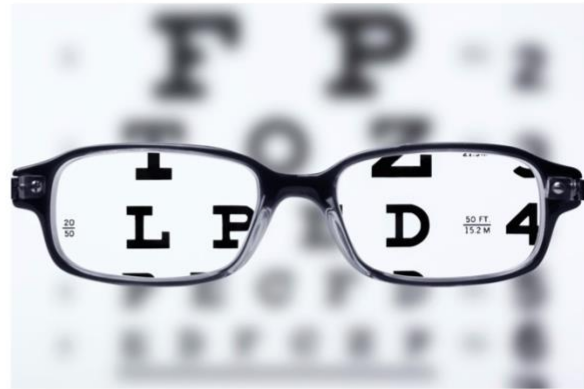
Enclosure

cc: Jeff Schafer, DG - 11-E1 Lions Clubs

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Dedicated to improving the quality of life of people in Michigan with unmet needs.

Lions of Michigan FOUNDATION



Eye Care Assistance



Affordable Hearing Aids



Emergency Disaster Relief



Military and Veterans Families



Medical Care and Equipment

Emergency Individual Assistance



Visit LionsForum.org
for more information

80+
LEARNING
SEMINARS

EARLY
REGISTRATION
ENDS MARCH 31, 2026

Scan Here
to register



Recommended layout for display board layout using graphics printed on 8.5x11" paper. Suggest using heavier paper to print. Be as creative as you like so long as the information and QR code are included.



A RECORD OF DEVELOPING LEADERS

SEPTEMBER 3-5, 2026
Memphis, Tennessee



THURSDAY EVENING 65th ANNIVERSARY PARTY

Celebrate 65 years of the USA-Canada Lions Leadership Forum. We will have a special presentation by the Lions Club of Memphis, Tennessee, and a special presentation by the Lions Club of Memphis, Tennessee. The event will be held at the Grand Hyatt Hotel, Memphis, Tennessee.

1
ANNIVERSARY
PARTY

4
INSPIRATIONAL
SPEAKERS
during meals



FRIDAY LUNCHEON

SEPTEMBER 4TH LUNCHEON will feature a special presentation by the Lions Club of Memphis, Tennessee. The event will be held at the Grand Hyatt Hotel, Memphis, Tennessee. The lunch will be served at 11:30 AM.

SATURDAY LUNCHEON

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SATURDAY EVENING



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Leader Dog Update: Avi

Puppy Raiser Jeff:

We wanted to let you know that Avi has started Foundations training! The canine care team that has been working with Avi has some comments to pass along.

Some things that Avi is working on are:

- Sit

Some things that Avi is good at:

- Down, Making friends

Something Avi excels at doing:

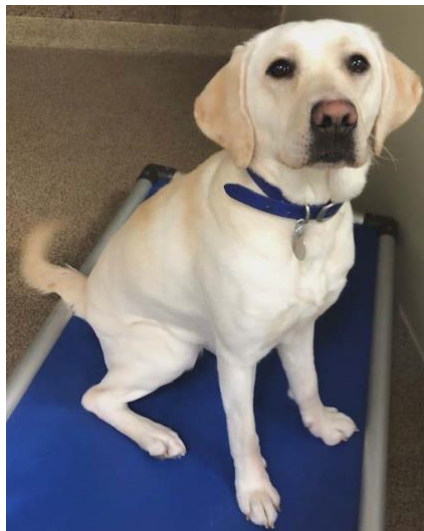
- Settling for quiet village, Mat

In her free time she likes to:

- Chew toys, Cuddle, Get rump scratches

Something unique we noticed about Avi is that she enjoys spending quiet time on her bed before settling down for a nap, often happily chewing on her Nylabones as part of her wind-down routine. This has been a great way for her to self-soothe and relax independently. When it comes to enrichment play, Avi is very engaged and expressive—she loves to pick up her toys and enthusiastically shake them back and forth. One of her favorite activities is playing with her antler Nylabone, which she will toss across the floor and then eagerly slide or pounce after it to retrieve it!

You will receive another update on Avi during the Basic phase of training. Please see the photos attached. Thank you raising Avi in support of our program!





LEADING THE WAY



Leader Dogs for the Blind & Lions Newsletter

June 2026



Congratulations on another year of Lionism! This year, Lions banded together to support efforts for the cause of vision. Lions spread the Leader Dog mission in their communities, helped clients complete their applications and donated to drive our programs forward. At Leader Dog, we launched a new website with advanced accessibility, piloted new programs to increase the impact of our services worldwide and committed to a future providing holistic services to those who are blind and low vision. We hosted more than 150 Lions leaders for Summer Visits, traveled to more than 30 Lions conventions and club visits, and met **thousands of Lions who are passionate about serving the cause of vision as knights of the blind.**



Lion Gordon & Leader Dog Bruce of Oklahoma

Lion Gordon became a Lion after learning about them when he received his first Leader Dog. A veteran, he loves to kayak, fish, and hike. "I lost vision later in life and had to work hard to find safe ways to do things without vision. With Leader Dog Bruce, I'll be more mobile than I have been since my last Leader Dog passed." When asked about Leader Dog Bruce, Lion Gordon shared, **"he looks like he's been left in the toaster too long."**

Lion May & Leader Dog Monte of Michigan

Lion May is a competitive athlete. She plays blind cricket for the US Women's National Team and loves sky diving. "Monte is my third Leader Dog and, no offense to the other two, but **he's already become my favorite...** He's very cautious, he will slow down for cracks or twigs in the road. And he definitely eats like a lab; he loves food."



LeaderDog.org | LionsSupport@leaderdog.org



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Lion Charity of Georgia

Lion Charity has worked with a few Leader Dogs and applied for her next match. In the meantime, she attended the Orientation & Mobility program at Leader Dog to strengthen her cane skills. "Previously I had only traveled during daylight hours unless I had a Leader Dog with me. I know now, when I get my next Leader Dog, that I will be able to make a decision to leave my dog at home for certain events and can instead choose my cane if it is a more reasonable option. I've learned that the cane is not a 'lesser substitute' for a dog, but rather a different option. **It's a new tool in my ever-expanding toolbox for my independence.**"



Share Your Story at Community Events This Summer

By Lion Jess VandenBoom, Manager of Philanthropy for Lions Engagement (Western United States and Canada), pictured on the right with her club.

Lions are gearing up for summer! With more community events, **summer is a perfect opportunity to share the story of Lionism with our neighbors.** My club, the St. Clair Shores Lions Club, sets up a table and a craft at community events each summer.

When people donate glasses and include the case, our Lions members clean and display them at community events. We invite people to take home a case, and we encourage children to use some art supplies to decorate their own to use as a toy or purse. While they're browsing, we can tell the story of Lions and Leader Dog, talk about our other service projects, and encourage our neighbors to get involved.

We display Lions club flyers and Leader Dog brochures so it's easy for people to learn more and sign up to help.

Leader Dog's programs are free to those who need them, and Lions help get the word out. Go to LeaderDog.org/request-materials/ to request free brochures to share with those who may need support near you.



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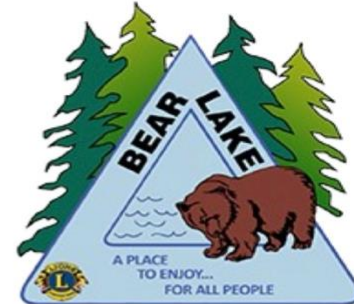
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Bear Lake Camp June News

Lion Steve Glazier

District 11E1 Chairperson

bearlakecamp.org (information site and sign up for Bear Lake Camp free Newsletter)



Hi Fellow Lions! School is out but as we continue preparing for another busy and impactful Summer Camp starting in June at Lions Bear Lake Camp, We are launching a new Pantry Donation Challenge to help stock our kitchen and support the hundreds of campers, staff, volunteers, and guests we will serve throughout the season. We should all be proud as Lions that 1506 special needs kids were hosted last year over 11 weeks.

Our kitchen serves thousands of meals every year, and many of the items we use most often are non perishable pantry staples. With rising food costs continuing to impact operations, this challenge gives clubs, individuals, families, and community supporters a direct and meaningful way to help camp in a hands on way.

We have created a list of specific requested items that our kitchen can use efficiently during the summer season. These include #10 cans of fruits and vegetables, soups, sauces, snacks, juice boxes, and other high use pantry items. Because our kitchen operates on a large scale, we are asking that all donated items be newly purchased, undamaged, not expired, and match the requested sizes and brands whenever possible.

This challenge is something that can easily be shared throughout your districts, clubs, and communities. Some clubs may choose to organize a larger collection effort, while others may encourage individual members to each bring a few items. Every single case, can, and box donated helps reduce operational costs and allows more resources to go directly toward camper experiences. In addition to helping financially, this challenge also creates another opportunity for Lions and supporters to feel personally connected to the mission of camp.

A Flyer is attached below and ready to share. We would greatly appreciate your help promoting this challenge and encouraging participation across your areas and in your club. Thank you for everything you continue to do for Lions Bear Lake Camp and the families we serve year after year. **Interesting fun fact, over 25,000 meals served at camp in 2025.**

I have also provided a link to our amazon wishlist for items that can be purchased and sent directly to camp. https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/27IDKZWBTCFA9?ref_=wl_fv_l,

If clubs are interested in participating in this food pantry collection contact me and I will make arrangements for pick up in our district clubs and deliver to Bear Lake for this years Summer

Camp if clubs can not ship direct from Amazon or other. (Steve Glazier – steveglazier96@gmail.com) .

Expanding on an update from our Camp Director Traci Tribley I am pleased to share several positive updates as we continue preparing for a successful summer season at Lions Bear Lake Camp. Our annual Work Bee was a tremendous success, with more than 75 volunteers donating their time and talents to help prepare camp for the busy months ahead. Their hard work and dedication made a significant impact across camp operations and facility improvements such as flower planting, bonfire wood cutting and so much more.

One of the largest projects completed during the recent Work Bee was the delivery and installation of 160 new mattresses throughout camp. The old mattresses were removed and loaded into trailers generously borrowed from Jay Caldwell. Mike and Traci will be delivering these mattresses this week to missions, shelters, and community programs in Lapeer, Midland, and Shiawassee counties so they may continue serving others in need. The new mattresses were purchased through donation funds received from Rich Pfeiffer's estate, and we are deeply grateful for this lasting contribution to camp. In addition, a deposit has been placed on a new commercial dishwasher that will be installed following the summer camp season. This purchase was also made possible through the Pfeiffer estate donation funds and will greatly improve kitchen efficiency and sanitation operations. Several important facility and safety projects were completed during the Work Bee as well. Emergency exit lights throughout camp were replaced, a necessary improvement to successfully pass our Fire Marshal inspection.

We are proud to report that our fire inspection was completed with an A+ rating. Our Health Department inspection of the kitchen was also completed with an A+ rating. Our environmental inspection is scheduled to take place in June. Additional infrastructure improvements included converting the remainder of the parking lot lighting to energy-efficient LED bulbs, helping improve visibility while reducing long-term energy costs.

"Big News" as the Camp will now have property wide cell service and internet as a long term cell tower lease agreement location on Bear Lake Camp property has been approved by Bear Lake Camp Board and Verizon officially began the early stages of the cell tower project on camp property. Land surveys have been completed, and while construction is not expected to begin until fall, the project is moving forward as planned. Currently the camp only has only very limited cell and internet service. So it is a Win/Win deal situation with Verizon.

Summer staff hiring has been completed, and staff members are actively working through required training and certifications in preparation for camper kids arrival. Our Challenge Course team recently completed training and certification with a trainer from Experiential Services, focusing specifically on the climbing tower and zip line elements. Due to time limitations and staffing certification requirements, we will not be utilizing the 16 station low ropes challenge course this summer. .

Jean Becher generously donated a beautiful handmade king-size quilt that will be raffled off on November 14th as a fundraiser for camp. Tickets will be sold for \$1 each. I will be receiving an allotment of 50 tickets to sell soon so "Please" keep a couple dollars earmarked for this upcoming food pantry benefit quilt prize drawing

Camp Refresh Info:

Lions Bear Lake Camp is owned by “all” Lions in the State of Michigan. Its located on 120 acres in Lapeer Michigan (About 20 miles west of Flint). At full capacity it can house 160 occupants. The Camp Consists of 10 two story “modern dorm style” cabins, having 16 beds each and a main lodge all located on the camps own private lake. There are additionally several other buildings on the campus totaling about 18. Lions Bear Lake Summer Camp is open to ages 6 to 16 years old. Camp activities include a variety of things such as trail hikes, wheelchair accessible paved trails, rope climbing, , team building games and challenges, group bonding, bonfires, swimming, camp fire smores, songs, crafts, fishing, boating, archery, 50 foot climbing tower, zip line and so much more!. **And get this, we are fully approved to accommodate both kids and adults with mobility issues on the tower rock climb and the ever popular zip line, so nobody has to sit out on the adventure!**

We have many partnerships allowing us to host several additional Summer Camp week opportunities for kids with specific special needs. Some Examples:

Autism: Inclusive sessions designed for individuals on the autism spectrum

- **Juvenile Diabetes (T1D):** Specialty sessions tailored for children managing type 1 diabetes.
- **Cancer:** Residential camp programs for children currently in treatment or in remission.is primarily sustained by financial support as a Lions State Projects from **Lions and Leo Clubs** across the state.
- **Specialized Health Foundations:** To reach specific camper populations, the camp partners with organizations such as the **Arthritis Foundation** (for juvenile arthritis programs) and **Heartland Hospice** (for bereavement programs).
- **Program-Specific Collaborations:** Recent summer programs have included partnerships with **Providing a Better Journey (PBJ) Camp**, the **Sterling Heights Marching Band**, and **Camp Quality** and others.
- **Juvenile Amputee’s** This is a new addition to **Bear Lake Summer Camp 2026*******

Accreditation and Regulatory Partners that we have voluntarily submitted to independent apprasials to insure safety and best practice methods found below:

- **American Camp Association (ACA):** The camp maintains [ACA Accreditation](#), ensuring we meet over 300 national standards for health, safety, and program quality.
- **State of Michigan:** We are licensed by the State of Michigan and undergo annual reviews by the Department of Human Services to ensure we are in compliance in the areas of safety, site suitability, activities and staffing among other standards.of which we meet and exceed requirements.

Thank You Steve Glazier

LIONS BEAR LAKE CAMP



21st Annual GOLF CLASSIC



*Boulder Pointe
Golf Club*

Ranked #1 public golf course in the metro Detroit area

June 8th, 2026

**Boulder Pointe Golf Club
1 Championship Drive, Oxford, MI**

Please join us for the 21st Annual Lions Bear Lake Camp Golf Classic.

Boulder Pointe Golf Club, ranked the #1 public course in metro Detroit, features three distinctive 9-hole layouts—Bluffs, Peaks, and Dunes—offering endless 18-hole combinations ranging from just over 5,000 to 7,000+ yards, perfect for both relaxed play and serious competition. that will make for a fun and challenging event.

Proceeds from this event will support blind and visually impaired children at Bear Lake Camp. Together, we can make this a great event for such a wonderful cause.

ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS

Use of Driving Range
18 Holes of Golf with Cart
Course Contests
Buffet-Style Awards Dinner
Door Prizes & Raffles

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Registration 9:00am
Shotgun Start 10:00am
Awards Dinner 3:00pm

EVENT FEES

Player \$125
Foursome \$500

Register Now



810-245-0726 info@bearlakecamp.org bearlakecamp.org



LIONS BEAR LAKE CAMP PANTRY CHALLENGE



Stock the Shelves. Support the Mission. Make an Impact.

WHAT WE NEED FROM YOU

Lions Clubs and Individuals are invited to come together and help stock our kitchen with specific, high-use items that directly support our campers. These are not general donations. These are the exact items we rely on every single day.

IMPORTANT GUIDELINES – PLEASE READ

Items must be NEW and recently purchased
 NO expired, dented, or damaged items
 Must match EXACT sizes and descriptions
 Preferred store: Gordon Food Service (GFS)

#10 CANS (FOODSERVICE SIZE ONLY) (preferably in cases of 6)

#10 Cans Diced Pineapple
 #10 Cans Applesauce
 #10 Cans Mandarin Oranges
 #10 Cans Green Beans
 #10 Cans Carrots
 #10 Cans Mixed Fruit
 #10 Cans Apple Pie Filling
 #10 Cans Cherry Pie Filling
 #10 Cans Blueberry Pie Filling
 #10 Cans Spaghetti Sauce
 #10 Cans Salsa
 #10 Cans Chickpeas
 50 Ounce Cans Cream of Chicken Soup
 50 Ounce Cans Tomato Soup

INDIVIDUAL SNACK ITEMS (SNACK SIZE ONLY)

Regular Lays Chips – Snack Size Bags
 Fritos – Snack Size Bags
 Lays Barbeque Chips – Snack Size Bags
 Oreos – Individual Serving Snack Packs
 Animal Crackers – Individual Serving Snack Packs
 Rice Krispie Treats – Individual Snack Bars
 Goldfish – Individual Snack Size Bags
 Fruit Snacks – Individual Serving Bags

DRINKS

Non-Perishable Juice Boxes –
 40 Count Cases Only

S'MORES & TREATS

Hershey Chocolate Bars – Full Size
 Graham Crackers – Full Boxes
 Marshmallows – Regular Size Bags

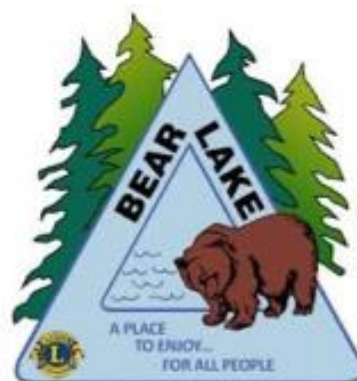
To coordinate drop off of donations contact:

Traci Tribley traci@bearlakecamp.org

Chrissy Andre chrissy@bearlakecamp.org



*Join us for a night of fun,
entertainment & baseball
at Jimmy John's Field!*



Lions Bear Lake Camp FUNDRAISER

**MAMMOTHS VS. BEAVERS
FRIDAY, JUNE 12 - 7:05 PM
GATES OPEN 6 PM**

Group Perks Include:

- Game seating in party patio area
- Group photo on the field
- Welcome message on the scoreboard
- Kids Run the Bases after the game
- Meet JJ the Field General, the bat dog
- Meet & Greet with a team mascot
- Free Parking

Enjoy an All American BBQ!

Premium Hot Dogs, Slow Roasted BBQ Pulled Chicken, Sliced Smoked Sausage with Peppers & Onions, Fresh Pasta Salad, Coleslaw, Baked Beans, Potato Chips, and Cookies. *Food is served starting when the gates open for 90 minutes.* Guests will receive unlimited soft drinks, lemonade, iced tea, water, and (2) drink vouchers for 12oz. Domestic beer or wine.

**[CLICK HERE TO PURCHASE
YOUR TICKETS](#)**





LIONS BEAR LAKE CAMP

Quilt Raffle

Chance to win a handcrafted King Sized
Quilt by Jean Becher.



TICKET COST: \$1 EACH

The drawing will be held on the 14th of November 2026 during
the November Crafting Weekend Retreat at
Lion Bear Lake Camp, 3409 N Five Lakes Rd. Lapeer, MI 48446.

Contact 810-245-0726 for questions

Purchase tickets from any board member or visit
bearlakecamp.org to purchase

Raffle License # R86173



Greenville Lions Club

Kreitner Memorial Golf Classic

"In memory of Lions passed"



Title Sponsor:



DATE: June 20th, 2026
TIME: Registration at 8:00 am. Shotgun start at 9:00 am.
PLACE: Candlestone Golf & Resort
 8100 Storey Road
 Belding, MI 498809

ENTRY FEE: \$75 per golfer (\$300 per team)

Entry Fee Includes:

Green Fees - 18 Holes
 Cart
 Catered Lunch
 Each Player will receive a "Goodie Bag"

Contests:

Hole-in-one
 Longest Drive
 Closest to the pin
 Longest putt
 & many more.....

Format:

Tournament will be played in 4-person scramble format. Individuals are encouraged to sign-up and will be placed on a team.



Premier Sponsors:

Blake Hollenbeck
AUTO SALES
 AND SERVICE CENTER

Belding Hometown
Hardware



Please return the bottom section with your team entry fee.

ENTRY FORM:

Name: _____

Company: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

email: _____

Please make check payable to "Greenville Lions Club"
 Send entry form and payment to: PO Box 721 Greenville, MI. 48838 For
 more information, call 616.255.5031

Chapter Chronicles

Stanwood Lions Club



The Stanwood Lions Club nominated Lion Steve Cole as the Mecosta Volunteer of the Year. During the 2nd Annual Volunteer of the Year Dinner hosted by the Mecosta VFW, Lion Steve Cole was presented with the Mecosta Volunteer of the Year plaque.

Onekama Lions Club



The Onekama Lions Club has been busy during the months of April and May this spring. Photo on the left shows their participation in the "ONE" Onekama community service day put on by Onekama Consolidated Schools on May 8th. The Lions worked with 3rd, 4th, 7th and 9th grade students to clean up the fairgrounds by pruning, weeding, painting and moving material. The photo on the right the Onekama Lions held a very successful Quarter Paddle Auction on April 25th.



Leader Dog Update: Saylor



Leader Dog Saylor (raised by DG Jeff and PDG Sheryl) is shown with her new client, Gena Garcia of Hawaii. Earlier this year Saylor along with LD Liala (yellow female Lab) was delivered to two clients in Hawaii. Gena is so glad that LD Saylor has another Leader Dog to have some play dates. Gena stated that LD Saylor is a real sweet dog with lots of energy.



Arcadia Lions Club



The Arcadia Lions Club gave out four \$2500 scholarships for college/trade school students. Congratulations to: Olivia Johnson and Shawn Parker of Frankfort High School (not pictured), Jacob Miller of Bear Lake High School and Hailey Hart of Onkama High School.



Greenville Lions Club

Lions Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser on Friday, May 8th

Thank you to everyone who helped work this event as we had a profit of \$4,247.00!

Family Fun Day – Vision Testing on Saturday May 16th at Montcalm Area Career Center

We Screened 42 Kids with 37 passing and 5 being referred for additional evaluation. The Lions made a difference with 5 kids' future vision!



Used Eyeglasses to Ferris State University

Thank you to Lion Mike Hurst who delivered 14 boxes of used eyeglasses to Ferris State University. These will be cleaned and evaluated, then available for future mission trips around the world to provide improved vision.



Picture (Left): Congratulations to Elijah Purchase (in photo), Kadance Hottman & Alexander Grimaldo for each receiving a **\$1,000 College Scholarship** from the Greenville Lions Club.

Picture (Right): Congratulations to Lion Mike Kreitner for being named the **Greenville Lion of the Year** for 2025 – 2026. President Ed Milam (left) with Lion Mike Kreitner (right).



Luther Lions Club

June 7th, join us for our monthly Breakfast where we will be celebrating all Fathers at this Breakfast served from 8:30am-11:00am. Price is \$12 for adults, and \$6 for children 6-12 years old. Kids under 6 are FREE. All you can eat breakfast, including, eggs, meat, pancakes, French toast, potatoes, coffee and juice.

June 11th, Feed America truck. Line up starts at 2:30 + or -. We do not know what foods we will be getting and all food is distributed until gone.

June 20th, our last Bingo for the season. Doors open at 5pm. Early Bird Specials at 5:30pm and Regular Bingo starts at 6:00pm. Food available for purchase. Hope to See You There!

Sept. 26th, Annual Auction.

Oct. 7th, 2nd Annual RIDE for Charities.

Nov. 14th, Craft Show and Bake Sale. 10am-4pm

Dec. 24th, Sheriff Martin's "Toy Give Away"



Luther Memorial Day Commemoration Highlights



Onekama Lions Club (Again)



Pictured above: The club recently celebrated 59 years of being a Lions Club, where special recognition was given to Heather Schlappi - Helen Keller Award Recipient and Bob Wendt, Lion of the year recipient.



The Onekama Lions Club gave out two scholarships at the Onekama Consolidated Schools Awards Night and recipients were Hailey Hart and Mitchell Falk.

MD-11 State Convention Photos Shanty Creek Resort, Bellaire, MI



PDG Laura Johnson had a great time at the MD-11 State Convention held at the Shanty Creek Resort in Bellaire, Michigan in May 2026. Pictured above on the left is PDG Laura, PID Gary Anderson and IP A.P. Singh. Middle photo is PDG Laura and a stuffed Lion! On the right photo is PDG Laura and IP A.P. Singh.



PID Sangeeta Jatia is a highly accomplished leader in Lions Clubs International. She made history by becoming India's first female International Director, serving a two-year term from 2012-2014. She is a member of the Calcutta Midtown Lions Club since 1998. She served as the Global Chairperson for the association's "New Voices" initiative, which focuses on empowering women and promoting gender diversity in leadership roles. Outside of her volunteer work, Lion Jatia is an economics graduate from Calcutta University and is heavily involved in her family's businesses and various community philanthropies.



The 1979 MD-11 Lions Convention was the last time we had the honor of hosting a seated President, and we were honored to have International President Singh take part in our 106th Convention at Shanty Creek Resort and share his message as we Lead to Serve. Serve to Lead, at this year's convention.

"As Lions, we serve the world, but we also lead the world in service. Every act of service is a gift to humanity, but it's also an act of leadership that inspires others to join us in making a difference.

When Lions serve with passion and purpose, when we place the needs of others before our own, we are servant leaders, who strengthen our communities, our organization and the lives of the people we serve."