



District 11-E1

Aug 2026 Newsletter



Michigan Lions Serving 16 Counties & 35 Clubs!

Upcoming Events:

- Sep 3-5: USA/ Canada Lions Leadership Forum, Memphis, TN

Upcoming Club Visits:

- None scheduled at this time

Governor's Corner:

Greetings Lions of 11-E1,

It has been a little over a month since I returned home from the **Lions Clubs International Convention in Hong Kong**, and I can honestly say it was an experience of a lifetime! The fellowship, the energy, and the opportunity to meet Lions from around the world were truly inspiring. However, after spending nearly **14 hours on an airplane**, I've decided that those long flights are probably behind me!

One of the highlights of the convention was welcoming our new International President, **Lion Mark Lyon of Connecticut**. His theme for this Lions year is "**Rooted in Service**." I love the simplicity and strength of that message.

Being rooted in service means digging deep into our communities to discover where the greatest needs exist. It challenges us to look beyond what we've always done and seek new opportunities to serve. As we plan projects throughout the year, I encourage every club to invite family members, friends, neighbors, and community partners to join us. When people experience the satisfaction of serving alongside Lions, many discover that they want to become part of our Lions family. Service remains our greatest membership invitation.

The delegates at the International Convention also considered several important items of business. One significant measure approved by the membership was an **international dues increase of \$10**, which will be phased in through **\$2 annual increases over the next five years**, beginning in **2027**. This gradual approach helps ensure Lions International can continue providing the programs, leadership development, and global support that strengthen our clubs and expand our service around the world.

I also want to recognize someone much closer to home. **Past International Director Jenny Ware** from **Michigan's Upper Peninsula (District 10)** was a candidate for **Third Vice President of Lions Clubs International**. Although she was not recommended to be on the ballot for next year, her journey continues, and she remains eligible to seek the office over the next few years. Jenny has represented Michigan and the United States with dedication, professionalism, and a servant's heart. I hope you'll join me in encouraging her as she continues pursuing this incredible opportunity to help lead Lions International into the future.



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Before I close, I have one special request. Our **District Float** apparently became a comfortable winter home for a family of raccoons! Unfortunately, they caused enough damage that the two restaurant-style booth seats now need to be reupholstered. If you or someone in your club has upholstery experience—or knows someone who does—I would greatly appreciate hearing from you. Please contact me if you can help us restore the float for future district events.

As we continue this exciting Lions year, I look forward to visiting clubs throughout District 11-E1, sharing fellowship, celebrating your service, and seeing the wonderful things you are accomplishing in your communities.

Thank you for all you do to make a difference each and every day.

Rooted in Service...Growing Through Fellowship...Changing Lives.

DG Laura Johnson
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Stanwood Lions Club President Sue Fournier presents a club banner to DG Laura Johnson on her first official club visit of her term.

Prayer List:

IPDG Jeff & PDG Sheryl Schafer
Lion Debra Salada (White Cloud Lions President
and District Zone Chair)
ZC Heather Dourron



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



Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION

LCIF: Small Gifts...Extraordinary Impact

As we begin a new Lions year, I want to take a moment to thank every Lion and every club that supported the Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) during the past year.

Because of your generosity, **District 11-E1 contributed an outstanding \$13,355 to LCIF during the 2025-2026 Lions year.** Even more encouraging, **23 of our 35 clubs** made contributions, and several individual Lions chose to support LCIF through convenient monthly giving.

Thank you!

Every dollar given through LCIF helps Lions around the world respond when disaster strikes, restore vision, support childhood cancer research, improve access to diabetes care, provide humanitarian relief, strengthen youth programs, and fund grants that allow Lions to serve where the need is greatest.

Your generosity truly changes lives.

A New Year...A New Challenge

This Lions year, our district is joining Lions around the world in encouraging every member to consider making a **\$39.50 gift to LCIF.**

Imagine the impact if every Lion in District 11-E1 participated.

While some Lions may choose to make a one-time contribution, others may find that monthly giving is an easy and affordable way to reach this goal. Even a few dollars each month becomes a meaningful investment in the Foundation that supports our global service.

No gift is too small.

When thousands of Lions each give a little, together we

Why LCIF Matters

LCIF is often called "**the foundation that empowers Lions.**" It transforms our compassion into action by providing grants that enable Lions to respond to disasters, expand vision programs, support humanitarian initiatives, and improve lives in communities around the world.

When we support LCIF, we aren't simply making a donation—we're investing in service that extends far beyond what any one club could accomplish alone.

August Focus: Start Strong

August is a wonderful time for clubs to include LCIF in their annual planning.

Consider discussing these questions at your next club meeting:

- Will our club include an LCIF contribution in this year's budget?
- Can we encourage every member to participate with a personal gift?
- Could our club recognize a member with a Melvin Jones Fellowship this year?
- Is monthly giving an option that would work well for our members?

By planning early, clubs can make supporting LCIF a natural part of their service throughout the year.

Together, We Can Do More

Our district has already demonstrated incredible generosity.

Now let's build on that success.

Imagine if all **35 clubs** participate this year.

Imagine if every Lion joins us with a gift of **\$39.50**.

Together, those gifts will become vision restored, communities rebuilt, children helped, families supported, and hope delivered where it is needed most.

Thank you for your continued generosity and for demonstrating what it truly means to be a Lion.

Together, We Serve. Together, We Give. Together, We Change Lives.

Yours in Service,

PDG Sheryl Schafer
LCIF Coordinator
District 11-E1



We Serve



Childhood Cancer



Youth



Humanitarian



Hunger



Disaster Relief



Environment



Diabetes



Vision

District 11-E1 Governor's Club Excellence Challenge

35 Clubs...One Goal

Growing Lions Through Service, Leadership, and Fellowship!

As we begin another exciting Lions year, I am inviting every club in District 11-E1 to be part of something special. This year, we are launching the **District 11-E1 Governor's Club Excellence Challenge: 35 Clubs...One Goal – Growing Lions Through Service, Leadership, and Fellowship!**

Our district is strongest when every club is growing, every Lion is engaged, and every community benefits from our service. This challenge isn't simply about winning a contest—it's about strengthening our clubs, building lasting friendships, and creating opportunities for more people to experience the joy of being a Lion.

Whether your club has 12 members or 75 members, **every club has an opportunity to succeed**. By recognizing percentage growth and participation, we are creating a challenge where everyone can compete on a level playing field.

Membership Challenge

Our district grows one invitation at a time.

This year clubs will compete in two membership categories:

★ Highest Percentage Membership Growth

Based on club membership as of **June 30, 2026**

Percentage growth ensures every club has an equal opportunity to compete.

★ Most New Members Inducted

Every new Lion expands our ability to serve more people and make an even greater impact throughout our communities.

Club Excellence Through Participation

Strong clubs build strong districts. Throughout the year, clubs will also earn recognition by:

- Visiting fellow Lions clubs
- Achieving one of the highest club visitation percentages
- Achieving **100% participation** at district events including:
 - District Cabinet Meetings
 - Fall Conference
 - District Convention

Every visit creates new friendships, new ideas, and new opportunities to work together in service.

Achievement Levels

Every club has something to strive for!

Bronze Club

+1 Net Member
3 Club Visits

Silver Club

+3 Net Members
5 Club Visits

Gold Club

+5 Net Members
8 Club Visits

Every club achieving Bronze, Silver, or Gold status will receive recognition during the District Convention. Because success deserves to be celebrated!

Governor's Grand Prize

One club will be recognized as the **District 11-E1 Governor's Club Excellence Champion!**

The winning club will receive:

 **The Governor's Traveling Trophy** to proudly display for one year.

PLUS, the club may choose **ONE** of the following rewards:

- **\$250 Service Grant**
- **\$250 LCIF Donation** made in the club's name
- **District Convention Package for Two Members** (registration and meals included)

The winning club will also be honored during the District Convention Banquet.

Follow the Leaderboard!

The excitement doesn't end after kickoff.

Beginning with our next district newsletter, we'll publish the **Governor's Challenge Leaderboard** so everyone can follow the progress throughout the year.

We'll celebrate:

- Membership Growth
- Club Visitations
- Achievement Level Clubs
- Current Overall Standings

Watch your club climb the rankings and cheer on fellow Lions as we work toward one common goal.

Together We Can Grow District 11-E1

Imagine what we can accomplish if all **35 clubs** accept the challenge.

More members.
More fellowship.
More leadership.
More service.

Every invitation matters.
Every club visit matters.
Every Lion matters.

35 Clubs...One Goal.

Growing Lions Through Service, Leadership, and Fellowship!

Let's make this the strongest Lions year District 11-E1 has ever experienced!



Global Leadership Team (GLT) Corner:



Growing Leaders for Tomorrow

As we settle into another exciting Lions year, I want to take a moment to recognize and thank every Lion who has accepted a leadership role within District 11-E1.

Whether you are serving as a Club President, Secretary, Treasurer, Director, Membership Chair, Service Chair, Zone Chair, Cabinet Officer, Committee Chair, or one of our District Governors, you have answered the call to lead. Leadership is one of the greatest gifts we can offer our clubs—not because of the title we hold, but because of the example we set.

Many of you are serving in your positions for the first time. You may be wondering if you're prepared or whether you're doing everything correctly. The answer is simple: no leader begins with all the answers. Great leaders grow by listening, learning, asking questions, and serving alongside others. Every successful Lion leader started exactly where you are today.

One of the greatest strengths of District 11-E1 is that we never lead alone. We have experienced Lions who are eager to mentor, encourage, and share their knowledge. Don't hesitate to ask questions or seek advice. Leadership is a journey, and every experience helps prepare us for the next opportunity to serve.

As your Global Leadership Team (GLT), our mission is to support your growth. Throughout the year, we'll provide leadership development opportunities, resources, and encouragement to help every Lion become more confident and effective in serving their club and community.

Leadership development is also about looking ahead. Strong districts are built when today's leaders intentionally prepare tomorrow's leaders. If you see potential in a fellow Lion, encourage them to chair a committee, lead a project, or accept a club office. Sometimes all it takes is a simple invitation for someone to discover talents they never knew they had.

That brings me to an important opportunity for our district.

District 11-E1 is currently seeking a Lion willing to serve as our **First Vice District Governor** this year, with the opportunity to become **District Governor for the 2027-2028 Lions year**. This is an exciting opportunity to help shape the future of our district while working alongside an outstanding leadership team.

Perhaps you have considered district leadership, or perhaps you know a Lion whose passion, integrity, and commitment make them an excellent candidate. If so, I encourage you to begin that conversation. Great leaders are often identified because someone else recognized their potential before they recognized it themselves.

As we continue through this Lions year, I encourage each of us to embrace three simple commitments:

- **Lead with Service** – Put people first and remember why we became Lions.
- **Lead with Learning** – Continue developing your skills and encouraging others to grow.
- **Lead with Fellowship** – Build relationships that strengthen our clubs and our district.

Together, we can build a stronger District 11-E1 by investing in our greatest resource—our Lions.

Thank you for your willingness to serve, to lead, and to inspire others. I look forward to seeing the incredible things we will accomplish together this year.

Yours in Service,

IPDG Jeff Schafer
GLT Chair



Bear Lake Camp August News

Lion Steve Glazier

District 11E1 Chairperson

www.bearlakecamp.org Camp information site

Below is the report from our Bear Lake Camp State Chairperson

Chrissy Andre submitted at our recent Bear Lake Board meeting.



Lions Bear Lake Camp MD11 State Chair Report – August 2026

Summer is moving quickly at Lions Bear Lake Camp. Since opening our doors on June 8, our dedicated staff and volunteers have welcomed campers, families, schools, and partner organizations from across Michigan and beyond. Every week reminds us exactly why Lions built this camp and why our continued support remains so vital.

Summer Recap & Upcoming Programs

Our vibrant summer lineup has already included:

- MASTA String Orchestra Camp
- Leader Dog Summer Experience
- Michigan All State Band
- Annual Open House & Staff Training
- Visually Impaired and Blind Family Camp
- Visually Impaired and Blind Youth Camp
- Deaf and Hard of Hearing Youth Camp
- Camp Kesem (Week One)
- Deaf and Hard of Hearing Family Camp
- Providing a Better Journey Foster Kid Camp

Four weeks remain in our summer season. We are excited to welcome Sterling Heights Band Camp, Camp Kesem Week Two, Croswell and Yale Schools, Lapeer ISD, Children's Ministry Camp, and the Jack and Jill Leadership Development Program.

District Spotlight

On August 9, Lions Bear Lake Camp will proudly host District 11-C2's Installation of Officers. During their visit, district members will also complete a hands-on camp service project. This is an excellent example of how our districts can beautifully combine fellowship with meaningful, practical service to the camp.

Transitioning to Retreat Season

While our summer campers will soon head home, the camp campus does not slow down. After a short, well-deserved break for our year-round staff, our autumn retreat season kicks off on September 10. Leadership groups, quilting and crafting retreats, school outdoor education programs, and various community organizations will keep our facilities active and buzzing throughout the fall.

Financial Support & Fundraising Events

Strong fundraising allows Bear Lake Camp to keep camper registration costs affordable while maintaining top-tier programs and modern facilities. Please promote and support our upcoming major fundraisers:

- **Clay Shoot (September 26):** Whether you shoot, sponsor a station, donate raffle items, or simply invite community members to attend, every district can play a role in making this event a success.
- **Bear Lake Camp Ultra Marathon (October 3):** This event is already completely sold out! This capacity crowd is incredibly encouraging, proving that people outside of the Lions organization continue to discover and support our mission. That external growth directly benefits every program we offer.
- **Rich Pfeiffer Memorial Ice Plunge (January 30, 2027):** Planning is already underway, and registration information will be available this fall. I encourage every District Governor to officially make the Ice Plunge a district-wide project. Challenge your clubs to participate and create some friendly competition between your regions. This event has grown into one of our largest annual fundraisers because Lions across the state have truly embraced it.

Action Items: What Every District Can Do Right Now

Every district has the power to strengthen Bear Lake Camp. I ask that you focus on these four actionable areas:

1. **Build a Strong Committee:** Ensure your district has an active Bear Lake Camp Chair and a supporting committee. One person cannot effectively represent the camp throughout an entire district. A full committee creates more opportunities for club visits, presentations, fundraising, volunteer projects, and crucial camper referrals.
2. **Invite Leadership to Speak:** Invite Executive Director Traci Tribley to speak at your district convention, cabinet meeting, or local club. Many Lions support the camp simply out of habit. When they hear current stories, learn about our new programs, and see how the camp is evolving, that support becomes deeply personal.
3. **Visit the Campus:** Encourage clubs to hold their regular meetings at the camp. Bring members to volunteer for a day or schedule a dedicated club service project. Members who spend physical time at Bear Lake Camp leave with a profound understanding of its purpose and become much stronger advocates in their home communities.
4. **Expand Our Outreach:** Help us reach families who have never heard of Bear Lake Camp. Build intentional relationships with local schools, Intermediate School Districts (ISDs), special education departments, vision specialists, hearing professionals, hospitals, and community agencies. Lions have

powerful connections in every community across Michigan—let's use them to reach children who need these life-changing programs.

Looking Ahead

Bear Lake Camp belongs to every single Lion in Michigan. Its future depends on much more than financial support; it depends on leadership, visibility, volunteerism, and a collective willingness to tell the camp's story.

As District Governors and Zone Chairs begin visiting clubs this year, I urge you to include Bear Lake Camp in every single conversation. Ask clubs exactly how they are supporting the camp. Encourage them to sponsor campers, volunteer their time, attend our fundraisers, and invite new people to experience what Bear Lake Camp provides every day. The more visible Bear Lake Camp becomes across Michigan, the more children and families we can serve.

That beautiful responsibility belongs to all of us.



Bear Lake Cabins



Main Lodge at Bear Lake



Lions of Michigan 2026 Lions Leadership Events

Two training opportunities, one location
Which training program is right for you?

LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE: (ELLI)

Michigan Lions Leadership Institute is a highly regarded leadership skills development program for individuals who are ready to serve at a club, district or multiple district level

REGIONAL LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE (RLLI)

Designed for individuals who are ready to grow, lead and serve at a higher level.

Individuals who may be serving as Vice-Presidents or seeking to take on the role of Zone or Region Chair positions

EVENT INFORMATION

Dates: **November 6-8, 2026**

Location:

R.A. MacMullan Center
104 Conservation Drive
Roscommon, MI 48653

Questions? please reach out to
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LIONS OF MICHIGAN

Leadership Institute



Registration Fee

\$350	Single
\$300	Double

Registration Fee Includes:

- 2 - Nights Lodging
- 6 - Meals
- Snacks
- Course Materials

Registration/Check-In

- Friday, November 6 9:30 - 11:30 AM

CheckOut/Departure

- Sunday, November 8
- Check out Morning
- Departure 1:00 PM

Classes include:

- Team Building
- Managing Change
- Time Management
- Public Speaking
- Conflict Resolution
- Leadership Skills
- Effective Listening
- and Much More

Skills acquired can be used not only in Lions, but also at work and in everyday life.

Join us for Fun and Fellowship on Friday and Saturday evening. Make new friends, network and exchange ideas

Send completed form and payment to:

Lions Leadership Institute
5730 Executive Drive
Lansing, MI 48911

Online application and credit card payment available:
lionsofmi.com/index.php/leadership-institute

Applicant Information:

First Name: _____ Last Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____ Ema _____

Club Name _____ District _____

of Years in Lions _____ Roommate (if double occupancy) _____

Have you previously attended a Michigan Lions Leadership Institute: Yes _____ No _____

Which institute do you plan to attend: Leadership _____ Emerging Lions _____

Deadline to Register: October 1, 2026

DISTRICT 11-E1 GOVERNOR'S CLUB EXCELLENCE CHALLENGE:

35 Clubs...One Goal

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A CHALLENGE THAT UNITES US. A GOAL THAT INSPIRES US ALL.

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THREE WAYS TO SUCCEED



MEMBERSHIP CHALLENGE

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ACHIEVEMENT LEVELS

Every club can achieve recognition!

- 🏆 **Gold Club** – +5 Net Members and 8 Club Visits
- 🥈 **Silver Club** – +3 Net Members and 5 Club Visits
- 🥉 **Bronze Club** – +1 Net Member and 3 Club Visits

All clubs reaching Bronze, Silver, or Gold level will be recognized during the District Convention!

FOLLOW THE RACE!

Starting in our next newsletter, we will feature a District Challenge Leaderboard so you can see how clubs are progressing throughout the year. Let's celebrate the wins, cheer each other on, and keep climbing toward our goals!

TOGETHER, WE CAN DO GREAT THINGS!

Every new member, every club visit, and every district event brings us closer to our mission. Let's make this the year we grow stronger, serve more, and have more fun—together!

35 Clubs...One Goal

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LEADERSHIP, AND FELLOWSHIP!



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THE GRAND PRIZE

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PLUS – CHOOSE ONE:



\$250
SERVICE
GRANT



\$250
LCIF DONATION
in the Club's Name



2 MEMBERS ATTEND
DISTRICT CONVENTION
Registration, Meals &
Convention Fees Included

★ PLUS recognition during the District Convention Banquet! ★

FOLLOW THE LEADERBOARD!

Watch each newsletter for updates on:



MEMBERSHIP
GROWTH



CLUB
VISITATIONS



ACHIEVEMENT
LEVELS



CURRENT
STANDINGS



WE SERVE

Together, We Make a Difference!

INVITE A FRIEND. VISIT A CLUB. SERVE YOUR COMMUNITY. BE A LION.



Club Chronicles

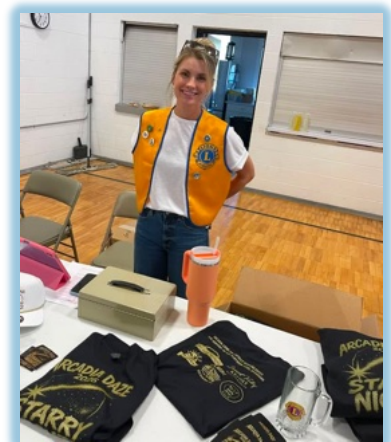
Arcadia

The Lions hosted their Annual Arcadia Daze Festival, which drew several thousand people to town over the last weekend in July. This year's theme was **"Arcadia Daze . . . Starry Nightz"** with a focus on Dark Skies and the need to preserve them.

The festival kicked off with Sharing Star Stories at Arcadia Community Center, hosted by the Arcadia Historical Museum. Featuring Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore's mobile planetarium, "Bear Force One," this ranger-led laser projector immersive show brought the cosmos to Northern Michigan for a 30-minute view of the dark skies.



The next event of the week was a family friendly Star Themed Trivia Contest with Daze Merchandise for sale, team name and team table decorating contests and gift certificates to area restaurants for the winning teams.



Friday-Sunday was a whirlwind of activities from the Opening Ceremony, Pulled Pork Dinner, Bands, Fireworks, pancake breakfasts each day, a KidSight Vision Screening conducted by the Onokama Lions, Kids Fishing and Kids Activities, Craft Show, Chicken Dinner, more live music, Sunday Parade and closed with a performance by the Scottville Clown Band.



Kids Fishing



Friday Fireworks



We couldn't put on this festival without our local community volunteers. This year, we had over 190 volunteers fill 270 shifts through the Sign-Up Genius volunteer management app. In 2025, we donated \$34,950 to local nonprofits and student scholarships from the Daze profits and are eager to see what this year's profit will be so we can make our charitable donation selections.



Empire

The Empire Lions hosted another successful Chicken Dinner Fundraiser for the community on July 18th.



Lions Doug Slessman, Chuck Emery, Steve Wilson



Lion Steve Lewis serving Lion John Lambkin, Jim Prange, Hal May



Lions Dan Ernst, Don Spring, Jim Sorbe



Lions Nancy Pykosz, Tom Rademacher, Beth Kaelson, Sandy Willson

Greenville



Hart

The Hart Lions participated again in the 2026 Heros on the Dunes at Silver Lake Sand Dunes. We volunteered in the Pit Crew area. Our group help load and unload Veterans, First Responders and family members in and out of vehicles receiving rides during the event. Very fun day. Pictured below l-r: Lions Bruce, Cathy, Craig, Paula and Pat



Luther

- Our All You Can Eat Breakfast is still going on. It's the first Sunday of every month from 8:30am-11am. Cost is just \$12 for adults and \$6 for children 6-12 yrs old. Under 6 are FREE!
- Cornhole is every Thursday at 6:30 pm. Cost is just \$5.00 and prizes are awarded.
- Annual Lions Auction and Dinner is set for Sat. Sept. 2th at 6pm.
- Craft Show and Bake Sale is set for Sat. November 14 th 10am-4pm.

Midland

The Midland Lions Club participated in the MyPros Think Tank event, hosted by the Midland Business Alliance on August 18. As part of the Service Club Alliance, our club was invited to send two representatives to connect with young professionals interested in local service work.

President Lynda Stark and Past President Scott Berry represented the Midland Lions. In preparation for the main event on August 18, Scott and Lynda participated in a short filming session on August 4. During this filming, they'll had five minutes to highlight our club's mission, core focus, and personal benefits of membership.

Following the video production, they attended the one-hour Think Tank event on August 18 to engage directly with prospective members. We look forward to this great opportunity to introduce the next generation to the work of the Lions.