

Anchored in Service



Lighting the Way Forward

District 11-E1

Aug 2025 Newsletter

Michigan Lions Serving 16 Counties & 35 Clubs!



Upcoming Events:

- Aug 1-2: CoG Mtg, Mt. Pleasant
- Aug 16: District 11-E1 1st Cabinet Mtg, White Cloud Lions Hall
- Aug 27: Region 2 Zone 1 Mtg, Shepherd Bar & Restaurant
- Sep 27: Fall Conference, Luther Lions Hall
- Oct 3-4: CoG Mtg, Treetops Resort, Gaylord, MI
- Oct 18: District 11-E1 2nd Cabinet Mtg, Onekama Lions Den

Upcoming Official Visits:

- Aug 4: Stanwood
- Aug 11: Barryton
- Aug 13: Manistee
- Aug 14: Traverse City
- Sep 8: Big Rapids
- Sep 15: Fremont
- Oct 8: Lakeview
- Oct 13: Mt. Pleasant
- Oct 15: Evert
- Oct 16: Central Montcalm



Governor's Corner:

Reporting Service Matters – And So Does Showing Up!

One of the most powerful things we do as Lions is **serve our communities** — but just as important is sharing the impact of that service by reporting it in the **Lions Clubs International (LCI) Portal**. When clubs report service, it not only celebrates the work being done, it shows the world the power of Lions. These reports help us:

- Secure grants
- Track meaningful impact
- Inspire others to join
- Keep accurate records of club activity

**** 6 out of 35 clubs have reported a service project in the LCI portal (17%)! Great Job Everyone!**

If your club recently completed a project — a food drive, back to school bash, scholarship program, roadside cleanup, or any other service — take a few minutes to log it in the **MyLion Portal**. If you need help, reach out! We're happy to assist you through the process.

Mark Your Calendar: Cabinet Meeting – Saturday, August 16

We look forward to seeing all club officers, Cabinet staff and all interested Lions at our upcoming **District Cabinet Meeting**, to be held on:

- **White Cloud Lions Den:** 294 N Charles (M-37), White Cloud, MI
- **Saturday, August 16, 2025**
- **Time:** 9am-2pm

This is a great opportunity to:

- Work on a Service Project
- Share club updates
- Hear district goals
- Get leadership updates
- Connect with fellow Lions from across District 11-E1

Let's continue to lead with purpose, serve with heart, and celebrate what it means to be a Lion. See you in White Cloud!

With gratitude and dedication,
Jeff Schafer
 DG 11-E1

Zone Chairperson(s) Corner: Region 1 Zone 2

(Arcadia, Cadillac, Kaleva, Manistee, Mesick & Onkama)

Lions of Region 2 Zone 1, I am Lion Karla Kasten, Zone Chair. In November 2013 as we were moving in Jojo Hawkins knocked on our door. She handed us an invitation to have dinner and a meeting with the Kaleva Lions Club. My husband, Bill and I were hooked and several months later we became Lions. Since then, I have been honored to serve as Club President, Club Treasurer and Administrator. On the District level I have served as Convention Chair, Peace Poster Chair and will be starting my 6th year as Zone Chair.

I am excited to bring some new ideas and guest speakers to the table this year. I hope to have better engagement with the clubs in our Zone. Our first Zone meeting will be Wednesday, August 20, 2025. The location is TBA as I'm waiting on confirmation from the host club. Stay tuned for a great year.

We Serve
Lion Karla Kasten

District Team

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Vacant

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Zone Chairperson(s) Corner: Region 2 Zone 1

(Coleman, Harrison, Midland, Mt. Pleasant, Shepherd, & Weidman)

Hello Members of the Region 2 Zone 1:

AS I HAVE UNDERTAKEN THE NEW ROLE OF BECOMING THE ZONE CHAIRMAN OF 11-E1, REGION 2, ZONE 1 I HAVE FOUND THE VITAL ROLE OF THE LIONS PORTAL IN MY ZONE PREPARATIONS.

As a person who has recently been nominated to lead my Zone numerous questions came to mind: Where should I begin? What are my responsibilities? I have found that for anyone stepping into the role of Zone Leader, the portal is a digital resource, a compass, and a gateway on how to learn to lead.

Through interactive modules, I have explored:

- Leadership best practices: Conflict resolution, team motivation, strategic vision.
- Resource management: How to allocate budgets, run events, and report impact.
- Communication channels: Templates for newsletters, sample speeches, and protocol for official correspondence.

But leadership is not a solitary path, I need your assistance! One of the most daunting aspects of Zone leadership is organizing and tracking multiple ongoing projects.

- Set and track goals for the Zone
- Monitor service projects and their outcomes
- Generate reports for higher leadership

I need you to keep your club's section updated in the Portal, it is **vital** in two-way communication by providing current contact information, providing our Zone's and district's 11 E-1 service record, helping Lions maintain our Motto "We Serve".

As we move forward, I hope to be of service to you as well as the public we serve.

Lion Chuck Dinsmore

Saylor's Corner:

I hope everyone is staying cool during these hot summer days. Did you know that dogs cool primarily by panting? We do have sweat glands, but they're located on our paw pads and play a minor role in cooling our bodies. So, taking us on a walk on hot pavement (roads) or concrete (sidewalks) may become dangerously hot in the sun, which can cause burns on our paw pads and cause our body temperature to rise. During my next walk on a hot summer day, let us walk on the grass and smell the grasses and flowers! Woof Woof!





Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION

Lions Club International Foundation (LCIF)

LCIF Approves \$100K MCAT Grant for Texas

On July 6, 2025, LCIF approved a \$100,000 MCAT grant to support relief efforts in Texas following the heartbreaking flooding and devastation impacting so many in Kerr County, Texas.

LCIF has the global grantmaking capacity that it offers in times of crisis. That's why LCIF exists — to be ready and able to respond when disasters strike, and communities need us most. This newly approved MCAT grant is just one example of how LCIF can act swiftly and substantially, thanks to the generosity of donors like you and Lions around the world. LCIF provides the structure, scale, and global reach to deploy major relief quickly and strategically — and ensures that every gift counts toward meaningful recognition through Melvin Jones Foundation.

-PDG Sheryl Schafer, LCIF Coordinator, District 11-E1



Peace Poster Contest

For over three decades, Lions clubs around the globe have been sponsoring a very special art contest in schools and youth groups.

Kids are getting ready to go back to school and youth clubs are starting. Don't forget to order your Peace Post Kits from LCI store. Students ages 11, 12 or 13 as of November 15 are eligible to participate in the International Peace Poster Contest. This year theme is **Together As One**.

When we come together, we can do amazing things. This year, we're inviting students around the world to envision what can happen when a diverse group of people unites around a common cause or goal. Imagine a world where we all come together as one!

If your Club has not sponsored a Peace Poster Contest before call me and I will help you get started.

-PDG Sheryl Schafer, Cell/Text: 812-325-7762 or email: sheryl.schafer1@comcast.net

District's Tail Twister Corner:

Tail Twisters should promote harmony, good fellowship, keep your club meetings lively and promote fun. Some say Tail Twisting can seem corny and old fashioned, but it builds camaraderie and puts people at the same level be it age, gender or job. A Tail Twister can make or break a meeting.



One day I went to another Lions Club to talk. While the meeting started, one Lions member stated, "We would have had a better turn out at our last fundraiser if "so and so" would have put the information in the local newspaper." The Tail Twister stood up and said, "You owe a quarter to the Tail Twister Pot for talking bad about your fellow Lion." The Lion dropped in two quarters. The Tail Twister said, "I said one quarter" and the Lion turned to the Tail Twister and said, "I'm not done talking about him." Everybody laughed and the meeting went on with a lot of fun.

District Tail Twister - PDG Sheryl Schafer



Welcome New Members!

CONTACT US:

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We're on the Web at:
www.MILions11e1.org

Club	Member	Sponsor
Barryton	Blaine Dosenberry	James Dague
Cedar-Maple City	Stephen Brown	Heather Dourron
Howard City	Shawn Nelson	Thomas Parker
	Michael Vanwagner	Thomas Parker
Lake Ann	Mark Lapan	Jeff Morse
	Greg Zarafonitis	John Morse
	Nick Zarafontis	John Morse
Luther	Kevin Moore	Jerry Janssen
	Terry Moore	Linda Wellman
Mesick	Rory Willette	Kimberly Nyman

For the month of July we added 10 new members as of July 25!

Congratulations to everyone that has added new members this month. Keep up the good work and remember **"Just Ask One!"**



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



Prayer List:

PDG Jim & Peggy Walls
PDG Sheryl Schafer

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



Global Leadership Team (GLT) Corner:



Growing Through Leadership: Investing in Our Lions

Leadership is not a position — it's a mindset of service, growth, and courage. As Lions, we know that strong leadership is what empowers our clubs to make lasting impacts in our communities. Whether you've been a Lion for one year or thirty, there is always room to grow and lead in new ways.

That's why I'm excited to share an incredible opportunity coming this fall:

The Lions of Michigan Leadership Institute will be held **November 7–9, 2025**, at the beautiful **R.A. MacMullan Center** on Higgins Lake.

This weekend retreat is designed to build confidence, sharpen skills, and inspire new ways to lead — whether in your club, your district, or your community. Participants will explore topics like team building, goal setting, effective communication, and the heart of servant leadership. And equally important — you'll build lifelong friendships with fellow Lions from across Michigan who share your passion for service.

Two events being offered on the same day: Leadership Institute and Emerging Lions Leadership Institute (ELLI). See the two-page flyer included in this newsletter!

Whether you're a new member ready to take the next step or a seasoned Lion looking to refresh your leadership toolkit, this institute is for you.

Why attend?

- You'll leave energized and equipped to lead with purpose
- You'll gain tools to support your club's growth and success
- You'll enjoy fellowship and networking in a beautiful setting

Leadership isn't about knowing everything — it's about being willing to learn, listen, and step forward when needed. The Leadership Institute is a chance to do just that.

If you're interested in attending or would like to nominate someone from your club, please reach out to me. Let's continue building leaders who inspire others and strengthen our great organization.

Together, let's grow in leadership — and in service.

Below is the link to the Lions of Michigan Leadership Institute to register to attend:

<https://www.lionsofmi.com/index.php/leadership-institute/leadership-institute-2025-registration>



Save the Date!

1st Cabinet Meeting

White Cloud Lion's Den

Saturday, August 16 from 9am-2pm
294 N. Charles (M-37) St., White Cloud, MI

*Lunch is only \$12 and includes Shepherd's pie, side dishes and of their famous pies.
 Morning refreshments are also included.*

District 11-E1 Cabinet Meeting Agenda

White Cloud Lions Den
294 N. Charles St. (M-37), White Cloud, MI 49349

August 16, 2025

8:30	Registration/Sign in	CS Donna Vangessel CT Jaymie Ricksgers
9:00	Honorary Meeting	IPDG Tom Mac Naughton
10:00	Call to Order	DG Jeff Schafer
	Pledge of Allegiance	ZC Heather Dourron
	Patriotic Song "America the Beautiful"	PDG Sheryl Schafer
	Invocation	Lion Steve Adsmund
	Welcome	DG Jeff Schafer
	Recognition, DG and Chair Pins, Roster Books	
	Roll Call	CS Donna Vangessel
	Start of the Year Activities	DG Jeff Schafer
	Approval of District 11-E1 Policy Manual	PCC JanaLee McClure
	Discussion to use letters, email, fax, or electronic means	DG Jeff Schafer
	Voting Members for District Cabinet	DG Jeff Schafer
	Appointment of Audit Committee	DG Jeff Schafer
	Treasurer Report	CT Jaymie Ricksgers
	2025-2026 Budget	
	Bonding of Cabinet Secretary & Treasurer	
	Bonding of District Convention Chair and Treasurer	
	Financial Account Signatures for Accounts	
	Secretary Report	CS Donna Vangessel
	LCIF	PDG Sheryl Schafer
	GLT Report	DG Jeff Schafer
	GST Report	Lion Steve Adsmund
	GMT Report	Lion Jeff Morse
	Zone Reports	
	Zone Chairs Heather Dourron, Karla Kasten, Chuck Dinsmore & PDG Jackie Glazier	
	Tail Twister	PDG Sheryl Schafer
12:00	Lunch	
12:30	Service Project	Lion Steve Adsmund
	Teacher Classroom Service Project: Collecting items not covered adequately through their regular school supply budgets. See flyer for more details.	
	Lions of Michigan Service Foundation	PDG Jim Patterson
	Bear Lake Camp	Lion Steve Glazier
	Leader Dog	Lion Ken Theobald
	All State Band	IPDG Tom Mac Naughton
	Michigan Eversight / White Cane	DG Jeff Schafer
	Speech and Hearing	Lion Peggy Frank
	Paws with a Cause	Lion Mike & Tina Hoy
	Project Kidsight	PDG Jim Patterson

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White Cloud Lions Den
294 N. Charles St. (M-37), White Cloud, MI 49349

August 16, 2025

Committee Reports

- Diabetes
- District Convention
- District Editor
- Information Technology
- Peace Poster
- USA/Canada Forum
- Youth Exchange

PDG Bill Bradfield
Lion Chuck Dinsmore
Lion Paula Rigling
Lion Ron Sharp
PDG Sheryl Schafer
PDG Jackie Glazier
Lion Lori Hall

Announcements and Adjournment

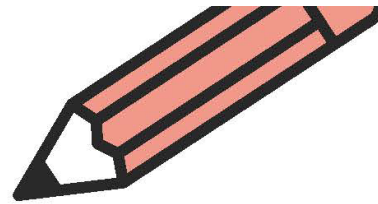
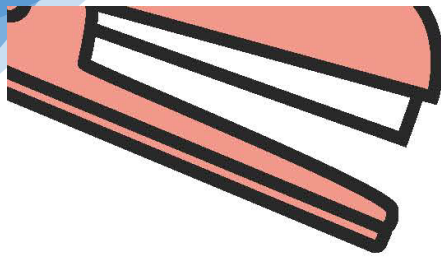
The second Cabinet Meeting will be at the Onkama Lions Den, Manistee County Fairgrounds on October 18, 2025. The Fall Conference will be at the Luther Lions Hall, 1003 N State Rd, Luther on September 27, 2025.

We look forward to seeing everyone in Luther and Onkama!

FLD Avi's Update:

DG Jeff's next Future Leader Dog Puppy, Avi. Avi is a yellow female Lab coming from a prison in Michigan. He plans to pick her up in mid-to-late August. Avi has been resting after a hard day of training. She was taken outside of the prison for a day in the city.

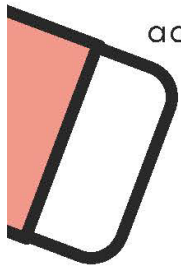




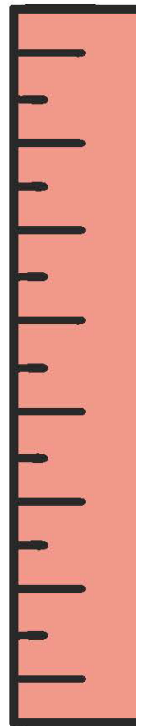
Saturday August 16th
DISTRICT 11-E1 CABINET SERVICE PROJECT

LIONS SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

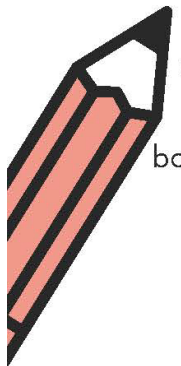
Collecting items for two District-area teachers who need help sourcing things for their classrooms. These items are not covered adequately through their supply budgets and are very important to their students' learning opportunities.



Scan for
Wish List



Desired items: 1" 3-ring binder, pens, pencils, paper clips, binder clips, tape dispenser refill rolls, glue sticks, Expo dry erase markers, staples, tissues, Clorox wipes, pencil sharpener, black pencil pouches, 24 pack Play-Doh, 10-minute sand timers, Crayola crayons, water bottles, card-stock paper, boxes of cereal or crackers, large stickers, zippered pouches, and small toys.



If you plan to attend the Cabinet meeting, please bring the items with you. If you're unable to attend and would still like to participate, please send your donations to DG Jeff Schafer at 975 Outback Ridge, Midland, MI 48640. Or you may send to Karen Zileski directly from her wishlist.

Please include a gift message notating District 11-E1.





Lead to Serve,
Serve to Lead with
International President
A.P. Singh

Dear Lions,

As we begin our new Lion year, now is the time to think about your goals and how to achieve them. The key is leadership and service. That's why our message this year is "Lead to serve, serve to lead" — because serving and leading are inseparable, and each drives the other.

When we act as servant leaders, we act with purpose. As the largest service organization in the world, Lions are already leaders in service, yet we have so much more to do. We need to grow our clubs so we can serve more people, have more impact and create a better world for us all.

So, let's get this year started off right by working together to make this a year of strong leadership, compassionate service, exceptional growth and enormous success.

Together we serve. **-A.P. Singh, International President**

46% District Governor Official Visits Have Been Scheduled

Club Presidents & Secretaries are asked to contact DG Jeff Schafer to schedule their official visit with him. In requesting the visit, please identify what subject you would like him to discuss: Lions Club International news, MD-11 & District 11-E1 news, Leader Dogs for the Blind, or Lions Club International Foundation (LCIF). He will be happy to discuss any of these or just attend the meeting and observe. In addition, please note if a service dog in training is NOT welcome. He plans to bring his Future Leader Dog puppy with him to all meetings for social exposure and training.

As of the end of July we have scheduled 16 out of 35 clubs for their official DG visit with 2 clubs completed, 4 clubs scheduled for August and another 4 for October with only 2 scheduled for September. Don't wait, give DG Jeff a call/text or email to schedule your visit!

DG Jeff Schafer, call/text 812-325-3130, email: jeff.schafer1@comcast.net



2025-26 Calendar of Events

Aug. 1-2, Council of Governors' Meeting
Comfort Inn & Suites, 2424 S Mission St, Mt Pleasant, MI 48858

Aug. 2, Hall of Fame Awards Dinner, 6:00 p.m., Comfort Inn & Suites, 2424 S Mission St, Mt Pleasant, MI 48858

Aug. 16, District 11-E1 Cabinet Meeting
9:00-3:00 Cabinet Meeting, White Cloud Lions, 294 N Charles (M-37), White Cloud 49349

Sept. 27, District 11-E1 Fall Conference, 9:00-3:00 Luther Lions Hall, 1003 N State St., Luther MI 49656

Oct. 3-4, C of G Meeting
Tree Tops Resort, 3962 Wilkinson Rd. Gaylord

Oct. 18, District 11-E1 Cabinet Meeting
9:00-3:00, Onkama Lions Club, Manistee County Fairgrounds, 7587 1st St, Onkama, MI 49675

Nov. 6-9 Lions Leadership Institute, MacMullen Conference Center, Roscommon, MI

Dec. 5-6, C of G Meeting, Hilton Garden Inn West, 633 Canal Rd., Lansing

Feb. 7, 2026, District 11-E1 Cabinet Meeting, 9:00-3:00, Isabella Commission on Aging, 2200 S Lincoln Rd., Mt Pleasant

Feb. 27-28, 2025, Lions of Michigan Forum, Delta Marriott, Kalamazoo, MI.

Feb. 27-Mar 1, 2025, C of G Meeting, Delta Marriott, Kalamazoo.

March 27- 28, 2026 District 11-E1 Convention; Evergreen Resort, 7880 Mackinaw Trl, Cadillac MI, 49601.

May 14-16, 2026, MD 11 State Convention, Council of Governors Meeting, Location Shanty Creek Resort, Bellaire

Save the Date!

District 11-E1 Fall Conference

Luther Lion's Hall

Saturday, September 27 from 9am-3pm
1003 N State Rd., Luther, MI

More details to be included in the September 2025 District 11-E1 Newsletter



LIONS OF MICHIGAN

2025 Lions Leadership Events

Two training opportunities, one location

LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

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

Introducing Emerging Lions Institute

This Program is designed to prepare Lions for leadership positions at the club level who have not yet obtained the level of club president.

EVENT INFORMATION

Dates **November 7-9, 2025**

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

Questions? Email pdg10jen@hotmail.com
Phone (906) 399-8214



LIONS OF MICHIGAN
Leadership Institute

More Information!

Lions of Michigan Leadership Institute

There is a \$300 fee. This includes registration, course materials, two nights of lodging, and six meals. Arrival Friday morning, November 7, 2025. Registration between 10:30 and 11:30 followed by lunch.

Classes actively involve participants in the learning process and enable them to experience the concepts presented. The skills acquired can be used not only in Lions, but also at work and in everyday life.

When participants aren't in class, they make new friends, network, and exchange ideas from across the region.

Here's a sampling of classes:

Team building	Conflict resolution
Managing change	Leadership
Presentation skills	Effective listening
Action plans and goal setting	

Shirts and Totes are available for purchase



Application form Lions Leadership Institutes



Deadline: **October 10, 2025**

Send completed form and payment to:
Lions Leadership Institute
5730 Executive Drive, Lansing, MI 48911

Applicant information

First name _____

Last name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____

Phone _____

E mail _____

Club name _____

District _____ # years in Lions _____

Highest Lions office held _____

Have you previously attended a Michigan Lions Leadership Institute? yes ____ no ____

Which Institute do you plan to attend (check one)

Leadership _____ Emerging Lions _____

Payment Information

Make checks payable to Michigan Lions Leadership Institute

Enclosed is my check for \$350
for Single Occupancy

Handcap
Room
availability is
limited

Enclosed is my check for \$300
Double Occupancy

Room with _____

Pay by credit card online:

Visit the Lions of Michigan Website at
www.lionsofmi.com
Click on Leadership Institute

Signature _____

DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION IS OCTOBER 10, 2025

A CANCELLATION FEE OF \$150.00 WILL APPLY AFTER
OCTOBER 17, 2025

Lions August Issue Bear Lake Camp News

Steve Glazier

District 11E1 Bear Lake Camp Chairperson

Hi Fellow Lions. The monthly camp news is intended to inform individuals, hopefully generate a club meeting mention and tweak interest in newer members about Lions Bear Lake Camp and all it has to offer for kids and more recently what it offers for adults.

While their main objective is offering a safe fun environment for kids with special needs during the summer, a large portion of their off-season rental use is by businesses, corporations and groups for onsite Training Sessions and Group Bonding and Team Building through use of their 120 acres of wilderness located facilities.

CLAY SHOOT—NEW EVENT in 2025. We're excited to introduce a new clay shoot fundraiser on September 6, 2025, at the Fenton Sportsman's Club. This event will be a fun way to engage supporters while raising funds for the camp. See more info at "bearlakecamp.org." While on their website, you can read all about their philosophy, summer camp, events, fund raising, testimonials and so much more.

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

For those who haven't visited the camp or visited recently, I encourage you to come out and see the impact of your support. Walk around the grounds, meet the staff, stay for lunch. Lions Bear Lake Camp is more than just a summer camp. It's a place where kids find confidence, adults find connections and everyone leaves with memories that last a lifetime. None of this would be possible without the dedication and support of Lions.



LIONS BEAR LAKE CAMP

Lions of Michigan Weekend



**EXPLORE, EDUCATE,
ENJOY**

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

SEPTEMBER 26-27TH, 2025

Friday Welcome 6:00PM
Dinner 6:30 PM
Saturday Wrap Up 2:00 PM

WHO IS INVITED:

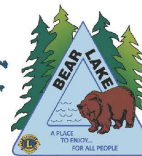
District Governors, VDG's,
2VDG's, LBLC District
Committee Chairs, Board
Members, MD 11 GAT Team,
New Lions, ALL LIONS

**Tours, Teambuilding,
Education, Fellowship**

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



**RSVP ONLINE
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TRACI@BEARLAKECAMP.ORG**



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Lapeer, MI 48446
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ARRIVE WHEN YOU CAN, LEAVE WHEN YOU NEED



1st Annual
LIONS BEAR LAKE CAMP
BUSTING CLAYS
FOR BEAR LAKE FUNDRAISER

BREAKFAST & LUNCH PROVIDED

2025
SATURDAY SEPT 06
FENTON SPORTSMAN CLUB
1140 BUTCHER RD.
FENTON, MI

8:00AM REGISTRATION
9:00AM START

Test your skills in friendly competition while supporting our mission to provide transformative outdoor experiences for individuals of all abilities.

REGISTRATION FEE
\$75
PER PERSON
LOCK & LOAD FOR A DAY OF PRECISION & THRILLS!

Secure your spot by visiting:
BEARLAKECAMP.ORG
Limited slots available, so don't miss your chance to be part of this shooting extravaganza!

ONLY MEALS: \$20

Gun Raffle & Squares

For More Information: Kurt Stromlund
stromlund@comcast.net 810-923-4252



SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

\$100 SHOOTING STATION SPONSOR

- Your business name displayed at one of the shooting stations
- Recognition on event materials and during announcements

\$325 TABLE/CHAIR SPONSOR

- 1 Free Shooter
- Recognition on event materials and during announcements

\$500 BREAKFAST SPONSOR

- 2 Free Shooters
- Your business name prominently displayed during breakfast
- Recognition on event materials and during announcements
- Special shout-out at the start of the day

\$500 LUNCH SPONSOR

- 2 Free Shooters
- Your business name prominently displayed during lunch
- Recognition on event materials and during announcements
- Special shout-out before awards ceremony

\$1000 TENT SPONSOR

- Four Free Shooters
- Recognition on event materials and during announcements
- Special shout-out before awards ceremony

Club Chronicles

Arcadia Lions Club Wraps Up a Successful Arcadia Daze 2025

The Arcadia Lions Club proudly hosted Arcadia Daze 2025 from July 25–27 in our beautiful Lake Michigan community — and what a weekend it was! This year's theme, *"Legends Beneath the Waves: Arcadia's Shipwrecks,"* brought the town together in celebration of local history, community pride, and summer fun.

Thanks to the support of generous sponsors, community partners, and over 270 volunteer shifts filled by residents, visitors, and fellow Lions, the event was a tremendous success. Thousands attended the three-day festival, which featured:

- Live music all weekend at Finch Park, including performances by Barefoot, The Ride, Mark Lavengood, and Al Schackman & Friends
- The John Miller Memorial Pickleball Tournament, 5K race, cornhole competition, and kids' fishing
- A record-setting Team Trivia Night, raising \$800 for scholarships and community grants
- Dozens of food vendors and local artisans
- And the always-anticipated Arcadia Daze Parade, headlined by the lively and unforgettable Scottville Clown Band

We are proud to share that the proceeds from the festival will go towards student scholarships and support for local nonprofit organizations. This annual event exemplifies the power of Lions to serve, lead, and unite communities — and we are grateful to everyone who played a part in making it happen.

To our fellow Lions across District 11-E1: thank you for your continued support and inspiration. We hope you'll consider visiting Arcadia next July — where small-town spirit and service shine all weekend long.



Central Montcalm Lions Celebrate a Summer of Service and Success

The Central Montcalm Lions have been busy serving their community this summer through a variety of events and service opportunities, and they're excited to share some recent highlights!

🏌️ Annual Golf Outing – Biggest Yet!

On **June 20th**, the club hosted its annual golf outing, which turned out to be their **largest event to date**. With fantastic turnout, community support, and ideal weather, the day was a tremendous success. The club is already looking ahead to next year's event, which is scheduled for **June 19, 2026** so mark your calendars!

Sheridan Hospital Health Fair – July 25th

Central Montcalm Lions enjoyed connecting with community members during the **Sheridan Hospital Health Fair**, where they served up **hotdogs and chips** to dozens of fairgoers. It was a wonderful day of fellowship and outreach, proving once again that a simple gesture and a friendly smile can go a long way.

Supporting the Council of Governors Service Project


In the spirit of unity and service, the Central Montcalm Lions are also proud to have made a **donation to the Council of Governors' service project**, contributing to a cause that will benefit many across the state. The club is honored to be part of a larger mission that reflects the heart of what it means to be a Lion.

The Central Montcalm Lions thank all who support their work and look forward to many more opportunities to serve. **We Serve!**

Empire Lions Club Joins in Service During District Governor's Visit

The Empire Lions Club had the honor of welcoming District Governor Jeff Schafer for his official visit, and the occasion became an opportunity to highlight the spirit of service that defines Lionism.

During his visit, DG Schafer was presented with a generous donation of items collected by both the Empire Lions Club and the Lake Ann Lions Club. These items will be added to the August 2nd Council of Governor's RISE donation.

 Pictured: Empire Lions Club President Tom Haiderer and Past District Governor Sheryl Schafer proudly standing beside the donated items gathered by the Empire Lions Club.



The Empire Lions continue to be active participants in district initiatives, demonstrating their commitment to service and collaboration. The club extends its appreciation to DG Schafer for his visit and to all who contributed to this meaningful donation.

Together, We Serve.

Another Save the Date!

2nd District 11-E1 Cabinet Meeting

Onekama Lion's Den

Saturday, October 18 from 9am-3pm

Manistee County Fairgrounds, 7587 1st St., Onekama, MI

More details to be included in the September 2025 District 11-E1 Newsletter

District Governor Conducts New Club Officer Ceremony During Official Visit at Chippewa Lake-Mecosta Lions July Club Meeting

The Chippewa Lake-Mecosta Lions Club had the honor of having District Governor Jeff conduct their new club officer induction ceremony during their July meeting. Pictured from left to right are Lions Evelyn Gabbert (Secretary), Bob Roebuck (2nd VP), Lisa Gregory (Treasurer), Stosh Benson (Chaplin), Deborah Benson (President), DG Jeff Schafer, & Danny Tinney (Tail Twister).



Lions of Harrison Support RISE Shelter with Community Donations

The Lions of Harrison are proud to share a recent act of service that reflects our commitment to supporting those in need within our community. Through the generosity of our members and supporters, we have collected nearly **\$300 worth of essential donations** for the **RISE Shelter**.



RISE provides vital resources and safe shelter for individuals and families facing domestic violence and homelessness. These contributions support the shelter's ongoing efforts to provide comfort, dignity, and hope to those they serve.

We thank everyone who contributed to this meaningful project. It's another reminder of the powerful impact Lions can make when we come together in service.

Pictured are Lions Sandra Castle (President) and Dixie Westmoreland dropping off the Harrison Lions Club donation along with a \$100 donation.

Lions of Luther: August Events You Won't Want to Miss!

The Lions of Luther are serving up a full month of fun, food, and fellowship this August, and **everyone is welcome** to join us!

Feed America Truck Distribution: Wednesday, August 7th

Food distribution begins as soon as the truck arrives. **Line-up starts around 3:00 PM (give or take!)**. Food will be distributed **until supplies run out**. Please bring bags or boxes and be prepared to wait in line.

Note: We do not know in advance what food will be available.

Famous BINGO Night: Friday, August 15th

Join us for an exciting evening of Bingo fun at the Lions Hall!

- Doors open at **5:00 PM**
- **Early Bird Bingo** at **5:30 PM**
- **Regular Bingo** starts at **6:00 PM**
- Delicious food and snacks will be available for purchase.

So come on down, bring your friends and family, and enjoy some great community time with the **Lions of Luther**. We can't wait to see you there!

Thanks to all the clubs that participated in the 1st Council of Governor's (CoG) Cabinet Meeting Service Project. The service project focused on gathering items for **R.I.S.E Advocacy**-a organization known for providing services to survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault (out of Mt. Pleasant, MI). They offer a variety of services including emergency shelter, crisis intervention, counseling, and advocacy. RISE also provides education and works towards social change to eliminate sexual victimization and domestic violence. The CoG meeting was held at the Comfort Inn & Suites in Mt. Pleasant, MI (in the **heart of District 11-E1**)! The following District Lions Club participated in donating items and cash: **Empire, Lake Ann, Central Montcalm, Coleman, Harrison, and Midland**. A special THANK YOU to the Mt. Pleasant Lions for identifying and working with RISE and the MD-11 GST Coordinator to make this service project a BIG success!



Greenville Lions Club
SPAGHETTI DINNER

Friday, Sept 12, 2025
5pm - 7pm
 Adults \$8.00 • Children \$4.00
 Dessert & Drink Included - Meat Sauce & Meat-less Sauce Available

AMERICAN LEGION HALL
 1320 W. Washington St., Greenville

Stanwood Lions Club Hosts First Annual Bike Show

The Stanwood Lions Club hosted its **1st Annual Bike Show** on **Saturday, July 26**, at the **Fraternal Order of Eagles in Stanwood**, where the club holds its regular meetings on the first Monday of each month.

Although the day brought rain, it didn't dampen the enthusiasm. **Six bikes were registered**, and attendees enjoyed a day filled with good food, fellowship, and fantastic motorcycles. Judges awarded honors in several categories:

🏆 **Best of Show:** Gary Routley of Stanwood

🏆 **2nd Place Overall:** Wes Houghton of White Cloud

🏍️ Most Extreme

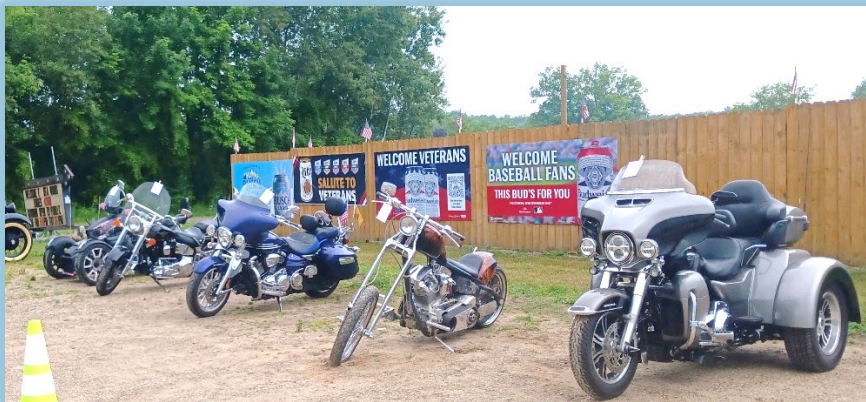
- 1st Place: David Warzak
- 2nd Place: Angela Warzak

🏆 Finest Vintage

- 1st Place: Gerald Lapalm of Escanaba
- 2nd Place: David Warzak

In addition to the bike show, the event featured a **silent auction** and a **50/50 raffle**, with proceeds going toward the many community projects supported by the Stanwood Lions Club.

Thanks to all the participants, guests, and volunteers who helped make the event a success. The **Stanwood Lions Club looks forward to making this an annual event**, with plans already underway to bring it back in **July 2026** even bigger and better than ever.



Help Us Showcase Your Club's Activities and Service!

Fellow Lions,

As your District 11 E1 Newsletter Editor, I want to extend a warm invitation to all **club officers and members** to share the incredible work your clubs are doing across our district.

Each month, the district newsletter highlights the spirit of Lionism in action, from fundraisers and service projects to member milestones and community events. **Your stories deserve to be told**, and your efforts can inspire other clubs to grow and serve in new ways.

 **Please send your articles, photos, and event updates by the 27th of each month** to be included in the upcoming issue.

Submissions can include:

- Brief write-ups (1–3 paragraphs) of recent or upcoming events
- Photos with captions and names if available
- Flyers or graphics promoting future activities
- Member highlights or club milestones

Let's work together to build a newsletter that reflects the heart of District 11 E1, **our clubs, our service, and our shared commitment to making a difference.**

You can email your submissions directly to me at: **district11E1Newsletter@gmail.com**

Thank you for all you do, and I look forward to sharing your stories!

In service,

Paula Rigling

Newsletter Editor, District 11 E1

