



### **DISTRICT GOVERNOR JIM PATTERSON'S MESSAGE**

Our District Convention was this past April 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. If it hadn't been for the COVID lockdown it would have been our 47<sup>th</sup> annual convention. But it was a doozy! From Friday's 70s party to the Saturday Banquet and everything in between, we met new friends, renewed old friendships, laughed, learned, and just generally had a good time. Some important things were discussed and some tall tales were told - all the absolute truth, of course.

Our annual convention is a special occasion where Lions from the various corners of our district come together to celebrate our collective achievements, share inspiring stories, and reaffirm our commitment to service and fellowship. This convention provided us a valuable opportunity to reflect on our accomplishments, exchange innovative ideas, and foster even stronger bonds of friendship and collaboration. Throughout this event, our aim was to delve into important topics, share best practices, and engage in a constructive dialogue that will propel our mission forward. Together, we explored new avenues for service, leverage our collective strengths, and ignited a renewed passion for making a difference in the lives of others.

As Lions, your dedication to service truly embodies the spirit of our organization. And through your vision initiatives, community outreach, and humanitarian efforts, your commitment to making a positive impact on our several communities shone through.

I hope each of you took full advantage of this opportunity by forging new connections, participating actively in discussions, and absorbing the wealth of knowledge and experiences that was offered. I also hope each of us left rejuvenated and inspired to continue our work in service to humanity.

Thank you for being part of this wonderful gathering.

### **1<sup>ST</sup> VDG/DG Elect Tom MacNaughton**



**Home Club – Cedar-Maple City Lions Club**

**Contact info:**

**231-631-7682**

**[tomamacnaughton@gmail.com](mailto:tomamacnaughton@gmail.com)**

**He is also the contact person for District 11E1 for the Lions of Michigan All State Band.**

**The Fremont Lions Club  
Appreciates  
District Governor Jim Patterson  
for his leadership of our  
District 11E1**



**Our Club asks you to SAVE the DATE for  
Jim's Appreciation Luncheon,  
Saturday, August 24, 12:00 noon  
at the Stone Lodge, 4465 W. 48<sup>th</sup> St., Fremont MI**

## Lion Portal: Get ready for launch



Dear Lions and Leos,

Preparation is underway to begin rolling out the new Lion Portal. Here is some important information to prepare you for launch.

### Phased rollout for Lion Account Users

Our target launch window is April 15 – May 13\*. During this time, all current Lion Account users will receive an email inviting them to access the new Lion Portal\*\*. We're doing this phased rollout to ensure staff is available to provide the best support possible and offer you a positive introductory experience.

- **Now – April 11:** MyLion, MyLCI and Insights will continue to function as normal.
- **April 12 and beyond:** MyLion, MyLCI and Insights are no longer available.
- **April 15 – May 13:** Invitations to access the new Lion Portal sent via email on a rolling basis to existing Lion Account users.

Please note: User permissions will not change. In other words, those who can report service, access member data and other key functions remain the same.

- **May 13 and beyond:** All visitors attempting to access the previous digital tools will be automatically redirected to the new Lion Portal.

\*Dates are subject to change. Our number one goal is to create a positive experience for Lions and Leos. If determined more time is required to ensure the product is in an optimal state, the dates may be adjusted accordingly.

\*\*If you don't see the email in your everyday inbox, please check all spam and junk folders for it first before contacting Member Support.

Note that the new Lion Portal will require a unique, unshared email, and phone numbers will no longer be supported as a log in credential.

### Information and resources

Be sure to visit [lionsclubs.org/portal-updates](https://lionsclubs.org/portal-updates) for the latest information and resources, which includes handy how-to videos for help accessing the new portal once you've received your Lion Portal invitation email.

We appreciate your support and thank you for your continued service as we prepare for the new Lion Portal – together. [Learn more](#)

Sincerely, Sue Ben, Chief of Technology, Lions International



# Upcoming Club Officer Training



## *Topics planned during the training:*

Awards Available (District, State, International)

Projects (District, State)

Dues & Financial Responsibilities

Accessing the new Lions Portal

Officer Training (President/VP, Secretary, Treasurer, etc.)

When you're RSVPing for a training session, please include the officer training needed (President/VP, Secretary, Treasurer, etc.).

Hosted by: Kaleva Lions Club  
Date/Time: **May 9 (Thursday) from 5-7pm**  
Location: Kaleva Lions Club, 14361 9 Mile Rd., Kaleva, MI  
Meal: Pastie, coleslaw, awesome desserts, lemonade, water and coffee  
Cost: \$12 per person (only if you're eating)  
RSVP: Zone Chair Karla Kasten, [karlask2960@gmail.com](mailto:karlask2960@gmail.com) or call/text 630-816-9443 by May 1

Hosted by: Greenville Lions Club  
Date/Time: **June 1 (Saturday) from 9-11am**  
Location: First Congregational Church, 126 E Cass St., Greenville, MI  
Refreshment: Coffee, water, and donuts  
Cost: No Cost  
RSVP: Lion Mike Kreitner, [mkreitner@live.com](mailto:mkreitner@live.com) or call/text 616-881-4004 by May 25

Host by: Mt. Pleasant Lions Club  
Date/Time: **June 22 (Saturday) from 9-11am**  
Location: Isabella Commission on Aging, 2200 S Lincoln Rd., Mt. Pleasant, MI  
Refreshment: Coffee, tea, hot chocolate, juice and pastries  
Cost: No Cost  
RSVP: Zone Chair Diane Fleming, [flemi1dl@cmich.edu](mailto:flemi1dl@cmich.edu) or call 989-772-5556 by June 14

You may also RSVP to any of the three sessions to PCC Jeff Schafer, Global Leadership Team (GLT) Coordinator, [jeff.schafer1@comcast.net](mailto:jeff.schafer1@comcast.net) or call/text 812-325-3130.

## **USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum**

Fellow Lions, I hope everyone weathered our Michigan winter this year and those that went south have returned to their Michigan homes. I know for my family this time of year is spent planning for spring district and state conventions, spring/summer RV trips and Lions leadership forums. One leadership forum that is coming this fall is the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Louisville, Kentucky from September 5<sup>th</sup> through 7<sup>th</sup>. The last location which was closer to us was in Grand Rapids (2015) and Columbus, Ohio (2018). The early bird registration for the event is \$295 for the two days of 80 seminars and four motivational speakers, including of course the International President, Fabricio Oliveira. The forum will not be closer to our district again through 2027, **so register now for the early bird savings (by March 31)** and enjoy a great weekend in Louisville with Lions from across the USA and Canada.

Their website to register online is [www.lionsforum.org](http://www.lionsforum.org) and included is a pdf to register by mail. [See below, pages 4 & 5.] -PCC Jeff Schafer, Global Leadership Team (GLT) Coordinator



**HOUSING**

Hotels: Reservations must be made with this form. Do not register directly with the hotel. Please rank hotels by order of preference. Rooms cannot be reserved without \$150 US deposit.

HOTELS	RATE	DISTANCE TO CENTER
Galt House (Headquarters)	\$164	2 blocks
Courtyard by Marriott	\$155	2 blocks
Embassy Suites	\$179	3 blocks
Hampton Inn	\$144	1/2 block
Holiday Inn Express	\$149	7 blocks

**THESE ITEMS MUST BE COMPLETED BEFORE ROOM RESERVATIONS CAN BE FINALIZED!!**

Arrival Date  Departure Date   
 # in Room  # of Beds   
 Sharing Room with   
 Special Room Requests:  
 Room requests will be made on a first come-first served basis

**CANCELLATION POLICY:** If you must cancel your registration and/or room, notification must be in writing to the Forum Registrar. Any cancellations received between July 1, 2024 and August 1, 2024 will be subject to a \$50 per person cancellation fee and forfeiture of the Hotel Deposit. After August 1, 2024 no refunds will be issued. Cancellation notification must be received on or before August 1, 2024. Please send cancellation notice to: USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, 21 Giants Dr, Rapid City, SD 57701. Phone (605) 723-4007; FAX (605) 791-0950; Email: [registrar@lionsforum.org](mailto:registrar@lionsforum.org)

**HELP US BETTER PLAN FOR YOUR ARRIVAL**

I will be arriving by:  
 Air  Ground

**REGISTRATION FEE** covers the cost of the seminars and four designated meals (Thursday evening banquet, Friday noon lunch, Saturday noon lunch, Saturday evening banquet). All attendees must pay full registration fee to participate in any of the meals or seminars. Individual meal function tickets will NOT be available.

Hotel rooms CANNOT be assigned until registration fee and hotel deposit are received. ALL REGISTRATION AND HOTEL RESERVATIONS ARE MADE ON A FIRST-COME FIRST-SERVED BASIS.

Please note: The USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum will be documenting the Forum for promotional purposes. Your participation may be filmed, photographed, or recorded at this event. Your registration is your consent for use of these images and recordings by the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum.

**Registration Fees (US \$)**  
 Rooms cannot be reserved without \$150 US Deposit

	Early Bird	Postmarked after March 31, 2024	Postmarked after May 31, 2024	Postmarked after July 31, 2024
Registrant A	\$295	\$325	\$340	\$365
Registrant B	\$295	\$325	\$340	\$365
Leos	\$150	\$150	\$150	\$175
Hotel Deposit	\$150	\$150	\$150	\$150
Strides Event Reg A	\$ 25	\$ 25	\$ 25	\$ 25
Strides Event Reg B	\$ 25	\$ 25	\$ 25	\$ 25
Pin Trading per Table	\$60	\$ 60	\$ 60	\$ 60

**Total Amount Due Now** \$

**PAYMENT**

By Credit Card:  
 I authorize \$  to be charged to my credit card. Signature   
 card number  exp date  security code (3 digits on back)

I have included a check in the amount of \$  Please make check payable to: USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum

Mail your complete registration form to the Forum office: USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, 21 Giants Dr, Rapid City, SD 57701; Phone (605)723-4007; Fax (605)791-0950; Email: [registrar@lionsforum.org](mailto:registrar@lionsforum.org)  
 Online registration available at: [www.lionsforum.org](http://www.lionsforum.org)

## DISTRICT SERVICE PROJECT A SUCCESS

Thank you to all the Clubs and individual Lions who helped make our District Service project a success! We assembled 214 Personal Hygiene Bags for those in need. 27 Lions helped fill the bags, donated by PAWS With a Cause, in little over an hour during the Convention on April 20, 2024. By the end of the Convention all bags were on the way back to communities in our District. 15 Clubs took Hygiene Bags to distribute to shelters and agencies near them. This will positively impact the lives of many less fortunate individuals in our district.



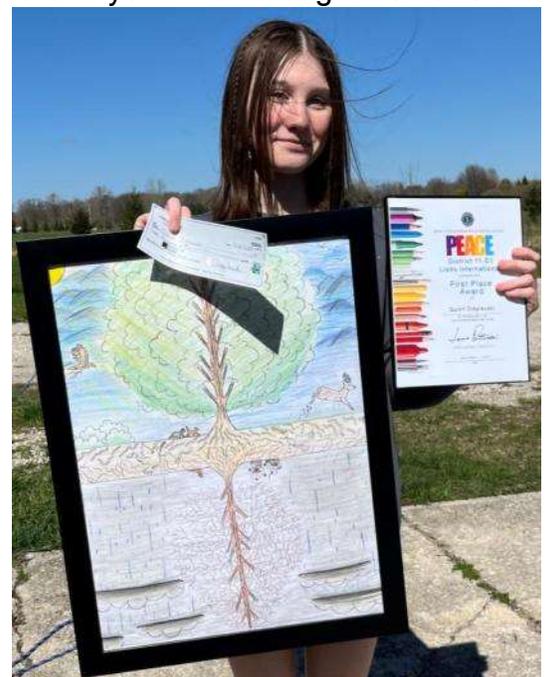
We were able to provide soap, hand sanitizer, dental products, razors, nail clippers, deodorant, shampoo, a hand towel and washcloth, a comb and much more, including feminine products in 100 bags. A ribbon was tied to the handle of bags for women to easily identify them. (Thank you to Lion Sheryl Schafer for providing the ribbon and to Lions Teresa Osborn, Kathy Palmer, and Billie Jo Parker for tying ribbons on each bag.) A HUGE thank you to Lion Delberta Troutman for reaching out to Midwest Mission in Pawnee, Illinois who sent us the Feminine Hygiene Kits and 192 regular Hygiene kits. Thanks also to Clubs that donated money or brought items for the bags: Baldwin, Cadillac, Coleman, Empire, Midland, Mt. Pleasant, Shepherd, and Weidman, and others for providing manpower; Cedar-Maple City, Chippewa Lake-Mecosta, Fremont, Greenville, Harrison, Luther, Stanwood, Vestaburg, and White Cloud.

## DISTRICT 11E1 CONVENTION APRIL 19 - 20, 2024

District Convention was a great time with friends. If you missed it you missed some great entertainment. I want to thank everyone that helped with convention and everyone one that attended. The auction brought in a little over \$1,300. Thank you to everyone that brought items for the auction. The auction helps to defray some of the cost for the convention, which is why we need all clubs to participate. If you did not get a chance to bring an auction item this year, please put it on your list of things to do for next year. The committee is looking forward to another great District 11E1 Convention in 2025. Convention Chair PDG Pam Schroeder

## DISTRICT 11E1 PEACE POSTER

District Peace Poster winner Quinn Didaleusky, a 7th Grade student at Coleman Jr/Sr High School, was thrilled to receive her beautifully framed poster along with a framed certificate and a \$100 check! The winner was announced at the District 11E1 Convention, but was unable to attend the District Convention due to illness. Lion Ann Roeseler





## DISTRICT 11E1 CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS IN PICTURES

Friday night kickoff for the annual district convention; DG Jim leads the way. Many got into the spirit of the 70's!

Lions Brenda & Steve Adsmond w/ DG Jim Patterson



PDGs Laura and Harry Johnson

*Cool! Far out!*

*PEACE!*

Pam Render, Chuck Dinsmore, & Ann Roeseler-Coleman Lions.



PID Bob Block and Lion Brenda Block



Lion Bob Roebuck wins 70's Trivia!

PDG Al Roeseler came in 2<sup>nd</sup> to win a mood ring and Lion.





  
District 11-E1 Memorial

District Chaplain Steve Adsmond leads the Saturday morning memorial service.

In memory of  
Gale Sanders  
Oct. 24, 1950-Dec. 4, 2023  
Shepard Lions Club



In memory of  
Andy Barbera  
July 18, 1928-April 18, 2023  
Arcadia Lions Club



In memory of  
John Scherrer  
June 14, 1935-May 12, 2023  
Harrison Lions Club



In memory of  
Ron Gray  
July 13, 1937-May 2, 2023  
Lake Ann Lions Club



In memory of  
John Rude  
March 6, 1927-April 25, 2023  
Empire Lions Club



In memory of  
John Bailor  
Dec. 27, 1945-May 29, 2023  
Luther Lions Club



In memory of  
John Mencarelli  
Sept. 24, 1945-July 6, 2023  
Manistee Lions Club



In memory of  
David Heying  
Nov. 10, 1948-June 3, 2023  
Midland Lions Club



In memory of  
Jeff Sandman  
Oct. 6, 1982-June 18, 2023  
Manistee Lions Club

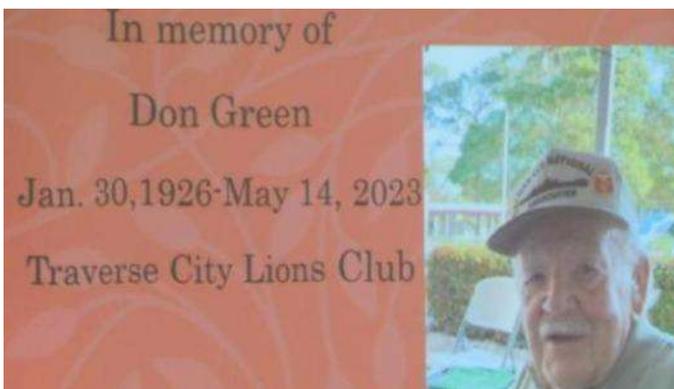
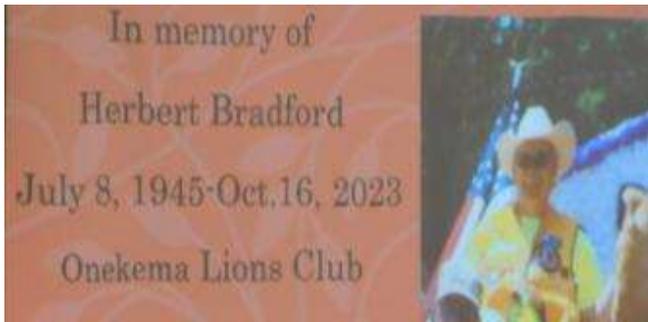
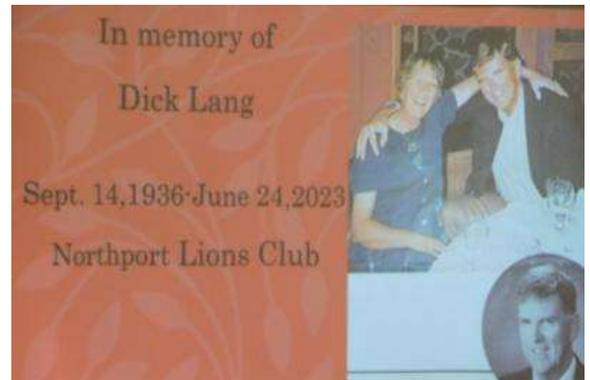
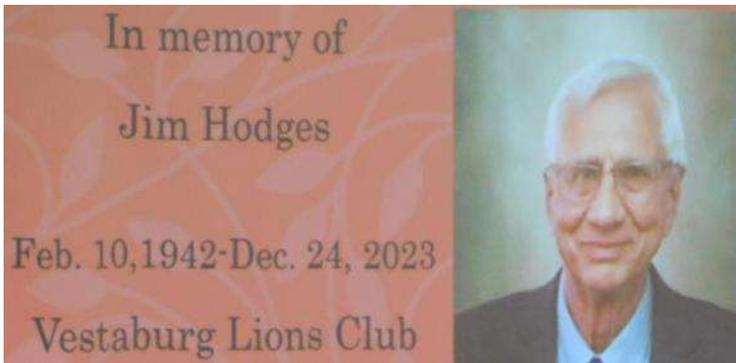


In memory of  
Clint House  
June 6, 1934-Sept 11, 2023  
Midland Lions Club



In memory of  
Stan Preshaw  
Jan. 28, 1933-Jan. 6, 2023  
Central Montcalm Lions Club





**Pictures from the District 11E1 Service Project**

on Saturday at the Convention lead by GST Lion Ann Roseler.



Lion Larry Alman packing personal care bag.



Bags tagged & marked.





**BANNER PARADE**



**Beginning of Lunch Activities**



**PID Bob Block inducts 4 new Lions.**



**PID Block shared words of wisdom and answered questions.**



## SATURDAY BANQUET/AWARDS



### Lions Awards Presented at the Convention:



Ann Roeseler received the International Presidential Medal from DG Jim and the Louis Braille Award from the district  
 Diane Fleming and Randy Roebuck received the Presidential Certificate of Appreciation from DG Jim  
 Pete Conarty and Pam Schroeder received the Presidential Certificate of Appreciation from PID Bob Block  
 Tom MacNaughton received the A. Charles Weir Sight Conservation Fellowship from DG Jim  
 Peggy Frank and PCC Jeff Schafer received the Mike Howard "Spirit" of Lionism Award from DG Jim  
 Mike & Tina Hoy received Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship Awards from DG Jim

The following Lions were not at the convention so DG Jim will present their awards at a later date.

Linda Wellman - Presidential Certificate of Appreciation  
 Steve Glazier – Mike Howard "Spirit" of Lionism  
 Karla Kasten – Mike Howard "Spirit" of Lionism

**The Louis Braille Award** was begun by PDG Wayne Kreitner and his son Michael Kreitner of the Greenville Lions Club to honor a Lion who has, through their efforts, made outstanding contributions to our District 11E1 with their hard work and dedication to service. Each recipient is chosen by the last three years' recipients who this year are PDG Bill Simpson, Steve Adsmond, and PDG Jerry Brandt. The three of us got together through a conference call and each was supposed to bring a name each thought most deserving of this award. We all had the same name.

This years' recipient is Ann Roeseler. Ann is the Global Service District Coordinator and has organized and introduced us to new service projects for the district including Necklaces for Kids with Cancer, Cards for Veterans, blanket making for Sleep In Heavenly Peace, and at this convention Hygiene Kits for people who are homeless.





*Thank you!*

*Great Convention!*

*See you all next year!*

# CLUB NEWS

## EMPIRE LIONS



“The Empire Lions gather sap in the Bolton woods and, for their efforts, Bolton donates several gallons of Maple syrup for the April and October Empire Lions Pancake breakfasts. Shown emptying a bucket of sap is 99 years young Lion - Jim Dorsey - with Lions Bill Freeman and Steve Stepanek close behind.”

“Several Empire Lions gather around the Bolton Farm table. Bill

Bolton (center - Age 92) and his family throw a party (homemade pretzels, cookies, and adult beverages) for volunteers that help gather sap. Bolton donated the syrup for the Lions pancake breakfast April 28.”



## STANWOOD LIONS



Stanwood did a Highway clean-up and had a picnic lunch following the event.



## LUTHER LIONS

May 5<sup>th</sup> - Luther Lions Mother's Day Breakfast, 8:30 am - 11am. Serving our delicious regular "all you can eat" menus, plus...Bacon and Waffle Bar! All you can eat, adults \$10, children (6-12) \$5, and under 6 eat Free! A small gift for mom too!

May 9<sup>th</sup> - Feed America truck at the Luther Lions. Line up starts at 2:00 pm. Food items unknown and given out until gone.

May 22<sup>nd</sup> - Monthly Luther Lions dinner, 5-6:30 pm. Cinco de Mayo meal is the dinner for the month. Adults \$12, children (6-12) \$6, and under 6 eat FREE.

May 25<sup>th</sup> /26<sup>th</sup> - Luther Lions Flea Market, Saturday hours 1-5pm and Sunday hours 10am-5pm. If you would like to sell/vendor, please contact Linda Wellman at 503-799-3105. Come on down and check out our great items for sale and other vendors. We have already received several kayaks with paddles! We will also take any donations you would like to give. SEE YOU THERE! Sorry, no furniture will be accepted.

## COLMAN LIONS

**District 11E1 Convention:** During the Lions District 11E1 Convention on Saturday, Lion Ann Roeseler received the LCI President's Medal (2nd highest in Lions Club International) and the District's Louis Braille Award. The Louis Braille Award honors a Lion who has, through their efforts, made outstanding contributions to our District with their hard work and dedication of service. PCC Jeff Schafer received the Mike Howard "Spirit" Award. The award was established in 2016 to honor Lion Mike Howard from the Harrison Lions Club. The award honors his "Spirit of Lionism" by recognizing Lions who represent the Lions motto "We Serve." Coleman Lions Club pictured are (from left to right): Lion Pam Render, Lion Chuck Dinsmore, Lion Ann Roeseler, PCC Jeff Schafer, PDG Sheryl Schafer, and PDG Al Roeseler.



### **Coleman Adopt-a-Highway Program**

The Coleman Lions Club has adopted a 2-mile section near the Gladwin-Beaverton exit on Highway 10 between Midland and Clare. Members of the Coleman Lions Club along with a few Leos from the Coleman School helped collect 28 bags of trash from the road.

### **Coleman Annual Bake Sale**

The Coleman Lions Club held their annual bake sale at C.W. Gordon Sales & Service. Members of the Coleman Lions club along with friends in the community baked homemade breads, pies, cakes, cookies, and other sweet desserts. Pictured are (from left to right) Lion Mary Jo Fachting, Lion Steve Swan, Lion Wendy Gross, PDG Sheryl Schafer, and Lion Pam Render.



### **Coleman Family Center Open House**

The Coleman Lions Club conducted KidSight vision screening during the Coleman Family Center open house and ribbon cutting ceremony. Pictured (from left to right) are PDG Sheryl Schafer and Lion Billie Jo Parker.

## LAKE ANN LIONS

The Lake Ann Lions Club will be holding its 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Outing at Mistwood Golf Course in Lake Ann, MI on June 8, 2024. Starting time will be at the registration site. 18 holes, 4 golfer scramble format. Includes pastries / coffee in the AM and Lunch after golf. This is a very popular event. Open to the public, and that means Lions. All levels of abilities. Contact us for lodging suggestions. Come on up for a great day of golf and fun. Find us at [@lakeannlionsclub](https://www.lakeannlionsclub.com) Golf information and registration is at [www.Lakeanngolf.com](http://www.Lakeanngolf.com). Check for events. See you there!



# Greenville Lions Club Kreitner Memorial Golf Classic

"In memory of Lions passed"



**Elite Sponsor:**



**DATE:** June 8th, 2024  
**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:**



*True Value*



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

# SHEPHERD LIONS

Shepherd Lions held a Bingo during the Maple Syrup Festival the last weekend of April. Lions Al and Ann Roeseler (Coleman Lions) was there volunteering and took pictures. Picture 1. Lion Dick Travis, caller. Picture 2. Lion Kevin Davis and PDG Al Roeseler during a game. Picture 3. Lion Rich Hetherington and Lion Kevin Davis check out a winning card.



## BIG RAPIDS LIONS CLUB GOLF OUTING 2024

Wednesday, June 12th at Clear Lake Golf Club, Big Rapids

Scramble Format—Shotgun start at 10:00am

Registration starts at 9:00am

All funds raised support Big Rapids Lions Club projects: eyeglasses, leader dogs, BR 3rd grade dictionaries, hearing aids, food pantries, kid's sight eye screening, Hemlock Park Splashpad and more.

Your fun day at Clear Lake Golf Club includes 18 holes of golf with cart, coffee and donuts at registration, hot dogs at the turn, and grilled hamburgers with salads on completion of your round; team and individual winners, raffle drawings, corn hole, and putting contest. Also enjoy other contest holes throughout the course.

Team entry is \$300.00 per 4 person team—men, women or mixed. Teams are limited to the first 20 registered. Deadline to register is June 1, 2024.

TEAM CAPTAIN \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Player #2 \_\_\_\_\_

Player #3 \_\_\_\_\_

Player #4 \_\_\_\_\_

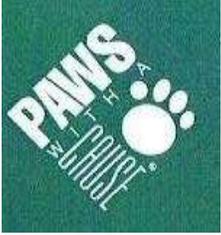


SPONSORSHIP/DONATIONS	AMOUNT
1. Gold Sponsor—\$525.00 Includes 4 person golf team, tee sign on course, 2' x 4' color business banner.	\$ _____
2. Silver Sponsor—\$275.00 Includes 2' x 4' color business banner, tee sign on course.	\$ _____
3. Hole Sponsor—\$75.00 Tee Sign on course	\$ _____
4. Prize/Cash Donation	\$ _____
TOTAL DONATION	\$ _____

**MAIL ENTRIES OR DONATIONS TO:**  
**Big Rapids Lions Club Golf Outing**  
**P.O. Box 807**  
**Big Rapids, MI 49307**  
**or**  
**Email team names and entries to**  
**brlionsgolfouting2024@gmail.com**

Make checks payable to Big Rapids Lions Club/Golf

# District *Projects*



I would like to come and visit your club for a presentation. Please contact me through Lions Mike and Tina Hoy at [hoym@charter.net](mailto:hoym@charter.net) or 989-832-8354. Cowboy Hoy, Hearing/Assistance Dog



Here is the website link: <https://www.leaderdog.org/lions-club/resources/>

Each month, a newsletter page will be uploaded to our website.

Lion Beth, Director of Lions Engagement

Leader Dogs for the Blind

1039 S. Rochester Rd. • Rochester Hills, MI 48307-3115

Direct (248) 218 6421 or Toll Free (888) 777-5332

## Lions of Michigan Foundation

Donations are greatly appreciated. There are more requests for disaster relief and individual help than we have seen in some time. We help many people all around our district, so if you missed the Parade of Checks, you can still send your checks to the foundation. The foundation helps many people, but we cannot do it without your club donations.

The foundation is ready to send out the Sight and Hearing Tickets, encourage clubs to use them as a fundraiser. For every ticket you sell you can receive money back to use in your clubs, the more you sell the more you get for your club.

There are still cookbooks for sale. You can get them from Chad for \$10 each and sell them for what you would like, also a fundraiser for your club.

## Lions Clubs International Foundation

Each of your clubs should have a club coordinator for LCIF. Please forward their name and address information to PDG Pam Schroeder. My address and phone info are in the Roster Book.

It is not too late to make your yearly donation. Your donation can go toward a Melvin Jones, and when you have \$1,000 into LCIF, you can present a Melvin Jones Fellowship to someone for their dedication to Lionism. Many clubs have the funds into LCIF for a Melvin Jones that can be presented. If you need more info contact PDG Pam.

Donations are used to help clubs around the world. Some donations have also come back to Michigan to help with disasters. Grants can also be applied for, if your club has donated to LCIF.

### DISTRICT MISSION TRIP 2024

Now that the COVID has pretty well cycled out, I would like all clubs in the District to please ask their local eye doctors and/or ophthalmologists if they would like to participate in another eyeglass mission. We have the glasses ready to go but need volunteers to go with us. For a worthwhile trip it will give you a hands on experience of what Lions do in foreign countries with those used eyeglasses.

**Please call PDG Harry Johnson at 231 745-4524 and leave a message if I'm not home. We are currently looking to go to Puerto Penasco, Mexico, this October.**

**Please contact PDG Harry Johnson for more details [lionharry1947@gmail.com](mailto:lionharry1947@gmail.com)**



## BEAR LAKE CAMP

Hi Fellow Lions, No update received this month, but I would like to share some history and information about Lions Bear Lake Camp, per below, that some Club Members may not be aware of. We as individuals and Clubs in District 11E1 should all be proud of our support to this Lions State Project program that brings so many smiles and makes so many memories for the kids that attend. Please budget a yearly amount to continue to make dreams come true for these kids and their parents and guardians.

- Founded in 1982, by Lake Orion Lions Club as Lions Visually Impaired Youth Camp
  - Initiated by Big Al Kassin, which originated at Camp Franklin Settlement in Lake Orion
  - From there, Big Al moved the camp to different locations for various reasons
- In 2000, Lions Bear Lake Camp was purchased
- Camp has been available for free for a total of 38 years to our visually impaired youth, later incorporating our Deaf and Hard of Hearing youth and families.
- Incorporated as a 501C3 in 1992
- Became a state project of Lions of Michigan Multiple 11 District in 2003
- We are completely supported by contributions from Lions Clubs, individuals, corporations, service organizations, and foundations.
- Our revenue comes from 3 sources, Club Donations, Grants and Off-season rental groups
- Our calendar is full every weekend February to Christmas with Thanksgiving open. We are hoping to fill our calendar with more school groups during the off season. We have 2 weekends in January and 2 weekends in February open, other than that it's a full calendar.
- We can house 160 when at full capacity
- 3 Camps are sponsored by the Lions of Michigan
  - Visually Impaired and Blind Youth Camp, ages 6-16
  - Deaf and Hard of Hearing Youth Camp, ages 6-16
  - Juvenile Diabetes Camp, ages 6-16
- We have a great Leadership Development program that prepares teens ages 15-17 to prepare them to be counselors. 85% of our summer staff is returning campers. Many have spent every summer with us since the age of 7 or 8.
- We have many partnerships allowing us to host several summer camp opportunities
  - Sand Castles- Henry Ford Hospital grieving counseling camp for youth
  - Camp Quality- Kids with Cancer Sibling Camp
  - PBJ- Foster Kid camp ages 6-12
  - Lions Youth Exchange
  - Lions All-State Band
  - Jack and Jill Motor City Chapter, Youth Leadership development
  - Youth Empowerment tri-state Leadership institute

Lion Steve Glazier Bear Lake Lions Camp 11E1 District Chair

## Extra Extra Read all about it!

An invitation has been extended to LEO Club members to join the Youth Camp & Exchange at Lions Bear Lake Camp, [3409 N Five Lakes Rd, Lapeer, MI 48446](https://www.google.com/maps/place/3409+N+Five+Lakes+Rd,+Lapeer,+MI+48446), August 11-17, 2024.



The YCE Program will cover one LEO per District to participate. If you have more than one LEO who want to participate, we can raffle their name and pick one winner per District.

In addition, the LEO Club or District can sponsor a LEO to attend the camp if they choose to participate. This will be a great way for our LEOs to mingle with other youth from other countries.

Cost: \$150.00 (Please make check payable to: Lions Of Michigan, memo: Youth Camps & Exchange).

Bring essential items such as pillow, twin fitted sheet, blanket, towel, toiletries, bug spray, & sunscreen.

Host family is responsible for picking up and dropping off students from/to airport and camp.



Multiple District 11 is looking for some families in the community who can open their hearts and homes for the month of summer 2024 to host a Youth Exchange Ambassador. These young people are part of Lions International Youth Camps & Exchange program, bringing young adults from various parts of the world to the United States during the summer program July 25 – August 22, 2024.

Host families need not be Lion members, nor must they have children at home. You would be responsible for their room and board. Visiting young adults comes with spending money, and additional activities will be at your discretion.

If you are interested in becoming a Host Family, please contact:  
State Chair Lion Elvie Marfil at 818-800-1060 or email [epmarfil5@gmail.com](mailto:epmarfil5@gmail.com).

Additionally, clubs that donates \$100 will receive a 4x4 YCE Banner Patch or a 2023-2024 year patch.



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The Lions of Michigan MD 11 Convention Committee is please to offer the opportunity for corporate and personal sponsorships for the 2024 Multiple District 11 Lions Convention May 16-18, 2024 \* SHERATON by MARRIOTT, GRAND RAPIDS, MI

**Multiple District 11 Proposed Dues Increase**

The subject of a dues increase for Multiple District 11 was discussed at a Council of Governors meeting after it was recommended by MD 11 Council Treasurer Paul Hemeryck.

A committee was appointed to review and make a report a to the Council of Governors with a recommendation.

Based on the committee's report the Council of Governors approved the following resolution to be presented and voted on by the club delegates at the Multiple District 11 Convention Business Meeting to be held on Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at the Marriott Sheraton Hotel in Grand Rapids to be voted:

***Resolved* That Article VIII Section 1 the administrative fund tax (member dues) be increased to \$12.00 effective July 1, 2024 with semi-annual payments of \$6.00 be collected September 10, 2024 and March 10, 2025; and**

***Be it further Resolved* That the dues be increased to \$14.00 with semi-annual payments of \$7.00 be collected September 10, 2025 and March 10, 2026 and each year thereafter.**

This requires an amendment to Article VIII, Section 1 of the MD11 By-laws.

Currently Article VIII Section 1 reads:

Section 1. MULTIPLE DISTRICT REVENUE. To provide revenue for approved multiple district projects and to defray the administrative expenses of the multiple district, an annual multiple district administrative fund tax of \$10.00 is hereby levied upon each member of each club in the multiple district and shall be collected and paid in advance by each club in two (2) semi-annual payments as follows: \$5.00 per club member on September tenth of each year to cover the semi-annual period July 1 to December 31; and \$5.00 per club member on March tenth of each year, to cover the semi-annual period January 1 to June 30, with billings of the same to be based upon the roster of each club as of the first days of July and January, respectively. Said tax shall be paid to the council secretary/treasurer by each club in the multiple district, except newly chartered and reorganized clubs, which shall collect and pay said tax on a pro-rata basis from the first day of the second month following the date of their organization or reorganization, as the case may be. Said tax shall be disbursed only for administrative expenses of the multiple district and only upon approval by the Council of Governors. Disbursement therefore shall be by checks drawn and signed by the council secretary-treasurer and countersigned by the council chairperson.

The proposed new amendment would read as follows:

Section 1. MULTIPLE DISTRICT REVENUE. To provide revenue for approved multiple district projects and to defray the administrative expenses of the multiple district, a multiple district administrative fund tax of \$12.00 is hereby levied upon each member of each club in the multiple district and shall be collected and paid in advance by each club in two (2) semi-annual payments as follows: \$6.00 per club member on September tenth of 2024, to cover the semi-annual period July 1 to December 31; and \$6.00 per club member on March tenth of 2025, to cover the semi-annual period January 1 to June 30, with billings of the same to be based upon the roster of each club as of the first days of July and January, respectively.

Section 2. An annual multiple district administrative fund tax of \$14.00 is hereby levied upon each member of each club in two (2) semi-annual payments as follows: \$7.00 per club member on September tenth of each year following to cover the semi-annual period July 1 through December 31; and \$7.00 per club member to cover the semi-annual period January 1 to June 30, with billings of the same to based upon the roster of each club as of the first days of July and January, respectfully.

Said tax shall be paid to the council secretary/treasurer by each club in the multiple district, except newly chartered and reorganized clubs, which shall collect and pay said tax on a pro-rata basis from the first day of the second month following the date of their organization or reorganization, as the case may be. Said tax shall be disbursed only for administrative expenses of the multiple district and only upon approval by the Council of Governors. Disbursement therefore shall be by checks drawn and signed by the council secretary-treasurer and countersigned by the council chairperson.

## **MD 11 Convention May 16- 18, 2024 Grand Rapids Sheraton**

### **Michigan Lions -Changing the World! LCI Guest PIP Sid Scruggs, III**

#### **Thursday, May 16, 2024 6:00 p.m.**

Convention Kick-off Picnic Rockford Rotary Pavilion Catering by  
Sparta Lions Club Host: Rockford Lions Club  
Roundtrip Bus transportation sponsored by Muskegon Northside Lions Club

#### **Friday, May 17, 2024**

9:00 am Council of Governors Meeting

#### **Exhibitor's Hall Open 9:00 am – 6:00 p.m.**

**10:30 a.m. Breakout Session** Succulent Gardening – Lion Sandra Simon-Pease.

In this class you will learn to make a succulent garden in four easy steps. Basic instruction from type of soil to selecting the perfect planter!

Take advantage of Grand Rapids attractions such as Meijer Garden & Gerald R. Ford Museum

#### **1:30 p.m. District Governor-Elect 2024-2025 Planning Meeting**

#### **2:00 pm-4:00 pm Breakout Sessions**

Fun with the Tail Twister – Become the Best! PDG Ron Riebschleger  
Club President & Region Chair Best Practices PCC Dave Hill & PDG Paul Hodge  
Hope to Walk – Changing the World with Prosthetic Legs Lions Kristen & Phil

#### **6:00 p.m. Welcome Reception & Party**

Lions Senior Prom themed event & Crowning of the King and Queen  
Dress in Prom attire or wear our Lions school colors – purple, yellow/gold, blue!

#### **Saturday, May 18, 2024 – Michigan Lions – Changing the World!**

#### **9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Exhibitor's Hall Open**

8:00 a.m. Awards Breakfast

10:15 a.m. Business Session featuring news from around our state and world.

2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Breakout Sessions:

Service Project – Kid's Coalition Against Hunger

Lions Informational Panel Discussion with PIP Sid Scruggs

Lions of Michigan Foundation –

#### **5:45 p.m. Awards Reception & Banquet**

LMSB Performance 5:45 p.m. (TBD)

S.A. Dodge Recipients PDG Wes Wagester, D2 and PDG Pam Schroeder, E1

#### ***Keynote Address by Past International President, Sid Scruggs, III***