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Jonathan VanTol  
**District Governor**  
February, 2025



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From District Governor Jonathan VanTol



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**WE SERVE**

Lions!

In my neck of the woods, winter has been pretty mild and I hope it continues! I'd like to thank the East Flint Lions for hosting our Winter Cabinet meeting. They did a great job and the food was delicious!

There are a number of important things coming up. First off, the Michigan Forum will be Friday February 28th to March 1st. On Friday there will be a service project for survivors of human trafficking. Bags will be filled with personal products for women. After discussing with our GST Vaughn Begick, we decided to ask the clubs for 125 pairs of women's socks. Knowing our District I'm sure we will surpass that number. Look for more information in the GST article.

Then our District convention in April, look for more information from the Committee Chair PDG Duane Wilcox. Register early to give the convention committee time to do the great job they always do. Also, it is time for those seeking elected office to get their nominations into the Nominating committee. Those members are IPDG Bill Bauder, PDG Bob Sturgis, and PDG Ron Johnson. After they receive them, they will confirm their qualifications. Sooner your nomination reaches them the better. There is an updated list of who is eligible to become a Second Vice District Governor, they

are: A candidate for the office of second vice district governor shall: Be an Active Member in good standing of a chartered Lions club in good standing in his/her single or sub-district.

Secure the endorsement of his/her club or a majority of the clubs in his/her single or sub-district.

Have served or will have served at the time he/she takes office as second vice district governor:

As president of a Lions club for a full term or major portion thereof, and a member of the board of directors of a Lions club for no less than two (2) additional years; and

As zone chairperson, region chairperson, district global extension team coordinator, district global leadership team coordinator, district global membership team coordinator, district global service team coordinator, district LCIF coordinator or cabinet secretary and/or treasurer for a full term or major portion thereof.

With none of the above being accomplished concurrently.

Has not completed a full term or major portion thereof as district governor.

There are a few GREAT candidates for Second Vice District Governor. Get your nominations in so you can continue serving at a higher level.

DG Jonathan S. VanTol

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## REGION/ZONE CHAIRS

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## From 1st Vice District Governor Gerald Whitney



February is almost here. I hope that the cold cold is now past us.

The first of the month is starting off with a big bang for me with training in a zoom meeting for governors.

I have just two weeks before I go to St. Charles, Illinois for governor training for a week. That should be

fun.

More to learn to get ready for next year. I hope that all clubs are doing well and thinking of good events for the coming year.

I know that the ice plunge is Saturday at Bear Lake Camp. Looks like it will be a good day for them.

*1VDG Jerry*

## From 2nd Vice District Governor Tobias Webber



Service with a smile We all have heard the age old adage “life is hard”, and it is. The news is on 24 hours a day seven days a week broadcasting all of the tragedies locally and around the world. My mother once told me “You never get through life without scars, some are physical and some are emotional”. Is the glass half full or half empty? As Lions we can take a little different perspective. Let’s agree life is precious and focus on making a difference and have fun while doing it. Knowing we have helped alleviate someone’s hardship and given hope is the core of being a Lion. Lions

give direct aid and hope to people around the world through LCIF and right here at home through your Club. Using a Tail Twister with some research and imagination can help bring jocularly to our meetings. So let’s serve and have fun. Camaraderie with our fellow Lions can also help with retention. Sort of like “whistle while you work”. Maybe it’s just an attitude ? Lions with an attitude ! “We shall not cease from exploration, and the end of all our exploring will be to arrive where we started and know the place for the first time” T.S. Elliot Lion

*Toby Webber Second Vice- District Governor*

**Eversight:** From January 1st through December 31st, 8,562 Donors gave the gift of sight, 10,204 tissues were donated for transplants, 4,723 tissues were donated for research and educational purposes. Keep up the Great work, Lions

**Paws with a Cause:** Paws is doing well. If anyone would like to foster a future Paws Puppy, please let me know, and we will get more info out about raising a Paws Dog to you.

Thank you, Lion Duane

**George E. Daly:** Deadline for applications is coming up fast. “February 28th” will be the last day they will be accepted. So, get them to me at duanewilcox@rocketmail.com or send to 12337 S. Jennings Rd. Linden, MI 48451

# UPCOMING EVENTS

**Michigan Forum**  
Feb 28-Mar 1, Kalamazoo

**Gaines Lions  
Casino Trip**  
March 22, Mt. Pleasant

**District Convention**  
April 12-13, Mt. Pleasant

**MD 11 Convention**  
May 15-17, Bay City



## ZOOM

The district has a Zoom account which is available for any club or committee meeting. Send a request to this email: [district11d1@gmail.com](mailto:district11d1@gmail.com) to request a zoom meeting or call PDG Steven VanTol at 989-430-9500. Zoom meetings are scheduled on a first come basis and is available to any club or district officer for Leo or Lions business.

## District Newsletter and Communication

The district newsletters are only being sent by email. The signup page can be found on our website [www.lions11d1.com](http://www.lions11d1.com). Please encourage your club members to get the information direct.

Have you signed up for the newsletter and feel you are not receiving the email? Check your trash and or spam folder. Also, add [district11d1@gmail.com](mailto:district11d1@gmail.com) to your email contact list.



### From Immediate Past District Governor Bill Bauder

Hello Lions,

I know I haven't written anything yet, but here it comes.

I am happy to announce that the Shields Lions Club has been training with the Freeland Lions Club to see if they want to start doing Food Give Aways. They have been coming out to the Freeland Club's Give Aways this year, trying to learn how to do this project. They found out that there is a lot more to it than someone would think. This coming Saturday, February first will be their first try. I have faith in them that this will be a great Give Away and a start in helping people in their community. The Freeland Lions will be there to help them and support them during their first one and are loaning them the use of Freeland's equipment.

This is just one way to help feed the Hungry. You don't have to do Give Aways. You can do like the Bay City Club does. They help the Salvation Army with their give aways and help serve meals at their kitchen. There are many other ways to help feed the hungry. I'm still learning of the different ways of helping the less fortunate.

I have found out that there are 7 different Food Banks in Michigan. One is the whole Upper Peninsula, and the rest are in the Lower Peninsula. Two cover the upper part of the lower and 4 in the very lower part.

I'm working on getting more information as I go. Hopefully I will have this information by the Forum at the end of February. Thank you for your time and please keep up the great work that you all do.

*PDG Bill Bauder, Hunger Chair*

## District Coordinators

### GET

Global Extention Team  
Coordinator Position Open

### GLT

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# GLOBAL SERVICE TEAM REPORT

## VAUGHN BEGICK-CHAIR

As part of the Lions Club members motto of “We Serve”, we have an opportunity to help serve the Sacred Beginnings organization in Kalamazoo. The Michigan Forum will be held there on February 28<sup>th</sup> and March 1<sup>st</sup> and on Friday February 28<sup>th</sup>, the attendees will be preparing packages with different items to distribute to those people that Sacred Beginnings works with. They are victims of human trafficking and sexual exploitation. The items that they need include conditioner, body wash, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorants and socks.

Different Lion’s Club Districts in the State of Michigan have selected different items to supply. Our District, 11 D-1, has selected

to supply socks. The request is for 125 pairs of socks but they will take more than that if provided. Lion District Governor Jon VanTol is putting out a request for the socks to all the Clubs in the District. If you are going to the Forum, you can take your club's socks there by Friday evening. Let me know how many pairs you are taking. If you would like someone to pick up your club's socks, let me know at [vaughnpac@aol.com](mailto:vaughnpac@aol.com) or 989 295-0209.

Remember to report your Club's Service Activities on the MyLCI online portal. There will be a session on reporting to the online portal at the District Convention on April 12th at Mt. Pleasant. See you there.

## District Leadership

by GLT PDG Steven VanTol

Lions, are you interested in advancing into a leadership position in our district? Do you know what is required to be a Zone chair, Region chair, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor or District Governor? The first requirement in advancing is you must have been a club president for 6 months and a day to be a Zone Chair which is the first step in moving forward in a leadership position at the district level. Each advancement requires the proceeding step with the exception that a Lion is eligible for election to 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG without being a Region Chair. Also, a Lion who was the District Secretary is eligible for election as a 2<sup>ND</sup> VDG. I have seen many great lions doing great things in the district who have never had the opportunity to serve as a club president. Please look at the lions in your club and give them the opportunity to advance by electing them as your club president following the traditions of your club.

Each year the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor, and District Governor are elected at the District Convention. The club they are a member of must nominate them each year as they move up in the leadership of the district.

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## Guiding Lion Training

The District Governor’s are looking for guiding lions to assist new clubs and struggling clubs. The current list of certified guiding lions has been depleted as the certification is for only three years. The past guiding lions can be recertified by reviewing the guiding lion program and taking the test again.

So please call me or text at 989-430-9500 or send an email to [lionstevvantol@gmail.com](mailto:lionstevvantol@gmail.com) if you interested.

Thank you GLT PDG Lion Steven VanTol

## Global Leadership Team (GLT)

PDG Steven VanTol

Lions International has learning opportunities online. If you have a MyLion account, go to the Learning center. Look at the classes offered for your personal growth. Every Lion can sign up for a lion account go to <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en> then click the “Member Login” tab to get the registration page. Need help? Just ask. I can assist or another lion can help you get started with a MYLion account.



# Lions of Michigan Foundation (LMF) Report

by PDG Steven VanTol

The LMF is now accepting nomination for Lions for the 2025 Hall of Fame. To get an application go to the LMF website <https://lmsf.net/> under the tab for Hall of Fame you will find the nomination form. The district can nominate one living and one deceased Lion each year to the Hall of Fame. Your nominations should go to District Secretary Bob Pierce, bob@piercehome.org, who will present the nominees to the District voting cabinet members for their selection of one living and one deceased Lion which must be sent to the LMF by March 1, 2025 for consideration.

Please share the hearing scholarship application (located in this newsletter please contact me if you need a copy) to the high schools in your area. The application deadline is March 15, 2025. The Lions of Michigan Foundation awards 4 each year.

A quick reminder about the LMF Raffle tickets. They need to be returned to the LMF by May 1, 2025 to allow time for record keeping. There are more tickets available for sale. Please see the information elsewhere in the newsletter.

There are cookbooks still available for purchase at \$5.00. Either sell them and keep the profit or use for a speaker gift. The order form is in the newsletter.

If you have any questions or need assistance with grant applications for emergency assistance, vision or military aid you can contact either PDG Lion Steven VanTol email [lionstevanvantol@gmail.com](mailto:lionstevanvantol@gmail.com) or phone 989-430-9500, or PDG Lion Alice Zajac email [akzmsu@gmail.com](mailto:akzmsu@gmail.com) or phone 989-683-2497.

2024-2025 Lions Year Calendar Important Dates	
Monday, July 15, 2024 6:00 p.m.	Mini Cabinet Meeting Banner Exchange Lion Haus, Frankenmuth
Sunday, August 25, 2024 1:00 p.m.	Summer Cabinet Meeting Am.Leg Bay City
September 5-9, 2024 Thursday-Monday	USA/CA Forum Louisville, KY
Sunday, October 6, 2024 1:00 p.m.	Fall Conference Fenton
Friday, October 11, 2024 Time TBD	Governor Appreciation Location TBD
November 8-10, 2024 Friday-Sunday	Michigan Leadership Institute Higgins Lake
Sunday, January 12, 2025 1:00 p.m.	Winter Cabinet Meeting E. Flint Clubhouse, Flint
Friday, Saturday, February 28-March 1, 2025	Michigan Forum Delta-Mariott, Kalamazoo
Saturday - Sunday April 12-13, 2025	District Convention 2025 Comfort Inn, Mt. Pleasant
Friday - Sunday May 16-18, 2025	MD 11 Convention Doubletree, Bay City
Sunday-Thursday July 13-17, 2025	International Convention Orlando, U.S.A.
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## WHITE CANE

Spring is coming and our Clubs will be doing their White Cane Fundraisers. This is a BIG fundraiser for many Clubs.

If Clubs want to order supplies from the Lions of Michigan office, they can contact Wendy Burns at; email: [wburns@lionsofmi.com](mailto:wburns@lionsofmi.com) or phone: 517-887-6640 ext 103

If a member of your Club is attending the Michigan Forum Feb 28th-March 1st, arrangements can be made to pick up the supplies there. Great way to save on shipping costs.

**\*\* INTERNATIONAL SETS GOALS FOR ALL DISTRICTS\*\***

**I plan on updating the District monthly in the newsletter as to the progress towards our goals.**

OUR DISTRICT GOALS FOR 2024-2025 AS DETERMINED BY LIONS INTERNATIONAL ARE;

- 115 NEW MEMBERS
- INCREASE CLUB SERVICE REPORTING
- INCREASE LIONS CLUB INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION CLUB and INDIVIDUAL PARTICIPATION
- 1 NEW CLUB

**These are statistics for 2024-2025 as of December 9, 2024 according to Lions International**

MEMBERSHIP	CURRENT	YTD ADD	YTD DROP	NET GROWTH	
	906	33	64	-3.31%	
SERVICE REPORTING (LION and LEO Clubs)	# OF CLUBS	CLUBS REPORTING		% REPORTING	
	38	13		34%	
LCIF DONATIONS	# OF CLUBS	CLUBS DONATING		% DONATING	AMOUNT
	34	19		56%	\$12,556
MEMBERS	INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS DONATING		% DONATING	AMOUNT	
935	5		.005%		

The membership numbers look bad because of Clubs dropping members before the end of the year. This happens because they won't have to pay Multiple and District dues if they don't pay their individual dues. Many of them will be reinstated after they pay, so next months numbers should rebound.



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## Project KidSight

by PDG Steven VanTol

This is a great service opportunity for your club. If your club has never sponsored a screening this service project is easy to do. Finding a location is the hardest part. Look at local daycare and fairs or schools. The Lions can get out there and serve.

The dates the KidSight trailer is scheduled can be found on the district calendar located on the district webpage [www.Lions1ld1.com](http://www.Lions1ld1.com).

We have three cameras in the district available for KidSight screenings which can be used inside a building. Lion Julia Embury, 1VDG Gerald Whitney and PDG Steven VanTol all have cameras. Let's get out there and screen children. Please contact me for the project screening number.

The KidSight trailer is for screening where an indoor location is not possible. The trailer is in either Auburn or Linden and available to be used for screenings.

Please coordinate your needs by contacting Lion Steven VanTol email [lionstevvantol@gmail.com](mailto:lionstevvantol@gmail.com) or phone 989-430-9500.

If you and members of your club would like to be a certified KidSight screeners please contact me at [lionstevvantol@gmail.com](mailto:lionstevvantol@gmail.com) or phone 989-430-9500 or Lion Julia Embury at [jkisch01@yahoo.com](mailto:jkisch01@yahoo.com) or phone 810-624-7090 We can set up a special training session for clubs near each other.



# 2025 DISTRICT CONVENTION

Are you ready? Start with registration and certification beginning at 8:00 a.m. in the conference lobby until 11:00 a.m. resuming at 2:00p.m. and continuing until 3:30 p.m. Three breakout sessions will run back-to-back from 9:00 a.m. and lasting 20 minutes with 5 minutes intervals between each. Sessions will include hunger programs with PDG Bill Bauder, Global Service with PCS Vaughn Begick and Peace Poster contests with ZC Duane Comerford. Parade of checks will be in conference lobby at 11:30 a.m. followed by lunch seating at 12:00 noon. Lunch buffet and program will be presided over by 1stVDG Gerald Whitney. Following lunch 3 breakout session will include Leader Dog with Lion Kristin Shively, All State Band presented by ZC Duane Comerford and Global Membership with PDG Alice Zajac. The format will be the same as the morning with programs ending at 4:10 pm. The district business meeting will begin at 4:15 p.m. and conclude at 5:00 p.m. Dinner seating will begin at 6:30 p.m. with dinner beginning at 7:00p.m.

Sunday registration will begin at 8:00pm. and close at 9:30 a.m. the memorial service will begin at 9:00a.m. and election of district officers will take place at 9:45 a.m. followed by elected officers and District Governor remarks.

## REMINDERS.

If you want to book a hospitality room contact the Comfort Inn.

Reserve a room by calling 989-572-0473 Group number NM89S9 Group name Lions District 11D1

Reservation closing date March 18th

Check-in is 4:00p.m. Check out 11:00 a.m.

**SEE YOU ON APRIL 12TH.**

# 2025 11D1 CONVENTION REGISTRATION

It may be the beginning of a new year, but it is time to get ready for the Lions' 11D1 convention to be held April 12-13, 2025. We will be at the Comfort Inn at Mt Pleasant. To make room reservations contact the hotel no later than March 18th to reserve a room for \$110.00 per night plus tax using the following information: Group -Lions District 11D1, Group Number-NM89S9, hotel phone number-989-572-0473. This is a day and a half long event, but if you are planning to arrive Friday night the same room rate applies and check-in starts at 4:00 p.m. Over night guests of the hotel have a hot breakfast bar available.

Club Name \_\_\_\_\_

Lion attending \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse or guest attending \_\_\_\_\_ Lion? \_\_\_\_\_

	no. of people	Total
Registration fee \$15.00/person X _____		_____

No registration fee for first time attendees

## April 12 Lunch Slider Buffet

\$23.00/person X _____	_____
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Dinner Buffet \$33.00/person X _____	_____
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Buffet includes: Salmon w/ dill cream sauce

Chicken Marsala w/ mushrooms	TOTAL	_____
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Au gratin potatoe, buttered corn

Cheesecake and pumpkin pie

## DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION W/ MEALS

MARCH 18, 2025 TO LION RICHARD DELONG, 4571 BITTERSWEET,  
SAGINAW, MI 48604





# 39th ANNUAL Sight & Hearing Sweepstakes A GUARANTEED Fundraiser

## GREAT PRIZES

Grand Prize - \$5,000  
2nd-\$2,500 - 3rd-\$1,000 - 4th- \$1,000  
5th-\$1,000 - 6th-\$1,000 - 7th-\$1,000  
8th-\$1,000 - 9th-\$1,000 - 10th-\$1,000

## SELLER INCENTIVES

1st-\$1,000 - 2nd-\$500 - 3rd-\$250 - 4th-\$100

## EASY MONEY

30-99 Tickets Sold = \$3.50 Per Ticket For Club  
100 - 249 Tickets Sold = \$5.00 Per Ticket For Club  
250+ Tickets = \$5.50 Per Ticket For Club

## DRAWINGS

### TICKET SELLERS DRAWING

May 3, 2025  
Lions of Michigan State Office  
Lansing, Michigan

### FINAL DRAWING

May 17, 2025  
MD 11 Convention - Bay City, MI

## The PRICE is RIGHT

\$10.00 Per Ticket

## *Attention-Attention-Attention*

Do you have a friend or relative who has everything?

What better gift could you give than one that helps those in need? For a gift of \$10, you can buy a Sight & Hearing Sweepstakes ticket for a friend or family member, providing them with a chance to win several cash prizes, including the grand prize of \$5,000.

Upon receipt of your gift, we will mail a sweepstakes ticket stub and sweepstakes information to your honoree with a card acknowledging your gift.



[lmsf.net](http://lmsf.net) - [lhcmi.org](http://lhcmi.org)

Lions of Michigan Foundation - Gift  
39th Annual Sight & Hearing Sweepstakes

Donation Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Donor's Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Donor's Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Donor's Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Honoree's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Honoree's Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Honoree's Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_



# Dr. Robert Mathog Lions Hearing Centers Deborah Love-Peel Scholarship for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate Contact Information: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of College/University/Trade School: \_\_\_\_\_

Major: \_\_\_\_\_ Minor (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Current Grade Level: \_\_\_\_\_ Expected Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

High School Attended: \_\_\_\_\_ Current GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

List Community Service Activities:

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## ESSAY

Please submit a brief essay (no more than 2 pages) about yourself. We would like to know your academic interests, why you feel you are deserving of this award, how you plan to use the funds if you are awarded a scholarship, some of the challenges you have and currently face, and any additional personal information you would like to share. All or some of your essay may be published and distributed.

Note: There is no age limit for these scholarships. If you have been out of school for over 3 years please tell us in your comments why you are returning to school at this time, and please let us know what you have been doing during your time away from school. If you need additional information, please contact Lions of Michigan Foundation at [info@lhcmi.org](mailto:info@lhcmi.org).



# Dr. Robert Mathog Lions Hearing Centers Deborah Love-Peel Scholarship for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

## ABOUT THE SCHOLARSHIP

We will be awarding up to four \$1,000.00 scholarships to deaf and/or hard of hearing students for higher education for the calendar year 2025.

## SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA AND DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED

- 1) Applicant must submit proof of hearing loss, examples: recent audiogram, physician's verification, or an IEP if you are a high school senior.
- 2) Applicant must be a resident of Michigan for at least 1 year.
- 3) Applicant must have current GPA of 2.6 or higher. If you have received a GED please attach a copy of your GED certificate. **GPA does not affect eligibility of the award.**
- 4) Applicant must submit documentation of registration into a college, university, or trade school.
- 5) Applicant must submit 1 letter of recommendation from either a relative, friend, or professional contact.
- 6) Applicant must submit a photo with your application to be used for publication.
- 7) Applicant must complete the waiver form and include it with your application.
- 8) Applicant can use a choice of media to submit their application:
  - i. Essay
  - ii. Videotape presentation
  - iii. PowerPoint presentation
- 9) Completed applications must be postmarked by March 15, 2025.
- 10) Scholarship winners will be notified by June 1, 2025.

LIONS OF MICHIGAN FOUNDATION  
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[info@lhcmi.org](mailto:info@lhcmi.org)



# Dr. Robert Mathog Lions Hearing Centers Deborah Love-Peel Scholarship for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

## CONSENT FOR INFORMATION RELEASE

Applicant (print or type): \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_, give the Lions of Michigan Foundation, the Dr. Robert Mathog Lions Hearing Center of Michigan, and the Deborah Love-Peel Scholarship Fund permission to use my videos, essays, and photos in conjunction with any written publications relative to this scholarship application.

I also authorize organizational use of submitted photos, essays, bios, and captured videos in the Lions of Michigan newsletters and advertising for community and corporate solicitation regarding the Deborah Love-Peel Scholarship Fund.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant (applicants 18 years of age or older)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent/Guardian (applicants under age 18)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



# Lions of Michigan Foundation Dr. Robert Mathog Lions Hearing Centers Cookbook Fundraiser



Lions Clubs are well known throughout the world for the services we provide to help people with hearing and vision loss. Nearly a century ago, Helen Keller challenged Lions Clubs to be "Knights of the Blind," and she declared that "the problems of deafness are deeper and more complex, if not more important, than those of blindness. Deafness is a much worse misfortune, for it means the loss of the most vital stimulus — the sound of the voice that brings language, sets thoughts astir and keeps us in the intellectual company of man."

Our new Lions Hearing Centers Cookbook was developed to create awareness for the treatment of hearing loss and to provide funding for our Michigan Lions Affordable Hearing Aid and Hearing Screening Programs, which offer affordable hearing care options for Michigan residents.

With your help, we can continue to change the lives of thousands of Michigan residents who need and depend on the Lions Clubs of Michigan and our partners, sponsors and friends for the treatment of their hearing loss.

As a Public Charity, all contributions to the Lions of Michigan Foundation are tax deductible to the full extent allowed by law. We appreciate your support!

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## Cookbook Order and Donation Form

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I would like to purchase \_\_\_\_\_ cookbook(s) for \$5 each for a total of \$\_\_\_\_\_.

I would like to make a donation to the Lions Hearing Centers in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_.

Payment Method: \_\_\_ Check \_\_\_ Credit Card \_\_\_ Pay Pal (info@lmsf.net)

Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_ CVV Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Lions Club or Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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



# Youth Camps & Exchange (YCE) SUMMER PROGRAM 2025



## Dates to Remember:

Application deadlines:

Outgoing participants: **March 30, 2025**

Host Family: **June 30, 2025**

Incoming Youth Exchange participants:

Arrival date: **July 26, 2025**

Departure date: **August 16, 2025**

D-Bar-A Scout Ranch

Camp dates: **August 3-9, 2025**



## Become a Host Family

## Bring a new culture into your home!

**Multiple District 11** is looking for families in the community who can open their hearts and homes for a few weeks during the summer of 2025 to host a Youth Exchange Ambassador. These young adults 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 26 – August 16, 2025.

Host families need not be Lions 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:

Your District chair or State Chair Lion Elvie Marfil at 818-800-1060, email [epmarfil5@gmail.com](mailto:epmarfil5@gmail.com).

Facebook page: Youth Camps & Exchange - Michigan, USA

Link: [Lions of Michigan Youth Camps & Exchange](https://lionsofmi.com/index.php/youth-exchange) (<https://lionsofmi.com/index.php/youth-exchange>)

## Your help is needed!

## Welcome to this Month's Newsletter

**Greetings Lions, Supporters, and Camp Family,** Welcome to this month's Lions Bear Lake Camp newsletter!

We're excited to share the latest updates, spotlight some incredible individuals, and highlight the many ways you can stay connected with and support our camp. Thank you for being a vital part of our community!

This February, our Executive Director reflects on how Lions Bear Lake Camp isn't just a place—it's a home where lives are touched and lifelong connections are made. Every person who visits becomes part of our growing story of courage, connection, and belonging.

**Campfire Chats** This month, we hear from Wyatt, one of our Deaf and Hard of Hearing campers, as he shares his favorite camp memories. Wyatt talks about how camp has become a second home, filled with friends, fun activities, and a supportive community.

We also celebrate Camp Champion Andrea Lindsay, whose dedication shines through her volunteer work during the summer and at events like the Ice Plunge. Andrea's passion for making a difference inspires us all!

**Camp Updates** We're excited to share some incredible contributions this month!

- Thank you to the **Houghton Lake Lions Club** for their generous monetary donation, helping us further our mission.

- A big shoutout to the **Mount Clemens Lions Club** for their incredible support, including the purchase of a new zero-turn lawn mower!

Your support helps us maintain and improve the camp, ensuring every camper has a memorable and impactful experience.

**LBLC Spotlights** This month, we highlight three amazing individuals and groups:

- **Linda, our camp nurse**, whose care and compassion make a difference every day.

- **Al Lindsay, Board Member**, for his outstanding leadership and service.

- **The Anchor Bay Quilting Guild**, one of our rental groups, who shared how meaningful their experience at Lions Bear Lake Camp has been.

**Stay Connected & Get Involved** There are so many ways to support Lions Bear Lake Camp! Whether it's attending events, making a donation, or contributing items from our wishlist, every action helps us grow and continue serving our community.

Together, we can make a lasting impact. Explore opportunities to get involved today!

**Open the attached newsletter for full stories, updates, and more!** Thank you for being part of the Lions Bear Lake Camp family—together, we're creating lasting memories and making a real impact. Please download and share our newsletters and invite your friends, family, club members, and fellow supporters to sign up today.

Enjoy!-The Bear Lake Camp Team [Download Newsletter Here](#)

**3rd Annual Ice Plunge & Dinner Fundraiser** Get ready to make a splash at our **3rd Annual Ice Plunge on Saturday, February 1st, 2025!**

We're looking for jumpers and attendees, to help us make this event a huge success. Whether you're ready to take the plunge or prefer to cheer from the sidelines, this is a fun way to support Bear Lake Camp and its mission. There is still time to sign up!

**THANK YOU** Board of Directors



## Fall Conference Totals

Dear Club Presidents, Club Secretaries, Club Treasurers and PDGs of District 11D1 Please share the following information with your Clubs Thank you very much for the generous donations to the 2024 Fall Conference Parade of Checks. No one truly knows how many volunteer hours go into event planning, fundraising, ticket sales, prize raffles, food preparation, and more that allow us to be so generous in our giving. You all should feel very proud that our District collected \$54,341.98 in Parade of Checks donations plus an additional \$12,470.50 in matching gifts for Leader Dogs for a **GRAND TOTAL of \$66,812.48!!**

Thank you to *Lion Kristin Shively*, Chairperson for Leader Dogs for the Blind and Puppy Program, for providing a report from Leader Dogs reflecting the matching gift amount. The combination of club contributions to Leader Dogs plus the match totaled **\$26,481.00**. Outstanding work everyone!

The \$66,812.48 we collected was disbursed among ten District Charities and nine State / International Charities as designated by the checks written and worksheets completed.

My apologies for the delay in not getting this information out sooner. As some of you know, I had a terrible fall in early November and only recently could I actually work at my computer desk without significant pain to the affected limb. Because my Parade of Checks process was interrupted by the fall, I wanted to review all of my deposits, worksheets, QuickBooks and spreadsheet entries before sending information out to our Lions Club members. Thank you for your patience and understanding as I continue with my therapy to regain mobility and strength. I am very grateful that only my non-dominant arm was injured. I truly appreciate all of the calls, cards, gifts, and expressions of concern for my well-being. .

If you have any questions, please give me a call.

Serving With Honor,  
Lion Sandy VanTol, Cabinet Treasurer  
Lions International District 11D1  
989-225-4583

## Bingo for the Vets

Hello, my fellow Lions, I hope everyone survived the Lions losing their last game of the year. I will always be their fan no matter how their season goes.

By now I hope all of the Clubs are planning their fund-raising programs, if not doing them. We all are doing great work in our communities and the surrounding areas. We need to look in some areas there isn't a Lions Club. We need to look and see if we could start a Club, a brand new club or just help them. This can be done by a club or a group of clubs working together, showing the teamwork that makes us the Great Organization of Community Service that this world has ever seen.

I have talked to the Veteran Hospital about letting the Lions come back in to help cheer up those that have to stay in and not with their families, by doing Bingo. Well, we have the permission to come back. We need to call and make the arrangements and maybe call the date of your visit.

We are able to go in a group of 5 or 6. Sometimes two clubs get together and do this. Each club takes \$50 each, so the total is \$100. We show up at Building 22, which is in the back. Go to the second floor. The rec room is to the left off the elevator and the room is on the left; it has double doors. I didn't ask but I think they would like us to start around 6pm and it takes around 1 hour. It's a good time for the Veterans as for us doing it. Please take this to your clubs and go have a good time. It's a great Service Project.

To make your dates to do Bingo please call Heidi Nadobny or Danny Dorzok . They are both at (989)497-2500, Heidi's ext. 11076 and Dan is at ext. 11085.

Thats all for now, stay safe.

*IPDG Bill Bauder*



# Winter Cabinet Meeting



## CASS CITY LIONS Chocolate Easter Bunny Sale

**EASTER SUNDAY April 20, 2025**

**Eggs** 7-oz, 36/case \$142/case  
Chocolate Peanut Butter, Chocolate Fudge  
Chocolate Walnut Fudge

**Standing Bunny** 6-oz, 18/case \$72/case  
Milk and Dark Chocolate

**Bunny Head**, 3-oz, 24/case \$62/case  
Milk and Dark Chocolate

### NEW ITEMS

**Bunny Lollipop** 1-oz 3-pack 24/case \$90/case

**Lamb Lollipop** 1-oz 3-pack 24/case \$90/case

White Chocolate. Samples available on request

**Ordering Deadline: Feb. 15, 2025**

Anticipated Delivery: March 15. Will call later to confirm order arrival.

Pick-Up: Our site will advise.

Contact: Gary Jones- 989-912-0610,  
gdjones3957@gmail.com



*Thanks for your consideration! Order*



# Soaring Eagle

CASINO & RESORT®



**GET BACK \$20 FREE PLAY, \$10 IN FOOD, & \$10 BINGO BUCKS!**  
**SOARING EAGLE CASINO BUS TRIP FUNDRAISER**  
**For: Gaines Area Lions Club**  
**Saturday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025**

**\$55.00 Per Person**

**Trip Includes:**

- Round trip motor coach transportation to Mt. Pleasant, MI
  - 5 hours of gaming at Soaring Eagle Casino
  - Get back \$20 in free play, \$10 in food credit, \$10 Bingo Bucks!\*
- \*Bingo available at 1:30 PM at the Soaring Eagle Bingo Hall (Free Shuttle Available at Front Entrance)

**Trip Itinerary:**

- 10:30 AM – Depart from Meijer, Swartz Creek
- 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM – Soaring Eagle Casino
- 6:30 PM – Return to Meijer, Swartz Creek

**Registration Deadline: 03-05-25 or until the trip sells out!**

- No refunds after March 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Must be at least 18 years of age and will need a valid ID (Must bring with you to get incentive).
- Casino Requires a Completed Manifest (Full Legal Name, Address, and Date of Birth)
- Limit (1) casino incentive package per person
- Must arrive on the bus to get the casino incentive
- Casino Incentives subject to change without notice

For reservations, please contact Lynnette Debien-Shuman  
Phone: 989-277-0095 | Email: [lynnette.debien@gmail.com](mailto:lynnette.debien@gmail.com)



The banner features the Lions International logo on the left, which includes a lion's head and the text 'LIONS INTERNATIONAL'. To the right, the word 'ORLANDO' is written in large, colorful, multi-hued letters. Above the 'O' in 'ORLANDO' is a red pill-shaped box containing the year '2025'. Below the city name, the text '107th LIONS INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION' is written in a smaller, teal font. The background of the banner is a dark blue gradient with a faint image of palm trees and a city skyline at night. A decorative border of colorful triangles runs along the top edge.

**2025**  
**ORLANDO**  
107th LIONS INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

# Feel the magic in Orlando

Get registered for *the* Lion event of the year. Then get ready to experience everything convention has to offer in a city that's truly a magical travel destination.

[Register](#)

This year, convention is a bit more magical. So make the most of it!

Book your hotel when registering to enjoy a seamless convention experience that includes:

- Free shuttles to convention center and parade
- The best rates
- Stay with fellow Lions
- Ability to manage your reservation online

## What is the George E Daly Award



George E Daly was a Past District Governor and served as a director for the International Association of Lions Clubs. He received numerous awards as a Lion and in Scouting. He was a community leader. This award was created to honor him and to recognize excellence in individual's who excel as Lions and in their communities. One of the stipulations is perfect attendance for 3 years. Questions have come up about the concept of that requirement. That requirement maybe a combination of regularly attended meetings and regular participation in group service projects. Snowbirds may attend club meetings and or functions where they winter. The idea is there are other means to perfect attendance.

The club knows who is worthy. Please take the time as an individual or Club to nominate a Lion for the George E. Daly Award. When someone is noticed for their service it is a honor but, also motivational for other Lions in their own service.

### George E. Daly Award

A George E. Daly Award has been established which is administered by a committee consisting of two (2) Past District Governors who are in their second and third years out of office District Governor and three (3) non-Lion members of the community selected by the two Lion members and approved by the District Cabinet each year on or before the midwinter cabinet meeting. The Past District Governors on this committee will act in an advisory capacity only and will have no vote in the selection of the candidate to receive the award. The non-Lion members shall have one vote each for the selection of the candidate. The Past District Governor serving the one-year term shall act as Chairman of tis committee. In the event a Past District Governor of the second or third year out of office cannot serve they shall be replaced by a Past District Governor the next higher year out of office.

The committee will select a candidate for this award who must have:

- a. Been a Lion at least three years
- b. Had perfect attendance for the past three years
- c. Been a member in good standing of a Club in good standing in this District
- d. A Lion of high moral character.

Judging will be based on the following criteria:

- a. Offices and / or chairmanships in the Club
- b. Lions' projects participated in
- c. Accomplishments of this Lion in service to the community
- d. Accomplishments of this Lion in service to Lionism

Any Club that wishes to nominate a candidate for this award shall do so by submitting a form signed by the Club Secretary or President to the chairman of this committee listing the candidates' qualifications by deed and year occurred. The form for this award will be provided by the District.

The Chairman of this committee will receive the nomination forms and remove the nominee's name, town and Club. He will then assign a number to the form. The voting members of this committee will vote on their choices. First, second and third choice with three (3) points for first choice, two (2) points for second choice and one (1) point for third choice. Nominees receiving zero points along with the nominee receiving the least number of points in each round dropped from consideration until only one nominee remains.

The District Governor and the voting members of his cabinet shall not be eligible for this award during their terms of office. No Past District Governor shall be eligible for this Award.

This Award will not be given if, in the estimation of the Committee, no one is worthy of the award that year. No other award will be established in the District with any direct or indirect link to this award. The prestige of this award will be continually protected.



**APPLICATION FOR GEORGE E. DALY AWARD**

CANDIDATE NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PERFECT ATTENDANCE FOR LAST THREE YEARS:\_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL YEARS PERFECT ATTENDANCE:\_\_\_\_\_

A. OFFICES AND/OR CHAIRMANSHIPS HELD IN THE LIONS CLUB:Offices Held:

Committee Chairmanships:

B. LIONS PROJECTS PARTICIPATED IN:

C. ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THIS LION IN SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

D. ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THIS LION IN SERVICE TO LIONISM:

CLUB PRESIDENT OR SECRETARY \_\_\_\_\_

The submission deadline is February 28, 2025.

The applications should be submitted to by mail or email to:

PDG Duane Wilcox • 12337 S. Jennings Rd. • Linden, MI 48451  
duanewilcox@rocketmail.com

**Minutes  
District 11 D-1  
Fall Conference Meeting  
October 6, 2024  
Beall St. BBQ 1492 N. Leroy, Fenton MI 48430**

- I. **Call to Order:** District Governor Jonathan VanTol
  - a. The meeting was called to order by District Governor Jonathan VanTol at 4:55 PM.
- II. **Invocation:** 2VDG Tobias M. Webber
- III. **Pledge of Allegiance:** 1VDG Gerald Whitney
- IV. **Roll Call of Voting Cabinet:** Quorum present

<i>Title</i>	<i>Lion Name</i>	<i>Present Y/N</i>
District Governor (DG)	Lion Jonathan VanTol	Present
Immediate Past District Governor (IPDG)	Lion Bill Bauder	Present
First Vice District Governor (1 <sup>st</sup> VDG)	Lion Gerald Whitney	Present
Second Vice District Governor (2 <sup>nd</sup> VDG)	Lion Tobias M. Webber	Present
Cabinet Secretary (CS)	Lion Bob Pierce	Present
Cabinet Treasurer (CT)	Lion Sandy VanTol	Present
Region 1 Chair (RC)	Lion Ken Krause	Present
Region 1, Zone 1 Chair (ZC)	Lion Rick Nelsen	Excused
Region 1, Zone 2 Chair (ZC)	Lion Debra Gadany	Excused
Region 2 Chair (RC)	Lion Dan Houston	Present
Region 2, Zone 1 Chair (ZC)	Lion Duane Comerford	Present
Region 2, Zone 2 Chair (ZC)	Lion Bart Blegen	Present
Region 3 Chair (RC)	Lion Dan Embury	Excused
Region 3, Zone 1 Chair (ZC)	Lion Deb Lakies	Present
Region 3, Zone 2 Chair (ZC)	Lion Denise Penwell	Present

- V. **Additions to the agenda** – None – Motion to approve agenda by Deb Lakies, seconded by Duane Comerford. Approved
- VI. **Approval of the minutes** from the August 25, 2024, Cabinet Meeting.
  - a. Motion by Ken Krause, seconded by Dan Huston. Passed
- VII. **Treasurer’s Report** – Cabinet Treasurer Sandy VanTol
  - a. Treasures report presented by DT Lion Sandy VanTol. Motion by Ken Krause, seconded by Denise Penwell. Approved as presented

## VIII. Region and Zone Reports

**Region I Chair:** RC Lion Ken Krause – Have been making calls and attending meetings of clubs

**Region I Zone 1 Chair:** ZC Lion Rick Nelsen – No Report

**Region 1 Zone 2 Chair:** ZC Lion Debra Gadany – No Report

**Region II Chair:** RC Lion Dan Houston, Sr. – Spoke with Zone chairs and making visits to clubs

**Region II Zone 1 Chair:** ZC Lion Duane Comerford – In touch with St. Charles, & Freeland. Making visits to clubs

**Region II Zone 2 Chair:** ZC Lion Bart Blegen - Completed 2 club visits, 2 visits scheduled, 2 more to schedule and visit.

**Region III Chair:** RC Lion Dan Embury – No Report

**Region III Zone 1 Chair:** ZC Deb Lakies – Clubs: Davison, East Flint, Genesee, Goodrich and Otisville.

Visted Davison, Goodrich, East Flint & Genesee

Installed a new member at Goodrich.

Attended the Goodrich Homecoming Parade.

Held a membership drive for Davison at the Junk in the Truck Sale.

Have a meeting scheduled with Otisville

As of 10/3/24 the Genesee president has resigned

**Region III Zone 2 Chair:** ZC Denise Penwell - I have met with a couple of the Lions Club groups and will report in person on these meetings. Brand new to this position but excited to serve. Visited Fenton & Flushing, 4 more clubs to visit. Will be hosting a membership drive in February.

## IX. Committee Reports

- a. **2025 Convention Committee:** PDG Lion Duane Wilcox & 2VDG Lion Tobias M. Webber – The convention will be held at Comfort Inn Suites in Mt. Pleasant on April 12th with memorial and voting on Sunday the 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025. The room rate will be \$110. For more information [duanewilcox@rocketmail.com](mailto:duanewilcox@rocketmail.com). The contract has been signed for the 2025 convention.
- b. **2026 Convention Committee:** IPDG Lion Bill Bauder -Working on the dates for 2026
- c. **2027 Convention Committee:**
- d. **Constitution & Bylaws:** PCC Lion Richard (Dick) DeLong, Chair; PDGs Lion Jack Frost & Alice Zajac, and PZC Lion Rick Bigelow - No Report
- e. **Credentials:** PDG Lion Ron Johnson, Chair; PZC Lion Shari Johnson, PCS Lion Vaughn Begick, GST – No Report
- f. **Elections:** PCC Lion Richard (Dick) DeLong – No Report
- g. **George E. Daly Award:** PDGs Lions Duane Wilcox and Jack Frost – Requesting clubs to send in any members that they would like to nominate for the award. nominations that were submitted for 2023-24 and were not selected can be resubmitted for 2024-25.
- h. **Nominating Committee:** PDG Lion Ron Johnson (Region I), IPDG Lion Bill Bauder (Region II), and PDG Lion Robert Sturgis (Region III) - No Report
- i. **Resolutions:** PCC Lion Richard (Dick) DeLong – No Report
- j. **Rules:** PCC Lion Richard (Dick) DeLong (Region I); IPDG Lion Bill Bauder (Region II) and

PDG Harold DeMott (Region III) - No Report

- k. International Convention Chairs: IPDG Lion Bill Bauder, DG Lion Jonathan VanTol, and 1VDG Gerald Whitney – Convention has been changed from Mexico City to Orlando, FL.
- l. **MD11 Convention:** PDG Lion Bob Sturgis - May 15 Doubletree Hotel Bay City. – Visited the property a week ago. Looked at places for people to go and things to do. Planning 1 event outside if weather permits. Possibly doing a parade.
- m. **Michigan Forum: CT Lion Sandy VanTol, PCS** – Friday, February 28 – Saturday, March 1, 2025 Delta-Marriott, Kalamazoo. The 2025 Michigan Forum committee held their first zoom meeting on Tuesday, September 24. With the leadership and guidance of Lions of Michigan Executive Director, Wendy Burns and Forum Chair Jim Leach, we reviewed program topics that were suggested on the evaluation sheets from the 2024 Michigan Forum, as well as, topics suggested by the committee members. Lion Wendy will compile the suggested topics and group them in categories such as Membership, Social Awareness, Environment, etc. The list of topics will be placed in the appropriate categories and voted on by the Forum committee at our October 29, 2024 meeting. We may be looking for speakers that are engaging, keep members involved, and include member activities. IPDG Lion Steve Murch will inform us of the state project at an upcoming meeting. After the Forum, a proceedings booklet is created as an overview of classes and includes whom to contact for additional information. Would encourage people to attend if possible. Question on scholarships, These are at the MD11 conference not the Forum.
- n. **USA Canada Forum: CT Lion Sandy VanTol, PCS** – Thursday, September 5 – Saturday, September 8, 2024 - Louisville, KY. As a first-time attendee at the USA / Canada Forum, and the new District chair, I would like to share a few of the high points from the 48th Forum. If you have never been to this Forum or haven't been to one in a while, I encourage you to enroll ASAP. The 49th Annual USA / Canada Forum will be in Atlantic City, New Jersey, Thursday, September 18 – Saturday, September 20, 2025. Early bird registration fees postmarked before March 31, 2025 are \$300 / person with price increases after March 31 to \$330, May 31 to \$350, and July 31 to \$375. On-line registration is available at [www.lionsforum.org](http://www.lionsforum.org). There were 99 sessions to choose from (including a session for first time attendees), very knowledgeable facilitators and inspirational lunch / dinner speakers. The Lions store offered many beautiful items to purchase for yourself, speakers that come to your clubs, recognition items, etc. There were about 40 exhibitors where you could learn more about Lions Projects, vendors sharing fundraising ideas, and get your card stamped for the chance to win a 2025 Forum registration for free. Although I was not a winner, I have already enrolled for the 2025 Forum at the very best rate of \$275 available only to 2024 attendees and paid by noon on September 8, 2024. There is an opportunity to donate to the Friends of the Forum as an individual \$100, couple \$250, District \$250, Multiple-District \$250. These donations help to keep the Forum costs lower. Lions of Michigan will be hosting the 2025 Midwest Breakfast. I attended the 2024 Midwest breakfast where our newest International President Fabricio Oliveira spoke through an interpreter.
- o. **Childhood Cancer Chair:** State & District Chair Lion Darlene Anderson - Received flyers from Lions International, will be sharing these with the district clubs. Looking to raise awareness of childhood cancer.
- p. **Defense Against Diabetes (D.A.D.):** Lion Julia Embury – No Report



- q. **Kidsight:** PDG Lion Steve VanTol, Chair; **Region I:** Position open **Region II:** 1VDG Lion Gerald Whitney **Region III:** RC Lion Dan & Lion Julia Embury - Has your club scheduled a KidSight screening? If not, why not. This is a great service opportunity for your club. If your club has never sponsored a screening this service project is easy to do. Finding a location is the hardest part. Look at local day-care and fairs or schools. The Lions can get out there and serve. The dates the KidSight trailer is scheduled can be found on the district calendar located on the district web page [www.lions11d1.com](http://www.lions11d1.com). If your club is looking out to do screenings this fall it is never too early to reserve the trailer. We have three cameras in the district available for KidSight screenings which can be used inside a building. Please contact me for the project screening number. The KidSight trailer is for screening where an indoor location is not possible. The trailer may be in Auburn or Linden and available to be used for screenings. Please coordinate your needs by contacting Lion Steven VanTol email [lionstevenvantol@gmail.com](mailto:lionstevenvantol@gmail.com) or phone 989-430- 9500. If you and members of your club would like to be a certified KidSight screeners please contact me at [lionstevenvantol@gmail.com](mailto:lionstevenvantol@gmail.com) or phone 989-430-9500 or Lion Julia Embury, [jkisch01@yahoo.com](mailto:jkisch01@yahoo.com) phone 810-624-7090, We can set up a special training session for clubs near each other. - PDG Steven VanTol

Concerns were raised about the Kids Sight Trailer. There is no good location for storage where it is readily accessible by all district clubs. Talk of a possible second trailer, DG VanTol stated to speak with Bay City President Patty Reaume as she may be willing to take the lead on this. The current trailer needs new decals, this is being worked on. It was stated that gasoline fumes prevented the trailer from being used at its last outing. This may have been due to gas from the generator.

- r. **Sickle Cell:** RC Lion Dan Houston, Sr. & Lion Ben Frazier - Doing very well, please with contributions from the district clubs. Genessee and Saginaw counties are well covered. There are many advances in treatments, hopefully in a few years doners will not be needed and treatment will be via Gene Therapy. Developing a collaboration with public media. Working on 5 radio stations and possibly TV5. Working to develop funds for treatment for people over the age of 18. State currently provides care for minors but at age 18 the provided care stops. We have also been successful in getting a State of Michigan License Plate approved for Sickle Cell.
- s. **District Governor's Newsletter & Lion Pride State Magazine:** PCT Lion Phyllis Pross – No report
- t. **District Photographer:** PCC Lion Jeff Hunt – No Report
- u. **District Information Technology (IT) Committee Report:** PDG Lion Larry Porn –
- v. **Liaison:** PCC Lion Richard DeLong – No Report
- w. **Public Relations:** Lion Jason Holder – Work on recruiting your friends and family. Easiest group to recruit as they have a built-in support system.
- x. **Social Media:** Lion Jason Holder - Working on strategies for Social Media Marketing.
- y. **Leader Dogs for the Blind:** Lion Kristin Shively - We have begun to visit clubs. So far we have visited 5 in the district. The Leader Dog team has been to a couple of correctional facilities that are raising puppies for the program and taken them for field trips outside the facility. We are still doing several presentations at schools, low vision support group in Midland and also a school in Dearborn. Lion Rob Cronk and Lion Kristin Shively visit a

- prison raising Leader Dog puppies each month and teach a class to the inmate raisers. Leader dog is actively seeking puppy raisers. If there is an interest please fill out an application. Leader Dog has several new role models for puppy raising. They also are in need of host home for their breeding females. Several options for that as well. Leader Dog will be remodeling the client guest rooms in the near future.
- z. **Leader Dog Puppy Program:** Lion Kristin Shively - As always looking for puppy raisers. Please consider becoming a puppy raiser. Have dryer balls and
  - aa. **Paws With A Cause:** PDG Lion Duane Wilcox - Also need puppy raisers. Question on what this is: Paws with a cause are dogs that are not leader dogs for the blind but can-do other tasks for the disabled such as open doors, etc.
  - bb. **Eversight:** PDG Lion Duane Wilcox -
  - cc. **Hearing & Speech:** DG Lion Jonathan VanTol - Contact District Governor VanTol if you have a request or need help with providing hearing or speech support to the community.
  - dd. **Radio Reading Services:** Looking for a Chair. Please contact DG VanTol in interested or know of anyone that would be interested.
  - ee. **Special Needs Vision Clinic (SNVC):** Chair PDG Lion R. G. Barnum, PCC Lion Richard (Dick) DeLong, PDDG (Past Deputy District Governor) Lion Henry Sugden -
  - ff. **Vision Services:** DG Lion Jonathan VanTol
  - gg. **White Cane:** DG (Lion) Jonathan VanTol – ZC Duane Comerford noted that Saginaw was not doing a White Cane project and wondered if the district could step in and do a small White Cane project in the community. Discussion was had about what would be needed and if it was possible. No motion was made, possible future project.
  - hh. **Lions of Michigan All State Band (LMASB):** ZC Lion Duane Comerford - Recruiting is underway as we continue to rebuild the band and prepare for the International Convention in Mexico City. If you know of a high school band student, please encourage them to check out the band at <https://www.lionsmiband.org> Personal contact with someone you know is still one of the best ways to recruit for band and your local club. I have been told this week that we do have brochures being printed and the schools in Michigan have all received a mailing that includes a Mexico City Poster and information about the band. We need to continue to work together across the state so efforts can be coordinated and fruitful. Planning and execution need attention. Most Michigan Lions Districts have a band chairperson and there is a band CEO. Therefore, directing and coordinating efforts is a challenging task but it is worth the effort. You may not know; Every Lion of Michigan All State Band member is also a Leo. The OvidElsie Club pays for that each year, regardless of if they have a student in the band. So, thank you Lions of the Ovid-Elsie Club for your continued support.
  - ii. **Bear Lake Camp:** PDG Lion Ron Johnson – They are doing a phenomenal job. They had a full camp this past year.
  - jj. **LEO Clubs:** Lion Debra VanTol – State Chair, Amy Thackston, has initiated monthly ZOOM meetings and has invited the club advisors to join. The next meeting is October 21st. A larger group means more ideas, more activity and a bigger LEO impact in District 11D1. Handy Middle School- Nicole Arsenault
    - Leos - 43 members
    - Shipped 4 large boxes of items to our troops overseas

- Officer Election - Students interested wrote speeches that were presented before the membership
- Pink out and popcorn sale planned for October. Funds will be donated to the American Cancer Society
- Plans are to go to the Humane Society

Christi McAuliffe - Elizabeth Pudvan

- The group has currently collected 100 pairs of eyeglasses for donation.
- Students are involved with the "Peace Poster."
- October- They will be selling BOOGrams in school as a fundraiser.
- The Leos will walk with the Lions in the Homecoming Parade

Western Middle School/ High School- Lion Terri Charbonneau / Lion Deb VanTol

- The board met in early September for planning with a club sit-down meeting the next week.
- The club meets every other Tuesday after school and sometimes on weekends or other weekdays.
- Fall activities include helping at the Humane Society of Midland County, reading with "Littles" at McAlear Sawden, Sleep in Heavenly Peace Bed build, fall clean-up at Tony and Trish House, playing games with our friends at Plainview Assisted Living, and helping at the Auburn Food Pantry with collection and distribution of food at Thanksgiving.

Frankenmuth- LEOs advisor Kathy Trudell will have a report for the next cabinet meeting.

- kk. Peace Poster:** ZC Lion Duane Comerford – Your District 11D1 has 16 middle schools participating in the International Peace Poster contest. Most of those schools are in Bay County and organizing that Bay County effort is Lion Laurie Berner. Lion Laurie has helped me in recruiting four schools in Saginaw County to participate for the first time in recent years. We have asked a director at the Saginaw Art Museum to help in judging the Saginaw County entrants along with some of our Freeland and Shields Lions. Thank you IPDG Bill Bauder for your efforts in working together on this project. This project has the Bay City Club, Freeland Club, and Shields Club working together with schools, parents, and children in our Lions District on a project where we work together for Peace in our world. This year’s poster theme is, “Peace without Limits.” The student artwork part contest will end for most schools late next week and shortly after judging will begin. Look for winning poster artists, certificate celebrations, and other awards later this Fall.
- ll. Quest:** Disbanded at the April 6, 2024, District Convention Business meeting and funds dispersed equally to various charities that support causes for children as proposed by PDG Lion Duane Wilcox and voted on by members in attendance at the business meeting.
- mm. Youth Exchange Program (YEP):** Lion Debra VanTol – State Chair Lion Elvie Marfil held a meeting on Sunday, September 16. The camp committee gave a 2024 recap and suggestions to improve the 2025 LCE experience at Bear Lake Camp were bantered. The clarification of host family responsibilities and funding was discussed. The camp next year is expected to be 4-5 days instead of a week. District 11D1 will continue to follow the \$150 per student incentive that helps to defray expenses for the host family. This will come from District 11D1 funds. Other districts had been asked to request \$100 from

each club to defray camp expenses. It was explained that our district holds our funds instead of sending them to the state.

Lion Elvie informed the committee of the following deadlines:

Outgoing Student Applications: April 30, 2025 (departure dates vary based on destination countries).

Host Family Applications: June 30, 2025.

Youth Participants in Michigan: August 2 to August 23, 2025.

Motion by Toby Webber to send \$500 to Seconded by Dan Houston – Motion passed  
Motion to provide \$1500 for youth exchange essay (\$1000 first place, \$500 second place). Motion by Toby Webber, seconded by Jerry Whitney, motion passed.

- nn. Disaster Relief:** District Coordinators Lion Debra VanTol & PDG Lion Duane Wilcox – No Report
- oo. District Global Extension Team (GET):** - Looking for a chair. Please contact DG VanTol if interested in this position. This position is responsible for helping to start new Lions Clubs
- pp. District Global Leadership Team (GLT):** Coordinator PDG Lion Steve VanTol - The Lions Leadership Institute at Higgins Lake is a great way to learn more about lions and leadership in the Lions Club. The registration form is included in this newsletter. The application deadline is October 4. Act now to get your application in and have a life-changing experience at the Lions Leadership Institute. Lions International also has learning opportunities online. If you have a MyLion account, go to the Learning center. Look at the classes offered for your personal growth. Every Lion can sign up for a Lion account go to <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en> then click the “Member Login” tab to get the registration page. Need help? Just ask. I can assist or another Lion can help you get started with a MYLion account. Registration has been extended to 10/19/24, currently only 14 people are registered. Denise Penwell is interested in going. Motion by Bob Pierce Seconded by 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Jerry Whitney to cover the registration fee to send Denise to the leadership conference. Motion passed.
- qq. District Global Membership Team (GMT):** Coordinator PDG Lion Alice Zajac
- rr. New Voices Family & Women:** Lion Mary DeMott - I have been talking to several other Lions of other clubs to see if they would like to participate in a New Voices Symposium. I have two perspectives and possibly one more. I plan to start visiting clubs in the Bay City, Saginaw area very soon. My goal is to hold a Symposium in the Bay City/Saginaw area. Anyone interested in joining this worthwhile endeavor please contact me at [hlmd01@charter.net](mailto:hlmd01@charter.net) or 248-563-4490. Meeting is planned for 10/16/24.
- ss. District Global Service Team (GST):** Coordinator PCS Vaughn Begick – Lion Vaughn Begick is available to help anyone that needs guidance on completing the necessary paperwork. Please feel free to reach out to Lion Vaughn. It is important that clubs do the service reporting for all projects.
- tt. Honorary: IPDG Bill Bauder and all PDGs residing in District 11D1**
- uu. Hunger: IPDG Bill Bauder -**
- vv. Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF):** PDG Bob Sturgis - Please ask me how much your club has in accounts that can be used for Melvin Jones Fellowships. Clubs need a LCIF coordinator, Zone chairs please get with clubs to help them get setup with a coordinator. It costs \$1000 for a Melvin Jones fellowship. LCIF donated a significant amount of money to the disaster relief in North Carolina and Florida.



- ww. Lions of Michigan Foundation (LMF): Trustees PDGs Lions Steve VanTol & Alice Zajac –**  
There is a report in the district newsletter. Nominations for Lions of Michigan Foundation (LMF) Trustees are needed, see the Governor's newsletter for the LMF Hall of Fame nomination form.
- xx. Strategic Planning:** Voting members of the District Cabinet

**X. Unfinished Business:**

- Status of Sickle Cell canopy purchase, the canopy will be picked up in the spring.
- DG VanTol is waiting on a response from an accountant about an audit for Treasure's and Convention Chairs' records.

**XI. New Business:**

- Mailchimp account and billing – We are exceeding our free Mail Chimp email allotment. Spent \$13 last month. \$13 gets us 5K emails. There are 3 people on the account. Motion by Bob Pierce Seconded by 1<sup>st</sup> DVG Jerry Whitney to pay \$13 per month for the Mail Chimp Service. Motion passed.
- Lion Dan Huston requested \$3200 for the Sickle Cell Christmas project. \$1600 Flint and \$1600 to Saginaw. Motion by Dan Huston, Seconded by Toby Webber. Motion passed.

**XII. Closing Comments:**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Lion Tobias M. Webber – Attended the Governor's conference this past weekend. We can do better; our district is less than 1000 Lions. The national Lions count is also shrinking. We should be asking people to join and be ambassadors for the Lions. A recruitment passport is being created with step-by-step instructions for recruiting new Lions. We should be getting some of these recruitment passports in the near future.
- 1st VDG Lion Jerry Whitney – The young child that the district helped from Montrose is doing well and is being treated in Ann Arbor. They did not have to go out of state.
- DG Lion Jonathan VanTol – If interested in the Leadership institute please get your application in. Consider working on or attending the Peace poster contest in your area.

**XIII. Announcements:**

**XIV. Next Cabinet Meeting: see below**

**XV. Motion to Adjourn:** Motion by Bart Blegen, seconded by Denise Penwell. Adjourned at 6:20pm

***The next Cabinet Meeting will be on Sunday, January 12, 2025 @ 1:00pm  
E. Flint Lions Clubhouse  
4352 Crosby Road  
Flint, MI 48506***

# Lions Around the District

**Caro Lions Club** group gathered to watch as Lion Jack Smith was awarded a Quilt of Valor, made by Lion Susan Sayers. A Quilt of Valor is awarded to a Service Member or Veteran who has been touched by war. The Quilt says unequivocally, "Thank you for your service and sacrifice in serving our nation." We Thank You Jack for your service!



**Flushing Lions Club** The Puppy Raisers have been busy giving various presentations to the Clubs as well as providing support for the Leader Dog School. January 16th a presentation was provided for the the Freeland Club. Future scheduled events are

Feb 5th a presentation is scheduled for the Carrollton Lions. On Feb 6th the Fenton Lions at their Winter Night Out event. A Basket was also donated for the event by our President. On the the 16th Puppies being raised for Leader Dong were taken for an outing.

At the District Cabinet we had a new member, Felicia Bradford, inducted as she is not able to make our meeting due to her work schedule. She is a retired Flint Police Officer and is now retired as she has a degenerative eye disease. She also works with the Michigan Federation of the Blind. This makes a total of four blind members in our Club with two Leader Dogs at our meetings. With the Puppy Raisers we have a number of Dogs at our meetings as well.

Our meeting for the 21st of January was cancelled due to the weather.

January 20th and 30th two members went to a Correctional facility in Minnesota to provide 6 Leader Dog Puppies and pick up 7 to transport back to Leader Dog for Training.

We are also selling Foundation Raffle Tickets.