

SERVING  
WITH HONOR

Jonathan VanTol  
District Governor

April, 2025



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From District Governor Jonathan VanTol



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WE SERVE

LIONS!

SPRING is HERE! The weather is warming up and our clubs are preparing for summer **FUN**draising!

Many different activities for raising funds and **SERVING** our communities are in the works by many clubs. Good luck in all your endeavors.

One club raised a question about clubs requesting donations and sponsorships in a community other than their own. While Lions International does not believe in boundaries, our clubs should recognize other clubs' area of operations. Before sending out requests to other communities, common courtesy would be to contact the other club before doing so. My club, Auburn Williams, contacted the Bay City Lions club before we sold raffle tickets at a 7-11 store. We did this to make sure we **DIDN'T INTERFERE** with any of **THEIR** fundraising. You could be limiting the local club's ability to raise funds. So **PLEASE** be

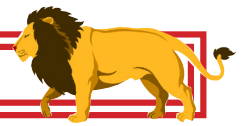
courteous and **CONTACT** the other club **BEFORE** soliciting in their area.

Remember to register for the District Convention! Many great subjects will be covered and a **GREAT** time to reconnect with other **LIONS!** Get your delegate forms in so you can select the officers for next year.

Before the elections there will be a Memorial for the Great Lions that have passed since the last convention. They will be missed by all that knew them. But let us also console our Lion members that have lost other loved ones. While I was at a Caro Lions meeting, I was informed that PDG R. G. Barnum's son had passed. Let us always honor the Lions that have passed and their families.

*DG Jonathan S. VanTol*

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**From 1st Vice District Governor Gerald Whitney**

March is coming to the end. Spring is here but it's still cold, hopeful it's not too long before we can start planning activities for spring and summer events.

We are just a few weeks away from district convention which will be in Mt. Pleasant at the Comfort Inn, Saturday, April 12 - April 13. Will be having the spring parade of checks.

I am looking for a for a few officers for positions in my cabinet. The positions that I need to fill are MD11

Convention, D.A.D., KidSight Region 1 chair, GET, GLT, LCIF, Region III Zone 1 chair, and Region III Zone 2 chair.

Anyone interested, please contact me Gerald Whitney 810-250-1131 or tiny11194@yahoo.com to have time to get information into the roster book. I will need to know all the clubs presidents; and secretaries; names for 2025-2026 year for the organizational roster book by first of May.

*Thank you  
1VDG Jerry*



**From 2nd Vice District Governor Tobias Webber**

**Spring Blooms and Lions Roar:  
A Season to Serve and Grow**

As tulips rise and robins sing,  
The Lions gear up for a brand-new spring.

With minds wide open, strong and true,  
We're seeking members and service too!

Like blossoms bright in morning light,  
We serve our towns with all our might.

From helping hands to kindness shared,  
Our mission grows because we care.

So let's recruit now—don't wait too long,  
Together, we are proud and strong.

New faces bring fresh dreams in sight,  
Let's make a difference, shining bright!

**Hope to see you at convention.**

*2VDG Toby Webber*

# UPCOMING EVENTS

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

East Flint Lions Auxiliary  
**Soup and Pie Supper**  
Flint, April 12

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



Kidsight Screeners and Volunteers  
needed for several summer events in  
Genesee County.

If interested, please contact Julia Embury  
(810-624-7090) for more information.



We can set up a special training sessions for  
clubs near each other. Contact Steve VanTol at  
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430-9500 or Lion Julia Embury at  
[jkisch01@yahoo.com](mailto:jkisch01@yahoo.com) or phone 810-624-7090

## 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.lions11d1.com](http://www.lions11d1.com). **It is important that you have someone from your club able to pickup and drop off the trailer when your event is completed. Pickup and drop off will be in either Linden or Midland depending on the location of the last club using trailer.**

We have three cameras in the district available for Kidsight screenings which can be used inside a building. Lion Julia Embury, IVDG 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.



# Lions of Michigan Foundation (LMF) Report

by PDG Steven VanTol

Please review the letter from the current President of the LMF Dr. Paul Hodge. Also, remember the Sweepstakes tickets need to be returned by May 1.

The LMF Hall of Fame will be August 2, 2025 in Mt. Pleasant this year. Watch for the registration information.

The LMF is offering a group Cruise for 2026 the brochure is in this newsletter.

There are cookbooks still available for purchase. The cost has been reduced to \$5 each. Call the Lions of Michigan Foundation (517)887-6640 to order more cookbooks. Your Club can make \$5.00 to \$10 for each cookbook sold. Cookbooks make a great gift for speakers and family.

The Lions of Michigan Foundation will assist clubs to help children receive the needed eye care.

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 [lionstevenvantol@gmail.com](mailto:lionstevenvantol@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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Serving With Honor

*East Flint  
Lions Auxiliary*

*Soup and Pie  
Supper*

*Saturday,  
April 12, 2025  
4PM-7PM*

*\$13.00 per person*

*Full Pies for Sale @ \$10.00*







# LIONS OF MICHIGAN FOUNDATION

5730 EXECUTIVE DRIVE - LANSING, MICHIGAN 48911

VOICE: 517 887-6640

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WEB: [www.lmsf.net](http://www.lmsf.net)

March 7, 2025

Dear Lions:

Our Lions Foundation has been very busy providing services and financial support to our Michigan Lions Clubs and Districts. Again this year, we have provided services in every Michigan Lions District, including:

**PROJECT KIDSIGHT:** We worked with 79 Michigan Lions Clubs and 418 Certified Vision Technicians and Volunteers to check the vision of 25,570 children. We referred 2,812 children to eye doctors for follow-up care.

**EMERGENCY INDIVIDUAL ASSISTANCE and DISASTER RELIEF:** We provided 17 grants totaling \$35,000 to help people in 9 of our 11 Lions of Michigan Districts with eye surgeries, emergency aid for veterans and military members, medical treatment, low vision needs and mobility assistance.

**EYE CARE ASSISTANCE:** We provided eye exams and eyeglasses for 101 adults and 56 children in all 11 Lions of Michigan Districts.

**HEARING AID ASSISTANCE:** We provided hearing aids to 121 people and testing and other audiology service for 30 people in 10 of our 11 Lions of Michigan Districts.

**DONOR ADVISED - SPECIAL PROJECT FUNDS:** We provided funding and services to support 20 Lions Club, District and non-profit organization special projects and programs.

We are totally dedicated to helping Lions Clubs provide assistance to those in need in their communities. Our funding is derived from donations, the Lion Mints Program, and our annual Sight and Hearing Sweepstakes, which provides a great opportunity for your club to raise money for your local projects while also supporting our Lions Foundation's statewide projects. Your Lions Club should have already received Sight and Hearing Sweepstakes tickets to sell. The tickets sell for \$10 each, and the proceeds are shared with participating Lions Clubs in accordance with their total ticket sales.

30 to 99 tickets sold – Lions Club receives \$3.50 per ticket

100 to 249 tickets sold – Lions Club receives \$5.00 per tickets

250+ tickets sold – Lions Club receives \$5.50 per ticket

In addition, Lions Clubs or individuals who sell Sight and Hearing Sweepstakes tickets are eligible to be included in the Ticket Sellers Drawing on May 3, 2025 at the Lions of Michigan State Office with prizes of \$1,000, \$500, \$250 and \$100. The drawing for ticket purchasers will take place on May 17 during the breakfast of the MD-11 Convention in Bay City, and the Grand Prize is \$5,000; 2nd Prize is \$2,500; and eight additional prizes of \$1,000 will be randomly drawn.

If you would like additional information or if you have any questions, please contact me or the office at 517-887-6640 or [info@lmsf.net](mailto:info@lmsf.net).

Together in service,

PDG Paul Hodge, OD, President  
[paulhodgeod@hotmail.com](mailto:paulhodgeod@hotmail.com)

## A Public Charity

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

**LIONS OF MICHIGAN FOUNDATION—2026 GROUP CRUISE  
 ROYAL CARIBBEAN - SYMPHONY OF THE SEAS  
 MARCH 1, 2026 - 7-NIGHTS - ROUNDTrip MIAMI, FL**

2 People - Price Includes \$100 Onboard Credit Per Cabin

**4V - Interior Cabin: \$2,145.20**  
 \$1,486.00 + \$400.20 Taxes/Fees + \$259.00 Gratuity - Size: 149 square feet

**2S - Central Park View Interior Cabin - \$2,629.20**  
 \$1,970.00 + \$400.20 Taxes/Fees + \$259.00 Gratuity - Size: 191 square feet

**2D - Ocean View Balcony Cabin: \$3,413.20**  
 \$2,754.00 + \$400.20 Taxes/Fees + \$259.00 Gratuity - Size: 182 square feet + balcony



I would like a quote for a \_\_\_\_\_ Cabin     I would like a 4V Interior Cabin

I would like a 2S Interior Cabin     I would like a 4D Ocean View Balcony Cabin

Stateroom Deposit - \$250 Per Person:    \_\_\_ Check    \_\_\_ Credit/Debit Card    \_\_\_ Pay Pal (info@lmsf.net)

Credit/Debit Card Number:    \_\_\_ - \_\_\_ - \_\_\_ - \_\_\_

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

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

Legal Names:    \_\_\_\_\_ - Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ - Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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



# 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: \_\_\_\_\_

## Global Leadership Team (GLT)

PDG Steven VanTol

Has your club started the election of officers for the 2025-26 Lion year. The election of officers and reporting on MyLci (even if the officers are repeating) will help with the preparation and printing of the club roster books. Working together we can get this done,

Our district training for zone and region chairs has been scheduled for Saturday, June 14, 2025 at 2:00 PM. The location will be 4851 Raymond Rd, Midland from 12:30 to 5 pm. Snacks will be provided with a meal provided after the training. If you may be interested

in being a zone chair in the future this is a great opportunity to learn the responsibilities. Contact Lion Steven VanTol at [lionstevanvantol@gmail.com](mailto:lionstevanvantol@gmail.com) or call or text 989-430-9500.

The training schedule for President, Secretaries and Treasurers has not been set at this time. As mentioned hopefully all the clubs will complete their elections soon and update MyLci with the new information. Emails will be sent to the officers as well as being in the district newsletter.

## Guiding Lion Training

The District Governors 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 [lionstevanvantol@gmail.com](mailto:lionstevanvantol@gmail.com) if you interested.

Thank you GLT PDG Lion Steven VanTol

### District Coordinators

#### GET

Global Extention Team  
Coordinator Position Open

#### GLT

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## ZOOM account for our District

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.

## ARE your Members Receiving District Newsletter ?

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.**



# 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 _____		_____
Dinner Buffet \$33.00/person X _____		_____

Buffet includes: Salmon w/ dill cream sauce

Chicken Marsala w/ mushrooms TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_

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

## One Lion's opinion on adopting Mya's Angels as a district project

A proposal to adopt Mya's Angels as a district project is to be voted upon at our Lions District 11D1 convention on April 12, 2025.

Mya's Angels serves the Saginaw community with a vital service providing residential and outreach programs to homeless pregnant single mothers to become self-sufficient. The agency has requested our financial support and to become a district project to facilitate consistent district-wide donations.

Currently, the Special Needs Vision Clinic is the only charity we have adopted in our Bylaws as a district project. The Vision Clinic serves the entire district

and reaches clientele statewide. It is also the only regional agency providing similar services. Its budget is dependent on the largesse of Lions Clubs.

Because there are similar programs providing the same services in other communities such as Family Promise and Heart Beat in the Flint area, I believe the limited service area of Mya's Angels should disqualify it as a district-wide project. Alternatively, we can continue to provide an avenue of fund raising for this charity by giving it space at our Parade of Checks at District meetings.

*Lion Rick Bigelow, Flushing Lions Club*

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## April 2025 newsletter Peace Poster and All State Band

Submitted by Lion Duane Comerford

### Peace Poster Contest:

The District Convention will offer you and your club members an opportunity to learn about doing a Peace Poster Project with your local schools. This is a wonderful opportunity for your club to learn how to engage with local schools, parents, and young people in your community.

**Laure Berner**, District Peace Poster co-chair, and a member of the Bay City Lions will be walking you through the project and how and why the schools in the Bay City area have embraced this successful project. We will also have a display from Lions International showcasing artwork submitted by students from around the world.

This is the perfect time to begin to contact your area schools and the local art teachers to introduce the Peace Poster Contest, so you are ready to go in the Fall.

A small donation at the Parade of Checks can help cover some of the costs involved with expanding this contest to schools throughout District 11D1.

### Lions of Michigan All State Band

Your band has had several rehearsals, and membership is truly representative of our beautiful state. These young musicians sometimes travel long distances, from their home, to be a part of the All State Band experience. Travel costs and overnight lodging for rehearsals are expenses that are in addition to what each family must pay for their child to participate in representing you at the Lions International Convention.

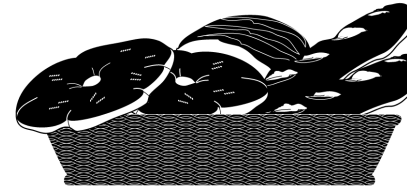
Please consider helping these young people at the Parade of Checks with a generous donation to Lions of Michigan All State Band or LMASB. If you don't have a specific student in the band, just put in the memo line – "for any band student." Each member of the band and their family need additional support from our clubs.

You have a chance to see your band perform in Bay City at the Lions State Convention.



# Hunger

While another month has gone by. Spring is in the air, and I believe that that Groundhog lied to us all about spring being on its way. I would like to see as many Lions as possible of 11D1 to make it to the District Convention in April. It's always a good time to see everyone and talk about what everyone is doing and how the clubs are doing too. I'm going to be talking on Saturday morning about Hunger. I will try to answer any questions that anybody has. I been working at doing Food Giveaways for twelve years and I have put in charge of the Hunger Committee Chair for the District and the State for the Lions. I will try to get some handouts also. I know this is a short article, but we will be meeting in just a few weeks. I look forward to seeing everybody at the convention.



*IPDG Bill Bauder*

## New Voices

I am Lion Mary DeMott District Chair for New Voices (formerly Family and Women).

The 2025 New Voices Symposium is scheduled to take place on May 17, 2025, from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM at the Double Tree Hotel in Bay City. The organizers are actively seeking volunteers from the Bay City area to assist with the event. This symposium aims to contribute to the overarching goal of increasing membership to 1.5 million worldwide.

We would like to ask all clubs to donate what you can or ask your members to personally donate \$5, to support this initiative. You were generous at the 2018-2019 Symposium, and we are hoping you can help again.

We would like to thank the Buena Vista Lions Club for allowing us to use their clubhouse free of charge to hold our meetings. Our next meeting will be on April 9 at 3pm. If you think you would like to help us with this Symposium, please come to the meeting.

## WHITE CANE

White Cane week in Michigan is from **April 25-May 4, 2025**. If you haven't gotten your supplies yet, contact the Lions of Michigan state office to order them, 517-887- 6640.

White canes were developed and put into use as a measure of safety, especially in traffic situations. International White Cane Day is October 15<sup>th</sup> which can give our clubs an opportunity to raise awareness of White Cane traffic laws. It is observed worldwide to recognize the movement of blind people from dependency to full participation in society.

**\*\* 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 February 2025 according to Lions International**

MEMBERSHIP	CURRENT	YTD ADD	YTD DROP	NET GROWTH	
	892	41	86	-4.80%	
SERVICE REPORTING (LION and LEO Clubs)	# OF CLUBS	CLUBS REPORTING		% REPORTING	
	38	16		42%	
LCIF DONATIONS	# OF CLUBS	CLUBS DONATING		% DONATING	AMOUNT
	34	20		59%	\$12,766
MEMBERS		INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS DONATING		% DONATING	AMOUNT
892		6		.007%	







KidSight Volunteers needed

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The Lion's Club was contacted by  
For-Mar Nature Preserve and Arboretum  
2142 N Genesee Rd, Burton, MI 484509

They would like to have **KidSight Screenings** at their  
pop-up Wednesday events.

The screenings will be inside the Activities Center  
every Wednesday 11-1pm  
from June 25<sup>th</sup> through August 27<sup>th</sup>  
(10-11am for setup)

Volunteers are needed to cover each of the screenings  
There are 10 event days needing coverage  
Looking for 4 people per event day.

You can pick a single day and volunteer with members  
from other clubs or your club can cover a day.

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Signup with link or scan QR Code

*(Scroll to see the various dates and availability.)*

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# The Freeland Lions Club Presents

## The 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Freeland Walleye Festival

Our biggest fundraiser of the year is set to take place April 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>. The Freeland Walleye Festival is known statewide and brings in thousands of visitors to our little town. If you have never been, take some time to visit and check out a few of our events.

### **Events This Year Include:**

### **Community Wide Rummage Sales**

### ***Comedy Night on Friday***

Car Show, Casino Games, Carnival Rides, Kid's Trout Pond, Parade, DJs, Live Music, Beer Tent, Bingo and a Fishing Tournament.

Disc Golf, Texas Hold'em, Cornhole, & Beer Pong Tournaments also.



For more information, please visit [www.freelandwalleyefestival.com](http://www.freelandwalleyefestival.com)

You may also be interested in one of our many other events that we host throughout the year.

Wild Game Dinner

Las Vegas Night Casino

Christmas Party

Golf Outing

# Lions Around the District



## Flushing Lions Activity for March

The Puppy Raisers have been busy giving various presentations to the clubs and other organizations as well as providing support for the Leader Dog School. March 3<sup>rd</sup> a presentation was provided for the Girl Scouts in Brighton. Rob Cronk has transported puppies to several of the correctional facilities.

Presentations are scheduled currently for three presentations in April and Three in May. They include both Conventions, Gaines Lions Club, the Musical and dinner at the Cardinals Nest, Canton School, and the Woodman Club.

We also have sold Foundation Raffle Tickets at the Local Super Market for three days in March.

As White Cane sales in Flushing are difficult to schedule in the months of April and May due to the school fund drives in the streets, we schedule our drive for Kroger Store in March and the street drive in September. The Kroger Drive was held on the weekend of March 21 through the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

The Flushing High School's Robotics Club made a presentation to the club the first meeting of the month and we made a \$400 donation to their projects as they are very expensive programs.

Our second meeting was attended by our Region chairman Dan Embury and his wife, Julia, both with presentations.

**Frankenmuth Lions Club** hosted Advisor, Cyndie Roberts, (pictured) from Midland Dow HS. She shared the school's environment-focused **Go Green!**

Club activities and the many ways they save water, recycle waste and use resources wisely.

### **Go Green!**

has approximately 30 high school students and they have been officially recognized by other organizations. The many ideas and actions they have taken are currently being shared with the Frankenmuth LEO Club.



## Frankenmuth continued

Lion members can contact the Frankenmuth Lions Club to connect with **Go Green!** to start an environmental club for LEOs or their local high school!!

Frankenmuth Lions Club hosted Sarah Hoffman, Camp Program Director, and Kate Clifford, Siblings Camp Director, from Camp Quality, a regional



camp experience for children with cancer and their families. The care and fun experiences given the children and the many ways to help with the camp's many needs for 2025 were shared with members. Several Board members along with others present posed for a picture after the well-received talk!

## Welcome to this Month's Newsletter

Greetings Lions, Supporters, and Camp Family,

As April settles in, we feel grateful for the momentum, the kindness, and the steady support that

continues to lift Lions Bear Lake Camp. From meaningful donations to events that surpassed all expectations, this past month has been full of moments that remind us how strong our camp family really is.

See entire newsletter as separate attachment.

