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Jonathan VanTol District Governor

May, 2025



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From District Governor Jonathan VanTol



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WE SERVE

Serving With Honor

LIONS! What a great convention we had!

I'd like to THANK EVERYONE that made it a success! Convention committee, Nominating committee, Election committee, Bylaw committee and all the others that made it happen.

CONGRATULATIONS and WELL WISHES for our newly elected officers for 2025-2026:

- District Governor Elect Gerald Whitney
- 1st Vice District Governor Tobias Webber
- 2nd Vice District Governor Bart Blegen.

They have been working diligently to create goals and a great team to carry our District forward. With the support of all the Lions in the District, I'm sure they will have a FANTASTIC YEAR!

Mya's Angels was voted to become a District project and may our Clubs make it successful. Mya's Angels was started by Nett Copper of the Buena Vista Lions Club to assist the homeless and needy in our District. Frankenmuth, Auburn Williams and many other clubs that I'm unaware of have been providing funds and necessities.

The George Daly award was presented to Lion Scott MacKenzie of the Bay City Lion Club. CONGRATULATIONS Lion Scott! With our guest, International Director Steve Middlemiss, I was also able to recognize some deserving Lions with an LCI Presidents award. Five were awarded, but there are so many more that could have received one. Tough decision, but those selected were

deserving. I hope that Governor Elect Jerry can select some other fine Lions.

Those receiving the LCI President's award were:

- Lion Tony Szczygiel from the Caro Club
- Lion Duane Commerford from the Shields Club
- Lion Bart Blegen from the Frankenmuth Club
- Lion Denise Penwell from the Fenton Club
- Lion Thalia "Net" Copper from the Buena Vista Club.

Congratulations Lions and THANK YOU for ALL YOU DO!

Once again, the GENEROSITY of our clubs had really shined at the Parade of Checks! Approximately \$62,000 dollars was raised!!! THANK YOU to all the clubs that were able to participate at the District Convention. Our Treasurer Lion Sandy has informed me she is waiting for a couple more clubs to send in their donations. It is a RECORD SETTING AMOUNT!! THANK YOU LIONS!

The Multiple District Convention will be held on May 15-17, 2025 at the Double Tree hotel in Bay City. Please register ASAP. It starts at Krysiak's Restaurant on Thursday May 16th. There will be many beneficial breakout sessions and a Carnival theme. Come and learn and HAVE FUN! For more information check out the current Lions Pride issue. Convention season is coming to a close, BUT the FUNdraising and SERVICE is just beginning. Have a successful year and have fun serving!

DG Jonathan S. VanTol

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Serving With Honor

From District Governor-Elect Gerald Whitney



May is almost here WOW!!!
Montrose Lions Club has the concession trailer out in events already at flag football. I hope all the clubs are gearing up for a good season of fund raising events and activities. It won't be long before MD 11 Convention 2025 will be happening at the Double Tree in Bay City, May 15-17. There will be quite a few activities all three days. Lions International Convention will be in Orlando, Florida July 13-17

2025. I still have three more training meetings to go before I have all training done. Fun fun fun. In July at the Lions International Convention, the district governor for 11D-1 and I am looking forward to the challenges of governor, and I am looking forward to visiting all the Lions clubs in my governor's year. I am looking forward to seeing how we can work together to grow this district together. SEE YOU ALL at MD 11 Convention.

Jerry

From 1st Vice District Governor-Elect Tobias Webber



Fellow Lions,

Now that our District Convention is behind us, it is a time to reflect, celebrate, and renew our commitment to the mission that unites us all: service!

"Where there is a need there is a Lion."

Thank you to every Lion who helped make the event a success, and to all who continue to lead with heart and purpose.

As we move forward into the final months of this Lions year, our work is far from over. In fact, now is the time to dig deeper.

As a district, we approved adding Mya's Angels as one of the District's causes. Each club can now contribute to them during the Parade of Checks. Please consider them thoughtfully. Their cause is a humanitarian cause.

I just wanted to say Congratulations to all of the Lions who received awards at the District Convention. You all inspire me!

Reach Deeper for Membership

Our strength lies in our people. Every new member brings fresh

energy, ideas, and hands ready to serve. Let's be intentional in reaching out—whether it's a neighbor, a colleague, or someone in your community who's always looking to help but hasn't yet found their place. Show them what it means to be a Lion. Invite them to a project, tell them our story, and welcome them into our family.

Tell Our Story Through Service Reporting

Every act of service—no matter how small—matters. But unless we tell our story, the world won't know the difference we're making. Service reporting isn't just a task; it's how we shine a light on the lives we touch. It helps our clubs grow stronger, our district gain recognition, and our communities understand the heart of Lionism. If you need help reporting, reach out—we're here to support one another.

Let's carry the energy of convention into everything we do this spring. Keep serving with passion, keep leading with kindness, and let's finish this year strong—together.

*In Service and Fellowship,
Lion Tobias Webber*

Second Vice-District Governor, Lions District 11D1

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UPCOMING EVENTS

MD 11 Convention
May 15-17, Bay City

**Shields Lions
Golf Outing**
June 14, Saginaw

**LMF
Hall of Fame**
August 2, Mt. Pleasant

**Special Needs
Raffle drawing
Golf Outing**
September 12



Lions of Michigan Foundation (LMF) Report

by PDG Steven VanTol

The LMF Hall of fame will be August 2, 2025 in Mt Pleasant this year. Watch for the registration information. PDG Richard Delong will be added this year.

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 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 or phone 989-430-9500, or PDG Lion Alice Zajac email akzmsu@gmail.com or phone 989-683-2497.

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 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.

Project KidSight

by PDG Steven VanTol

A training date has been set up for a few Shields Lion Club members. It is scheduled for Monday, May 5, 2025, at 10:00 AM at 4851 Raymond Rd. Midland MI. If you would like to attend, please come.

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. 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, 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 Lindon and available to be used for screenings. Please coordinate your needs by contacting Lion Steven VanTol email 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 or phone 989-430-9500 or Lion Julia Embury at jkisch01@yahoo.com or phone 810-624-7090. We can set up a special training session for clubs near each other.





KidSight Volunteers *still* needed

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 25th through August 27th
(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.

Signup with link or scan QR Code

(Scroll to see the various dates and availability.)

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054DABAA2EA2F8C07-55641249-formar#/>



Hi, All Presidents, Secretaries
and others -

HELP NEEDED !

Attached is a flyer with
information and a QR Code to
sign up for the For-Mar KidSight
screenings this summer.

The QR Code will take you to a
Sign-Up Genius Page - Please make
sure you scroll down to find all 10
Days being scheduled..

Please share this with your
members and encourage them to
sign-up.

If you have questions or need
help signing up - Please call Julia
Embury 810-624-7090,

OR If you need a training session
set up, please give me a call too.

Thank you for helping to get more
kids screened.!

*Lion Julia Embury
Linden Lion's*



From the District Convention



Pictured from left to right: District Governor Jonathan VanTol, 1VDG-Elect Tobias Webber, District Governor-Elect Gerald Whitney, 2VDG-Elect Bart Blegen,

11D1 District Convention Parade of Checks Donations as of 4/29/25	
Clubs	Donations
All State Band ***	\$ 2,850.00
Bear Lake Camp ***	\$ 4,000.00
Childhood Cancer***	\$ 1,950.00
Defense Against Diabetes (D.A.D.)***	\$ 2,325.00
Disaster Relief & Flint Water***	\$ 200.00
Eversight ***	\$ 4,640.00
Hearing & Speech***	\$ 1,260.00
Leader Dog ***	\$ 7,755.00
LEO Clubs 11D1***	\$ 400.00
Lions Club International Foundation (LCIF) *	\$ 7,425.00
Lions of Michigan Service Foundation (LMSF)***	\$ 3,600.00
Lions of Michigan Service Foundation Kid Sight***	\$ 1,025.00
Mya's Angels**	\$ 920.10
Necessities for the Needy***	
Paws with a Cause ***	\$ 1,212.50
Peace Poster***	\$ 100.00
Radio Reading Service ***	\$ 435.00
Sickle Cell ***	\$ 1,865.00
Special Needs Vision Clinic (SNVC)**	\$18,550.00
Vision Services ***	\$ 955.00
Youth Camp & Exchange (YCE)***	\$ 540.00
TOTAL DONATIONS	\$62,007.60
* International	
**State Projects	
***District Projects	

*Thank
you*
from

Special Needs Vision Clinic

\$18,550

**A record donation from the
Lions Clubs of District 11D-1
at District Convention°**

**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



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CRAFTSMANSHIP
CEDAR KAYAK**



**\$5.00 TICKETS
OR 5 FOR \$20.00**

4 PRIZES - WINNER'S CHOICE

~ KAYAK

~ FISHING TRIP FOR 4 - LINWOOD

~ FISHING TRIP FOR 4 - GRINDSTONE CITY

~ PHEASANT HUNT FOR 2 - DEFORD

NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN

WINNER MUST PICK UP KAYAK

**DRAWING: SEPTEMBER 12, 2025
AT 3:00 PM**

**FOR MORE INFO: SCOTT MACKENZIE
(989) 450-6161**

MI LICENSE: R79770

District Coordinators

GET

Global Extention Team
Coordinator Position Open

GLT

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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. DGE Gerald Whitney needs your information ASAP to complete the roster book prior his first meeting in July.

The 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 lionstevvantol@gmail.com or call or text 989-430-9500.

The training schedule for President is June 9, 2025, Secretaries June 10, 2025 and Treasurers June 11, 2025, all trainings will be via zoom. 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 lionstevvantol@gmail.com if you interested.

Thank you GLT PDG Lion Steven VanTol

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. 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 to your email contact list.



Jorge & Leader Dog Bailey



Your friends at Leader Dog are dropping in to say **THANK YOU!** Happy Spring!

"With Bailey, I feel as safe as when someone in my family guides me. The night before I got him I couldn't sleep because I knew my gift was coming."

~ Jorge

Youth Camps & Exchange Program
Lion Elvie Marfil
Multiple District 11 Chairperson

Open your heart and door to the world of Lions Youth Camps & Exchange Program. Please sign up to be a host family.

We still need host families for the following participants:

Country	Gender	Age
Japan	Female	18
Hungary	Female	16
Italy	Female	19
Spain	Female	15
Turkey	Female	18

Thank you to the following Lions and Districts for hosting.

District	Host Family	Host Club	Country
A1	PDG Roshni Patel	Detroit Renaissance Lions Club	Belgium, France & Mongolia (Female)
B1	CC Terri Huffman Lion Sandra Simon Lion Shawne Lige	Jackson Diabetes Lions Club	British Isles Czech Republic Finland (Female)
B2	2nd VDG Alice Kring	Buchana Galien Lions Club	France (Female)
C1	PDG Jim & Bev Farrell	Wyoming Lions Club	Austria (Male)
	Lions Mark & Susan Graves	Fruitport Lions Club	France and Finland (Male)
	Lion Frank & Cathie Krol	Muskegon Northeast Lions club	Germany (Male)
C2	PDG Brent Beracy	Ashley Lions Club	Mongolia & Poland (Male)

This year we have 3 outgoing youth participants:

District	Sponsored Club	Country
B2	Buchanan Galien Lions Club	Switzerland
B2	Buchanan Galien Lions Club	Germany
C1	Muskegon Northeast Lions Club	Australia

Objective: To create and foster a spirit of understanding among the people of the world.

Thank you, fellow Lions, for all you do!



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 the month of summer 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 Lion members, nor must they have children at home. You would be responsible for their room and board. Visiting young adults comes with spending money, and additional activities will be at your discretion.

If you are interested in becoming a Host Family, please contact:

Your District chair or State Chair Lion Elvie Marfil at 818-800-1060, email 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!

**Special Needs Vision Clinic
Annual Golf Outing
Fri. September 12, 2025**



**Green Hills Golf Course
9:00am Shotgun Start**

Hot dogs at the turn * Dinner following * Prizes * Raffles

Cost: \$300 per team

Captain: _____ **phone:** _____

Address: _____ **email:** _____

Player 2: _____

Player 3: _____

Player 4: _____



I would like to donate \$_____ to Special Needs Vision Clinic

**I am interested in being a Sponsor for the Golf Outing,
Please contact me at: _____**

Also payable thru PayPal
Note "Golf Outing" on payment
Cost for Team w/PayPal \$309



Make checks payable to: SPECIAL NEEDS VISION CLINIC

**** Mail check and form to: 3660 Southfield Drive
Saginaw, MI 48601
(989) 777-1040**



(810) 390-5381
18555 Silver Pkwy | Fenton, MI

FUNDRAISING

DINE-IN OR TO-GO

⇒⇒ *Support* ⇐⇐

Linden Lions Club
Thursday, May 29th
3pm-10pm



10%
DONATION NIGHT

Bring this flyer to Texas Roadhouse in Fenton, Michigan on the date listed above. Show this flyer to your server and you donate 10% of your bill to the organization of the night.



Take a picture of the Flyer and show it to your server. 10% donation applies also !

**** 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
	887	44	94	-5.34%
SERVICE REPORTING (LION and LEO Clubs)	# OF CLUBS	CLUBS REPORTING		% REPORTING
	38	20		53%
LCIF DONATIONS AMOUNT	# OF CLUBS	CLUBS DONATING		% DONATING
	34	20		59%
\$12,816 MEMBERS		INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS DONATING		% DONATING
AMOUNT	887	6		.007%



News from Bear Lake Camp



Welcome to this Month's Newsletter

Greetings Lions, Supporters, and Camp Family,

May has arrived, and with it, a steady sense of gratitude. The past month unfolded in ways that left an impact, through the unexpected support, through the people who continue to show up, and through the quiet work being done behind the scenes. What's happening here isn't loud or flashy, but it's meaningful. Every part of it. Lions Bear Lake Camp is growing, not just in numbers, but in heart.

Open the entire newsletter as a separate attachment.



25th Annual Shields Lions Club Golf Scramble

Saturday, June 14, 2025 @ Swan Valley Golf Course
8521 Highland Green Drive, Saginaw, MI 48609

\$75 Registration Fee per Golfer

\$65 if Full Team Registered & Paid by June 5th

8:00 am Registration - 9:00 am Shot Gun Start

Cash Payouts: Best Score, Longest Drive, and Closest to Pin & Skins

Included with Registration

18 Holes Scramble

Hot Dog at the Turn

Dinner and Cash Awards

Also Available for Purchase

50/50 Raffle

Raffle Prizes

Skin Pots

HELP US SUPPORT THE FOLLOWING CLUB PROJECTS

SWAN VALLEY H.S. SCHOLARSHIPS

LEADER DOGS FOR THE BLIND

LEADS ALL-STATE BAND

THOMAS TWP PARKS & REC.

VISUALLY IMPAIRED YOUTH CAMP

PRIZES FOR A CAUSE

SAGINAW VALLEY SPICIN, NEEDS/ISSUES CLINIC

EVERSIGHT EYE BANK

Team Captain: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Golfer #2 _____

Golfer #3 _____

Golfer #4 _____

SEND REGISTRATION TO:

Shields Lions Club, 7809 Schira Dr., Saginaw, MI 48609-4038

JUNE 5, 2025, DEADLINE FOR RECEIVING \$65 REGISTRATION FEE PER GOLFER. NO EXCEPTIONS. NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR MAIL DELIVERY.

Peace Poster Contest

This is the time of year when schools are winding down as we head toward June. But this is also the time for Lions Clubs to engage with your local middle art teacher about the Lions International Peace Poster Contest.

If your local school art teacher commits at this time of year, for next fall, you will have plenty of time to order your Peace Poster Contest Kit, study the instructions, and plan for any awards your club would like to do for the winners.

The new theme for the 25-26 school year is, "Together as One." Students, using their imagination and talent, will create some beautiful art because your club gave them the opportunity.

If you or one of your club members attended the District Convention in Mt. Pleasant, you saw Lion Laurie Berner's excellent presentation about conducting a Peace Poster Contest. Lion Laurie distributed a handout that is everything you need to know about planning your Peace Poster Contest. If you need a copy, email your request to me at: lionsband11d1@aol.com I will also send you a copy of an "invitation letter" that can be sent to your local art teacher. The letter can be edited to include your club's lead person for the contest.

In Saginaw County, Freeland, White Pine, and Swan Valley middle schools have already committed to do the contest next fall. Bay County will have at least eleven middle schools participating. The art teachers at the schools thought the contest worked well for their students this year, and they wanted to do it again.

Working with youth is one of our Lions Clubs main causes along with Childhood Cancer, Diabetes, Disaster Relief, Environment, Humanitarian Efforts, Hunger, and Vision. The Peace Poster Contest gives your club the opportunity to engage with the community and its young people.

Submitted by: Lion Duane Comerford, Peace Poster District Chair

Lions of Michigan All State Band

"Give kids enough to do and they will not have time to get into trouble."

Your Lions of Michigan All State Band will be performing at the Lions State Convention in Bay City. Please plan to attend their short concert and your loud and enthusiastic support will be appreciated by the student musicians and their families in attendance.

All of these young people will be traveling from the Upper Peninsula, Metro Detroit, and other areas of Michigan at the family's expense. Several will have to have an overnight stay, again at the expense of the family. These families believe in the Lions motto of, "We Serve" and that is why their kids are in this band. They could do something else with music this summer but chose to be part of the Lions International experience.

Please consider additional financial support along with your cheering support when you see and hear these young people.

I hope many of you attended the District Convention, saw the video about the band, and heard discussions about the All State Band. If not, here is a link to the video that you and your club can watch: <https://www.lionsmiband.org/>

The future of our country and the future of the Lions Club is our youth. They need your support.

Submitted by: Duane Comerford, Lions of Michigan All State Band Chair

Lions Around the District

Buena Vista Lions Club

participated in an initiative that provides luggage to kids going in and out of foster care. Our club contributed suitcases, duffel bags and many other items. This helps eliminate the use of trash bags, laundry baskets and pillowcases when they are in transition and restores some level of dignity despite the circumstances.



Carrollton Lions Club held their Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 12th. The weather was beautiful and what a great



turnout. The Carrollton Fire Department came out with their fire truck for the kids to check out and the Easter Bunny was there for pictures. The kids were excited and had a great time.

Fenton Lions Club was invited to volunteer at Fenton Winery and Breweries Adult Easter Egg Hunt / fundraiser on April 19th. It is



an event that Fenton Winery puts on each year. The past 2 years they have invited us to volunteer at their event. The funds that they make are shared between Bear Lake Camp and The Fenton Lions Club. Here are a few pictures of the event.

Flushing Lions Club has been involved with Leader Dogs For The Blind with Kristen Shively leading the pack of puppy raisers. We also have two members with Leader



Dogs who help with the presentations. Three we presented in April: a breakout session at the convention, Gaines Lions Club and the musical and dined at the Cardinal's nest. Also 3 days of training at the Bear Lake camp with some enclosed pictures. Two of the visitors were from Atlanta, Georgia who flew in to be part of the event. Pictures are from that event,

Lions Around the District

Flushing continued

Our Newest member, Jarad Okinsky, has taken on preparing a new food trailer to replace our old one. He will also take on the responsibility of the food concessions as well as working on our car show to be held in July. He also asked for a new member application.



The District Convention was attended by 6 members and received the Model Club Plaque which was one of five in our District which was the top District in the State.

Foundation Raffle tickets are being turned in as well. Also our White Cane Drive was started at the local Kroger store. Our drive is normally scheduled for the first week in September as the City only allows one organization per month, and the school system fund raisers are fighting for April and May.

Last but not least, schedules for Leader Dog programs are also scheduled in May.

The robotics team was provided \$400 for this years project.

Hemlock Lions The April 14 meeting of the Hemlock Lions began with special recognition for members John Rick, Art



Norris and Reg Rye. They were awarded the Milestone Chevron award for longevity in service with the Lions Club.

Hemlock continued

Pictured above are (left to right) President Pat Hagerty congratulating Art Norris (20 years) and John Rick (50 years). Reg Rye was awarded for 35 years of service, but was unable to attend the meeting.

The summer schedule of activities, including three road clean-up projects in coordination with the local scouting group were discussed. Dates for the steak fry and officer installation were given, as well as the date for the annual chicken barbecue when the graduated high school students receive their scholarship money. The dates for the Great Lakes Loons games which the members will be volunteering to work were provided.

Duane Comerford of the Shields Lions Club, and the Zone Chairman was present and provided information about various Lions activities including the school age Art Contest, The Lions Band and the ongoing eyeglass collections.

Kingston Lions Club sold bunnies & eggs before Easter. Have ordered hanging flower baskets which we will be selling now. Appreciate Caro's offer to have us cover one of their "corners" for White Cane drive.

Mayville Lions assisted a local township with their egg hunt. Pictured are members Cindy and Curt helping with registration.



The Easter Bunny made an appearance and helped give away 4 bicycles.



Lions Around the District

Shields Lions Outside the Thomas Township Nature Preserve Center after a KidsSight Screening showing off our new sign.



Zilwaukee Lions

Approximately 200 children participated in the annual Zilwaukee Lions annual Easter Egg Hunt. There were three prizes in each of four age groups. The children have a blast every year!

