

Anchored in Service



Lighting the Way Forward

District 11-E1

Oct 2025 Newsletter



Michigan Lions Serving 16 Counties & 35 Clubs!



Governor's Corner:

District 11-E1 Fall Conference: A Day of Learning, Leadership, and Lions Spirit

Upcoming Events:

- Oct 18: District 11-E1 2nd Cabinet Mtg, Onkama Lions Den
- Nov 7-9: 2025 Lions of Michigan Leadership Forum, R.A. MacMullan Ctr, Roscommon, MI
- Dec 5-6: CoG Mtg, Hilton Garden Inn West, Lansing, MI
- Feb 7: District 11-E1 3rd Cabinet Mtg, Mt. Pleasant, MI

Upcoming Official Visits:

- Oct 2: Hart
- Oct 8: Lakeview
- Oct 13: Mt. Pleasant
- Oct 14: Weidman
- Oct 15: Evart
- Oct 16: Central Montcalm
- Oct 20: Kaleva
- Oct 27: Onkama
- Oct 28: Shepherd
- Nov 3: Greenville
- Nov 4: Midland
- Nov 5: Remus
- Nov 11: Howard City
- Nov 18: Baldwin

District 11-E1 Lions gathered for an inspiring **Fall Conference** filled with fellowship, learning, and celebration of service! The event brought together Lions from across the district who came eager to grow, connect, and strengthen their impact in their communities.

Our day was packed with **training sessions** that focused on practical tools and leadership development. Lions received hands-on guidance on navigating the **Lions Portal**, learning how to **enter service projects and track their impact**. We also explored exciting new ways to enhance service and outreach using Lions' innovative AI tools — **Lions Market2Grow, LionsServe2Grow, and LionsMap2Grow** — which help clubs share their stories, plan projects, and engage new members more effectively.

A special highlight was our engaging presentation from **MD-11 State Marketing Chair, Lion Doug Klein**, who shared creative insights and strategies for promoting Lions service and strengthening our public image. His session energized everyone to think bigger about how we share the Lions message across Michigan.

The spirit of giving was on full display during our **Parade of Checks**, where clubs came forward with generous contributions totaling **\$31,295** in support of our state, district, and international projects — including **LCIF & Diabetes Awareness**. This tremendous generosity reflects the heart of Lions service — working together to make a difference.

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to every Lion who attended, learned, and gave so freely. "This conference showed the best of who we are — Lions helping Lions grow and serve together."

As we continue this momentum of learning and leadership, Lions are reminded that the **deadline to apply for the Lions of Michigan Leadership Institute is October 10**. This program is an incredible opportunity for personal growth and leadership development — don't miss your chance to apply! The application to apply is included within this newsletter along with a reminder that District 11-E1 will reimburse members up to \$100 to attend. Leaving approximately \$200 for the member and their club to fund.

Together, we are building stronger clubs, stronger communities, and a stronger future for Lions.

With gratitude and dedication,
Lion Jeff Schafer
 DG 11-E1

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2025-2026 Club Excellence Award Criteria

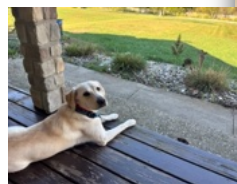
The Club Excellence Award acknowledges the dedication and legacy of service within individual clubs. Excellence Awards honor club leaders who demonstrate outstanding membership growth, impactful service and humanitarian contributions. This year's criteria are:

1. **Induct** a minimum of two (2) or 20% new members, whichever is greater (does not include transfer, reinstated, or charter members). Eligibility is determined based on the Club's membership count on June 30, 2025.
2. **Or sponsor** a new Lions Club.
3. **Report a minimum of four (4)** service activities in the Lions Portal. Three of these service activities must show participation in each of the three International "Weeks of Service."
 - a. Mental Health & Well-Being: October 4-12, 2025
 - b. Hunger: January 3-11, 2026
 - c. Environment: April 18-26, 2026
4. **Report newly elected club officers** in Lion Portal by May 15, 2026 of the current Lion Year.
5. A minimum of 10% of the club's members **complete any three courses** in the Lions Learning Center.
6. **The Club President** for the current Lion year must not have served more than two consecutive terms.
7. **A minimum of two or more club officers** (president, vice president, secretary, or treasurer. Of which, one must be the club President) complete Club Officer Training (on-line with Lions Learning Center or in-person as reported by a GLT coordinator) between May 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025.
8. **Contribute to LCIF** a minimum of the Club's membership total on June 30, 2025 of the previous Lion year, multiplied by \$20.

Contact DG Jeff Schafer or GST Coordinator Steve Adsmond if you have any questions.

Saylor & Avi's Corner:

Future Leader Dog (FLD) Saylor was returned to Leader Dogs for the Blind (LDB) on Sunday, September 14. We had a very good visit with her and she was excited to move on to the next phase in the guide dog training. A report we received from LDB stated that Saylor is adjusting to life at Leader Dog, learning the routine and getting to know her new classmates. Soon she will be meeting her instructor



and starting the Foundation training phase (1 of 4 phases). Until then, she will continue spending time playing with her friends. She will also be practicing her protocols (relaxation, handler's exam, etc.) with the Canine Care Team and Dog Transition Assistant volunteers. Saylor also passed her initial medical examination with the Veterinary Team! This means she is healthy enough to continue into the training phases. FLD Avi has been working on her basics and learning new skills such as the paw pad and socializing in various settings. She has been to many club visits with me along with the Fall Conference. When not in training mode, she loves to play with her chew toys and sit around watching the neighborhood from the front porch! -- Woof Woof!



**Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION**

District and Club Community Impact Grant Program

District and Club Community Impact Grants (DCG) empower Lions to support humanitarian activities in their communities. Funded by contributions from clubs and districts to LCIF, these grants incentivize Lions' donations and service projects that align with the foundation's key areas of focus. Under the program, 15% of qualifying unrestricted donations are set aside for DCGs, with all projects requiring LCIF approval. This initiative is available to both districts and clubs. Only donations to the Empowering Service Fund are eligible for DCG funding.

DCG Grant examples include supporting humanitarian projects that enhance community welfare and showcase Lions' impact; Fund health initiatives, such as wellness programs; and develop community engagement activities that foster collaboration between Lions and local organizations. DCG funds can be used to support specific humanitarian activities and highlight Lions in communities they serve. Grant funds are not eligible to pay membership dues or establish a reserve fund. The District and Club Community Impact Grant program is a new program, and though possible scenarios have been anticipated, LCIF may update criteria as additional scenarios are proposed.

Grant applicants must submit their proposal using the LCIF District and Club Community Impact Grant application form. Applications should be submitted to LCIF at minimum 90 days prior to project commencement to allow adequate processing time.

Projects receiving DCG funding shall be clearly identified as being made possible by Lions and LCIF through appropriate recognition, signs, and public relations activities. Upon project completion, grant recipients are responsible for submission of a report detailing project results and use of DCG grant funds. Projects should be completed within one (1) year of approval by LCIF.

For the current Lion Year (2025-2026) District 11-E1 has \$5,014.23 in their DCG grant fund. To learn more about this new grant program attend the upcoming Fall Conference scheduled on Saturday, September 27 at the Luther Lions Hall.

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



Peace Poster Contest

Due By November 14, 2025

It's hard to believe that September is already here and before you know it the deadline for the Peace Poster contest will be upon us (November 14). Please send your Peace Poster submissions to DG Jeff Schafer (975 Outback Ridge, Midland, MI) for selection by our judging committee.

Each club participating in the Peace Poster contest should collect their submissions and select a winner by any means the club determines. Your winning entry should be mailed to DG Jeff home for District judging by Friday, November 14. Please mail all winning posters in a mailing tube to DG Jeff Schafer address: 975 Outback Ridge, Midland, MI 48640. At the time of the mailing, please text me at 812-325-7762 so I will know to watch for it. If you prefer to deliver it to me personally, this can be arranged also by calling or texting me at 812-325-7762. Make sure your winning artist is identified on the back of the winning poster.

The District Judges will decide on the District winner and forward it to the next level of judging by the Multiple District Council Chair by December 5. Our District winner will be announced at the time of selection by way of email to Club Presidents, Secretaries, and District Cabinet members.

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

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

Welcome New Members!

Club	Member	Sponsor
Empire	Harold May	Douglas Slessman
	Carrie Young	Douglas Slessman
	Matt Young	Douglas Slessman
Harrison	Debra Lee	Sandra Castle
Lakeview	Ramon Holcomb	Timothy Erspamer
	Jack Koester	Rosemary Witt
Northport	Joe & Kathy Borg	Douglas Whitley
	Elizabeth Brennan	Tyrus Wessell
	Sean Cronin	Clifford Hale
	Deborah Ebberts	Marian Kromkowski
	Chris McCann	Charles Whetsel
	Martha & Tom Shaver	Douglas Whitley
Onkama	Arnold Calhoun & Gregory & Wonda Kinnan	Duane Anderson
	Sharon Monnot & Ann Wilkosz	Michael Haske
Arcadia	Bob Hertel	Wes Hull

For the month of September,
we added 20 new members!

CONGRATS! Overall, we have added 34 new members & 18 dropped members, gain of +15.

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

Visit our facebook page.

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

Prayer List:

PDG Jim & Peggy Walls
PDG Pam Schroeder and PDG Dan Gibbons



Our thoughts and prayers are with those Lions who lost family members, those that have family members or friends that are sick or in the hospital or at home, and all others whose losses are unknown to us at this time.

Lions if you have prayer requests, please let me know so we can add you to the prayer list. If anyone has a concern and would like for me to pray with you over the phone, I will be glad to do that too. Prayer and trust are powerful in our lives. Hope to hear from you, Blessings. - Lion Steve Adsmond



Global Leadership Team (GLT) Corner:



Growing Through Leadership: Investing in Our Lions

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

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

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

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

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

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

Why attend?

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

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

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

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

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

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

We are excited to share that the **District will reimburse up to \$100** for members who wish to attend the Lions of Michigan Leadership Forum, scheduled for November 7-9, 2025 at the R.A. MacMullen Center. We're hoping that each Lions Club will also contribute \$100 towards their members attending the Forum, and that would leave the member attending the Forum to only pay \$100-\$150, depending on their room occupancy.

This is a great opportunity to strengthen leadership skills, connect with fellow Lions, and bring new ideas back to our clubs. Don't miss it!

Questions? Contact DG Jeff Schafer, 812-325-3130 or jeff.schafer1@comcast.net

2nd District 11-E1 Cabinet Town Hall Meeting

Onekama Lion's Den

Saturday, October 18 from 9am-3pm

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

Lunch: Ham and Scalloped Potatoes- \$10 per person



Global Service Team (GST) Corner:

Service Ideas and Upcoming Service Opportunities

We Serve is our Lions motto and so live out that motto this month and next. We have great opportunities, and our leaders are asking us to participate in a Mental Health Awareness week in early October by doing anything that helps make improvements or awareness of mental health resources, like the mental health crisis hotline. Any Kids Sight screening can be counted as the act of improving a kid's eyesight with glasses builds self-esteem.

One upcoming project is cards for veterans at our next cabinet meeting in Onekama on October 18. We have cards to be decorated and written in for a veteran, to thank them for their service and acknowledge their dedication to giving us our freedom.

Service projects that can be duplicated from other clubs include ALICE Car Repair in partnership with Michigan Works, Kid's Sight which uses a special camera to take photos of eyes and deduct whether the eyes are healthy or need referral, Kids bags for Munson Medical Center patients in Traverse City between the ages of 2-16, Life Saving beach library for PFDs, and Community Giving Day.

Big Rapids Lions started working with Michigan Works to help people who are employed. ALICE: ASSET LIMITED, INCOME CONSTRAINED, EMPLOYED means people who are employed and need car repairs to keep transportation to stay employed qualify for this program. The Big Rapids Lions chose the zip codes they are willing to help with. People who are either living in or employed in those zip codes qualify. Michigan works will pay for up to \$1000 of car repair but often repair costs exceed that amount. Michigan Works takes care of all the contact with the people, then certified mechanics do the work, and the Lions helps out financially. Call Dave Hamelund or service chair Steve Adsmond to learn more.

Kid's Sight is a project that every Lions Club should get involved with. Help prevent eye disease by screening kids at young ages before the eye problems are non-reversible. The LMF foundation leader in screenings is a SW Michigan district that our own PDG Ron Gibson lives in. Ron screens up to 400 kids a day when they visit school districts. Your club could too. PDG Jim Patterson is our district chairperson, and there is a trailer that can be used at public events like fairs or festivals. In a school all is needed is a dark room to use the camera.

Munson Hospital Childrens' floor needs some care bags and Lake Ann Lions is helping fill them with simple items to keep a kid in the hospital entertained. They are doing this project now and the need won't go away so there are opportunities to help this hospital or another close to your club.

Another project idea for our clubs from towns on the water, is a Life Saving Library. Build any kind of shelter and place life jackets for loan from your Lions Club. Lake Ann Lions identified the project after a drowning happened at their local beach. All ages can benefit, especially where rip currents are frequent.

For any service questions or to talk about a project that your club does, connect with Steve Adsmond

-Lion Steve Adsmond, GST Coordinator, District 11-E1

Medical Equipment Availability

The Luther Lions Club has an abundance of medical equipment, crutches, walkers, shower chairs, and portable toilets.

If your members or Club are interested in any of these items, please call Luther Lions President Linda Wellman at 503-799-3105.



Adoption Announcement



CAPTAIN



Our animal behavior experts tell us that our dogs “choose” their career. While we give extra time and resources to carefully assess each dog's preferences and abilities, we never want to place a dog in a working role that isn't in their best interest.

This is why Captain has been adopted into a loving home where we know he will thrive, and enjoy being a family pet.

Your support is greatly appreciated, and enables us to continue our mission.

Best wishes Captain!

Captain is sponsored and named by Delta Gamma at the University of South Florida.

Captain was raised by Jeff Schafer of our Remote East Club.



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

Dear Lions,

"We serve" is more than just a motto. It's a way of life for Lions. In addition to all of the great local causes we support, we are known for our commitment to global causes such as hunger, vision, the environment, and newer initiatives like mental health and well-being.

Now is the time to plan our service for the year, and there is no better place to start than with a Lions global cause. And be sure to invite friends, associates and family to serve with you so they can see how powerful, fulfilling and fun service truly is.

Once they start appreciating the satisfaction of serving others, you can ask them to join the pride of Lions. When we have more Lions serving, we can change more lives than ever before; that is the essence of *MISSION 1.5*. I look forward to seeing your global projects and the impact they have on the people we serve!

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

94% District Governor Official Visits Have Been Scheduled And 34% Have Been COMPLETED!

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

As of the end of September we have scheduled 33 out of 35 clubs for their official DG visit with 12 clubs completed, 8 clubs scheduled for October and another 6 for November. Don't wait, give DG Jeff a call/text or email to schedule your visit!

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





Michigan Lions Fellowship Program

Honor your members with these prestigious recognition opportunities!

William "Doc" Barr Knights for Vision

\$1,000 or more donated for 3 consecutive years

William "Doc" Barr has shared his diverse knowledge, experience and passion for helping others as an Eversight board member for more than 20 years. His commitment to service is also reflected in his dedication to the Lions. Doc first joined the Sparlingville Lions Club in 1956, followed by the Highland Park and Novi Lions Clubs.

The William "Doc" Barr Knights for Vision Fellowship is in recognition of humanitarian work and awarded to those who donate \$1,000 or more to Eversight in a three-year period. Knights for Vision Fellows receive an engraved crystal desktop pedestal, attractive gold lapel pin, a certificate and a congratulatory letter.

Knights for Vision Fellows who donate an additional \$1,000, or the same amount is donated in his or her name, become part of the Knights for Vision Progressive program. Progressive Fellows are awarded a new lapel pin and a congratulatory letter for each subsequent donation. *(The first lapel pin is a one-stone gold pin. Another stone is added for each \$1,000 in donations thereafter.)*

A. Charles Weir Sight Conservation

\$500 or more donated for 3 consecutive years

A longtime Eversight ambassador, A. Charles Weir was a respected and beloved leader among the Eversight Board of Directors for decades. A retired educator, Weir spent 34 years as a teacher and administrator for vision-impaired children at the Michigan School for the Blind. An active member of the Bretton Woods Lions Club, Weir held many offices, including Club President, District Governor and Council Chair for District 11-C2.

The A. Charles Weir Sight Conservation Fellowship is in recognition of humanitarian work and awarded to those who donate \$500 or more to Eversight in a three-year period. Sight Conservation Fellows receive an engraved crystal desktop pedestal, attractive silver lapel pin, a certificate and a congratulatory letter.

Sight Conservation Fellows who donate an additional \$500, or the same amount is donated in his or her name, become part of the Sight Conservation Progressive program. Progressive Fellows are awarded a new lapel pin and congratulatory letter for each subsequent donation. *(The first lapel pin is a one-stone silver pin. Another stone is added for each \$500 in donations thereafter.)*

Please mail completed forms to:

Eversight, ATTN: Philanthropy
3985 Research Park Dr., Ann Arbor, MI 48108

Fellowship recognition application form

Please select a program:

- ☐ \$1000 William "Doc" Barr Knights for Vision Fellowship
- ☐ \$500 A. Charles Weir Sight Conservation Fellowship

Person or Club to be honored
(as it should appear if printed):

Recipient's Lions Club (if applicable):

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Individual or Club recognizing awardee:

Name: _____

District: _____

Presentation date: ____/____/____

Contact person (All awards will be shipped to the contact person):

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

**Deadline for all forms is the 1st of the previous month needed. (Example: If request is needed for December presentation, the deadline for application would be Nov. 1st).*



**Defense Against Diabetes
Diabetes Committee Report
Lions District 11E1
Fall Conference September 27, 202
Luther Lions Hall Luther Michigan
Provided by Bill Bradfield Chairperson**

At the Cabinet meeting on August 16, 2025 we discussed organizing a joint venture with the Lions of District 11E1 and District 10 of the Department of Health and Human Services {MDHHS} for the purpose of providing our communities with A1C testing to identify problems with Diabetes amongst the citizens in our geographical area. In 2019 we provided a similar program that was a success and we will follow the same guidelines with a second program starting in November which is International Diabetes month. Worldwide someone is diagnosed with this horrible disease every 17 seconds and 12 lives are lost every hour. We have chosen 5 locations throughout District 11E1 jurisdiction to conduct the 4 hour programs in the offices of the MDHHS see attached informational flyer.

The following plan will be organized for this noble partnership of both organizations;

Both organizations will work harmoniously promoting the programs and recruiting participants.

MDHHS will provide trained professional staff to perform the actual A1C screenings during the dates and times that are mutually agreed to. In the event that a screening cannot be performed on a scheduled date MDHHS will notify the Lions so they can find another provider. The use of Lions members who are certified to perform the testing is also a possibility that we have used in the past.

The Lions will be responsible to provide any materials that might be necessary such as A1c kits if a machine is not available.

After the screenings are completed, MDHHS DHD10 will be responsible for disposal of all used medical supplies. MDHHS will also be responsible to process as many participants as possible with their media resources. The Lions will also partake in this recruitment. News articles can and will be provided describing our joint venture.

Upon Completion MDHHS will provide an invoice to District 11E1 for the project.



Concerned About Diabetes?

Get A FREE A1c Screening

FIND A WALK-IN CLINIC NEAR YOU:

- **November 6 | 8:30 am - 12:30 pm**
DHD#10 Wexford County | 521 Cobb St, Cadillac
- **November 18 | 8:30 am - 12:30 pm**
DHD#10 Oceana County | 3986 N Oceana Dr,
Hart
- **November 19 | 8:30 am - 12:30 pm**
DHD#10 Newaygo County | 1049 Newell, White
Cloud
- **November 20 | 8:30 am - 12:30 pm**
DHD#10 Mecosta County | 14485 Northland Dr,
Big Rapids
- **November TBD | 8:30 am - 12:30 pm**
DHD#10 Manistee County | 385 3rd St,
Manistee, MI 49660

Please note: These dates are tentative and may be subject to change based on clinic and staff availability.

November is Diabetes Awareness Month, with World Diabetes Day on November 14. Take charge of your health, know your risk and get your A1C tested.

12 lives lost every hour to diabetes. Early detection starts with an A1C test.

Whether you are living with diabetes or concerned about your risk, A1c is a blood test that can assess your risk for diabetes or help monitor your diabetes treatment plan.

The Lions of Michigan and the Lions Club International Foundation District 11E1 is providing the funding for DHD#10 to host A1c testing walk-in clinics.



**District Health
Department #10**
LIVE WELL

LIONS OF MICHIGAN

2025 Lions Leadership Events

Two training opportunities, one location

LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

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

Introducing Emerging Lions Institute

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

EVENT INFORMATION

Dates **November 7-9, 2025**

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

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



LIONS OF MICHIGAN

Leadership Institute

More Information!

Lions of Michigan Leadership Institute

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

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

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

Here's a sampling of classes:

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

Shirts and Totes are available for purchase



Application form Lions Leadership Institutes



Deadline: **October 10, 2025**

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

Applicant information

First name _____

Last name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____

Phone _____

E mail _____

Club name _____

District _____ # years in Lions _____

Highest Lions office held _____

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

Which Institute do you plan to attend (check one)

Leadership _____ Emerging Lions _____

Payment Information

Make checks payable to Michigan Lions Leadership Institute

Enclosed is my check for \$350
for Single Occupancy

Handcap

Room

Enclosed is my check for \$300
Double Occupancy

availability is
limited

Room with _____

Pay by credit card online:

Visit the Lions of Michigan Website at
www.lionsofmi.com

[Click on Leadership Institute](#)

Signature _____

DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION IS OCTOBER 10, 2025

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

District 11-E1 Town Hall Meeting Agenda

Onekama Lions Den

October 18, 2025

Manistee County Fairgrounds, 7587 1st St., Onekama, MI 49675


8:30	Registration/Sign in	CS Donna Vangessel CT Jaymie Ricksgers
9:00	Honorary Meeting	
10:00	Call to Order	DG Jeff Schafer
	Pledge of Allegiance	ZC Heather Dourron
	Patriotic Song "America the Beautiful"	PDG Sheryl Schafer
	Invocation	Lion Steve Adsmond
	Welcome	DG Jeff Schafer
	Roll Call	CS Donna Vangessel
	Update from Around the State	DG Jeff Schafer
	Treasurer Report	CT Jaymie Ricksgers
	Secretary Report	CS Donna Vangessel
	LCIF	PDG Sheryl Schafer
	GLT Report	DG Jeff Schafer
	GST Report	Lion Steve Adsmond
	GMT Report	Lion Jeff Morse
	Zone Reports	
	Zone Chairs Heather Dourron, Karla Kasten, Chuck Dinsmore, Dave Hamelund, Jacob Ricksgers, & Debra Salada,	
	Tail Twister	PDG Sheryl Schafer
12:00	Lunch	
1230	Service Project	Lion Steve Adsmond
	Veterans Cards Service Project	
	State & District Projects:	
	Lions of Michigan Service Foundation	PDG Jackie Glazier
	Bear Lake Camp	Lion Steve Glazier
	Leader Dog	Lion Ken Theobald
	All State Band	IPDG Tom Mac Naughton
	Michigan Eversight	DG Jeff Schafer
	Paws with a Cause	Lion Mike & Tina Hoy
	Project Kidsight	
	Committee Reports	
	Constitution & By-Laws	PDG Tim Anderson
	Diabetes	PDG Bill Bradfield
	District Convention	Lion Chuck Dinsmore
	District Editor	Lion Paula Rigling
	Information Technology	Lion Ron Sharp
	MD-11 State Convention	PDG Laura Johnson
	Peace Poster	PDG Sheryl Schafer
	Speech and Hearing	Lion Peggy Frank

*District 11-E1 Town Hall Meeting Agenda***Onekama Lions Den****October 18, 2025****Manistee County Fairgrounds, 7587 1st St., Onekama, MI 49675****3:00 Adjourn****Upcoming Events:****Lions of Michigan Leadership Institute****Nov 6-9, 2025****3rd District 11-E1 Cabinet Town Hall****Feb 7, 2026*****Isabella Commission on Aging, 2200 S Lincoln Rd., Mt. Pleasant, MI*****Lions of Michigan Forum****February 27-28, 2026*****Delta Marriott Hotel, Kalamazoo, MI*****District 11-E1 Spring Convention****March 27-28, 2026*****Evergreen Resort, 7880 Mackinaw Trail, Cadillac, MI*****2nd District 11-E1 Cabinet Town Hall Meeting****Onekama Lion's Den****Saturday, October 18 from 9am-3pm****Manistee County Fairgrounds, 7587 1st St., Onekama, MI****Lunch: Ham and Scalloped Potatoes- \$10 per person****50-50 Raffle & Door Prizes****Anchored in Service****Lighting the Way Forward**

Background Checks: A Must for KidSight Volunteers in District 11-E1

Protecting Our Children, Our Program, and Our Lions

In District 11-E1, our KidSight teams are doing incredible work—screening hundreds of young children each year for vision problems that could otherwise go undetected. Whether we're at a preschool, daycare, Head Start program, or community event, we are trusted to serve the most vulnerable members of our community. With that trust comes responsibility.

Why Background Checks Matter

All Lions involved in KidSight activities, especially those working directly with children—are required to complete a background check. This isn't just a district policy; it's a best practice that reinforces the credibility of our program and demonstrates our unwavering commitment to child safety.

Protecting the Children We Serve

Families and educators welcome us into their spaces because they trust the Lions. A background check confirms that each volunteer is suitable for working around children, helping parents and caregivers feel confident about the care and professionalism of our team.

Preserving Our Reputation

Lions of District 11-E1 have built a strong and respected presence throughout west-central and northern Michigan. Maintaining that reputation requires us to be proactive about safety. A single oversight could put our partnerships—and the future of the program—at risk.

Supporting Our Volunteers

Background checks also offer protection for our volunteers. When everyone has been properly vetted, it creates a safer, more secure environment for our teams. It also eliminates any hesitation from the schools and childcare centers that welcome us in.

Getting It Done Is Easy

If you're a KidSight screener, scheduler, or volunteer who enters facilities where children are present, please ensure your background check is up to date. It's a small step that makes a big impact—and it's essential to keeping our mission strong and sustainable.

If you're unsure of your background check status or need help with the process, reach out to:

Lion Jim Patterson, District 11-E1 KidSight Coordinator

 pattersonjv@comcast.net

 231-250-0925

Let's keep KidSight safe, trusted, and growing in District 11-E1—one vision screening at a time.



The Midland Lions Club had PDG Jim Patterson attend their meeting to provide some Kidsight Vision Training. Members from the Coleman Lions Club also attended.

You are Invited to White Cloud Lions Club 54th Anniversary Tie Dye Party!!!

Sat. Oct. 25th, hospitality @ 5:30 pm

Dinner @ 6:00. Bidding on treasures all evening!



50-50
Games
Heads & Tails
Guess how
many in the
jar?



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

Great food. Great Fun. Wonderful hospitality.

Only \$15.00, includes free ticket for the door prizes!

Get extra door prize ticket for wearing tie dye!

Get more tickets for donating items for the silent auction.

For reservations call or email Janalee 231-689-1321

janalee@riverview.net

Luther Lions Club

Ride for Charities "SCRAMBLE"

with Prizes
following dinner



Saturday October 11th

\$25 per rider (cash/checks only). Accepting EARLY REGISTRATION
at Loggers Landing Saturday October 4th from 10am-2pm.

DAY OF EVENT REGISTRATION will be from 9am-10am at your choice
of Club 37 or The Luther Lions Club.

Staging & parking will be available at both Club 37 (3803 M-37, Baldwin)
or The Luther Lions Club (1003 State Rd Luther).

After registration (10am) SCRAMBLE IN ANY ORDER YOU CHOOSE!

STOPS

(establishments opening hours listed)

Logger's Landing, Luther 8am
J's Elks Tavern, Irons -7am
Club 37, Baldwin -11am
Amvets, Baldwin - noon
Luther Lions Club - 9am

ACTIVITIES

Cash Prizes
Scavenger Hunt
50/50 Raffle
Poker Hand
Dinner 5pm at Luther Lions
(Donated by Loggers Landing)

Proceeds will be distributed to charities including...

Feed America, Project Kid Sight, Leader Dogs for the Blind, Disaster relief, Michigan All State youth
Band, Lions Bear Youth Camp, Lions Club International Fund.

For more information call Linda at #503-799-3105 or
leave a message at the Lions Club #231-388-2467 and we will get back to you ASAP.

Luther Lions Club

1003 State Rd
Luther MI 49656
231-388-2467



Taco Bar & AUCTION!

Saturday October 18th



Dinner 6pm
with fundraising
Auction starting at 7pm

LUTHER  LIONS

Craft and Bake Sale!



Lunch & Beverages
Available

Door Prizes

10:00AM - 4:00PM
Saturday NOV. 8th

Fall Items, household items, customized items, jewelry, knitted and crochet items, metal and wood work items, food, candy & baked goods, and MANY, MANY MORE OF YOUR FAVORITES!

Luther Lions only accepts cash or checks made out to.....

Luther Lions Club
PO Box44, 1003 State rd
Luther MI 49656
#231-388-2467

PDG Sheryl Schafer Attends LCIF Coordinator Training in Atlanta

Our District's Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) Coordinator, PDG Sheryl Schafer of the Coleman Lions Club, recently attended a national LCIF training weekend in Atlanta, Georgia, joining fellow coordinators from across the United States.

During the training, participants learned about the many types of LCIF grants available to Lions, including the District and Club Community Impact Grant (DCG) program, which helps clubs expand their local service efforts through matching funds from LCIF.

The event provided an excellent opportunity for coordinators to share ideas, strengthen their understanding of LCIF resources, and explore ways to better support Lions service across their districts.

Pictured are LCIF coordinators from Indiana, Michigan, and other Midwestern states, including our own PDG Sheryl Schafer (second row, fourth from the left) and PCC Ron Gibson (back row, second from the left).

🐯 *Thank you, PDG Sheryl, for representing District 11-E1 and helping our clubs make an even greater impact through LCIF!*



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IPDG Tom MacNaughton Honored at Appreciation Dinner

The Cedar-Maple City Lions recently hosted an Appreciation Dinner honoring Immediate Past District Governor (IPDG) Tom MacNaughton for his dedicated service and leadership throughout the past Lions year.

During the evening's program, PDG Jim Patterson of the Fremont Lions Club had the honor of pinning IPDG Tom with his Past District Governor pin and presenting him with a Lions plaque in recognition of his outstanding commitment to District 11-E1.

Also pictured is PDG Pam Schroeder of the Onekama Lions Club, who presented IPDG Tom with a handcrafted wooden Lion created by PDG Dan Gibbons, also of the Onekama Lions Club.

The event was filled with warm fellowship, heartfelt thanks, and well-deserved recognition for IPDG Tom's dedication to service and leadership.

 *District 11-E1 extends its appreciation to IPDG Tom MacNaughton for his continued commitment to Lionism and his lasting impact on our district!*



Changes to the Lions of Michigan Foundation's Emergency Grants

PDG Jim Patterson

As we approach the onset of cold weather and the furnaces come on, there is always an uptick in the number of house fires. Michigan Lions have long used the LMSF's Individual Emergency Grant to help folks in their community affected by house fires, as well as with other emergencies. At the August 2 Board of Trustees meeting several permanent changes were made to the emergency grants offered by the foundation.

First, ALL application forms have been updated. DO NOT use older application forms to apply for emergency grants. If you keep the forms on file, discard them! Further, you can no longer download application forms from the internet.

When you need an application, whether it is for individuals, communities, medical emergencies, or veterans help, contact one of the trustees or the foundation directly to ask for the correct application form. This is the only way to ensure you have the newest version of the application.

Here are the major points regarding the permanent changes to each grant.

Emergency Disaster Relief – Single Family

- Grant maximum is \$1,000
- Clubs must donate 10% of requested amount to foundation.
- The income information requirement has been removed.

Emergency Disaster Relief – Multi Family

- Grant maximum is \$5,000 total with no more than \$1,000 to a single family.
- Clubs must donate 10% of requested amount to foundation.
- The income information requirement has been removed.

Emergency Individual Assistance – Non-Military

- Grant maximum is \$2,000 for medical needs only.

Emergency Individual Assistance – Military

- Grant maximum is \$2,000 and may be used for non-medical purposes.

If you have any questions about how to apply or which grant to apply for contact your Lions of Michigan Foundation trustees:

PDG Jim Patterson
(231) 250-0925
pattersonjv@comcast.net

PDG Jackie Glazier
(231) 534-4932
jackieglazier14@yahoo.com

Bear Lake Camp News
Steve Glazier
District 11E1 Bear Lake Camp Chairperson

Hi Fellow District Lions! Did you know Bear Lake Camp is Accredited by the American Camp Association?



ACA Accreditation means that the camp we provide and support as Lions from District 11E1 and all districts throughout the state for kids with disabilities and in a few cases without such as grievance counseling camps must meet stringent requirement audits. To meet this accredited standard the facility and staff must undergo a thorough (up to 300 standards) review of its operation - from staff qualifications and training to emergency management. Lions Bear Lake Camp is proud to be accredited by the American Camping Association. Developed exclusively for the camp profession, this nationally recognized program focuses on program quality, health and safety issues and requires us to review every facet of our operation. Lions Bear Lake Camp has voluntarily submitted to this independent appraisal done by camp experts and has earned this mark of distinction.

Lions Bear Lake Camp: A Summer of Record-Breaking Success ☀️

Lions Bear Lake Camp is celebrating a monumental summer, with a new record of nearly **1,400 campers** having attended this Summer Camp programs under the guidance of Executive Director Traci Tribley and her staff. Last summer they had a record 1079 kids experience camp over an eight-week period. A substantial increase from 785 attending two summers ago which was a previous record. The kitchen staff worked tirelessly, preparing and serving close to **23,000 meals**. All these delectable meals thanks to Food Director Chrissy Andre who needs special recognition for her cost-saving culinary skills while catering to multiple dietary needs and still maintaining five-star restaurant quality from my experience.

This incredible achievement would not have been possible without the unwavering generosity of **Lions Clubs and donors**, whose support keeps the camp affordable for Visually Impaired and Hard of Hearing kids and families. Not all 1400 kids attending though are financially supported by Lions. Only Visually impaired and Hard of Hearing camps are funded by Lions at a nominal cost of \$40 per camper with Lions picking up the balance per camper. The "majority" of the Kids Summer Camp attendees "are not" sponsored or financially supported by Lions such as Autism, Foster Care, Grievance Loss, Cancer, and many others. These camps held at our Bear Lake facility campgrounds are typically contracted to other groups and organizations at negotiated rates based on a variety of factors and needs.

Usually, these contracted camps do not require as many Bear Lake Camp staff members as they often bring their own counselors, chaperons, nurses, coordinators and other required supporting assistance thus making these camp sessions cost less but still bring in much needed revenue.

But remember it is costly to run a camp year-round and our donations help the Bear Lake facility replace aging equipment, improve safety measures and ensure that the facilities remain welcoming for all and again most importantly “help support, fund and make affordable Summer Camp for Visually Impaired and Hard Of Hearing kids”. So please consider this when budgeting your District 11E1 donations and at the annual parade of checks..

Off season Engagements and Continued Support

The camp's success extends beyond the summer months. Almost every weekend through Thanksgiving is already booked with **retreats and school groups**, solidifying the camp's role as a year-round resource for the community. The camp also received a generous **\$10,000 grant** as mentioned last month from the Lapeer County Community Foundation to help support its programming.

However, the need for continued support remains. Ongoing donations from Lions Clubs are crucial to maintaining facilities and ensuring these life-changing experiences remain accessible to campers of all abilities. Lions Clubs can also recognize deserving members through the **Al Kassin Fellowship** or the **Esther LaMothe Fellowship**, which honors Lions while supporting the camp's mission.

A Season of Thanks: Key Fundraisers and Events

This year's season was filled with impactful events. The May **Workbee** brought together dedicated volunteers who prepared the grounds for the summer season (which by the way will be held on May 9th in 2026), while the annual **Open House** in July provided a firsthand look at the camp's magic for families and Lions. The camp also received funds from two key partners: Fenton Winery & Brewery, which held its annual Adult Easter Egg Hunt in the camp's honor, and the Laingsburg Lions Club, which presented funds raised from its annual golf outing.

A Heartfelt Thank You to the Laingsburg Lion Club

We're incredibly grateful to the **Laingsburg Lions** for their recent fundraising efforts! Their annual golf outing raised an amazing **\$3,500** for Lions Bear Lake Camp. This generous gift makes a huge difference, directly supporting our mission and touching every part of the camp experience.

Because of this support, a camper who is visually impaired can conquer a climbing tower or experience zip lining which they may never have thought possible. A camper who is deaf or hard of hearing can find new confidence doing activities on and in the lake and our teen leaders can step into their roles, learning to guide others with kindness and compassion. By the way 85% of the Camp counselors are returning campers.

The Laingsburg Lions poured their time and heart into making this fundraiser a success, and in doing so, they've given children who need camp the most and who otherwise wouldn't have the financial opportunity a chance to experience life-changing moments. From all of us at Bear Lake, **Thank You** for believing in what we do and for helping make it all possible.

Upcoming Events to Support the Camp

Looking ahead, there are several exciting opportunities to support Lions Bear Lake Camp:

- **Bear Lake Ultra Marathon:** On Saturday, October 4, 2025, the camp will host its popular 24-hour marathon fundraiser, combining a test of endurance with community outreach. Sponsorships are available, and volunteers are needed. Welcome to the race where everyone belongs! Whether you're a seasoned ultra-veteran or just starting your running journey, this 24-hour event at Bear Lake Camp is for you. The challenge is simple: complete as many laps as you can on a beautiful, approximately 3-mile loop. The course winds along rolling hills on a wide, groomed trail of dirt and grass and crosses a few bridges. You have a full 24 hours to go at your own pace—run, jog, or walk—and take breaks whenever you need them. This is more than just a race; it's an opportunity to test your limits in a supportive and scenic environment.
- **Ice Plunge & Dinner Fundraiser:** Participants will brave the chilly waters dressed as superheroes on Saturday, February 7, 2026. This festive event includes a costume contest, raffles, and a celebratory dinner. Last year's annual Polar Plunge was a huge success, raising a **record-breaking \$20,000** for the event. I and the entire staff extend a huge Thank You to all who donated for my participation. Despite freezing temperatures in the mid-twenties, 30 of the 37 registered participants braved the icy waters of Bear Lake. As a first-time jumper myself, the experience was both exhilarating and breathtaking. I had no clue what to expect when that first body part touched the icy water immediately followed by what I knew would be complete immersion

Preparing for the plunge by watching "*Titanic*" seemed like a good idea at the time, but nothing could have truly prepared me for the shock of that initial contact with the frigid water.

Standing on the dock, a crowd cheered me on, but a debate raged in my mind. Should I take the plunge, or simply dip a toe in the nearby kid's inflated pool and still qualify for the free t-shirt and medal? I decided to take a leap of faith, and it was worth it. The sensation was exhilarating, and I survived to tell the tale. I can't wait to do it all over again next year! For anyone considering joining next year's plunge, rest assured that safety is a top priority. Four fire department divers were in the water, and an ambulance with a medic was on site. Who wants to join me!!!?

CAMP UPDATES: WHAT'S NEW AT BEAR LAKE CAMP ***You can sign up for our FREE Newsletter at "bearlakecamp.org" Stay up to date with everything happening at Lions Bear Lake Camp in Camp Updates! From exciting developments and upcoming events to the latest news from around the camp, each article will keep you informed on all the ways we're growing and evolving to serve our campers and community.

This summer was truly one for the record books, not because of the numbers, but because of the incredible stories that were witnessed. The Camps days were full of fun, energy, laughter, and courage, from the lively chatter in the cabins at night to the cheers on the climbing tower and the heartfelt songs around the campfire. Counselors witnessed children who arrived feeling unsure of themselves and left with newfound confidence. Staff witnessed kids who thought they would never fit in find a friend who made them feel right at home. We also saw parents pick up their kids who had enthusiasm in their eyes, a spark of joy, newfound courage, and a deep sense of belonging to our summer family of campers.

The grounds may feel a bit quieter now, but the work at camp is far from over. The off-season brings crafting retreats, reunions, on site first responder training, corporate team problem solving on the 16-station challenge course, school groups eager to learn in nature, and leadership retreats where young people begin to discover who they are becoming and so much more. The pace changes, but our purpose remains the same.

Camp teaches us about balance: the balance between fear and courage, between exhaustion and renewal, and for attending campers, the balance between holding on to what feels safe and daring to step into something new. These are lessons that will stay with them long after the summer ends.

This year reminded us that obstacles are not the end of the story; they are the beginning of growth. It showed us that courage is often found in the smallest steps forward and that when people come together with heart and purpose, even the hardest challenges can be overcome.

We close this record-breaking summer with immense gratitude for every child who shared their story with us and for every supporter who made it all possible. The spirit of Bear Lake Camp doesn't fade with the changing seasons; it keeps growing and influencing one life at a time.

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Anchored in Service



Lighting the Way Forward

Region 1 Zone 1 Lions Gather for Fellowship and Service Planning

Forty-six members from Region 1, Zone 1 Lions Clubs, including the Cedar-Maple City, Empire, and Lake Ann Lions Clubs, gathered for a fun and productive picnic meeting filled with food, drinks, S'mores, games, and an environmentally friendly bonfire. The casual setting provided a perfect backdrop for fellowship, family fun, and meaningful discussion about upcoming service initiatives.

The group explored a variety of service project opportunities, including background information on KidSight Vision Screening, the ALICE Car Repair Program in partnership with Michigan Works, and Lion Welcome Bags for hospitalized children at Munson Medical Center.

Members also discussed their plans to participate in the Sleep in Heavenly Peace bed build and blanket-tying project scheduled for the District 11-E1 Convention, to be held March 27–28, 2026, at the Evergreen Resort in Cadillac.

The Lake Ann Lions shared an exciting new community service idea—a Personal Flotation Device (PFD) Library at Lake Ann Beach—to promote water safety and accessibility for local families. Additionally, Lions brainstormed ideas for service projects in recognition of World Mental Health Day on October 10, 2025, emphasizing the importance of supporting wellness in their communities.



Chapter Chronicles

Central Montcalm Lions Enjoy an Active Fall

The Central Montcalm Lions have had a busy and rewarding fall season!

Along with completing our fall highway cleanup this past week, our club also took part in the **Danny Lund Memorial Fundraiser**, making donations to both the Stanton and Sheridan Fire Departments.

We presented this year's **Peace Poster Contest** information to the local middle school art class and look forward to seeing the creativity of the students when entries are submitted next month.

In addition, the club filled an **eyeglass request** for a student at the local elementary school, ensuring that a child in our community has access to better vision. Members also supported the **New Beginnings online auction**, furthering our outreach to important local causes.

Looking ahead, we are excited to welcome **District Governor Jeff Schafer** to our October meeting and share more about our service in the months to come.



Coleman Lions Keep Busy with Service in September

The Coleman Lions Club had a very active month of service throughout September!

The month began with a KidSight vision screening held during the Sanford Founders Day celebration, where Lions screened local children to help detect potential vision issues early. Pictured are District Governor Jeff Schafer with Lions Mary Jo Fachting and Billie Jo Parker, who volunteered their time for this important project.

Later in the month, the club completed their roadside clean-up along the US-10 highway, helping to keep the community looking beautiful.

The Coleman Lions wrapped up September by participating in the Coleman Walk Through Town, an event that encourages residents to explore and connect with local organizations. Lion Katie Huber added a creative twist by designing and building a human slot machine, drawing visitors to the Lions booth for a chance to win a free ticket to the upcoming Charter Night Dinner and Auction scheduled for Friday, October 10.

The Coleman Lions continue to demonstrate creativity, dedication, and community spirit through their service and outreach efforts!



Hart Lions Support Heroes on the Dunes

The Hart Lions Club had the privilege of volunteering at the **Heroes on the Dunes** event at Silver Lake Sand Dunes this past July. This special event honors **veterans and first responders**, giving them and their families a memorable day of fun, relaxation, and recognition.

Heroes on the Dunes brings together community volunteers, off-road enthusiasts, and local organizations to provide dune rides, entertainment, and hospitality for those who have served and sacrificed for others.

The Hart Lions were proud to be part of the team that made this event possible, helping to ensure that the veterans, first responders, and their families felt the gratitude and appreciation of the community.



Greenville Lions Busy with Service and Fellowship

The Greenville Lions Club has had a productive and meaningful season, with members coming together to serve the community and enjoy fellowship.

Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

The Lions extend a big thank you to everyone who worked hard to make the recent spaghetti dinner fundraiser such a success! The event not only raised funds for community service projects but also brought neighbors together for a delicious meal and a good cause.

Roadside Pick-Up

Greenville Lions also rolled up their sleeves for roadside pick-up, helping to keep Greenville a beautiful place to live and visit. Thank you to all the members who contributed their time to this important service.

Yoga Class

At the September 15th club meeting, members enjoyed a special program from Vanessa Palmer: Helping Through Yoga. Her presentation highlighted how yoga can promote both physical and emotional wellness—a helpful reminder of the many ways we can serve and strengthen our community.



Luther Lions Have Exciting End of Year Activities Planned

Hello! Welcome Fall! This year is quickly coming to an end. Please join the Luther Lions Club for some exciting end of the year activities.

- Oct. 5th is our All You Can Eat Breakfast served from 8:30-11:00am. Cost is just \$12 for adults, \$6 for children 6-12 years old and under 6 are FREE! It's an all you can eat breakfast with some of your favorites, I am sure. Come on down!
- Oct. 9th is our Feeding America truck. Line up for cars is 3pm +or – on the time. Food is not known ahead of time and is given out until gone.
- Something new and exciting for the Luther Lions. **RIDE FOR CHARITIES “scramble”** on Saturday, Oct. 11th. \$25 per rider (cash/checks only). Day of Event Registration will be from 9am-10am at your choice of Club 37 or The Luther Lions Club. Early Registration is Oct. 4th is from 10am-2pm at Logger's Landing. Stops include: Logger's Landing, J's Elks Tavern, Club 37, AmVets, and the Luther Lions Club. Activities include: Cash Prizes, Scavenger hunt, 50/50 Raffle, Poker Hand, and Dinner at 5pm at Luther Lions with food donated by Loggers Landing. Proceeds will be distributed to charities such as Feed America, Leader Dogs for the Blind, and many, many more. **PLEASE SEE OUR LUTHER LIONS WEBSITE FOR ALL THE INFORMATION.**
- Oct. 18th our annual Auction/Dinner. Doors open at 6pm for dinner and Auction starts at 7pm. It's a fun time for all and we have some great things to auction off. Dinner this year is a Taco Bar.

- Oct. 31st is our Halloween Trunk or Treat in our Lions Club parking lot. Decorate your Trunk and hand out candy to the children coming through. Time is 5pm-7pm.
- Some upcoming items in November include, Craft Show on Nov. 8th from 10am-4pm. Feed America. Watch for next month's Newsletter for more information.

Midland Lions Club

Midland Lions Complete Successful White Cane Fundraiser. The Midland Lions Club recently wrapped up its White Cane fundraiser on September 18th and 19th, and the event was a great success! Over the course of the two days, 17 dedicated Lion volunteers contributed a total of 26 service hours. Thanks to their effort, and the generosity of the community, the fundraiser brought in a little over \$1,182. That averages out to an impressive \$45 per hour per volunteer time slot.

The Midland Lions extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who gave their time to make this project a success. Your service helps ensure that the club can continue its mission of supporting vision programs and other community initiatives.



Stanwood Lions Busy with Service and Fundraising

The Stanwood Lions gathered on Saturday, September 20th for their fall highway pick-up. Thank you to all the Lions who came out to keep our community looking its best!

The club is also preparing for its upcoming **Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser** on **Saturday, October 18th** from **5–7 p.m.** at the **Stanwood Eagles, 7230 Stanwood Dr., Stanwood**. The menu will feature salad, spaghetti with sauce (with or without meat), and garlic bread. A cash bar will also be available. Meal prices are **\$8 for adults, \$5 for children ages 5–12, and kids under 5 eat free**.

In addition to dinner, a **50/50 raffle** will be held, and tickets will be available for the **annual Stanwood Lions Gun Raffle**, with the drawing scheduled for **November 8th**.

Proceeds from this fundraiser will benefit the **Walton Erickson Library** as well as the **Stanwood Art Club**, which the Lions sponsor monthly at Morley Stanwood Elementary during the school year.



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