



# Lions Connections

January 2025

District 11E1 Newsletter

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## District Dispatches

Reports from District Officers



**District Governor Tom MacNaughton**

### **Introducing Lions, USA**

When we meet Lions from other countries, they are the Lions of Germany, Lions of Japan, etc. Previously, here in the United States, we have been the Lions of Michigan, Lions of Iowa, etc. We are now going to be the Lions USA and their affiliates.

Why? Lions in the other 199 countries have programs on a country level that help promote Lions Clubs. We have not but with the Lions USA we will. Our first nationwide event, Ever Sight, is scheduled from January 12 -19. If your club participates in Ever Sight, I am encouraging you to plan an Ever Sight screening session between January 12 and 19. If you don't do Ever Sight please plan a sight related project, maybe collecting glasses, etc. The Lions USA will also provide help to clubs as they get organized like the other countries do. This is so we can be productive and be recognized as the premier organization in our community.

### **Best Kept Secret**

The best kept secret is Lions Clubs. What do they do? I often get asked this question. Make sure you advertise all you do in the community. Put what you do on electronic media, put it in the local paper if you still have one. Tell them when you meet, where you meet, if you are having a party for your members or the community.

Mention what you are doing or have done for the community, like helped with Kid Sight, helped a family, provided eyeglasses, hearing aids, diabetes or any one of the other wonderful things we do as Lions. Get your article in the newsletter or Lions Pride, your ideas may be used by other clubs and may be tweeted around the world.

Be sure to get on the Lions Portal and list all the things your club does and donates to. The UP just reached 100% reporting if they can do it so can we in District 11 E1. We get credit for all we report to Lion Clubs International.

### **Lions All State Band**

We currently have 33 members in the Lions All State Band. I am hoping for 15 from our 11 E1 district alone. We presently have less. Please let your local Band Director(s) know about Lions of Michigan All State Band. If you need information on the band contact Lion Bert MacNaughton. He is in the Roster Book and is our district Band Chair.

The deadline for auditioning has been extended to January 17. It will cost from \$3,200 to \$3,500 dollars for each band member. Please help support these students as they come to clubs looking for sponsors. It will take many clubs to make this a success. If the student received a 1st division rating on their solo at the MSBOA festival they are automatically accepted into the Band. All they must do is submit an application with a copy of their adjudicators form. If they were a member of the MSBOA All State Band, all they must do is follow the instructions above. If they were a member of last year's Lions All State Band, they can be a member of this year's band just by contacting the Lions All State Band Director.

The website for Band Directors, Lions and students for information and audition music is;  
"lionsmiband.org"

## Message from the Immediate Past District Governor

**Jim Patterson**

Fellow Lions,

Our district faces a very significant challenge. For the first time we are approaching our next membership year without a First or Second Vice District Governor. This will mean we have no District Governor for 2025-26.

No one knows what the impact would be if we start next year without leadership. But I'm sure the damage to our district and our clubs would be considerable and possibly fatal.

There are only three qualifications for district office:

1. Be a Lion in good standing.
2. Serve as a club president at least once.
3. Serve in the district cabinet for at least half a term. This includes any voting member of the cabinet: secretary, treasurer, zone chair, GST, GLT and GMT chairs.

There is only one prohibition: as of July 1, 2022, you can't have already been a district governor. Our district thrives on the commitment, enthusiasm, and diverse skills of its members. It is the dedication of ordinary Lions, like you, that forms the foundation of our district's success. I encourage you to reflect on the immense potential you hold and the positive influence you can wield by assuming leadership roles within our district.

Here are compelling reasons why your involvement in leadership is pivotal:

1. Each member brings a unique perspective, and by assuming leadership roles, you contribute an innovative approach to our district's initiatives.
2. Leadership challenges you to grow personally and professionally. It's a journey of self-discovery and skill development that extends beyond our district, enriching your capabilities for the benefit of our shared goals.
3. Your willingness to lead serves as an inspiration to fellow Lions within our district. By demonstrating active participation and commitment, you foster a culture of engagement and dedication to our shared mission.
4. Leadership positions empower you to shape and direct the planning and execution of projects, ensuring a more organized and impactful approach to serving our communities. Your leadership can help address district needs more effectively.

What's in it for you? I can honestly say it will change your life forever. It did mine! You will never be the same again and that's a good thing. You will grow in ways you've never considered. You will become a different, stronger, better human being and Lion. And along your way, the district will have been made better by your efforts.

Our District is a collective effort, and our strength lies in the active involvement of every member. I encourage you to take on a leadership role and steer our district toward even greater heights. Together, we can continue making a profound difference in the lives of those we serve. I urge you to give serious consideration to taking on the role of Second or First Vice District Governor for the 2025-26 year. You won't regret it!

IPDG Jim

# LIONS BEAR LAKE CAMP ICE PLUNGE & DINNER FUNDRAISER

**FEBRUARY 1ST, 2025 2:00PM**

**3409 N. FIVE LAKES RD  
LAPEER, MI 48446**

## ICE PLUNGE REGISTRATION FEE & PLEDGES

There is a \$50 registration fee to jump. Jumpers may collect pledges to support Lions Bear Lake Camp. Jumpers Receive:

**\$50 Registration Fee:** Plunge, Dinner, T-shirt, Medal

**\$100 or More:** Plunge, Dinner, T-shirt, Tote Bag, Medal

**\$250 or More:** Jump, Dinner x2, T-shirt, Tote Bag, Medal

**\$500 or More:** Jump, Dinner x4, T-shirt, Tote Bag, Medal, Event Hoodie

## SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY

### Event Sponsorship Opportunities

#### Sub Zero Hero Sponsor \$1,000

Sponsor's Logo will be featured on back of T-shirt and sponsor banner, Table of 8 Dinner Tickets, Exhibitor Table, 5 Minute speaking opportunity to promote services during dinner.

#### Arctic Champion Sponsor \$500

Sponsor's name or Logo will be featured on back of T-shirt, 4 Dinner Tickets

#### Frosty Friends Sponsor \$250

Sponsor's name will be featured on back of T-shirt, 2 Dinner Tickets

#### Ice Breaker Sponsor \$100

Sponsor's name will be featured on back of T-shirt

*Donations Welcome!!!*

*Donated raffle and prize items are appreciated.*

*Donors will be acknowledged throughout the event via announcements*

Please visit the "Events" page on [bearlakecamp.org](http://bearlakecamp.org) or send check to:

**Lions Bear Lake Camp  
3409 N. Five Lakes Rd  
Lapeer, MI 48446**







Lions Bear Lake Camp

# 3RD ANNUAL ICE PLUNGE & DINNER *Fundraiser*

DRESS UP AS YOUR FAVORITE SUPERHERO AND ENJOY A FUN FILLED AFTERNOON. JOIN OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR AN ICE PLUNGE, FOLLOWED BY A DELICIOUS DINNER.

*FAMILY FRIENDLY EVENT*  
ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS

*Dinner Includes Costume Contest*

Soup Bar  
Bread Bowls  
Salad Bar  
Hot Chocolate Bar  
Dessert  
Cash Bar

Prizes for  
Best Costume  
Best Jump (no diving)  
and Crowd Pleaser

## FEBRUARY 1ST 2025

2:00 PM Check-In 3:00 PM Ice Plunge  
followed by Dinner

\$50 - Jump/Dinner  
\$25 Dinner for Spectators Only  
(Ages 0-5 Free, 6-12 \$10)



**Seating limited to 200  
so get your tickets early.** 

For More Information Contact

Chrissy Andre 989-627-3808 [chrissy@bearlakecamp.org](mailto:chrissy@bearlakecamp.org)  
Traci Tribley 989-277-7437 [traci@bearlakecamp.org](mailto:traci@bearlakecamp.org)

Sign up online at  
[bearlakecamp.org](http://bearlakecamp.org)  
under the "Events" Tab

**\*\*Costumes are encouraged, birthday suits highly discouraged.\*\***



**2025 District 11-E1  
Zone Chairperson Training**

March 15 & 22, 2025

**Location:** Isabella Commission on Aging  
2200 S Lincoln St., Mount Pleasant, MI

**Deadline:** Registration for this event is by March 9, 2025

The event will be from 8:30am – 3pm for each date and will include morning refreshments and lunch at no cost to the attendees.

Agenda will include the zone chairperson responsibilities as well as information about resources available, goal setting and action planning, problem solving and assessing lions club health. We will also have informational briefs on state and district projects.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City, State, Zip Code:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Club:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form PCC Jeff Schafer, 975 Outback Ridge, Midland, MI 48640  
or email: [jeff.schafer1@comcast.net](mailto:jeff.schafer1@comcast.net)

## Zone Meetings



The third meeting of the 2024-2025 District 11-E1 **Region 3 Zone 1** will be Thursday, **March 6 at the Winter Inn, 100 N Lafayette St., Greenville at 6:00 pm.** Thanks to the Greenville Lions Club for volunteering to host the third meeting. I would also like to thank the Central Montcalm Lions Club for hosting our second Zone Meeting on November 7 at the American Legion in Stanton.

The meeting is open to all Lions members in your clubs. Those clubs within Region 3 Zone 1 include Carson City, Central Montcalm, Crystal, Edmore and Greenville. You may order your dinner off the menu; all meal expenses are your own. In addition, other Lions Clubs are also welcome to join us too.

Please notify me via email or call me at (812) 325-3130 to let me know how many members from your club plan to attend.

JeP Schafer, District 11-E1 Region 3 Zone 1 Chairperson, 812-325-3130,  
[jeP.schafer1@comcast.net](mailto:jeP.schafer1@comcast.net)



## Photos from the Zone Meeting in White Cloud







Save the Date  
April 25-26, 2025



## Grab an Oar and Let's Start Rowing District 11-E1 Spring Convention The Doherty Hotel, Clare, Michigan

\*The Early Bird registration fee until April 2, 2025 is only \$15. Registration begins in December 2024

\*4 informative seminars + 2 service projects

\*Meals: Friday dinner, Saturday breakfast, lunch, and banquet dinner. Meals have been discounted for a total savings of \$18.82 to make this event more affordable!

\*Friday Night Speaker: Dr. Pol, America's favorite country veterinarian and star of National Geography WILD's hit TV series, The Incredible Dr. Pol.

\*Lodging: Rooms available at The Doherty Hotel at a discounted rate until March 25. King or double Queen at \$132 + taxes, Double Queen Fireside at \$152 + taxes

\*Silent Auction, State & District Projects, 50/50 drawing, Memorial Service, Voting, new member inductions, Peace Poster winner recognition, and more!



## District 11-E1 Spring Convention

The Doherty Hotel

April 25-26, 2025



### **The Doherty Hotel**

604 N McEwan St., Clare, MI

The District's Spring Convention is open to ALL Lions and their guests (if not a Lion, please insert "Guest" in where you would state your Club. All events at the Convention are open to anyone to attend which includes cabinet meeting, training seminars, business meeting, etc.

\*\* Two name(s) may be listed on one registration form if both reside at the same address. \*\*

Person 1 Name: \_\_\_\_\_

First Last Title

Person 2 Name: \_\_\_\_\_

First Last Title

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

Street City State Zip

Club: \_\_\_\_\_ District: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

	First Name(s)	Qty	Price	Total
<b>Registration Fee</b>	N/A		\$15*	
<b>Friday Dinner</b>			\$25	
<b>Saturday Breakfast</b>			\$20	
<b>Saturday Lunch</b>			\$20	
<b>Saturday Banquet</b>			\$35	
<b>DG Tom's Pin</b>	N/A		\$3	
			<b>TOTAL:</b>	

\*Registration fee will increase to \$25 on April 2, 2025.

No meal reservations will be accepted after April 14, 2025.

Make checks payable to: "**Lions District 11 E1**" and mail to PCC Jeff Schafer, 975 Outback Ridge, Midland, MI 48640. For questions call PCC Jeff at (812) 325-3130 or Email: [jeff.schafer1@comcast.net](mailto:jeff.schafer1@comcast.net).

**Friday Dinner:** Dinner will be buffet style to include three cheese & beef lasagna, garlic & herb baked chicken, Mac & cheese, real mashed potatoes with gravy, soup of the day, mix salad greens/dressing, tuna salad, Italian pasta salad, cottage cheese, dessert, and beverages (Tea, coffee, soft drink).

**Saturday Breakfast:** Breakfast will be buffet style to include scrambled eggs, sausage links, thick cut bacon, French toast, herb roasted red potatoes, sausage gravy & buttermilk biscuits, fresh baked pastries and muffins, fresh fruit, and beverages (Tea, coffee, orange juice).

**Saturday Lunch:** Lunch will be buffet style to include two soups, salad bar, and chicken salad, beverages (Tea, coffee, soft drink) and dessert.

**Saturday Banquet:** Banquet will be buffet style to include beef stroganoff-egg noodles, baked lemon pepper cod, baked pork loin, herb roasted red potatoes, rice pilaf, green beans, California blend (cauliflower, broccoli & carrots), salad bar, desserts (cookies, brownies, and carrot cake) and beverages (Tea, coffee, soft drink).

**All of the meals have been discounted for a total savings of \$18.82 to make it more affordable for Lions to attend those events.**

**Meal tickets will be provided for each meal purchased and must be presented during the meal.**

**Seminars:** There will be two time periods for seminars this year, one between 9:30 – 10:15am and the other between 10:30 – 11:15am. If you're interested in attending one of these please make a selection below so the Seminar Committee will have an idea of how many Lions to expect at each one. Seminars will be in meeting rooms D and E.

9:30-10:15am (Name 1)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Club President Training
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Membership Recruitment Training
9:30-10:15am (Name 2)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Club President Training
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Membership Recruitment Training
10:30-11:15am (Name 1)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Club Secretary Training
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Golden Key Camp for Kids
10:30-11:15am (Name 2)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Club Secretary Training
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Golden Key Camp for Kids

**Seminar Description:**

**Club President/Secretary:** Club officer training for new Club Presidents and Secretaries

**Membership Recruitment:** Methods discussed to recruit new members along with methods to retain existing members.

**Golden Key Camp for Kids:** Golden Key Camp is a Michigan 501c3 nonprofit with a goal and mission and purpose of giving kids with cancer some time in nature with their families.

**District Service Projects** will be on Friday evening from 7-9pm and Saturday morning from 9:30-11:15am. Both will be in meeting room A. Friday's service project will be making toys for pets and Saturday's service project will be comfort bags for Golden Key Camp for children with cancer.

**Lodging:** Rooms are given below plus taxes (8% which includes the 6% sales & 2% local). Rooms are for single or double occupancy (\$5 fee for each additional person beyond double occupancy). To reserve a room, call 1-989-386-1562 and request a room in the "**Lions 11-E1**" block of rooms. The Doherty Hotel requires the first night's room and taxes (only) to be paid in full or guaranteed on a credit/debit card. Guests will be charged for any cancellations within seventy-two (72) hours of scheduled arrival.

<b><u>Room Type</u></b>	<b><u>Discounted Rates</u></b>
King or Double Queen	\$132+Taxes
Double Queen Fireside	\$152+Taxes
Jacuzzi Suite	\$177+Taxes

**Room Reservations must be made by March 25, 2025 to receive the discounted rate.**

**Mobility Assistance:** Contact Access Mobility of Midland at 989-284-0844 and ask for Phil Schempp if you need assistance with mobility requirements (mobility scooters, etc.).







## 2025 Tidbits



# Grab an Oar and Let's Start Rowing District 11-E1 Spring Convention

### Personal Tidbits Ad Fund-Raiser

Do you have a member of your club you'd like to honor? You can recognize that special someone's Birthday. Would you like to share a special "Thank You" for something or someone that needs recognition? **This is the year to show your appreciation to someone. Just let us know, we'll publish it for you.** Fill in the blanks below or create your own ad, email the ad to me then mail a check made out to "Lions District 11 E1" for \$25 for each ad.

Mailing address: PCC Jeff Schafer, 975 Outback Ridge, Midland, MI 48640

Email: [jeff.schafer1@comcast.net](mailto:jeff.schafer1@comcast.net)

Cell Phone/Text: 812-325-3130

Honoring: \_\_\_\_\_

Why? \_\_\_\_\_

Anything Else to Include? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
**\*\* Tidbit Ads can be Campaign Ads, Club Fund-Raisers (BBQ Chicken Dinners, Pancake Breakfast, Fish Fry, etc.), Club Anniversary Celebration, Individual Birthdays or Wedding Anniversary, Thank You Note, and anything else you want to share with the Lions of Michigan District 11-E1!**

**From the desk of the Global Leadership Team (GLT) Coordinator  
PCC Jeff Schafer**

Your district is looking for your skills, experience and enthusiasm to grow in both members and leadership! There are several opportunities over the next few months for you and your club to grow and enhance your ability to serve in your communities. There is a 3-part workshop series designed to empower leadership with the skills to:

1. Start new clubs (Jan 16)
2. Grow membership in existing clubs (Jan 30)
3. Foster a culture of growth focused on service, fun and inclusivity (Feb 13)

These workshops are open to anyone in our district who wants to make a difference and contribute to the growth of their club and district. All workshops are via Zoom and on Thursdays at 8pm (EST). The registration link is given below and when registering be sure to select MD-11 Michigan District E1:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYqdeGgqzliGt38e8LseSE-gDRlhP1l7GKa> - REGISTER NOW!!

Another event that is fast approaching is a two-part Zone Chairperson Training session to occur on two subsequent Saturdays in March (Mar 15 & 22) from 8:30am-3pm. The event will be at the Isabella Commission on Aging in Mount Pleasant, Michigan. Our district is struggling to find volunteers to be zone chairs for our clubs, and this training will give you some information on the responsibilities of being a zone chairperson. In addition, it will give you skills such as goal setting, action planning and problem solving that you can use in other areas of your life. There is no costs for this event and morning refreshment will be provided along with a lunch is planned for both dates. Registration form is included in this newsletter and the on-line link is: <https://form.jotform.com/242983980847172>.

Over the past few months a few of us have had discussions with some of you about stepping up to be our 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor for the upcoming year(s). I know this is a big ASK for you to commit your time over the next few years, but if you ask any Past District Governor in our district, they would all tell you that they had a great time and wouldn't change their decision in becoming a District Governor. It's a very rewarding time when you meet all the clubs in our district, make new friends within the District, State, and within the LCI community. You'll receive leadership and personal skills that will help you throughout your life. If you can dig deep in your heart to consider serving in this capacity, please contact me (or PDG Jim Patterson, 231-250-0925, [pattersonjv@comcast.net](mailto:pattersonjv@comcast.net)) and we can further discuss with you the roles and responsibilities. I also have a "Path to Being a Lions District Governor" document I can share with you.

-PCC Je< Schafer  
Global Leadership Team (GLT) Coordinator  
PH: 812-325-3130    Email: [je<.schafer1@comcast.net](mailto:je<.schafer1@comcast.net)



**2025 MICHIGAN LIONS FORUM**  
**MICHIGAN LIONS-MAKE YOUR MARK! Feb. 28-Mar. 1, 2025**  
**Featuring LCI Guests, PIP Brian & Lori Sheehan**



Join us February 28-March 1, 2025 at the Delta Marriott Kalamazoo  
2747 S 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Kalamazoo, MI 49009  
**Reservations available at the Marriott Delta Kalamazoo**  
**(269) 375-6000 Rate: \$114.00 Use Code: Lions Michigan Forum 2025**  
**Alternate Hotel:**  
**Best Western Suites 269-350-5522 Room Rate: \$114.00**  
**2575 11<sup>th</sup> St. S., Kalamazoo**

Please complete the registration form and send it along with a check to:  
Lions of Michigan 5730 Executive Drive • Lansing, MI 48911 Telephone 517-887-6640  
or Fax 517-887-6642. **Register and pay online:**

<https://lionsofmi.com/index.php/up-coming-events/2025-forum-registration>

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Club Name/District \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Registrants: \_\_\_\_\_ Food Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_

# \_\_\_\_\_ Registrants at \$50.00/person\* = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Registration includes lunch, Forum, and proceedings booklet.**  
**Register by February 14 to guarantee lunch and booklet.**  
**Large Group Service Project Friday Night – Lions MI Forum Saturday!**

## MAKE YOUR MARK!



### 2025 Lions Michigan Forum Session Topics

	Reaching Out to Help	Personal Growth	Lions Causes	Club Management
8:30	<b>Human Trafficking</b> Lion Stephanie Graef, Leslie King	<b>LCI/LCIF Available</b> Grants and how to apply successfully	<b>Childhood Cancer</b> Dream Team Amanda Rounds	<b>Localeyes</b> Lion Doug Klein Marketing Clubs Effectively
9:30	<b>Victims Advocacy Group</b> VanBuren County Victim Service Unit Tara Burg; Neva Carey	<b>A Ball for All</b> PID Gary Anderson PDG Roshni Patel	<b>Lions Passport</b> PDG Brent Beracy	<b>ABCs of Event Planning</b> Kayleigh Gratz, Pres., Michigan JayCees
10:30	<b>Elder Law</b> Attorney David Carrier	<b>Lions Club Resale Shops = Service Dollars</b> VDG Kim Hooper Lion Laurie Althaus	<b>Great Balls of Fire</b> PIP Brian Sheehan	<b>Incorporating Your Club</b> DG Jonathan VanTol
11:30	<b>Pillars of Service</b> CC Terri Huffman	<b>Chat GPT</b> PDG Amy Thackston	<b>Lions in Motion</b> Lion Lori Sheehan	<b>LCI Portal</b> PDG Don Spinks

#### **LUNCHEON AGENDA**

- 12:40 p.m. Seating for Luncheon and announcements
- 12:50 p.m. Lunch
- 1:20 p.m. Welcome – PDG Jim Leach, Chair
- 1:25 p.m. Introductions of White Cane Scholarship Recipients – PDG Lula Gardfrey
- 2:00 p.m. Keynote address by PIP Brian Sheehan
- 2:45 p.m. Raffle Drawings
- 3:00 p.m. Dismissal



**Lions of Michigan**  
**Youth Camps & Exchange Program**

State and District Chairperson 2023-2024

Lion Elvie Marfil

818-800-1060, [epmarfil5@gmail.com](mailto:epmarfil5@gmail.com)



## **Youth Camps and Exchange Sponsor Lions Clubs**

The Sponsor Lions Clubs are the resource for exchange youth to have a close working relationship with their district or multiple district YCE Chairperson. If a Sponsor Club does not have a district or multiple district YCE Chairperson, a Club President will be required to sign for the Exchange Youth along with the district governor, and to work directly with the YCE Chairpersons in the host countries of interest to make all arrangements. The following are general responsibilities for the Sponsor:

- Ensuring that the [YCE policy](#) is followed;
- Ensuring compliance with local laws governing youth protection;
- Verifying the exchange youth have sufficient accident, life, personal property, health and liability insurance to cover all contingencies during travel to and from their host country;
- Recruiting, screening and selecting qualified exchange youth;
- Help Exchange Youth use the [YCE Directory](#) to find their desired programs;
- Conduct an orientation session for outgoing exchange youth;
- Assist exchange youth with travel arrangements;
- Potentially provide assistance with or full financing for exchange youth travel costs including air fares, insurance, airport service fees, customs duties and any layover or overnight costs in route;
- Maintaining communications between the exchange youth, host Lions club, host family and YCE Chairperson.

You can learn more about the roles and expectations of a YCE Sponsor Club by checking out the [YCE Sponsor Club Handbook!](#)

## **How to Become a Sponsor Club!**

- Write a press release about the YCE program requesting youth who are interested in the YCE program to contact your club; and
- Contact local schools and universities, especially the foreign language or international studies departments, with information about the YCE program to recruit young people.

Have questions, comments or concerns? Please contact us at [youthexchange@lionsclubs.org](mailto:youthexchange@lionsclubs.org).

**It's a summer program for 3-4 weeks depending on the country they select to go.**  
**Deadline to submit an application to go abroad will be March 30, 2025.**  
**Departure date, any time from June-July depending on the country they choose.**



## Youth Camps and Exchange Host Lions Clubs

Host Lions Clubs work closely with the selected youth participants, host families and the district or multiple district YCE Chairperson. If a Host Club does not have a district or multiple district YCE Chairperson, a Club President will be required to sign for the exchange youth along with the district governor, and to work directly with the YCE Chairpersons in the sponsoring country to make all arrangements.

The following are general responsibilities for the host Lions club:

- Ensuring that the [YCE policy](#) is followed;
- Ensuring compliance with local laws governing youth protection;
- Verifying the exchange youth have sufficient accident, life, personal property, health and liability insurance to cover all contingencies during travel to and from their host country;
- If your club is hosting an International Camp, your club should do research in case you need to secure separate insurance coverage for the camp itself depending on the activities of the camp;
- Making arrangements for the youth exchange's arrival/departure;
- Recruiting, screening and providing orientation to host families;
- Maintaining communications between the youth participants, Sponsor Lions Club, Host Family and YCE Chairperson; and
- Providing transportation to events organized by your club, including meetings and service projects.

You can learn more about the roles and expectations of a YCE Host Club by checking out the [YCE Host Club Handbook!](#)

### *How to Become a Host Club!*

Use the [International Directory](#) to contact the nearest YCE Chairperson to find out how your club can participate in the YCE Program as a Host Club. If there is no YCE Chairperson in your area, speak with your District Governor to start a new YCE Program!

Have questions, comments or concerns? Please contact us at [youthexchange@lionsclubs.org](mailto:youthexchange@lionsclubs.org).

**Incoming participants, from July 26 thru August 16, 2025.**  
**One week stay at the Camp, from August 3 thru August 9, 2025**

## Chapter Chronicles

### Greenville



**Christmas Special Spouse / Guest Night on Monday, December 2, 2024.** Thanks for all that attended as we had great entertainment from the Greenville High School Village Green Group. A great thank you to King Lion Ed Milam for helping with all of the food!



**Carl Barberi Christmas Toy Project - Toy Giveaway, December 12 - 14, 2024.** Thank you for all that shopped, priced, set-up and helped with the Toy Project / Giveaway. The Greenville Lions Club spent roughly \$13,000 and were able to help 289 children with toys for the holidays.



**Christmas Food Project Assembly / Giveaway, December 18, 2024.** Thanks to all the Lions Club Members who helped with our Christmas / Holiday Food Project! We helped another 40 families have a brighter holiday!



**Lions Poinsettia Project (Delivery), December 18 - 21, 2024**

Thanks to Lions Don Veitengruber, King Lion Ed Milam, Lion Andrew Hurst and Lion Mike Hurst as all of the 50 Poinsettia Plants delivered. These plants help make Christmas cheerful for many showing Lions care and are serving our community.

Greenville Lions had a great December of service as the Club assisted roughly 381 people in our community! GREAT.JOB.IN.MAKING.A.DIFFERENCE.GREENVILLE.LIONS\*\*\*

## Mt. Pleasant



"We serve." Lions from the Mount Pleasant Lions club prepared and served a chicken dinner for guests at a homeless shelter in Mount Pleasant on Sunday, November 24. The club served about 25 guests who appreciated a hot meal with all the trimmings.



Julie Gronda from the Mount Pleasant Insurance Agency in Mount Pleasant presented to King Lion Gilbert a gift of \$500.00 to our club. The agency selects a worthy non-profit organization each year for a gift.



Several times a year the Mount Pleasant Lions Club recognizes outstanding 8th grade students from the area schools in Mount Pleasant, and Isabella County. At our November meeting twelve students were honored, while only nine were able to attend with their parents. These are our future leaders and potential Lions.