

LIIONS NEWS

DISTRICT 11D2

MAY. 2026



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2nd VDG Deb Kaighen

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Region 2:

Region 2 Zone 1 Chair Ron Stevens

Region 2 Zone 2 Chair

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Region 3 Zone 1 Chair Tim Rutkowski

Region 3 Zone 2 Chair Irene Cole

GMT Tim Dietzel

GLT Donald Spinks

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Global Coordinator William Gratopp



GOVERNOR DAVE FISHER

CALENDAR –EVENTS

May. 14-16 MD 11 Conv. At Shanty Creek Resort Bellaire Michigan

DISTRICT GOVERNOR CORNER

YOU DID IT! Our affords have pushed 11-D-2 forward in our quest for MISSION 1.5. I received note from International President A.P. Sing of our achievement resulting in this years increase in D-2 membership. Thank you all .

Governor's Letter

The 11-D-2 District convention went well thanks to Judy Keller and her team of great organizers, along with speaker ID David Wentworth and his wife Valore, ID David has a wealth of knowledge, and we were fortunate to have him share some of it with us. He spoke of Lions, and where we are in the world today, and going forward some of the changes with dues and the possible loss of IDs in the US do the declining members, and how important it is to recruit new members, but also hang on to the ones we have. Valore spoke of her personal experience with cancer and her determination to beat it, Being a Science Teacher she read everything she could find on her type of cancer, she was very determined, and her message to us was to stay positive. Elkton Lions President Kurt Damrow talked about hunger and how he as Elkton's chair and the support of many volunteers, has helped over 15000 families with 756,000 pounds of food in three and a half years in two counties. and still counting, thanks Kurt and all your volunteers. We were HONORED to have PID Justin Faber act as master of ceremony who did a great job and kept the atmosphere very lively. Friday night the ladies from Elkton Lions offered something new, Horse racing, six adventures horse riders competed for a prize, and forward motion was determined by a roll of large dice, 1st place was 1VDG Tim Dietzel he won by a nose coming in second was ID David Wentworth and show was slow but steady PDG Don Spinks. Saturday night several well deserved awards were handed out, along with a Melvin Jones Fellow. Thanks to everyone who attended.

1ST VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR TIM DIETZEL.

Hello, District 11D2 lions,

What an incredible time we shared at our recent District Convention! The energy, fellowship, fun and passion for service on display were nothing short of inspiring. From meaningful discussions to moments of laughter, great music and connection, the convention reminded us exactly why we serve together. A heart felt thank you to everyone who attended, volunteered, and helped make this event a success. A special thank you to BlueSkye Riley Music, Kerbys1892 for the awesome ice cream and the Hadley Lions for creating a fun environment in the Hospitality room. The ideas exchanged and friendships strengthened will carry us forward as we continue our mission of service across the district and beyond.

Celebrating Service

Our clubs continue to make a powerful impact in our communities. From providing vision screenings and eyeglasses, supporting food pantries, assisting those with hearing needs, and building accessibility ramps-every act of service matters. Remember, if it's not reported, it's not counted. Let's continue to log our service and show the true impact of Lions in District 11D2.

New Members, New Ideas

Our future grows stronger with every new member we welcome. Membership is more than numbers-it's about fresh perspectives, new energy, and new ideas that help us better serve. Invite others with a heart for service, share our Lions Story, and encourage involvement at every level.

Leadership in Action

Leadership is not about titles-it's about action and example. Each Lion has the ability to lead by serving, mentoring, and stepping forward when needed. Consider taking on a new role, supporting a district initiative, or mentoring a newer member.

Looking Ahead

The momentum from our convention is just the beginning. Let's carry that excitement forward by expanding service efforts, strengthening membership, and continuing to share kindness in our communities. I look forward to seeing many of you at the MD11 Convention in May. Make sure to register if you have not yet done so.

1ST VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR TIM DIETZEL

2ND VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR DEB KAIGHEN

As we approach spring, we think of all the new growth happening around us. In our clubs, we are always looking for new growth, new ideas and ways to make our clubs grow. Many hands make light work, as the saying goes. When a community works together, the task at hand becomes lighter and, in a sense, more enjoyable. Think about some of your events that your club has had the most fun at, I bet there were many hands doing the work. When you do have new members join, please listen to their ideas. They will have a different perspective and a new way of looking at things. Encourage them and embrace them!



SECOND VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR RECEIVES A LEADERSHIP AWARD FROM INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR DAVID WENTWORTH AND GOVERNOR



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

TANNER GRUG	BAD AXE LIONS	BLAKE TALASKI	BAD AXE LIONS
STEVEN GRAY	EMMETT LIONS	ADAM RIS	HADLEY LIONS
KIMBERLY RIS	HADLEY LIONS	CHRIS COLLING	MARLETTE LIONS
SHANNON COLLING	MARLETTE LIONS	DENNIS NATKE	NORTH bRANCH LIONS
DENNIS NATKE	NORTH BRANCH LIONS	DONOVAN NATKE	NORTH BRANCH LIONS
LORRELIA NATLE	NORTH BRANCH LIONS	DANA KURAK	PEARL BEACH LIONS
EDWARD KURAK	PEARL BEACH LIONS	SHELLI KURAK	PEARL BEACH LIONS
ANGELA MCGUIRE	PEARL BEACH LIONS	FRANCES BEHINKE	PECK LIONS
WESLEY TROWBRIDGE	PIGEON LIONS	HEATHER BRINGARD	PT HURON HOST LIONS
LISA MOPPIN	PT. HURON HOST LI- ONS	JESSICA BRADE	UBLY LIONS
TIMOTHY BRADE	UBLY LIONS	ALEXANDER PAHANY	UBLY LIONS
MALEAH ROTH	UBLY LIONS	KATIE SWEENY	UBLY LIONS

MEMBERS NO LONGER WITH US "RIP"





CONVENTION FUN

Hadley Lions up top, having fun. The Hadley group always has a great presence at the Conventions. This year one of their members is moving up in the district leadership roles... and deservingly so. Lion Debbi Kaighen has been involved in the district convention for years. She convinced her husband Kieth Kaighen to join her on the convention committee, Now Lion Deb is our Second Vice District Governor. She will be a good Governor.





Top photo; the convention committee admiring their handy work.

Bottom photo is the competition with stick horses, where grown Lions, both male and female. See who can get to the end of the trail first moving on the roll of the giant dice. Congratulations PDG Don Spinks winner



LEGEND: PDGS PEGGY FARNSWORTH, TERRY BOWERMAN, CHUCK BELESKY, JERRY HOWARD, DAVID HACKER, WES WAGESTER, PID JUSTIN FAVER, DONALD SPINKS, DR. SAMI MAKHOUL, AND JUDY KELLER

District Governor Dane Fisher and wife Lonna Fisher welcome guest speaker International Director David Wentworth and his wife Valerie Wentworth. Both David and wife are Melvin Jones Progressives. Director Wentworth is from Omaha Nebraska and Lions of Mallard Lions club. Director Wentworth served the majority of club and district officers positions. Has awards for all the effort that was made.



Dear Lions Club Officer,

As your club begins the process of electing new officers for the upcoming Lion year, it is important to consider the growth of not only your club's leadership but also your zone and district. This will give club members the opportunity to lead and to grow within the district.

Upon the completion of your club's elections, ensure that the new officers are reported in the Lion Portal or your local reporting system. When you report your officers, your club will continue to:

Receive important information, such as updated billing statements.

Access your club's roster to make updates.

Allow you to keep your meeting information current.

Update your district, multiple district and Lions International, allowing your club to continue receiving support.

Display the correct club officer information on the Club Locator for the new Lion year.

It is important to make sure your newly elected officers are ready for their terms. Encourage them to visit the Lions Learning Center (LLC) and review the club officer learning path and other helpful courses. They should also review the Managing your Club webpage. This is a dedicated webpage for club officers and provides helpful resources and tools to manage their club.

We look forward to supporting you and your club. Please contact us via email at clubofficers@lionsclubs.org if you have any questions.

Any questions please contact Leadership chair PDG Donald Spinks at
(donnspinks@gmail.com)

April 4, 2026

Michigan Lions Clubs of 11-D2.

The Lions Clubs of Michigan 11-D2, have been generous Boy Scout supporter over the years. Your Clubs have Chartered numerous Cub Scout Packs and Troops in Lions District 11-D2. We find ourselves below our current funding objective. We're asking your Club in helping us again. Know that these funds provide assistance for the membership renewals with financial aid and summer time camper-ships for needy Cub Scouts and Scouts in the thumb area.

The macro view of our Blue Water District is that we have 24 Cub Scout Packs and Troops. Of those 24, 8 of them are Chartered by the Lions Clubs of 11-D2. The micro view was that with your help last year we were able to provide 35 youth with renewal financial aid that amounted to \$2,975. The renewal fee for every Scout is \$170 and these funds helped cover ½ of these fees. The remaining portion of funding helped 29 youth go to long term summer camp. Long term camp is \$430/week and our remaining funds covered \$127 of the \$430. The Scout Units conduct unit fund raisers and sell 'Trail Ends popcorn' to also offset each individual's cost.

Last year the following Michigan 11-D2 Lion Clubs; Emmett, Port Huron, Memphis, Pearl Beach and Applegate make sizable donations to help us almost reach our District goal. We hope to reach our goal this year with your help. The Deckerville Lions Club and Applegate Lions Club have already made a commitment for this year. We're reaching out to you today to help us in our annual '*Friends of Scouting*' fundraiser.

Please share this letter at your next club membership meeting. Contact Rich Cochrill or Joe Auito if you have any questions or if your club or individual members wish to make a donation. Any assistance would be deeply appreciated.

Fraternally your brothers,

Rich Cochrill

Michigan 11-D2 Cabinet Secretary

Joe Auito

Sandusky Lions Club Executive

Lions of Michigan Foundation

The **Lions of Michigan Foundation** is a public charity that was created in 1984 to help Michigan Lions Clubs provide community services. Recently (in November) our District applied for and was granted two requests that we had submitted for assistance. The Deckerville Lions requested aid for a Family that had a house fire. Their grant was approved for \$1,000. The Lapeer Lions requested aid for a youth needing vision therapy. Their grant was approved for \$2,000. Additionally, the USA Lions requested aid for a Family that had a house fire. Their request was granted and a Check for \$1,000 was forwarded for that request. THANK YOU to the Foundation. **Please support this fine organization with your club, or individual donation.**

The Lions of Michigan Foundation provides financial assistance and services to help uninsured and financially struggling Michigan residents with the treatment of vision problems, eye conditions and eye diseases. Five (5) individuals in our district have received Eye Care Assistance through the Lions of Michigan Foundation Eye Care Assistance Program. The EYE CARE ASSISTANCE Application is attached to this Newsletter.

The Lions of Michigan Foundation provides financial assistance and services to help uninsured and financially struggling Michigan residents with the affordable Hearing Aid Program. Four (4) persons in District 11- D2 have received help through this program.

The Lions of Michigan Foundation recently purchased two (2) cameras designed for diabetic retinopathy screening. Will keep everyone updated when we learn more about this program.

From July 1, 2025 through April 2026, nineteen (19) clubs in District 11 – D2 have donated \$6,885.44 to Lions of Michigan Service Foundation with an individual family having donated \$805.20, this is only 42% of our clubs, and this amount is the **least** for any Michigan district.

Michigan KidSight Program

Our Michigan KidSight Program is designed to identify treatable and preventable causes of vision loss in children as young as 1 year-old. We utilize a hi-tech mobile vision screener that is programmed to quickly and accurately identify vision disorders such as myopia (nearsightedness), hyperopia (farsightedness), anisometropia (unequal refraction power), astigmatism (optical defect), anisocoria (unequal pupil size) and strabismus (gaze deviations) through non-invasive testing. Our portable vision screener performs a binocular test of both eyes within 1 second, and it instantly and accurately (98% accuracy rating) identifies potential vision problems. When problems are detected, our vision screener reports a “Fail” or “Refer” status, and a detailed report identifying potential problems is provided to the child’s parent or guardian for further follow-up with an optometrist or ophthalmologist.

If diagnosed early, 95% of vision disorders can be corrected, however when vision problems are not detected early, vision loss can be irreversible. Over time, treatment options diminish, and the cost of treatment increases. From July 1, 2025 until April 30, 2026 KidSight vision screeners in District 11 – D2 have screened 513 people with a total of 62 referrals. Statewide, for the same time period, 33,974 people have been screened with 4,044 referrals. Sixteen (16) clubs in our District have sponsored a screening event. If your club has not sponsored a screening event please consider asking either Nora Walsh (810 – 660 – 8183) or Wes Wagester (810 – 417 – 3107) to schedule a screening at an event in your area.

LIONS OF MICHIGAN FOUNDATION

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

Date Received	
Determination	

EYE CARE ASSISTANCE APPLICATION

1. APPLICANT

Name:	
Mailing Address:	
City/State/Zip Code:	
Telephone/Email:	
Birth Date:	
Social Security Number:	

2. APPLICANT'S PARENT or LEGAL GUARDIAN (For Applicants Under Age 18)

Name:	
Telephone/Email:	

3. APPLICANT'S VISION INSURANCE (Please Check One)

NONE MEDICAID MEDICARE PRIVATE INSURANCE

Does the applicant's insurance currently cover eye exams and eyeglasses? Yes No

If Yes, explain the applicant's need for help:

4. APPLICANT'S HOUSEHOLD SIZE and FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

A federal tax return, FORM 1040, must be attached to the application. Applicants who are not required to file a federal tax return must submit an alternative proof of income (Social Security Benefits Statement, etcetera).

Household Size (Number of Family Members):	
Annual Household Income:	
Total Taxable Income (Form 1040, Line 22)	
Non-taxable Social Security Benefits (Form 1040, Line 20a – Line 20b)	
Other Income (Attach Schedule)	

5. CURRENT EYE CARE PROVIDER:

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____
 Mailing Address: _____ City/Zip Code: _____

6. ESTIMATED COST OF EYE EXAM AND EYEGLASSES: \$ _____

In signing this application, I authorize the use of this information, and I release the staff, officers, and representatives of the Lions of Michigan Foundation, the sponsoring Lions Club and District, and the Lions of Michigan Foundation's partnering organizations from all legal liabilities relative to the use and release of the information requested on this application and contained herein, **including the electronic transmittal of the information**, and I attest that, to my knowledge, all information on this application is accurate

 Signature of Applicant/Guardian

 Date

GLT Report: PDG Don Spinks

We have had two successful Portal training this year along with Zone chair training. One was at the Applegate Lions club and the other was at the Almont lions club. We went over how to create and report a service project and how to add, delete, transfer or edit a members and load club officers. Another portal training class can be scheduled at anytime, just let me know. With the new club officers coming in, I do expect portal training to be had again. The 18th of October we have scheduled and zone chair training in Marlette. The training was held at Hope church. All zone chair had been trained. Clubs Officer training can still be found on line on YouTube and through the Lions learning site. I have made three new PowerPoint presentations for secretaries, treasurers and club presidents. They will be emailed to the upcoming new officers in July. I also showed one club president how to delete and add members along with listing his new club officers at the past 11D2 convention.

GLT/ PDG Don Spinks

NORTH BRANCH LIONS CLUB

Spirit of the Jim Cronin Service Award Lion Sean Blasius has been a dedicated member of the Lions club since October 1, 1999, accumulating over 26 years of commitment and service to the organization. Currently serving as the president of the North Branch Lions Club, he has consistently demonstrated his dedication to service, earning recognition for the Spirit of Jim Cronin Service Award for 11D2. Every year, Lion Sean actively engages with the North Branch community and beyond to secure sponsorships for the annual 5K run, and he also coordinates the signage for the route. In addition, he takes charge of managing sponsors for the popular Bump and Run event. During all club activities, he assists in selling 50/50 raffle tickets and plays a vital role in putting up banners promoting North Branch Lion events throughout the area. On top of these responsibilities, Lion Sean oversees the sales of club mints at local businesses and handles minor maintenance around the North Branch clubhouse, ensuring that any issues are promptly brought to the attention of the Lions club. His unwavering commitment to service and community involvement truly exemplifies the spirit of Lions. Congratulations Lion Sean.

READING ACTION PROGRAM PDG DON SPINKS

Lions Clubs International Reading Action Program (RAP) aims to enhance literacy globally. This initiative encourages Lions clubs to engage in various literacy-related activities, including:

Volunteer Activities

Serving as readers in schools and community centers.

Supporting Braille literacy initiatives.

Organizing book drives to collect and distribute books.

Assisting in building classrooms and libraries.

Program Goals To improve literacy rates in communities worldwide. To foster a love for reading among children and adults alike. Sixty-six percent of students who cannot read proficiently by the end of 4th grade will end up in jail or on welfare.

FACT: Twenty-five percent of children in America grow up without learning how to read.

FACT: Nearly Eighty-five percent of the juveniles who face trial in the juvenile court system are functionally illiterate, proving that there is a close relationship between illiteracy and crime. More than 60% of all inmates are functionally illiterate In 2012, International President Wayne Madden began the Lions Reading Action Program to improve literacy around the world. In 2013, under the guidance of International President Barry Palmer, it was decided to extend the Lions RAP for an additional 10 years. Every Lions club is encouraged to have an active Reading Action Program in their communities. how can we do this? A good start is to download the RAP Planning Guide from the LCI website, lionsclubs.org. Simply type RAP in the search box to find the document. It takes you through a process to direct your efforts. .Some ideas for projects include developing a pre-school reading program, perhaps working with your local library. Another is to supply backpacks and school supplies to children in need. For the visually impaired, we can supply Braille books, or books on tape. We can also tutor adults in reading, math, or science. In the near future, include books in your Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets you distribute. (61% of low income families have no books at home to read.) The possibilities are limitless. Please continue the Reading Action Program in each and every Lions club.

OTTER LAKE LIONS CLUB

All State Band so far this year, there are 43 students going to Hong Kong. CEO Deb Davis just sent me the list of students in 11D2. They are returning students Laura & Maleah Roth and Katie Sweeney from Uby, Dominick Gagne from Columbiaville, and New students Avarey Eitel from Carsonville and Marie Nichols from Applegate. More students are always welcome to join by going to the All State Band website. The cost this year is \$5,000 and covers all the expenses for rehearsals, travel, food and clothes. I think the Uby girls letter to clubs went to all D2 clubs and I have received requests from out of our district students. So if you are sending donations make sure you include the students name or if you want it to go to the Administration fund.

Band Director Jason Russell did a interview on Chanel 12 on MLK day that is available on Utube so there may be more students by the next rehearsal. If you have any connection with your area band directors or know of a musician that might want to join, feel free to help.

If you have any questions, my phone number is 810-793-6258 or peggy_duane@yahoo.com.

PDG Peggy Farnsworth

DISTRICT AWARDS

MARION (MAC) MAKAREWICS MEMBERSHIP AWARD 11D2 Lion Timothy Hunter currently serves as the president of the Port Huron Host Lions Club in district 11D2. With eight years of experience as a Lion, he has successfully sponsored seven new members into the club since joining in September 2017. President Tim actively encourages his fellow members to seek out potential new recruits from the Port Huron area and its surroundings, embodying the spirit of leaving no stone unturned in the pursuit of growth. This year, the club has hosted several meetings where prospective members were invited to witness firsthand the mission and activities of Lions Clubs International. At each gathering, he emphasizes the importance of inviting guests, reiterating that an increase in membership translates to enhanced service opportunities within the local community. District 11 D-2 Award Nomination Form Please complete this nomination form to request a district award. Please complete one (1) form for each award requested. All nominations will be considered. Four (4) of the awards, the Lion of the Year award, the Marion (Mac) Makarewicz Dedicated to Membership award, the Pete Lapka Leadership award, and the Spirit of Jim Cronin Service award are designed to be presented at the annual District 11 D-2 Convention. The Heart of a Lion award is to be presented by the District Governor during the Official Visit to the Lion Club. Descriptions and criteria for each award have been forwarded to each club. You may copy as many forms as you need. Club Name: Port Huron Host. Date of Application: 01/15/2026 Award you are applying for: _____ District 11 D-2 Lion of the Year X Marion (Mac) Makarewicz Dedicated to Membership _____ Pete Lapka Leadership _____ Spirit of Jim Cronin Service _____ Heart of a Lion For the "Heart of a Lion" award: • Nominees Name: Timothy Hunter • Number of years as a Lion: 8 • Please provide a short biography of the person who is to receive the award. Limit two (2) or three (3) paragraphs. The following questions are for the District Lion of the Year award: Is nominee living? X Y. If N can you please attach an obituary? _____ Y _____ N If not living will a family member attend and accept the award? _____ Y _____ N Name of the family member(s) accepting the posthumous award: _____ Relationship to the nominee: _____ Send completed nomination Form(s) & Biography(s) to either Lion Don Spinks, PDG or Lion Wes Wagester, PDG District 11 D-2 GMT & Cabinet Secretary District 11 D-2 GLT 6195 Chard 526 Church Street, P.O. Box 183 Marlette, MI 48453 Almont, MI 48003

Email: donnspinks@gmail.com Email: wwagester@gmail.com Nomination forms for the

ELKTON LIONS CLUB

During the recent Lions Thumb District 11-D2 convention, International Director David Wentworth and 11-D2 Governor Dave Fisher presented Elkton Lion Marty Baker with the International President's Certificate of Appreciation, the 4th highest award in Lions.

Marty is a true example of Lionism, not only serving his community and those in need, but also serving the Elkton Lions Club for many years. Lion Marty has served as Committee Chair on several projects, Club Trustee, Secretary, Treasurer, President, and Administrative Assistant. You will most likely find Marty behind the scenes supporting and guiding the club and members any way he can. Congratulations Lion **Marty Baker** for your many years of dedication and service.



EMMETT LIONS CLUB

The Emmett Lions Club had a very successful Blood Drive on April 16 and collected 37 pints of Blood for the American Red Cross. The Emmett Lions held their 1st Blood Drive in Oct. Of 1975. The Blood Drive that we just had on April 16 was our 121st Blood Drive. We have now collected a total of 4,592 pints of Blood. Each pint collected Helps 3 people, which means that we have helped 13,776 people. The Emmett Lions held a very successful Reverse Raffle on April 25th with around 300 people in attendance.

The Emmett Lions will be selling our White Canes on Thur. & Fri. April 7th & 8th. The Emmett Lions did our part at the "Lions Bear Lake Clean up" on Tues. April 12 Which consist of moving & spreading a simi load of mulch around trees, shrubs, play ground Equipment, and the obstacle course.

The Emmett Lions will be starting our annual Gun Raffle very soon.

**ALMONT LIONS CLUB**

American Red Cross blood drive was held in our hall on Monday, February 16 2026, 31 units of blood was collected bringing the total since 2005 at the Almont Lions Hall to 3501 units of blood that has been collected and a potential total of 10,501 lives saved. Euchre night is held the second (2nd) Friday of the Month (Aug— May).

The following events: (1) White Cane sales (4/ 24 – 5/5/26, (2) Liberty Day (3/16/ 26, we provide a U.S. constitution Booklet to all 5th Grade Students in Almont Schools and Dryden Schools, (3) Earth Day/Arbor Day (Wednesday, 4/22/26) (we deliver a seedling white pine to all 4th grade students in Almont Schools and Dryden Schools), and (4) our annual Rummage Sale, 5/11 – 16/26.

MEMPHIS LIONS CLUB

- Memphis Lions and Leo's celebrated Arbor Day by distributing Red Pine seedlings to third graders at Memphis Elementary. Students also enjoyed a visit from future leader dog pup Prudy. This always makes the third graders happy and the classmen do not mind either.
- After several years of raising Leader Dog pups, Lions Deb and Mike Kaminski makes their future leader dogs available. This is a learning experience also. It is about people learning just how much Lions clubs help support the community. When people ask "what do Lions Clubs do" these two things is a good start.



Memphis Lions work closely with the Memphis community Schools. We are going to hand out pocket constitutions for the 5th graders. This will also involve the Leo students. They work close with the under classmen along with advisors Lion Nancy Thomson and Lion Lori Sanford. These tow Lions spent decades teaching and accomplishing objectives all



APPLEGATE LIONS CLUB

The Applegate Lions donated \$1000 in support of the annual Flamingo Fling event for Eva's Place. Bonnie Erbe accepts the check on behalf of Eva's Place. Rich Cochrell, Applegate Lions Club Administrator, presents check.

Here we see Cheryl Powell accepting a \$200 donation from us. Cheryl represents the Sanilac Food Pantry with Michigan House of Hope. The donation will be used to buy wagons that are used to transport food to and from vehicles and buildings. Rich Cochrell is presenting the check. Then L-R Lori Lentz, [Bonnie Erbe](#), Kathy Kelly, Marv Steeb, Kevin Kelly, Pat Baker, Betsy Baker.

Mike Soflin
Applegate Lions Club





Meet Leo the Felted Lion - a small lion with a big heart supporting LCIF

A Lion Made With Love — And on a Mission to Change Lives

This little Lion could be yours!

This little felted lion began as a simple bundle of wool...

but with hours of shaping, stitching, and love, it became something truly special. Now it carries a bigger purpose: helping support LCIF, our organization that brings hope, relief, and compassion to people who need it most.

By purchasing a \$10 raffle ticket, you're not just entering to win a handmade keepsake — you're becoming part of a story of kindness. A story where small contributions create big impact. A story where creativity meets service.

On July 21, 2026, one lucky supporter will either be taking this lion home or have it sent to them by mail. But every person who participates becomes part of the heart behind it. Thank you for helping this little lion make a big difference.

www.lionleo.win is the website and shows you how Lion Leo was made, how he was named, and who made him! The website also gives you the link to his facebook page and a link to purchase a ticket on line if you wish.

Or alternatively text Lindy at (989 450 3644) or email at lindy@abadata.com



LEADER DOGS FOR THE BLIND

The last Wednesday of April is International Guide Dog Day. On April 29, we celebrate the work of guide dogs around the world and raise awareness of the importance of guide dog services to help people who are blind live life on their terms

When You Give in April, Leader Dog Gets Double

April's Matching Gift Challenge gives you and your club the opportunity to double your impact on the lives of our clients. When you donate during the match, your generous gift to Leader Dog is matched by a contribution from one of our generous donors. Visit LeaderDog.org in April to learn how you can make twice the difference. Donate by mail or online at LeaderDog.org - [Donate](#). Include a note with your Lions Club so we can recognize your gift.

Leader Dogs for the Blind, Attn: Lions Department
1039 S Rochester Rd
Rochester Hills, MI 48307

Guide Dog Myths and Misconceptions Explained

How much do you know about guide dogs?

True or False: Once people get a guide dog, they no longer need their white cane.

True or False: A guide dog already knows where their handler wants them to go.

True or False: A guide dog should go anywhere and everywhere with their handler.

It may surprise you that each of these statements is false! These are some of the most common misconceptions about guide dogs. The guide dog mobility instructors at Leader Dog recorded a video describing the truth behind each myth. Find it posted by Leader Dog on YouTube by searching '[Guide Dog Myths and Misconceptions Explained](#)'. Share it on social media to celebrate International Guide Dog Day and spread awareness of Lions & Leader Dog's

Classic Car Show



Memphis Lions Field
34758 Pratt Road, Memphis
Friday, June 12, 2026



Registration starts at 3:00 PM
Open to the public at 4:00 PM

Preregister your car by June 1st for \$12 or register at the gate for \$15
Proceeds go to **Memphis Area Chamber of Commerce & Memphis Lions Club**

ADMISSION: Adults - \$5

Seniors 60+ and Students - \$3

Age 12 and under must have adult supervision

Food and Refreshments on site

2026 Vehicle Registration Form

Please print clearly and provide your complete address

Mail to: **Memphis Lions, 34758 Pratt Road, PO Box 41014, Memphis, Michigan 48041**

For registration form and more information

email memphismillionsclub@gmail.com

Name _____ Phone _____

Address / PO Box _____

City / State / Zip _____

Car Year _____ Car Make _____

Car Model _____ Car Club _____

Email Address _____

Signature _____

MAKE Checks Payable to : **MEMPHIS LIONS CLUB**



ALGONAC LIONS CLUB

Algonac Lions went and got their own specialized KidSight Trailer. This beauty has the kids really like. KidSight is a very effective project and saves parents a lot of later issues with glasses and good eyesight.



ANCHOR BAY LIONS CLUB

Anchor Bay Lions hosted their annual pancake breakfast on April 25th for the Ira township little league baseball teams.

We served up 200 people who enjoyed either pancakes or French toast along with sausage links and beverage.

Each player in uniform received a pack of baseball cards and could buy a raffle ticket for a chance to win Tiger tickets!

We also had Kid Sight on hand to test 41 kids!



ELKTON LIONS CLUB

Elkton Lions hosted their annual White Cane campaign. White Cane sales have been very important to provide funds for Leader Dog for the Blind. The Uptown Detroit Lions club started Leader Dog for the Bling back in 1935. They were installment in all aspects of vision impaired sighted citizens. The Lions Clubs help support these disciplines.





CROSWELL FAIR

★ FAIR ★

Thank You

LEXINGTON LIONS

FOR YOUR
SUPREME CHAMPION
SPONSORSHIP



Lexington Lions

\$10 CARNIVAL RIDE DAY

★★★ **FRIDAY,** ★★★

JUNE 12, 2026

WRISTBANDS ARE **\$10**

TO RIDE *All Day!*



MAY



HONG KONG 2026

108th Lions International Convention

Dear Lions and Leos,

I am writing to share some important updates to our 2026 international convention in Hong Kong.

As many of you know, we moved convention to Hong Kong after our planned destination of Atlanta was cancelled by the city of Atlanta due to the FIFA World Cup. Our host Lions and the city of Hong Kong stepped up to help us transition to our new location. As we worked together to support this significant shift, we recently identified schedule adjustments needed to align with our host city's guidelines and maintain the convention's overall structure.

We will be updating our [Convention Schedule webpage](#) on lionscon.org with more details as they are confirmed, but here are some initial updates we'd like to share with you.

Convention Dates – Convention dates are not changing, only the convention schedule, so we will still be hosting convention July 3-7.

Plenary Sessions – Our three plenary sessions will be moved up one day, now scheduled for July 4-6.

Parade of Nations – The parade will be moved to Tuesday, July 7 pending finalization of plans.

Please share your questions with us at 2026Convention@lionsclubs.org, and we will continue to provide updates as they become available. If you haven't registered yet, be sure to [register for convention](#) so you can join us for an unforgettable experience in Hong Kong.

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| 1 | 1/5/26 | Ruger Go Wild camo/bronze rifle 350 Legend | 27 | 7/6/26 | Heritage rough rider barkeep revolver 22 |
| 2 | 1/12/26 | Sig Saur P320 semi auto 9mm | 28 | 7/13/26 | Stevens modle 320 thumbhole 20 ga. |
| 3 | 1/19/26 | Ruger bolt action 22" 450 Bushmaster | 29 | 7/20/26 | Legacy Arms model 1100 rifle w/scope 22 |
| 4 | 1/26/26 | Legacy Arms Pointer over under 20 ga. | 30 | 7/27/26 | Silver Eagle Inertia semi auto camo 12 ga. |
| 5 | 2/2/26 | Winchester bolt action rifle 6.5 creedmor | 31 | 8/3/26 | Hi Point JXP10 semi auto 10mm |
| 6 | 2/9/26 | Kel Tec Sub 2000 carbine 9mm | 32 | 8/10/26 | Rossi LWC single shot rifle 350 Legend |
| 7 | 2/16/26 | Henry lever action large loop 22 | 33 | 8/17/26 | SDS PX9 semi auto pistol 9mm |
| 8 | 2/23/26 | Savage bolt action camo rifle 30-06 | 34 | 8/24/26 | Escort semi auto camo shotgun 20 ga. |
| 9 | 3/2/26 | Charles Daly 202A over under 20 ga. | 35 | 8/31/26 | G Force walnut cerakote rifle 350 Legend |
| 10 | 3/9/26 | Rossi R95 lever action 360 buckhammer | 36 | 9/7/26 | Ruger Wrangler single action 22 |
| 11 | 3/16/26 | Ruger bolt action American 308 | 37 | 9/14/26 | Savage bolt action camo rifle 308 |
| 12 | 3/23/26 | Glock model 22 semi auto 40 S&W | 38 | 9/21/26 | Rossi Gallery pump rifle 22 |
| 13 | 3/30/26 | Traditions Outfitter G3 stainless 450 Bushmaster | 39 | 9/28/26 | Hatsan semi auto camo shotgun 12 ga. |
| 14 | 4/6/26 | Ruger Security nine semi auto 9mm | 40 | 10/5/26 | Bond Arms stainless derringer 9mm |
| 15 | 4/13/26 | Tisas 1911 Tanker semi auto 45 acp | 41 | 10/12/26 | Legacy Arms Pointer over under 12 ga. |
| 16 | 4/20/26 | G Force walnut cerakote rifle 223 | 42 | 10/19/26 | Ruger American bolt action 5.56/223 |
| 17 | 4/27/26 | Kel Tec PMR-30 semi auto 22 Magnum | 43 | 10/26/26 | Hi Point Yeet cannon YC9 9mm |
| 18 | 5/4/26 | Ruger American bolt action 7.62x39 | 44 | 11/2/26 | Escort wood stock pump 20 ga. |
| 19 | 5/11/26 | SAR semi auto target pistol 9mm | 45 | 11/9/26 | Ruger LCP II semi auto compact 22 |
| 20 | 5/18/26 | Savage bolt action w/scope 243 win. | 46 | 11/16/26 | American Tactical AR-15 semi auto rifle 5.56/223 |
| 21 | 5/25/26 | Glock model 44 semi auto 22 | 47 | 11/23/26 | Tri Star Raptor Silver semi auto 12 ga. |
| 22 | 6/1/26 | Legacy Arms Pointer over under 410 | 48 | 11/30/26 | G Force walnut cerakote rifle 243 win. |
| 23 | 6/8/26 | Ruger 10/22 semi auto rifle 22 | 49 | 12/7/26 | Savage bolt action w/scope 6.5 creedmor |
| 24 | 6/15/26 | Taurus G3 semi auto pistol 9mm | 50 | 12/14/26 | Escort bullpup shotgun 410 |
| 25 | 6/22/26 | Escort 28" vent rib semi auto 410 | 51 | 12/21/26 | Glock model 20 semi auto 10mm |
| 26 | 6/29/26 | Radikil PA03 pump shotgun 12 ga. | 52 | 12/28/26 | Ruger American bolt action 350 Legend |

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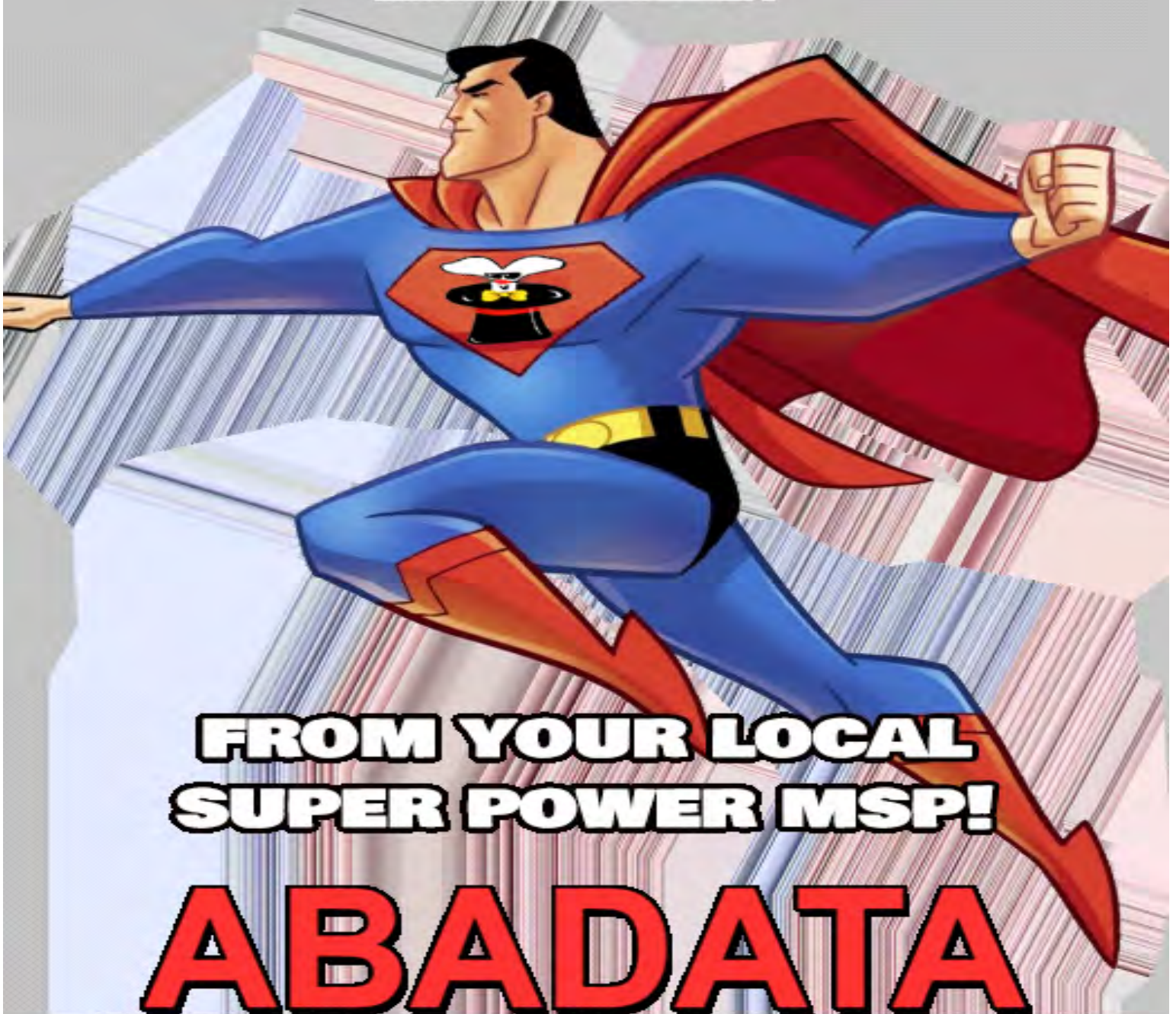
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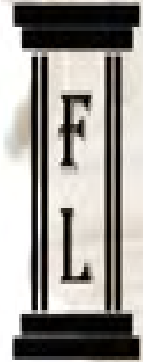
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