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DISTRICT 11D2

OCT. 2025



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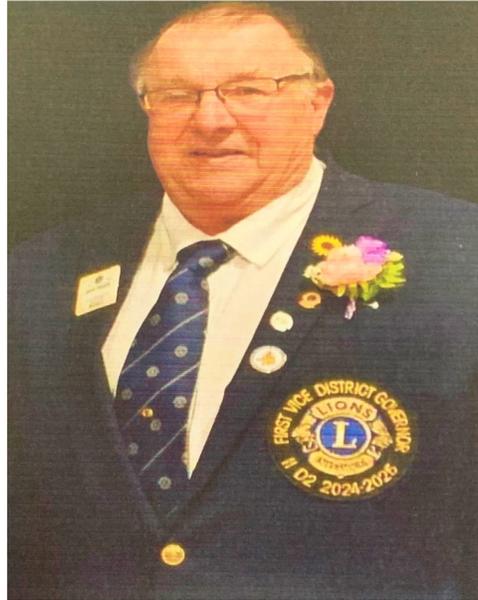
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GOVERNOR DAVE FISHER

CALENDAR –EVENTS

Oct.. 25, 2025 Cabinet Meet , Almont 1:00 PM

DISTRICT GOVERNOR CORNER

I been HACKED so if you receive any correspondence or E-Mail from this address dgdavefisher), DISREGARD and DELETE, this is not my address and it's a SCAM, I don't know who is doing this, but Three Governors before me were SCAMMED!

Governor's Letter

Hello fellow Lions,

A BIG SHOUT OUT to PID Lion Dave Wineman and his wife Lion Lindy for starting a branch Cyber Club, soon to be a new Club, 14members and counting.

The District Convention tickets are out and sent to each club, don't take them home and put them on your dresser and forget them, the sale of these tickets is very important to help reduce the cost of the District Convention, and make it more inexpensive for all to attend, and if for some reason you can't move them, call Terry Bowerman or myself, so we can get in hands that can move them, there's a prize to the club that sales the most tickets, and there a formular to determine the winning club.

Club projects! I'm proud of the many clubs in 11-D-2 that are involved in projects that help the needy in their community's.

I hate sounding like a broken record, if you remember what a record was.

Our membership is a huge goal for us, front door along with our club back door all we want you to do is just ask, and then invite someone to a meeting.

Activity reports! your secretary just needs to report a meeting or an event to the portal and LCI with a brief who, what, where, and how many.

DG Dave Fisher 989-550-1866

1ST VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR TIM DIETZEL.

What makes a Lion want to serve?

It's simple, we're driven by kindness, compassion, and the belief that giving of ourselves can change lives. We serve because our neighbors need us, because our communities are stronger when we stand together, and because the joy of helping is greater than anything we could receive. As Lions, we don't just see needs, we meet them. We don't just talk about service, we live it. And together, we're part of something bigger: a global family of hope, love, and service that reaches around the world.

I look forward to visiting the Clubs of 11D2. Learning and sharing accomplishments, in service and membership growth. Please take the time to make sure all your Club information on the website is correct. Including Club officers' phone numbers and meeting times and places. Together we serve,

1st. VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR TIM DIETZEL

A note from 2nd VDG Thomas Watkins

Just a short introduction.

I have served as an Algonac Lion since May 2006 with a brief 2 year hiatus when we moved to Florida..

I've held multiple positions within our club, as well as chairing and volunteering many committees.

I have served as Zone Chairman twice and last year as Region Chairman. I bring to this district many years of wisdom and experiences of serving as a Lion. I will utilize all the districts cabinet members and past presidents input and advice. I look forward to visiting your club as I develop my leadership skills with Leadership training to become a future 11 D-2 District Governor.

2ND VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR THOMAS WATKINS

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Immediate Past District Governor Judy Keller was honored on Oct. 5 for her service. She issued the convention committee with a special award below. She also honored Lion Kathy Stewart with an award. IPDG Judy had a real nice dinner and joyful time. She totally deserved every minute of it. Pictured Lions Kieth and Debbi Kaighen, Kathy Wagester behind her Wes Wagester, Cheryl Kriete, Judy Keller, and Terry Bowerman. Pictured below; The past cabinet.





I WOULD LIKE TO SAY A THANK YOU TO EVERYONE THAT WAS ABLE TO COME TO MY APPRECIATION DINNER ON OCTOBER 5TH. ALL THE KIND WORDS AND THOUGHTFUL GIFTS ARE VERY MUCH APPRECIATED. IT WAS NICE TO SEE THOSE THAT COULD MAKE IT AND I KNOW WE WILL STILL BE SEEING ONE ANOTHER. LIONS OF 11 D2 ROCK!!!!!!!!!!

IPDG JUDY KELLER

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

MATTHEW BRENNAN	BERVILLE LIONS	SHELLY BROOKS	USA LIONS
TAYLOR BROWN	USA LIONS	LAURA BURK	USA LIONS
CAMMIE COFFINDAFFER	USA LIONS	SARAH DUNN	USA LIONS
DANA IRION	USA LIONS	RHIANNON MARCOL	USA LIONS
KARAM PHELPS	USA LIONS	DEVIN RISKEY	USA LIONS
MICHELLE SHAW	USA LIONS	NOREEN TIETZ	USA LIONS
RODNEY TIETA	USA LIONS	AMBER WISE	USA LIONS
AMANDA WEISENBACH	USA LIONS	DEAN SUBER	USA LIONS
RODNEY TIETZ	USA LIONS		

MEMBERS NO LONGER WITH US "RIP"

KARL KRAUS	BAD AXE LIONS
JESSE ARNOLD	PORT HURONS HOST LIONS

GLT Report: GLT Chair PDG Don Spinks

Training for Lions Club officers is essential for effective leadership and organizational success. It equips them with the necessary skills and knowledge to fulfill their roles effectively.

Key Benefits of Training

- **Leadership Skills:** Training enhances leadership abilities, enabling officers to guide their teams and manage club activities efficiently.
- **Understanding Responsibilities:** Officers learn about their specific roles, responsibilities, and the overall structure of the Lions Club, which helps in better governance.
- **Program Implementation:** Training provides insights into how to implement community service programs and initiatives effectively, aligning with the club's mission.
- **Networking Opportunities:** Officers connect with other leaders, sharing best practices and experiences that can improve club operations.
- **Conflict Resolution:** Training often includes strategies for resolving conflicts within the club, fostering a more harmonious environment.
- **Compliance and Ethics:** Officers learn about the ethical standards and compliance requirements necessary for maintaining the integrity of the organization.

Ongoing Development

- **Adaptation to Change:** Regular training helps officers stay updated on changes in policies, community needs, and best practices in nonprofit management.
- **Motivation and Engagement:** Training sessions can motivate officers and volunteers, enhancing their commitment to the club's goals.

By investing in training, Lions Club officers can lead more effectively, ensuring the club's mission is fulfilled and its impact on the community is maximized.

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LIONS OF MICHIGAN FOUNDATION

Emergency Individual Assistance and Emergency Disaster Relief Policies; Individual's Assistant will get up to/ but not exceeding \$1,000.00 per Individual and all single grants with club match at 10% (\$100.00) and Emergency Disaster (Multi families) \$1,000-up to maximum of, not exceeding \$5,000.00 This became effective starting July 1.

Group Cruise – 2026- We have scheduled another cruise for next March '26. We have 25 rooms on reserve, we need your reservations, the rooms will be released in October so if you interested in booking, contact the office. We also have a \$100 credit per room included in the price. The rates are priced at double occupancy.

Mints for the Military Program- We are receiving donations to this fund but no names of our men and women in the service, please ask you friends, coworkers, neighbors, or grandkids, that we would love to send them a box of mints and let them know we are thinking about them.

KIDSIGHT

The KidSight program has provided vision screening for 24 events since July 1, 2025.

PDG Wesley Wagester D-2 Coordinator

The Power of Giving: Michigan Lions Supporting LCIF

Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) is our global engine for service. Every dollar entrusted to LCIF becomes a grant that transforms lives—whether it’s disaster relief, childhood cancer research, vision care, diabetes support, hunger initiatives, youth development, or environmental projects.

But the real power comes when we, as Lions, give consistently. Imagine the impact if every Lion in Michigan committed to just **\$20 a month**. That’s less than a dinner out—but together, it could provide lifesaving resources across the world and right here at home.

Monthly Giving: Small Steps, Big Results

- **\$20 a month** = \$240 a year from one Lion.
- When multiplied by dozens of members across a club, that steady support becomes a lifeline for people in need.
- Automatic monthly donations are simple to set up and ensure LCIF can plan for sustainable, long-term projects.

Statewide Commitment: Every Club Counts

We are asking every club in Michigan to commit to at least one monthly donor. If every club in our state participated at even the minimum level, we could raise **tens of thousands of dollars each year** to empower LCIF’s mission.

The Michigan LCIF Pin: Wear Your Pride

This year, Michigan Lions are also uniting behind our **LCIF Pin**. The sale of this pin alone has the potential to generate **over \$8,000 in donations**. It’s not just a symbol of pride—it’s a badge of impact. When you wear it, you’re showing your personal commitment to serving through LCIF.

Why It Matters

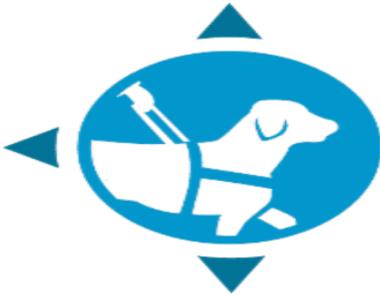
LCIF grants have already touched lives in Michigan—funding projects in vision screening, disaster relief, and youth programs. But to continue this level of support, we need every Lion to take part.

Together, monthly donations, club-wide commitments, and the sale of our Michigan LCIF pin can turn compassion into lasting change.

■ Will you join us in making a difference today?

Attention Lions see page 21 for the picture of the “LCIF” pin. Thank you!

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LEADER DOGS FOR THE BLIND

Hello Lions!

Can glasses really change accessibility? That's the question we're asking in this week's episode of Taking the Lead.

Meta Smart Glasses have been making headlines as a tool that could transform how people who are blind or have low vision interact with the world. The promise is huge, real-time descriptions, instant access to information and greater independence.

But do they actually deliver on that promise?

In this episode, we dive into the pros and cons of the technology, hearing directly from users about what works well and where the gaps still remain. It's a candid look at innovation, accessibility, and what it really means for daily life.

Thank you for tuning in and for supporting conversations that matter. Together, we're shining a light on tools and technologies that can make a real difference.

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MD11 READING ACTION REPORT PDG DON SPINKS

I would like to start by saying congratulations to all the incoming Governors. This is your year and I know you will do a great job, again congratulations. One of the areas that I would like you to start your year off on is with the Reading Action Program. Presently there are two districts that are actively involved with a reading program. These two districts are 11D1 and 11D2.

I received an email from Governor Marie Leathers from 11E2 inquiring on the Reading Action Program. Hopefully she will have a designated individual for her RAP district chair. I do challenge all the other governors to designate a Reading Action Chair. It would look fantastic if all of MD11 and SD10 could fulfill this position this year before October.

Make reading an essential element of your district service reporting. 11D1 is off to a very good start. Their chair, Jean Brinkman has their program running perfectly. She has other clubs involved and she is reading to the children in the schools and is involved with the Reading Radio Service in the Lansing area. Oh by the way, the Kinston school has a book vending machine. 11D2 is the also doing great. We have clubs reading to children in schools and I myself have been invited back to the Marlette elementary school this year to read weekly to the third grade. Make reading and education a goal your district.

11D-2 has an active web-page (<https://www.lions11d2.org>). There is a lot of district information everyone can use. Do not hesitate to use it.

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ALGONAC LIONS CLUB

Kudos to our Lions members!

Lion's Paul, Bob, Dan, Chris, and Andy

They spent many hours giving our headquarters trailer much needed repair!



ALGONAC LIONS CLUB

One of our most passionate club members Lion Suezette has just received the clubs first KidSight Vision Camera. Suezette worked diligently to secure the camera for our club and has begun the education classes for select club members to train and begin the process for free public eye screening for children six months to 18 years.

Look for our KidSight calendar of events once we get the process established.



Algonac Lions also, had the pleasure of gifting a scholarship check to Kate Bennett at their regular meeting. Kate said she will going to use the money towards her nursing degree.

GOOD LUCK KATE!

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ELKTON LIONS CLUB

The Elkton Lions are proud to be a sponsor of the Small Livestock Barn via a Bingo Fundraiser held last night at their Halloween Weekend.

We had a lot of fun, gave away some great prizes and look forward to seeing that barn full next summer at the Huron Community Fair !! (We also held a kids bingo event earlier in the day)
Thank you to everyone who came out to support this great cause.



Dear Lion,

As your 2025-2026 international president, I am deeply grateful for your support. Donations to LCIF fund grants and programs that help Lions and Leos provide critical humanitarian service to those who need it most, bringing possibilities to life for millions across the globe.

This fiscal year, the Presidential LCIF Supporter program will feature the theme, Lead to Serve, Serve to Lead. This limited-edition recognition honors those who have made a significant impact on our mission, and you are invited to be part of this momentous opportunity.

Now is the perfect time to restart your support and be part of something truly meaningful. Do not miss your chance to join this special recognition program with a gift of US\$50 or more today.

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HADLEY LIONS CLUB

I hope you all have your Peace Poster Kits by now and have artists busy creating the winning poster or essay. Here are the details on how to get your poster entered in a timely manner. They must be in my hands by 4:45pm on November 20th at Hadley's Old Town Hall. If you plan on mailing them, mail early to ZC Deb Kaighen, PO Box 45, Hadley, Mi. 48440. Always double check your age limit and poster size.. I really hate disqualifying a poster because of those reasons. Last year we had 8 clubs participate and I really think we can do better. Best of luck Lions Clubs!

Zone Chair Deborah Kaighen



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ELKTON LIONS CLUB

Elkton Lions members Marty Baker, Rich Ignatowski, Devin Irion, Lucas Swartzendruber, Tina Edler, Pat Tesh and Janet Devroye completed the final Adopt A Highway cleanup for the year, aligning with one of our global causes, Environment.



MEMPHIS LIONS CLUBS

Memphis Lions did their road clean-up last Saturday in September. They could only do a portion of the roadway due to construction. They do the area from city limits to School section rd. on M-19. This is three times a year.

MINDEN CITY LIONS CLUB

District Governor Lion Dave Fisher was at the Minden City Lions Club October meeting to present Awards to 3 Minden City Lions. Lion Cliff Messing received the "Heart of a Lion" award for his outstanding service and commitment to the club and the community. Lions Bob Kaufman and Dale Halifax received the "Half Century" award for being Lions Members for 50 years. Lion Bob and Dale both joined the Minden City Lions Club in 1975. Great job Lion Bob and Lion Dale.



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ELKTON LIONS CLUB

As thanks for the efforts of many helpers, The Elkton Lions hosted the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner at the Huron Youth Center on Wednesday, September 17. K & K Catering served a worthwhile meal, and volunteers received certificates of appreciation and other awards. For example, Lion "JJ" Jonathan Brown was recognized with a trophy for aiding in the most food pantries. Elkton Lions President Kurt Damrow and committee chairpersons also shared their gratitude and stories.

Beyond awards, a raffle drawing featured various prizes, such as Lions-themed hats. Although not everyone won the raffle, the club encouraged people to take home free gifts. Thank you to all who experienced this celebration of volunteerism! From the influx of players at Fair Bingo to food pantries held amidst inclement weather, the spirit of volunteers shines through. We look forward to working with you again on future community services.



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MARLETTE LIONS CLUB

Marlette lions club had a great time handing out free cookies and water at the Marlette Fall Family Fun Day.



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ALGONAC LIONS CLUB

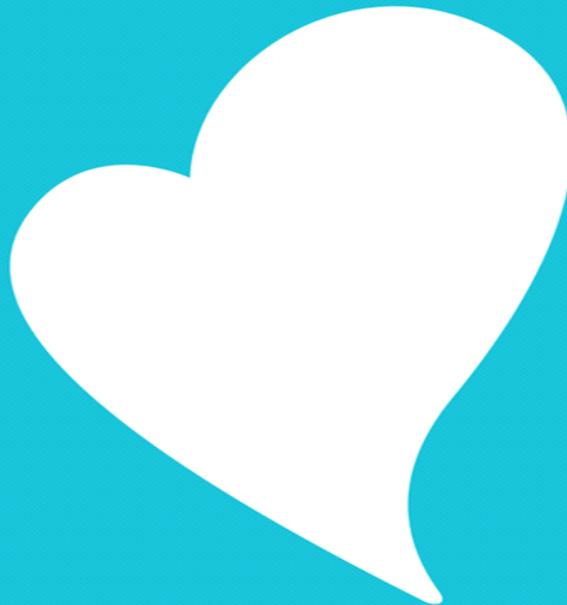
The Algonac Lions donation check in the amount of 15K being presented to the City of Algonac to purchase pool furniture for the newly renovated Lions Pool. As well Lion



Algonac Lions presents 2nd Vice District Governor Thomas Watkins with the prestigious Presidents Award. At their regular meeting

PDG DONN SPINKS MD 11 RAC CHAIRMAN LEADERSHIP CHAIR

Reading Action Program Fall is fast approaching and it's not so good to see the sunshine and warmer weather leave us. With that said, as an adult, do you have a reading program for the fall? I went to Google the other day to search for an adult reading program and this is what I came up with and frankly, I like it. I came up with a program called Beanstalk Stacker. Here, you can track the number of books and hours that you read. What a great idea to keep a log on what one has read. I joined the group for free and have started logging my books and hours. What is great, you are entered into a free drawing for a gift basket. Let's start a program and log the hour and books that you read. I throw a challenge out there, see if you can beat me in hours and books by the end of this December. In January we will start over for a full year. Come on, let's do



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METAMORA LIONESSE LIONS CLUB



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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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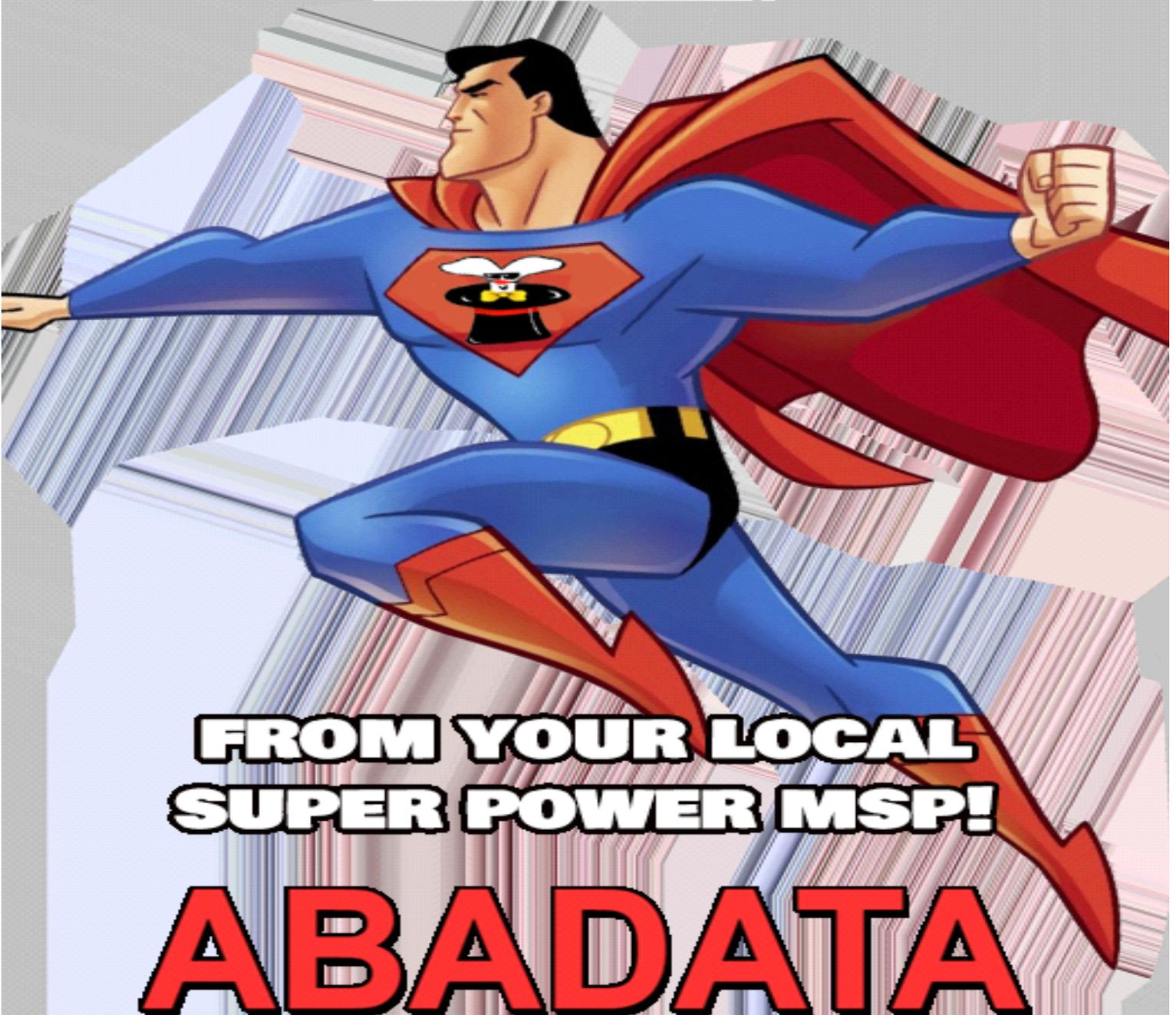
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.Ubly Lions have had three District Governors in the recent past. Also, one International Director. PID Justin Faber, PDG Sami Makhoul, and current District Governor Judy Keller. This is the only club that has this kind of representation in senior leadership in our district the past decade.

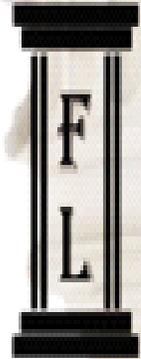


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PDG Wes Wagester & Kathy Wagester

Wish all clubs in D-2 continued success

PDG Wes and Kathy are on the convention committee with any answers for your questions. H-810-673-3199 or

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