

# LIONS NEWS

## DISTRICT 11D2

APR. 2026



District Governor Dave Fisher  
1st VDG Tim Dietzel  
2nd VDG Tom Watkins

Cabinet Secretary Rich Cochrill  
Cabinet Treasurer Janet Devroye

#### Region 1:

Region 1 Zone 1 Chair Brett Kodet  
Region 1 Zone 2 Chair Steve Schultz

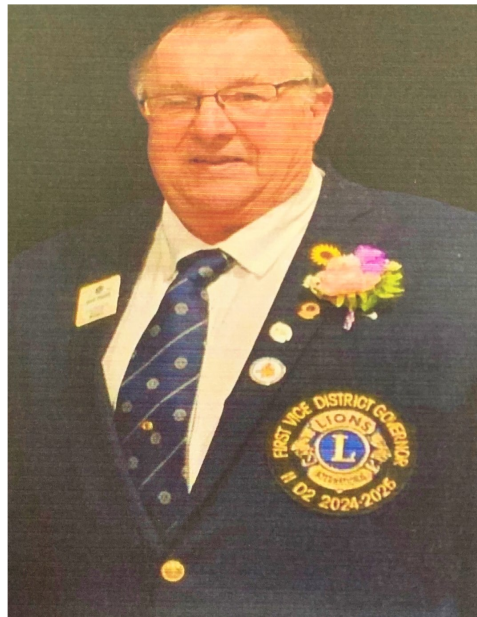
#### Region 2:

Region 2 Zone 1 Chair Ron Stevens  
Region 2 Zone 2 Chair Debbie Kaighen

#### Region 3:

Region 3 Zone 1 Chair Tim Rutkowski  
Region 3 Zone 2 Chair Irene Cole

GMT Tim Dietzel  
GLT Donald Spinks  
GST Wendy Drunkard-Wojos



GOVERNOR DAVE FISHER

### CALENDAR –EVENTS

Apr. 17-19 D-2 Conv. At Wyndam Flint

### **DISTRICT GOVERNOR CORNER**

This is a call for help! Bruce is in need of help with the Newsletter, if you can step up PLEASE call myself or Bruce so we can take some of the pressure off him, Thanks

(bebronson79@gmail.com) or  
(davelonna73@gmail.com)

### **Governor's Letter**

Fellow Lions its convention time for 11-D-2 this year's event will be at the Wyndham Hotel in Flint MI. Make your reservations now, and we need for your clubs to pay LCI DUES along with your DISTRICT DUES, we have 7 clubs that need to go to the LIONS Portal and take care of the problem, and if you have a problem contact myself at 989-550-1866 or Don Spinks at 989-551-5726.

It's Spring and time to get the play book out for those PROJECTS we been waiting to do all winter, let's get our vests out and show are presents serving the community. Membership has been growing in the front door but we are still losing members out that backdoor, and that is a problem we need to ask ourselves why, and try to fix the problem. **JUST ASK!**

Vice District Governor Tim, is looking for a 2nd Vice ASAP, give him a call.

**DG Dave Fisher 989-550-1866**

***1ST VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR TIM DIETZEL.***

**Fellow Lions of 11D2,**

**Service is at the heart of everything we do, and every act of service matters. But just as important as serving is sharing your story. When we log our service activities, we not only celebrate our impact, we ensure our communities, partners, and Lions International see the difference we are making.**

**I encourage every club to make service reporting a priority this month. Whether it's a vision screening, a ramp build, or a simple act of kindness, it counts and it deserves to be recorded.**

**At the same time, our district continues to grow stronger through leadership development.**

**Each of you has the ability to lead, whether at the club, zone, or district level. Leadership in Lions is not about titles; it's about stepping forward to serve. Why step up? Not only can you grow your personal and professional skills, you strengthen your club's future and expand your impact beyond your local community. If you've ever thought about taking the next step, now is the time.**

**There are many leadership development resources available. Online courses through the Lions Learning Center, district training sessions and mentorship from experienced Lions are all good sources.**

**Let's continue to build a district rooted in service, strengthened by leadership, and united in purpose.**

**"We Serve" is more than a motto, it's a commitment. When we serve, lead, and share our story, we inspire others to join us**

***1ST VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR TIM DIETZEL***

## 2ND VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR DEBBI KAIGHEN

By the time you read this, Easter has passed. My wish for you is that you got to spend some time with family or friends.

As we approach the 11D2 convention, that's exactly what we'll be doing, spending time with our fellow Lions (friends). Think about it, we all have a heart for service, caring about our fellow man (or woman). We're not afraid to jump in and give a helping hand. Where there is a need, there is where you'll find a Lion. I'm looking forward to meeting all of you at the convention!

2nd Vice District Governor Debbi Kaighen

## ATTENTION D-2 LIONS!

*There is a mistake in the cover letter. It reads, As an Incentive, We Are Inviting You to Join Us for All Five Meals at A Reduced Cost of \$ ~~54.00~~.*

*It should read.*

*As an Incentive, We Are Inviting You to Join Us for All Five Meals at A Reduced Cost of \$ ~~54.00~~ **100.00**. You are saving **\$54,00** by participating in all 5 meals. Come on join the fun!*



# WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

JOHN NICHOLS	CARSONVELLE LIONS	PAM ABEL	IMLAY CITY LIONS
DALE DUCKERT	IMLAY CITY LIONS	LOIS LUBECK	IMLAY CITY LIONS
ANN GREEN	MARLETTE LIONS	REESE DARROW	PEARL BEACH LIONS
JOHN RATTI	PORT AUSTIN LONS	RYAN SHARROW	SAINT CLAIR LIONS
EVAN FERGUSON	SAINT CLAIR LIONS	SAVANNAH SAINTPIERRE	SAINT CLAIR LIONS
NANETTE CURRAN	USA LIONS	STEPHANIE MACMILLIAN	UBLY LIONS
HEATHER PURMAN	USA LIONS	JENNIFER MCOURMON	USA LIONS
SCOTT WEGRZYN	USA LIONS	KELSEY SCHULZ	USA LIONS

# MEMBERS NO LONGER WITH US "RIP"

MARGARET GETTEL	LAPEER LIONS
KENNETH DAVERN	METAMORA LIONS



District 11-D2 Convention – April 17-18-19, 2026  
 Wyndham Hotels & Conference Center  
 5353 Gateway Centre Drive  
 Flint, MI. 48507 **810-232-5300 GROUP CODE: 041626LIO**  
 District 11-D2 Registration Form

CLUB: \_\_\_\_\_ HOME PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

***NAME: Please print names as you wish them to appear on name tags. If spouse is a Lion or Lioness, please indicate.***

Lion: \_\_\_\_\_ Lion or Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

Lion or Leo: \_\_\_\_\_ Lion or Guest: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

***REGISTRATION FEES: All attendees must pay the \$10.00 registration fee to participate in any Convention Event.***

Check here if a "First Timer": \_\_\_\_\_ Lion \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse \_\_\_\_\_ Lioness \_\_\_\_\_ Leo \_\_\_\_\_ Guest

***\*\*\*You must register and pay for all the meals you plan to attend\*\*\* before March 3, 2026***

REGISTRATION	@ \$10.00 = \$ _____
PARTICIPATE IN ALL 5 MEALS	\$100 @ _____ \$ _____
Meals separately are \$154.00	Total Submitted \$ _____
Save \$54.00 by ordering all 5	

***Make checks payable to District 11-D2 Convention & mail to PDG Wes Wagester, P.O. Box 183, Almont, MI. 48003***

Friday Night Dinner: Roasted Salmon, NY Strip, Potatoes, Salads, Glazed Carrots, Cookies	\$39.00
Saturday Breakfast: All American Breakfast Buffet: Bacon, Links, Eggs, Potatoes, French Toast	\$24.00
Saturday Lunch: Baked Chicken, Red Skin Potatoes with Gravy, Vegetable Blend, Coleslaw	\$28.00
Saturday Night Dinner: Sliced pork loin, chicken marsala, Au Gratin Potatoes salads, cookies	\$39.00
Sunday Breakfast: All American Breakfast Buffet: Bacon, links, Eggs Potatoes, Waffles	\$24.00
<b><i>Breakfast served with coffee, tea, &amp; juice bar. Lunch &amp; Dinners served with rolls, butter and nonalcoholic beverages. Cash bar Friday &amp; Saturday night (after you-use your 2 furnished drink tickets) Please note any dietary requirements:</i></b>	
<b>** FREE SPOUSE PROGRAM DURING SATURDAY MORNING BUSINESS MEETING**</b>	

District 11-D2  
Credentials Form

**Dear Club President & Secretary:**

According to our constitution, each chartered club in good standing in Lions Clubs International and its district (single or sub- and multiple) shall be entitled in each annual convention of its district (single or sub- and multiple) to one (1) delegate and one (1) alternate for each ten (10) members, who have been enrolled for at least one year and a day in the club or major fraction thereof, of said club as shown by the records of the international office on the first day of the month(March 1, 2025) last preceding that month during which the convention is held.

Therefore, the determination of the number of delegates for the **49<sup>th</sup> District Convention** for MI District 11-D2 to be held at the Wyndham Hotel & Conference Center, Flint MI. are figures from March. *Minus members who have not been enrolled for at least one year and one day*

District 11-D2 Credentials Committee  
Attn: PDG Wes Wagester  
P.O. Box 183  
Almont, MI 48003

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**\*If additional space is needed copy this form.**

Delegates will be able to obtain their delegate badges at the Convention Registration desk.

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**NAME OF DELEGATE**

(To be completed by Club Secretary)

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**SIGNATURE OF DELEGATE**

(To be completed at Convention)

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**NAME OF ALTERNATE**

(To be completed by Club Secretary)

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**SIGNATURE OF ALTERNATE**

(To be completed at Convention)

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I hereby certify that the Delegates and Alternates listed above are in good standing with Lions Clubs International and our Lions Club, and secondly, **our Lions Club has met all past and current financial obligations to District 11-D2, Lions of Michigan, and Lions Clubs International.**

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**Club President's or Secretary's Signature**

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Signature of Governor or Governor-Elect (Valid only at Convention, and only if President/Secretary of club is not present)

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**(Name of Lions Club)**

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DISTRICT 11D2



## LIONS OF MICHIGAN

District 11-D2 Convention Committee

Dear Club President and Secretary:

January 9, 2026

Enclosed is a copy of the Credentials and Registration Form for the 2026 District Convention to be held April 17th – 19<sup>th</sup> at the **Wyndham Hotels & Conference Center, 5353 Gateway Centre Drive, Flint, MI. 48507** Call **810-232-5300** or go to website <https://www.wyndhamgrandblanc.com/> -and use Code: **041626LIO** by **March 31, 2026**

*Send the completed Credentials and Registration forms, fee, meal selection & cost by March 31 to:*

***PDG Wes Wagester, P.O. Box 183 Almont, MI. 48003.***

We ask that a registration form, registration fee, meal selection & meal cost be completed for each attendee going to the convention. You may duplicate the registration form as needed. To help eliminate problems that occur quite often, we would like to remind all Lions of the following:

- a) **All club dues** must be paid before the convention. (International, State, and District)
- b) **All Lions** must have a current or life membership card.
- c) Lions must call the **Wyndham Hotel by March 31, 2026** for reservations to qualify for the room rate of \$129.00 plus taxes.
- d) **ALL ATTENDEES** must pay the registration fee – **NO EXCEPTIONS**
- e) Clubs wishing to sponsor a hospitality room on Saturday evening must make their arrangements with the hotel directly and inform the Convention Committee. Hospitality rooms are not to be open during Convention functions.
- f) Registration badges should always be worn during the convention.
- g) Please order **ALL MEALS** using your registration form. The hotel needs an accurate count before **March 31, 2026**, and no refund can be issued after March XXXX. Since all the meals are an important part of the convention, we encourage all participants to attend all activities. **As an Incentive, We Are Inviting You to Join Us for All Five Meals at A Reduced Cost of \$ 54.00. Your name badge holders will contain all requested meal tickets.**

**\*\*FREE SPOUSES PROGRAM WILL BE SCHEDULED DURING THE SATURDAY MORNING BUSINESS MEETING\*\***

**Please continue to bring donations for the Live or Silent Auction.** The District Convention is a time for members of 11D-2 to share fellowship, have fun, and conduct important district business. So, please encourage your members to participate. Let us see if we can get 100% of clubs attending. This year's theme for the Governor's Friday Night is *Cowboy Roundup*. Friday night is wear your favorite cowboy clothes and Saturday's night dinner is *semi-formal*; the rest of the convention is Lion's casual.

## 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](mailto:clubofficers@lionsclubs.org) if you have any questions.

Any questions please contact Leadership chair PDG Donald Spinks at  
**([donnspinks@gmail.com](mailto:donnspinks@gmail.com))**



MAY 14-16, 2026

# MD II LIONS CONVENTION

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

THURSDAY PICNIC AT CELLAR 1914  
FRIDAY RENAISSANCE WELCOME PARTY  
SATURDAY BUSINESS SESSION  
S.A. DODGE AWARDS BANQUET  
SHANTY CREEK, BELLAIRE, MICHIGAN

PREPARE TO BE MERRY

## ATTENTION D-2 LIONS

The registration forms are available on the Lions of Michigan web site. Just log-on and click on events and the MD-11 Convention registrations are the first thing after the quest speaker. Click on the little bar available. If you register early there is a savings. It's a fun time.

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. Three (3) individuals in our district have received Eye Care Assistance through the Lions of Michigan Foundation Eye Care Assistance 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 January 2026, eleven (11) clubs in District 11 – D2 have donated \$5,600.44 to Lions of Michigan Service Foundation with an individual family having donated \$805.20, this is only 24% of our clubs, and this amount is the least for any Michigan district.

The Lions of Michigan Foundation also provides an Affordable Hearing Aid Program, so far two (2) individuals in District 11 – D2 have received assistance since July 1, 2025.

## 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 January 31, 2026 KidSight vision screeners in District 11 – D2 have screened 513 people with a total of 62 referrals. Statewide, for the same time period, 28,486 people have been screened with 3,357 referrals.

## **GLT Report: PDG Don Spinks**

Lions Club leadership training programs are structured to cultivate effective leaders within the organization. These initiatives address various leadership levels and equip Lions and Leos with vital skills.

**Types of Training Programs are Emerging Lions Leadership Institute (ELLI):** This program is dedicated to preparing Lions for leadership roles at the club level. Candidates are generally those who have participated in a club committee but have not yet held the position of club president.

**Regional Lions Leadership Institute (RLLI):** This customizable training is designed to prepare Lions for leadership roles across the association. **Lions University:** This institution provides a thorough curriculum where participants engage in both required and elective courses, alongside leadership experiences.

**Resources Available** Training materials, presentations, and tutorials are accessible in the Lions Clubs International resource center. There are also specific training sessions available for club presidents and vice presidents, which include online course materials.

The Emerging Lions Leadership Institute (ELLI) equips Lions and Leos for leadership roles at the club level. Eligible candidates have successfully served on a club committee and have not yet achieved the title of Lions club president. Club first vice presidents are highly encouraged to participate.

The Regional Lions Leadership Institute (RLLI) prepares Lions and Leos for leadership roles throughout the association. This institute, organized and conducted by Lions at the local level, offers a core curriculum with elective sessions, allowing the training to be customized to address the leadership development needs of each area. Qualified candidates are prepared to seek leadership positions at the club, zone, district, and multiple district levels.

The annual Lions University Forum serves as an excellent opportunity for club officers to enhance their leadership skills. This yearly forum consists of three phases: bachelor's, master's, and PhD degrees. Completing the necessary criteria for each course and attending the annual Lions University will help you advance your leadership journey.

11D2 GLT Chair also has leadership training courses available for all club officers along with newcomer orientation with a heavy emphasis on club secretary training.

**GLT PDG Don Spinks**

## 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](mailto:peggy_duane@yahoo.com).

PDG Peggy Farnsworth

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## CONVENTION COMMITTEE

### *Lions of 11 D2*

*April 17.18.19 is our district convention and it is right around the corner. Registration forms have been mailed to club presidents and secretaries and can be found on the district website at <https://www.lions11d2.org/>. The convention committee has been working on events for the weekend. Please register by March 26<sup>th</sup> and you need to have your room at the Wyndham booked by then. You can reach the hotel at 810-232-5300 or [www.wyndhamgrandblanc.com](http://www.wyndhamgrandblanc.com). The code to book your room is: **041626LIO**. Join us for a weekend of learning, fun and getting to know other Lions.*

*Convention Chair*

*Judy Keller*

## CONVENTION MEMORIAL

**Dear Fellow Lions,**

**As we prepare for the 2026 11D-2 District Convention, we need anecdotal information on any of the Lions Members from your club who have passed since January 2025. Just a paragraph or two on something special they brought to your club. Please email this information to me as soon as possible so we can prepare our Memorial Service. If you have questions, please call. Thank you for your help with this important project.**

**Pat Bowerman: (tandpbowerman@yahoo.com) 810-417-3872**

**THANK YOU**

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## **ALMONT LIONS CLUB**

**An 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.**

**Friday, March 13, 2026 is Euchre Night in the Almont Lions Hall. Doors open at 5:30pm and play begins at 6:30 SHARP! We welcome all Euchre players. Euchre night is held the second (2<sup>nd</sup>) Friday of the Month (August – May).**

**The Club is in the Planning Stage for our annual Easter Candy Hunt, which will be held on Saturday, April 4, 2026 in the Almont Community Park at 11:00am sharp!**

**The Club is also in the planning stages for the following events: (1) White Cane sales (April 24 – May,5, 2026, (2) Liberty Day (March 16, 2026, we provide a U.S. constitution Booklet to all 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Students in Almont Schools and Dryden Schools, (3) Earth Day/Arbor Day (Wednesday, April 22, 2026) (we deliver a seedling white pine to all 4<sup>th</sup> grade students in Almont Schools and Dryden Schools), and (4) our annual Rummage Sale, May 11 – 16, 2026.**

## **EMMETT LIONS CLUB**

**Attention Lions very important gift of blood. Help your community.**

**The Emmett Lions will be holding a Blood Drive Thursday on April 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Church hall in Emmett.**

**The Hours are from 1 till 7pm. You MUST have an appointment to donate. Please call 800-733-2767**

**PDG Chuck Belesky**



# 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

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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](http://LeaderDog.org) in April to learn how you can make twice the difference. Donate by mail or online at [LeaderDog.org - Donate](http://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

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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

### HADLEY LIONS CLUB

The Hadley Lions will be having their first spaghetti dinner in the newly renovated hall on April 16th from 5 to 7:30pm. Our last spaghetti dinner was in December before the renovation started. Seniors \$9 and adults are \$10. Your dinner includes spaghetti, garlic bread, salad, coleslaw and dessert. Would love to see you!



## PORT HURON HOST LIONS CLUB

Port Huron Host Lions Club had a wonderful day we got to share together. We had some very happy kids come join us for our egg hunt at the Lions Club. Thank you to YOUTH Matter Michigan who were more than happy to be a part of it and help us. Thank you to the fellow Lions that volunteered to help and enormous thank you to the Port Huron Prowlers for coming by and hanging out with the kids. We hope to see you all again for our next event, don't miss out on the fun.





### CARSONVILLE LIONS CLUB



Carsonville Lion Club recently welcomed new member John Nichols on 03/24/2026. John is pictured on the left. The Ceremony was witnessed by Matt Lindley, President of the Carsonville club sponsored Matt's.

The Carsonville Lions are getting new additions to add new members, is to strengthen the club

### ELKTON LIONS CLUB

The Elkton Lions are hitting the field, not actual Lions Club members, but the Elkton Lions Flag Football team. New to the Elkton area, Stardom Co-ed Flag Football organization will be hosting its first season in the area and the Elkton Lions Club was more than eager to jump in and support our area kids with some equipment, uniforms and scholarships to get started to play. Stardom Flag Football hosts 6 weeks sessions in Spring, Summer and Fall for students ages 6 - 17. Gooooooo Lions!!!!!!



## ELKTON LIONS CLUB

The Elkton Lions recently listened to a presentation from Sleep in Heavenly Peace, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that builds and delivers beds to children ages 3-17 who are sleeping on floors, sofas or with parents or siblings. The beds are provided to the individuals free of charge. The Elkton Lions has partnered up with the organization, providing funds to build 10 beds for children in the area. Some of the members have helped with the builds and delivering of the beds.



*Elkton Lions donates to the Huron County Childs Abuse and Neglect council and places Blue Pin-wheels around town to help bring awareness to this great cause. Consider supporting your local council.*

### SANILAC LIONS CLUB

The Sanilac Lions Club’s team participated in the Literacy Night program at CPS Elementary, distributing bookmarks, coloring pages, and Goldfish crackers, while also informing parents about Kidsight screenings, Bear Lake Camp, and Leader Dogs For the Blind.



  
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## ALMONT LIONS CLUB

An American Red Cross blood drive is scheduled to held in our hall on Monday, **April 13, 2026**. Since 2005 in the Almont Lions Hall **3501** units of blood that has been collected and a potential total of **10,501** lives saved.

Friday, APRIL 10, 2026 is **Euchre Night** in the Almont Lions Hall. Doors open at 5:30pm and play begins at 6:30 SHARP! We welcome all Euchre players. Euchre night is held the second (2<sup>nd</sup>) Friday of the Month (August – May).

The Club was scheduled to hold our annual **Easter Candy Hunt** on **Saturday, April 4, 2026** in the Almont Community Park at 11:00am sharp! This event was **postponed** due to extensive rainfall. The community park was underwater as well as our parking lot. It has been **rescheduled** for **Saturday, April 11, 2026** at **11:00 am sharp!**

The Club is also in the planning stages for the following events: (1) **White Cane** sales (April 24 – May,5, 2026), (2) **Liberty Day**, we provide a U.S. constitution Booklet to all 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Students in Almont Schools and Dryden Schools, (3) **Earth Day/Arbor Day** (Wednesday, April 22, 2026) (we deliver a seedling white pine to all 4<sup>th</sup> grade students in Almont Schools and Dryden Schools), and (4) our annual **Rummage Sale**, May 11 – 16, 2026.



## MEMPHIS LIONS CLUBS

The Memphis Lions held their spring blood drive with 26 sign-ups for donations. One did not show up, but we had one walk up to give 26. The procedure went without a hitch. Thee very last session we had a great turn out, however there was a problem. It was fall and the yellow jackets started to swarm. It got so bad had to get a bee specialist in and shut the collection DOWN.

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# SEW-A-THON!

## YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

The CARE BAG MOVEMENT takes care of the immediate personal care needs of foster children in St. Clair and Sanilac County by assisting St. Clair County Department of Health and Human Services, KIDS IN DISTRESS, and Local Fire Department FIRST RESPONDERS.

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Join the CAREBAG MOVEMENT and help at our annual Sew-A-Thon and collection day. We collect items for children ages from newborn to 18 years old. If you know how to sew, bring your sewing machine. If you would like to iron, you can bring your iron. There are many non-sewing places to volunteer that day as well. Everyone is welcome to help and contribute

### What to bring?

We collect items for all children, ages newborn to 18 years old.

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- COMBS
- SHAMPOO
- CONDITIONER
- SOAP BAR
- LICE KITS
- LOTIONS
- NAIL POLISH
- BOTTLES
- PACIFIERS
- DIAPERS
- DIAPER CREAM
- SIPPY CUPS
- UNDERWEAR/SOCKS
- PAJAMAS FOR CHILDREN
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### Contact Us

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### More Information

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## Ubly Lions Club 6th Annual Homemade Pierogi Sale



**Potato ~ Cheese ~ Sauerkraut**  
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We will have different pick-up dates.**


**\*Orders can be picked up at the Ubly Lions Club Community Center 4496 Pike Street Ubly MI 48475, or contact your Lion salesperson**

## UBLY LIONS CLUB

It's that time of year again for the Ubyly Lions. It is our annual homemade pierogi sale! We have Cheese, Potato, and Sauerkraut Pierogis. To order, simply click this link and complete the information.



### LEAD THE WAY (LEADER DOG FOR THE BLIND)

April's edition of Leading the Way is ready to be shared with your district newsletter editor or directly with the Lions of your district. You can find it in English, Spanish, and large print at  [April 2026](#), and also the PDFs attached here.

This edition focuses on our guide dog program, with a celebration of International Guide Dog Day, common myths and misconceptions about guide dogs, an evaluation for someone who is blind to determine if they are ready for a guide dog, and an introduction to our spring matching campaign, beginning in April.

Our Lions team is thrilled to have been invited to so many district and multiple district



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# 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](http://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](mailto: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.

We want to sincerely thank you for your service and your support, and we're looking forward to an incredible convention in Hong Kong.



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# Jeddo Lions Steak Dinner

## April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Doors open @ 2:00 PM

Dinner @ 5:00

50/50 & Gun Raffle

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All You Can Eat Steak Dinner & Sides

All Beverages Included

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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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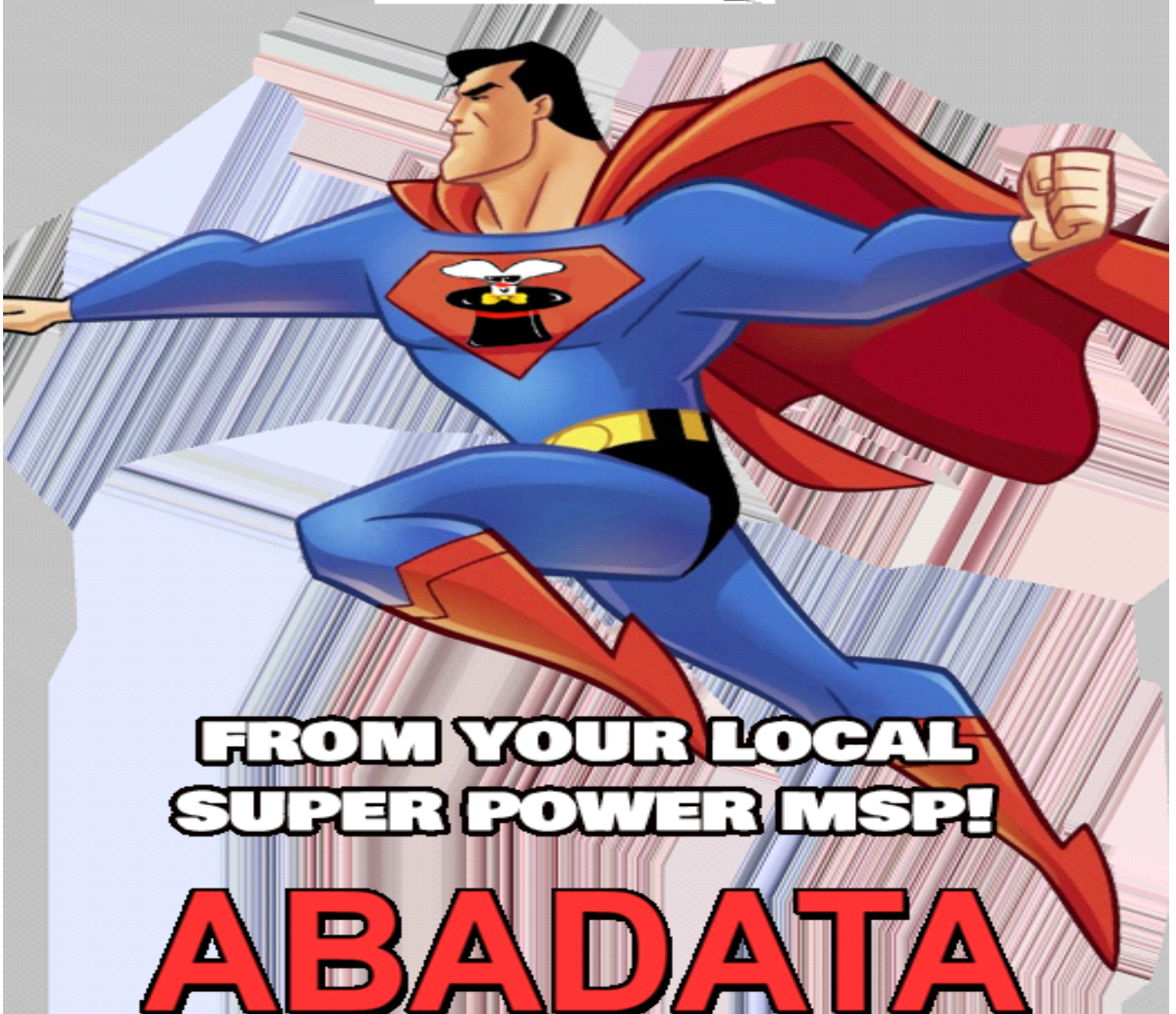
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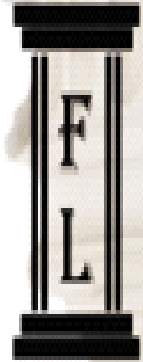


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