

LIONS NEWS

DISTRICT 11D2

JAN. 2026



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

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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

JAN. 24, C'sbinet Meeting at Bench Warmers
Sandusky 9:30 AM

DISTRICT GOVERNOR CORNER

. IT'S PARTY TIME Ubly Lions are celebrating their 85th year as a Lions club, watch for Brochures and come out and make it a party.

Governor's Letter

I would like to discuss our strategy for membership and retention. My primary goal for this 11-D-2 Lion year is to bring new members in the front door, and not let them slip out the back door. We are doing great recruiting, we brought in 80 new members, but 60 slipped out the back door. We need to look at our club members and ask the question, "What do you think we need to do differently to **keep you as a member?**" It's time to start thinking **CONVENTION!** This year the convention will be at Wyndham Hotels & conference Center Flint MI. Dates are April 17-18-19. The theme is **COWBOY ROUND UP.** Come join us for a good time.

With deep regret! 2VDG Tom Witkins due to health and personal reasons he has stepped down from that position, we wish him better health, and he will be missed.

Nominations were asked to fill the vacancy, I received one from Hadley Club for Debbie Kaighen. A vote was held January 7th and it was unanimous, paperwork was submitted, just waiting on confirmation.

Secretaries! Please report any service or meetings to the Lions Portal and Treasures, check the portal for your statements, and pay your bills ther

DG Dave Fisher 989-550-1866

1ST VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR TIM DIETZEL.

As we welcome a new year, we pause with gratitude for all that was accomplished through 11D2 this past year. Because of your time generosity, and heart for service, lives were touched, needs were met, and our community is better because Lions showed up.

From serving with vision and hearing needs to supporting local projects and neighbors who needed a helping hand, 11D2 lived out the Lions mission: *to serve*. Each project-large or small-was a reminder that when Lions work together, real change happens.

The new year brings fresh opportunities to serve. We are excited about upcoming projects that will allow us to continue meeting real needs in our community while inviting others to join us in meaningful service. Your ideas, energy, and participation are vital as we move forward together.

One of our greatest opportunities this year is *membership growth*. Every new Lion brings new skills, fresh enthusiasm, and a wider reach for service. If you know someone who cares about community, believes in service, and wants to make a difference, invite them to attend a meeting or serve alongside us at a project. Lions Clubs grow best through personal invitations and shared service.

Remember- membership isn't just about numbers; it's about impact. The more Lions we have, the more we can do.

Each Lion plays an important part in the success of your club. Whether you lead, serve quietly behind the scenes, or simply show up faithfully, you are making a difference. Thank you for giving willingly of your time and serving with compassion.

As we step into this new year, let us do so with renewed purpose, open hearts, and a commitment to serve together.

Wishing you and your family a joyful, healthy, and service-filled New Year.

1st. VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR TIM DIETZEL



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

EUGENIA CALACADSIDEZ HADLEY LIONS

WILLIAM SHEERMAN HADLEY LIONS

RUTH BANDLOW NORTH BRANCH LIONS TRAVIS STREAU

CONNIE EMOND

DAVIC BANDLOW

HADLEY LIONS

NORTH BRANCH LIONS

RUBY LIONS

MEMBERS NO LONGER WITH US "RIP"

DEVERE HENNE ELKTON LIONS

GLT Report: GLT Chair PDG Don Spinks

I was asked the other day when I was promoting club Officer training the following question. Why should I attend Lions club officer training when I can learn as I go? I ask this lion if their meetings were well attended? Are your club members enthused? Are you as a club president prepared for the club meeting? I heard a lot of no responses. So, I let it be known that Lions International and the District of 11D2 have training classes for all club officers to learn what to do and to be all they can be. There are numerous benefits in being trained as listed below. There are so many ways we can help your club and leadership strive.

Learning how to run a club offers numerous benefits. It enhances leadership skills, fosters teamwork, and provides opportunities for personal growth. Here are some key reasons to consider:

- **Leadership Development:** Running a club helps develop essential leadership qualities, such as decision-making, communication, and conflict resolution.
- **Networking Opportunities:** Clubs often connect members with diverse individuals, expanding social and professional networks.
- **Skill Building:** Organizing events and managing finances cultivates valuable skills that are applicable in various life areas.
- **Community Impact:** Clubs can address community needs, allowing members to contribute positively and make a difference.

Personal Fulfillment: Creating a space for shared interests can lead to lasting friendships and a sense of belonging

GLT/ PDG Don Spinks

ATTENTION D-2 LIONS!

You are receiving your packets for the convention in April 2026. 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 \$ 100.00. You are saving \$54,00 by participating in all 5 meals.



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 – 19th 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.



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

Breakfast served with coffee, tea, & juice bar. Lunch & Dinners served with rolls, butter and nonalcoholic beverages. Cash bar Friday & Saturday night (after you use your 2 furnished drink tickets) Please note any dietary requirements:

**** FREE SPOUSE PROGRAM DURING SATURDAY MORNING BUSINESS MEETING****



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 **49th 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)

SIGNATURE OF DELEGATE

(To be completed at Convention)

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NAME OF ALTERNATE

(To be completed by Club Secretary)

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.**

Club President's or Secretary's Signature

(Name of Lions Club)

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

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 (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. 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.

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.

PDG Wesley Wagester D-2 Coordinator



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January 1, 2026

Dear Lion Friends,

I am writing this letter on behalf of my club, Ubly Lions Club. As a two-and-a-half-decade member it brings me great pride to announce we are celebrating 85 years of service. We wish to invite you to attend our charter celebration on February 15, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. at the Ubly Heights Golf & Country Club. We are honored to have as our special guest, First International Vice President Mark and Lyn Lyon. 1VP Mark will become our International President in July and we are delighted to be one of his last stops before ascending into the presidency. There will be great food, excellent entertainment, and maybe even a little dancing. I have enclosed a flyer with the appropriate details. Additionally, if you would like to place an ad or a congratulatory remark in our program booklet, I have enclosed that flyer as well. Most importantly, we hope that you and the members of your club join us in celebrating a monumental occasion.

Sincerely,

Lion Justin K. Faber
Past International Director



Ugly Lions Club 85 Years of Service *Celebration*



With Special Guests
**First International Vice President Mark
& Lion Lyn**

Where: Ugly Heights Golf and Country Club
2409 East Atwater Road, Ugly, Michigan 48475

When: February 15, 2026 1:00-5:00 PM
\$65 per person

Please mail check to: Ugly Lions Club
2737 Ridley Road, Palms, MI 48465

Contact Lion Shelly for more details at (810) 837-0119

Ugly Lions Club

85th Charter Celebration

Sponsorship Opportunity

(All ads will be placed in the program booklet and given to all attendees)



Sponsorship Level 1:

\$200

Full Page Ad

Sponsorship Level 2:

\$100

Half Page Ad

Sponsorship Level 3:

\$50

1/3 Page Ad

Please remit payment and artwork and/or ad information by February 5, 2026

Submit Payment to:

Ugly Lions Club
2737 Ridley Road
Palms, Michigan 48465

Email questions and/or ad information to:
warczins@gmail.com

HADLEY LIONS CLUB

For this years Peace Poster contest, we only had 6 entries and 2 were disqualified for NOT following the rules. Its heartbreaking not being able to use these posters if they are not the correct size or the correct age. We did have a winner that will represent our district. The winning poster was sponsored by the Metamora Lions Club. His name is Aden Verprauskas from Roland-Warner School in Lapeer. Congratulations Aden! Every year Hadley Lions sponsors the district yearly Peace Poster contest. There was always a good turn out at their spaghetti dinner. This year was poor and the writer of this missed it in the November and December newsletter. We can do much better I know.



MICHIGAN LIONS FORUM



LEAD TO SERVE, SERVE TO LEAD!

February 27–28, 2026

Featuring Keynote Speaker Kathleen Marcath

Delta Marriott Kalamazoo
 2747 S 11th Street, Kalamazoo, MI 49009
Room Reservations call 269-375-6000
CODE: LIONS MI FORUM
Cost: \$119.00 Cutoff date: 2/1/26
Alternate Hotel:
BEST WESTERN SUITES KALAMAZOO
269-350-5522 Room Rate: \$112.00

Registration Cost: \$60.00/person

Please complete the registration form and send it along with a check to:

Lions of Michigan
5730 Executive Dr., Lansing, MI 48911
Telephone 517-887-6640 or Fax 517-887-6642
-OR-

Register online at www.lionsofmi.com

Name _____

Address _____

Club Name _____

District _____

Contact Phone _____

Email _____

Names of Registrants

1. _____

2. _____

Early Registration Deadline: February 14, 2026

____ Registrants at \$60.00/person* = \$ _____

*Registration includes lunch, Forum, and proceedings booklet.

List food allergies or dietary requirements:

REGISTER EARLY

To help us plan, prepare materials and guarantee lunch!

FRIDAY EVENTS: Registration open 6:30 pm

- 7:00 p.m. Service Project Forget Me Not Little Heroes
- Hospitality – Mingle at Lift inside the Hotel

SATURDAY SESSIONS:

7:00 a.m. Registration Delta Marriott Conference Center
 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Breakout Sessions - Lunch to follow

Session 1 Breakout Session - 8:30 a.m. (Check One)

- Leadership Challenge
- Managing Your Club on the Web
- Officer Training; President
- LCIF / LMF

Session 2 Breakout Session - 9:30 a.m. (Check One)

- Building Membership through Specialty Clubs
- Cybersecurity
- Club Secretary / Service Reporting
- Leader Dog / Puppy Raisers

Session 3 Breakout Session - 10:30 a.m. (Check One)

- Serving Together: Partners in Service
- Flipping for Fundraisers / LCI Legal Rules
- Officer Training; Treasurer
- Elder Law & Estate Planning

Session 4 Breakout Session - 11:30 a.m. (Check One)

- Attracting Younger Members
- Service Carnival
- Tail Twister / Ice Breakers
- Eversight

12:45 p.m. Luncheon, Scholarships, Keynote Address by Author Kathleen Marcath, Raffle Drawings

LIONS MICHIGAN FORUM SERVICE PROJECT HIGHLIGHT

Forget Me Not Little Heroes is an organization dedicated to supplying backpacks full of essential items to fostered, sheltered, and underprivileged children ages 3-12 years old. They have been selected as our Forum Service Project this year.

Why Backpacks?

Most children arrive at foster homes and shelters with nothing but a garbage bag. When the organizers heard of this, they stepped up to make a change. Items are designed to fit in a backpack. It makes them feel special, keeps them organized and teaches them to care about their belongings.

What Can You Do to Help?

Our goal is to fill 300 backpacks with all color coordinated items so each child has their very own backpack. **The cost for one backpack is \$40.00.** Our goal is to raise \$12,000.00 though district and club donations and grants. Each district has been asked to make a minimum of a \$200.00 donation toward backpacks and their contents. Each club is being asked to donate as much as they can afford as part of a club service project, enabling us to provide many more of these special items for special kids. Please consider donating to this worthy cause! Please mail your check by February 2, made out to:

Three Rivers Lions Club PO Box 134

Three Rivers, MI 49093

Attn: Forum Service Project

Contact PDG Julie Mayuiers, Michigan Lions



Certified Guiding Lion Training:

Be the Leader Your Community Needs!

What is a Guiding Lion?

A Guiding Lion is a trained leader who helps guide and mentor Lions Clubs (new and existing) to ensure their success and community impact.

**January 24, 2026
1:00 pm – 4:00 pm**

Held on Zoom- register via QR



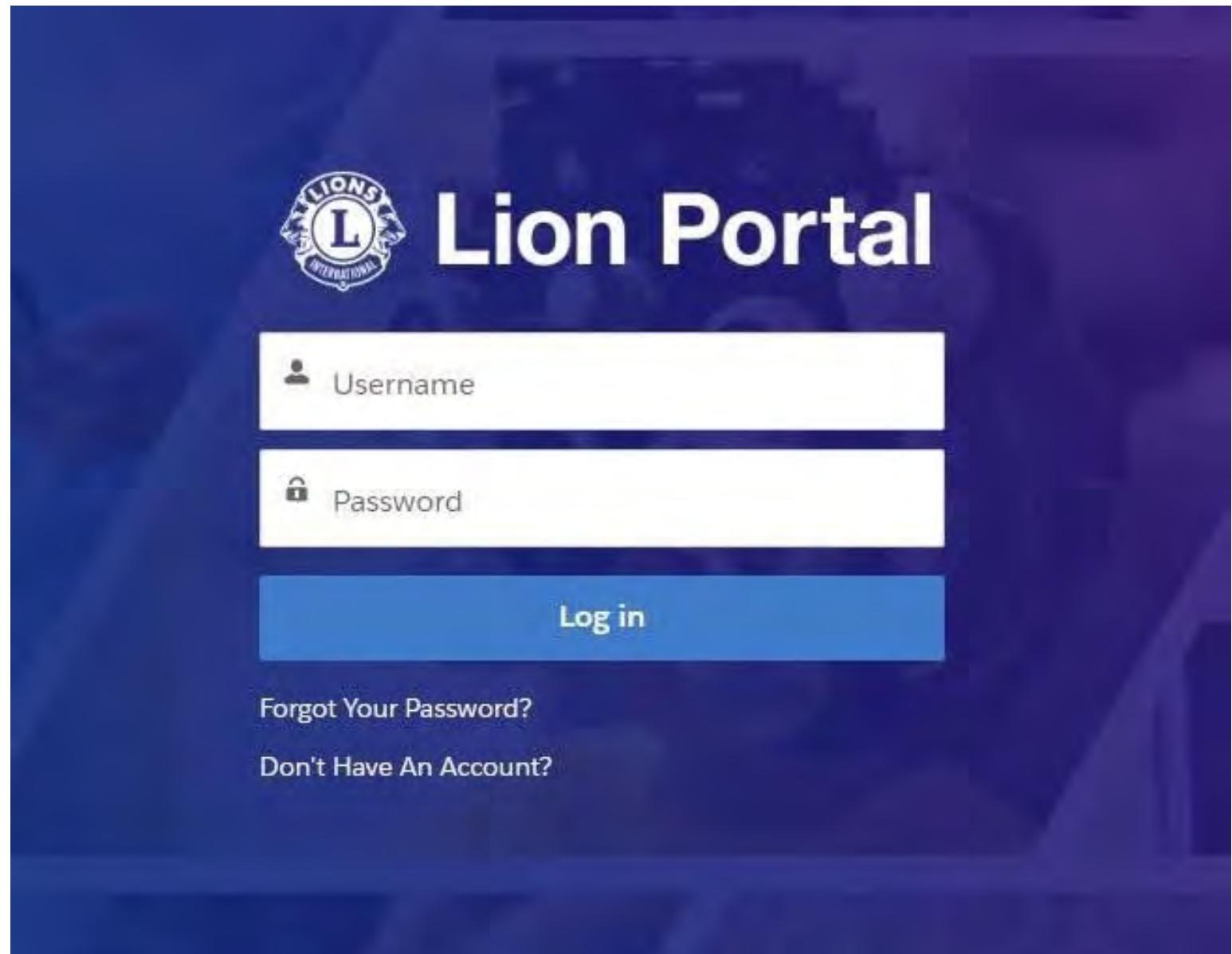
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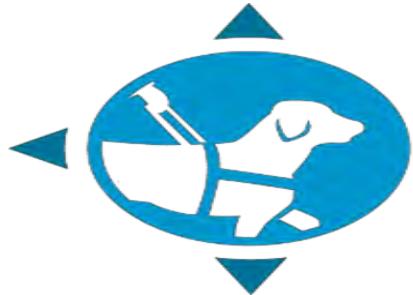
- Experienced Lions who want to take on a leadership role
- Those who are passionate about helping others grow and make a difference
- Anyone looking to contribute to the success of new and existing Lions Clubs

Questions? Contact PCC Julia Kozicki at 317-294-8064 or julia@thekozickis.org

Service Reporting is available anytime. Give GLT/PDG Don Spinks a shout at donspinks@gmail.com if you need it.

We need to report all the great things the clubs do. Please help out.





LEADER DOGS FOR THE BLIND

Leader Dog February Newsletter (and reminder of the LDC Meeting this Thursday Jan 15th)

At the risk of rushing the year along already... February's Leading the Way newsletter for Lions is ready for you to share. Please forward this email on to your newsletter editor so your district gets the latest updates from Leader Dog. This edition includes an interactive activity any Lion can run at a convention or meeting to help illustrate the impact of blindness and low vision on people in our community. It also celebrates Lion Melissa Weisse, President & CEO of Leader Dog, for receiving the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award from the Royal Oak Lions Club.

Please also invite Lions to join us on campus this March for our Lions Tour Experience the afternoon of Saturday, March 14th. An event exclusively for Lions, attendees will receive a tour of campus and hear from a client. Each attendee should [register online](#) - please note, tickets are limited to ensure the best experience for all attendees.

Our team is finalizing travel for ourselves and client speakers through spring - now is the time to request a speaker for any events through April. We will do our best to accommodate requests, but the earlier they are submitted, the better chance we have at providing a speaker to meet your needs. You can [request a speaker](#) or [request materials](#) like flyers and blindfolds at the Lions Club Resources page of our website.

I hope to see you this Thursday at our Leader Dog Chair meeting. The meeting will begin at 7pm ET on Thursday, January 15. Join through Zoom for the latest news and to meet Dr. Gail McRae, DVM, Director of Canine Health and Breeding.

What are reading disorders?

Here is an excellent article on Dyslexia.

Reading disorders occur when a person has trouble reading words or understanding what they read. Dyslexia is one type of reading disorder. It generally refers to difficulties reading individual words and can lead to problems understanding text.

Most reading disorders result from specific differences in the way the brain processes written words and text.¹ Usually, these differences are present from a young age. But a person can develop a reading problem from an injury to the brain at any age.

People with reading disorders often have problems recognizing words they already know and understanding text they read. They also may be poor spellers. Not everyone with a reading disorder has every symptom.

Reading disorders are not a type of [intellectual or developmental disorder](#), and they are not a sign of [lower intelligence](#) or unwillingness to learn.

People with reading disorders may have other learning disabilities, too, including problems with [writing](#) or [numbers](#). Visit our topic on [learning disabilities](#) for more information about these problems.

Types of Reading Disorders

Dyslexia is the most well-known reading disorder. It specifically impairs a person's ability to read. Individuals with dyslexia have normal intelligence, but they read at levels significantly lower than expected. Although the disorder varies from person to person, there are common characteristics: People with dyslexia often have a hard time sounding out words, understanding written words, and naming objects quickly.¹ Most reading problems are present from the time a child learns to read. But some people lose the ability to read after a [stroke](#) or an [injury to the area of the brain involved with reading](#).² This kind of reading disorder is called alexia.

Hyperlexia is a disorder where people have advanced reading skills but may have problems understanding what is read or spoken aloud. They may also have cognitive or social problems. Other people may have normal reading skills but have problems understanding written words.

PDG Don Spinks RAC



MEMPHIS LIONS/LEOS CLUBS

Memphis Lion's LEO's are a strong group of twenty- one students ranging in grades 7th- 12th. LEO's are active in many school clubs and sports but also find the time to serve their community and become leaders at the Elementary School. Each year Leo's help with the annual food drive, sorting and packing food baskets for Holiday delivery. On delivery day LEO's help load the food into cars where Lion's Club members volunteer to deliver the baskets.

This year the Memphis LEO's hosted a Dinner and Bingo Holiday meal for seniors in the community. 86 seniors were served a salad, chicken dinner and dessert before joining in the fun of playing Bingo called by LEO's where they could win prizes or a poinsettia to take home at no cost to the seniors. The school choir, of which many LEO's were also part of, gave a concert of Christmas songs for all to enjoy.

Next, LEO's will be planning a Valentine's Day dance for fifth and six grade students at the Elementary school. Helping them to learn dances, treat them to snacks and beverages along with leading several games will be done by LEO's.

LEO's are also part of Constitution Day, handing out Constitution booklets to fifth graders and playing a quiz game to see how much they know about the Constitution.

On Arbor Day LEO's hand out seedlings to fourth graders and demonstrate how to plant and care for their seedlings.

LEO's also plan social events for their club to end each year. Visiting Leader Dogs, touring Bear Lake, bowling, challenging themselves with a ropes course are some of the suggestions to end our year.

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Nancy S. Thomson

HADLEY LIONS CLUB

The Hadley Lions hosted the towns Christmas tree lighting event with great success. The Lions provided crafts for the kids, Santa visits, hot coco and cookies. Pastor Matt lead us in song around the tree and to our wonderful park with a wooden bridge. Fun was had by all ages! Lion Kathy Wood with Pastor Matt in picture.

Also, the Hadley Lions held a food drive at our last spaghetti dinner...and we were not disappointed. Our community was very generous this year! All the food collected was taken to the Stone Soup Kitchen in Lapeer that helps over 90 agencies with food. All in time for the holidays, thanks for your generosity! We had a whole truck load of food to donate.





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.

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

ATTENTION CLUB TREASURERS

It is imperative that you have an account with Lions Clubs International (LCI). You will need an email and password to log on to LCI. You will not be mailed a bill on your club dues. You have to log on to LCI and view your club financial account with LCI. You can pay your club LCI dues by PayPal, pay now and setup payment. Note, if your club falls behind on club dues, your club goes on status quo. That means your club can't do anything in the name of Lions. The portal is also off limits to your club until the club financial matters are cleared with LCI. Don't forget to check to see if your club owes district dues also. Below is the page you should see to pay dues with LCI.

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Lions Bear Lake Camp

4TH ANNUAL ICE PLUNGE & DINNER Fundraiser

FAMILY FRIENDLY EVENT**ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS***Dinner Includes Jumper Contests*

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

Prizes for
 Best Costume
 Best Jump (no diving)
 and Most Money Raised

FEBRUARY 7TH 20262:00 PM Check-In 3:00 PM Ice Plunge
followed by Dinner

\$50 - Jump/Dinner

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

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



For More Information Contact

traci@bearlakecamp.orgchrissy@bearlakecamp.org

810-245-0726

Sign up online at
bearlakecamp.org
 under the "Events" Tab

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

LIONS BEAR LAKE CAMP ICE PLUNGE & DINNER FUNDRAISER

FEBRUARY 7TH, 2026 2:00PM

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

ICE PLUNGE REGISTRATION FEE & PLEDGES

There is a \$50 registration fee to jump. Jumpers may collect pledges to support Lions Bear Lake Camp. The Jumper that raises the most money will receive a commemorative plaque. Based on pledge amounts, Jumpers Receive:

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

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

\$250 or More: Priority Jump, Dinner, T-shirt, Tote Bag, Medal, Event Beanie

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

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Sponsorships support the event. Pledges are collected by participants to reach prize levels—two separate ways to make a difference.

Event Sponsorship Opportunities

Polar Legend Sponsor - \$2,500

Exclusive top placement of Sponsor's Logo on T-shirt, Recognition as Presenting Sponsor during event announcements & speaking opportunity, Recognition on Social Media, Table of 8 Complimentary Dinner Tickets, 2 Complimentary Jumpers, 2 Ice Plunge T-shirts, Premium Sponsor Plaque

Sub Zero Hero Sponsor \$1,000

Sponsor's Logo will be featured on back of T-shirt and sponsor banner, Recognition on Social Media, 2 Complimentary Jumpers, 4 Complimentary Dinner Tickets, 1 Ice Plunge T-shirt, Sponsor Plaque.

Arctic Champion Sponsor \$500

Sponsor's name or Logo will be featured on back of T-shirt, Recognition on Social Media, 2 Complimentary Dinner Tickets, 1 Complimentary Jumper, 1 Ice Plunge T-Shirt.

Frosty Friends Sponsor \$250

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Ice Breaker Sponsor \$100

Sponsor's name will be featured on back of T-shirt. Recognition on Social Media.

Donations Welcome!!

Donated raffle and prize items are appreciated.

Donors will be acknowledged throughout the event via announcements

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Lapeer, MI 48446**



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Fishing Tackle, Outdoor Sports, Misc. LIVE & Online Auction!!!

Saturday March 7th Auction Start @ 11:00 am

Lure Bar Open from 10:00 am to 11:00 am

(Pre-priced lures offered for 1 hour before auction start)

*Location – Memphis Lions Club Youth Center
34758 Pratt Road, Memphis, MI 48041*

Some items will be available
for pre-bidding online but
the LIVE Auction is where
you want to be!!

Come early from 10:00 am to 11:00 am for the Lure Bar!!
Pre-priced lures of all kinds at great below retail prices!
First come first serve and buy all you want! Lure Bar
closes at Auction Start Time!

In this auction you will see all types of fishing
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from major sporting manufactures), donated
items from local businesses, outdoor décor,
and much more!



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Free Will Donation Venison Goulash Lunch will be Available!!

All retail merchandise in
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guaranteed.

Auction Terms - All bidders must be at least 18 years of age and have valid state ID to register for a bidding number. We will accept cash, local in state checks with proper ID, Visa, Mastercard & Discover (4% fee for credit card use). There will also be a 10% buyer's premium in effect for this auction. All items must be paid for in full before they are removed from the auction location. Online pre-bidding available for select items only! All online bidding lots, if won, can be shipped to continental US Only! High bid online does not guarantee auction lot won, final bid subject to in person live auction results. All statements made day of sale take precedence over printed matter here in.

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MARLETT LIONS CLUB

The smiles shared and the difference made in 2025 brought great joy to the Marlette Lions Club. Serving others continues to inspire us, and we look forward to doing so again in 2026. We move ahead with optimism, wishing you peace, joy, and prosperity.

**MARYSVILLE LIONS CLUB**

Hoping 2026 will be amazing and rewarding to everyone in our community! If you are ready to join a group that SERVES others, we invite you to reach out soon.



**HARSENS ISLAND LIONS
ANNUAL**

Muskrat Dinner

Proceeds Benefit Lions and Community Charities

Tuesday February 10, 2026

DONATION : \$45.00

Door Prizes, Raffles, 50/50

Doors open 6:00pm

Dinner 7:00 pm

230 LaCroix Harsens Island, MI



FOR TICKETS CALL

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Almont Lions Club

December 15, 2025 {25 units of blood was collected, resulting in a total of 3470 units collected and a total of 10,410 lives saved since 2005 at the Almont Lions Hall. The next blood drive in our hall is scheduled for Monday, February 9, 2026 Friday, January 9, 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 nd) Friday of the Month (August-- May). Peace Poster contest: The Almont Lions submitted two (2) entries in the recently completed District 11 – D2 Peace Poster Contest. We had received 75 entries from Almont Middle School and 14 entries from Dryden Junior High School. We are recently successfully completed The 2025 edition of the Almont Lions GOODFELLOW paper. We provided Christmas gifts for needy families with a total of 21 children.



**JOIN THE
ALMONT LIONS
EUCHRE NIGHTS IN
2025/2026**

<u>2025</u>	<u>2026</u>
Friday, Sept. 12th	Friday, Jan. 9th
Friday, Oct. 10th	Friday, Feb. 13th
Friday, Nov. 14th	Friday, Mar. 13th
Friday, Dec. 12th	Friday, Apr. 10th
	Friday, May 8th
Where: 222 Water Street, Almont, MI Time: 5:30pm Doors Open Start: 6:30pm SHARP! Cost: \$20 per player No. of Games: 8	
Meal included, \$.50 euchre, break at the half. Everyone is welcome, you do not need to be a member, pre-registration is NOT required, sign up at the door. In the event of 5 tables or less, the prize money will be adjusted. Any questions, please contact: Fran @ 810-614-5535 or Garrett @ 810-683-4214	



Minden City Lions Club

GUN RAFFLE

2026 One ticket gets you in for all 52 Weekly Drawings

DRAWING DATES, NUMBER and PRIZES

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

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1. [Click Here](#) to open Servant Hero Creator app inside of ChatGPT (*Pro preferred*)

2. Select one of the prompts:

- Make me a Servant Hero!
- Here's my photo & how I serve
- I volunteer at a food pantry - make me a hero
- Create a Servant Hero version of me with the Lion logo

Answer the questions, be prepared to upload a selfie or picture – so your hero looks like you!

3. Save & Share your image on social media with **#ServantHero**

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SIDE BY SIDE RAFFLE

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1ST PRIZE: 2025 CAN-AM DEFENDER HD7

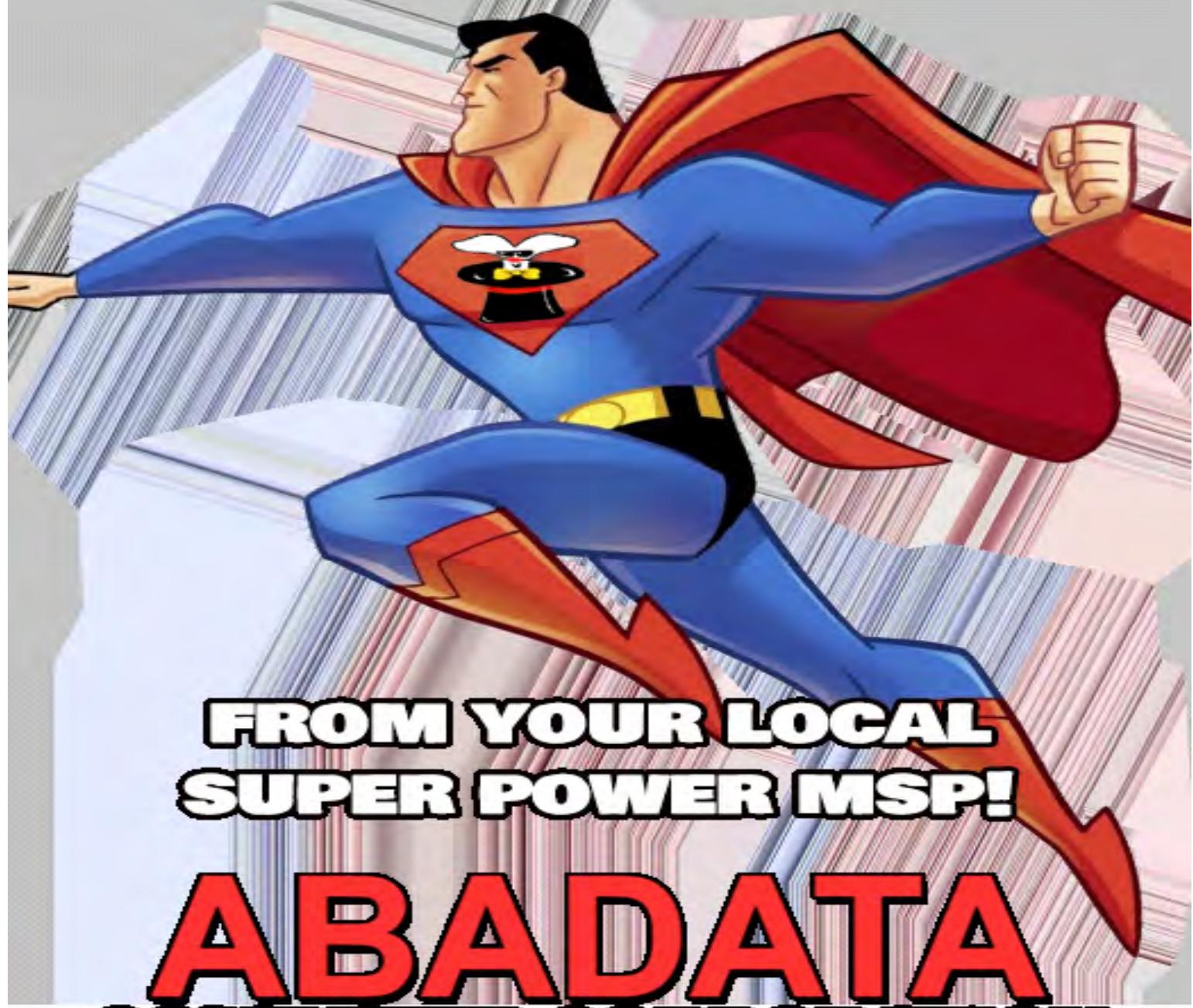
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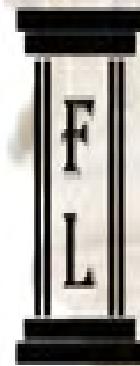
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