



Lions District 11 A-2 Roaring News



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Outgoing DG Offers Thanks, Reflects Upon Time in Office

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

I could put it in bigger letters, but it wouldn't be any plainer than it is right now. I thank you from the bottom of my heart for the opportunity to Serve you over the past several years.

I have a bunch of people to thank, but we'll get to that shortly.

First, I have several messages to pass on: Make sure you input your officers with LCI. This is very important as they and we need to know who they are and how to contact them. LCI will no longer be sending things like your dues invoice by snail mail. You will only be able to get it electronically and to do that they must know who you are and where to send it. We have already started to get DGE Mark Scicluna's Roster Book together and we need that information as well. We will no longer accept "they are the same as last year." You must tell LCI and that's where we will get our information from. Be sure to check your meeting days, times, and locations to make sure those are also up to date.

Next, please understand that LCI has a process for everything, from bringing in new members to turning in your club charter, they have their methods and it's easier for everyone if those methods are followed. If you need information, please ask, that's what the Cabinet is here for. When we try to visit your club, it is not to see how much money you have in your bank account, and you don't even have to show us a Treasurer's report. We will come to check in with you and share information. We sincerely hope that you don't need our help, not because we don't want to, but because it means your club is healthy. If your club is having troubles, no matter what kind, let your Cabinet know so that we can help. We would much rather put in the work to help you grow your club or solve the conflict than have you turn in your charter. Yes, we lost 2 clubs this year and we are hoping to not lose anymore. Our goal is not to tell you what to do, but we can offer help, options, and other ideas that you could try. Sometimes we all need an outside opinion.





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Apparently, I am going to get a chance to really live up to my motto of "Serve to Live, Live to Serve". Not only did you elect me as the Lions of Michigan Service Foundation Trustee, but I will also be your LCIF Chair (serving a 3-year appointment from LCI) and your Global Service Chair next year. I hope that you are all willing to join me in continuing to Serve. DGE Mark is doing his part, and we will once again have the November round of Region Meetings as service nights. I would very much like to plan a district-wide service project too. If you have an idea, please share.

It has been part of my goal while writing these articles to share things about myself that you might otherwise not have known and to keep our spirits up while passing on needed information. Positivity is the key! I'm positive that we can grow while we continue to serve the needs of our local communities and the world at large. Everyone needs someone sometime, so let's be that someone, because we all know that there are plenty of needs out there.

Let's move on to all the people I have to thank. I am not going to use names, because I will forget someone and then get into trouble, so here's what I have to say (and I mean this sincerely): If you helped me learn something new, if you let me just listen, if you voted, if you gave me advice, if you watched my back, if you bought me dinner (even if you tried to serve me green beans), if you bought me a drink, if you helped with a service project, if you invited me to your club, if you asked me a question or let me ask you one, if you told me I was doing a good job or told me that I wasn't, if you gave me an idea as to how to improve, if you told me a joke or found your own quote, if you came to convention or a Region or Cabinet meeting, if you helped me plan, if you stepped up to be a club or district officer, if you gave the last year your best shot (just like I did), if you said hello, opened a door, brought flowers, or showed me a smile, as you can tell, I could go on and on...but truly, I thank each and every one of you for all that you have done to support me and all that we do together. It has been a year that I will always remember.

I would like to finish with the quote I started this journey with, as it is still my favorite.

"How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world." – Anne Frank

So don't wait another moment...

Lion Rhonda Furby
District Governor





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Newsletter Editor Request



Greetings fellow Lions!

I am excited to be preparing for our next Lion year which will begin on July 1. Our Cabinet has already met, and we are preparing to serve each one of your clubs as required by International and, hopefully, the way you expect us to.

I would like to thank everyone who has signed up for a position to help us as there are a great many of them that need to be filled. However, we are still in need of someone to volunteer to be our District Newsletter Editor.

This is a crucial job that keeps everyone in the District in the loop monthly. It does not require creating content, it requires receiving the content and organizing it into a readable format. It does require someone with at least moderate computer skills. If anyone is interested in providing this important service to the District, please contact me ASAP because the clock is ticking and I'm concerned about being able to keep the lines of communication open.

District Governor Elect

Macomb County Volunteer Recruitment Fair

Fellow Lions, some of you may have seen or will see that Macomb County is having a volunteer recruitment fair on September 11th. Please do not register your club to attend. DG Mark, the governor and membership team, have already signed up to attend as a District representing all clubs. We don't want to take up more spaces for other worthy organizations. Our goal is to give information to all individuals interested in Lions their local club contact along with providing the club with the person's information.

If you have any questions please contact me or DG Mark

Past District Governor





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Lion Roger Yoder Receives Prestigious Roger LaMothe District Editor Award 2024-25

At the recent Multiple District 11 Convention in Bay City, Lion Roger Yoder was honored with the Roger LaMothe District Editor Award, recognizing his exceptional service as District Editor for 11-B1. This prestigious award is presented annually to the top editor in Michigan's lower peninsula who excels in seven key categories of newsletter excellence:

- Broad and engaging coverage of District Club News, including visuals when available.
- Timely and relevant reporting on District-wide news.
- Comprehensive updates on MD11 events such as the Council of Governors, Michigan Forum, and Convention.
- Inclusion of Lions International news and LCIF initiatives.
- Encouragement of local club contributions to the district newsletter.
- A creative, accessible format that promotes the mission and values of Lionism.
- Delivery of practical, inspiring content suitable for publication in The Lion Pride.

Lion Roger's editorial leadership of the 11-B1 Lions Vision Newsletter has achieved remarkable impact. Highlights of his work this year include:

Expanded Coverage: The newsletter now features stories from 37 of the district's 40 clubs—up from only 9 clubs at the beginning of the service year. The final three clubs are scheduled to be featured in the April issue, achieving the goal of 100% club participation—a milestone once thought unreachable.

Club Engagement: Through over 30 club visits, numerous phone calls, emails, and engagement on social media, Lion Roger has personally encouraged clubs to share their service projects and celebrations. His efforts not only build community but also foster collaboration and inspire others.

Innovative Communication: Each issue of Lions Vision is thoughtfully designed and regularly refined to present district events, fundraisers, and service efforts in a visually appealing and informative way. The publication celebrates volunteers, shares ideas, and promotes the spirit of service.





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Content Collaboration: Contributions from GAT team members—GMT, GLT, GST, and GET—are actively sought to provide well-rounded updates and leadership insights. Articles are crafted with full details and high-quality images to support publication in The Lion Pride.

Through Lion Roger's dedication, Lions Vision has become more than a newsletter—it is a dynamic resource that connects, informs, and celebrates the heart of Lionism across District 11-B1.

Past Council Chair Dave Hill had the privilege of presenting Lion Roger with the award. Congratulations to Lion Roger Yoder on this well-earned recognition!

Executive Director
Lions Clubs of Michigan

Online Version of Lions Pride Now Available

June Lion Pride: Due to increased costs of paper and postage, we are at an all-time high in producing and mailing our member publication. The fees have surpassed \$5,000.00 the past several issues. In an effort to reduce the annual cost of publication and the need to raise the subscription fee from \$4.25/year, the June Lion Pride will be available online only. A subscription is part of membership.
Bonus: Full color edition, as always, when viewed online!

The link takes you directly to the June issue on our website.

[Pride0625.pdf](#)





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Youth Camps & Exchange (YCE) SUMMER PROGRAM 2025



Dates to Remember:

Application deadlines:

Outgoing participants: **March 30, 2025**

Host Family: **June 30, 2025**

Incoming Youth Exchange participants:

Arrival date: **July 26, 2025**

Departure date: **August 16, 2025**

D-Bar-A Scout Ranch

Camp dates: **August 3-9, 2025**



Become a Host Family

Bring a new culture into your home!

Multiple District 11 is looking for families in the community who can open their hearts and homes for the month of summer 2025 to host a Youth Exchange Ambassador. These young adults are part of Lions International Youth Camps & Exchange program, bringing young adults from various parts of the world to the United States during the summer program July 26 – August 16, 2025.

Host families need not be Lion members, nor must they have children at home. You would be responsible for their room and board. Visiting young adults comes with spending money, and additional activities will be at your discretion.

If you are interested in becoming a Host Family, please contact:

Your District chair or State Chair Lion Elvie Marfil at 818-800-1060, email epmarfil5@gmail.com.

Facebook page: Youth Camps & Exchange - Michigan, USA

Link: [Lions of Michigan Youth Camps & Exchange](https://lionsofmi.com/index.php/youth-exchange) (<https://lionsofmi.com/index.php/youth-exchange>)

Your help is needed!





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Dear Lions, Supporters, and Camp Family,

Summer is here, and already you can feel the shift. There is a kind of magic in the air. The kind that only happens when people come together for something that matters. It's not loud, but it's powerful.



🔥 CAMPFIRE CHATS: STORIES THAT STAY WITH YOU

This month's stories dig deep. You'll hear from Maeve, one of our young DHH campers, whose words capture the heart of why we do what we do. You'll also meet our Camp Champion, Lion Steve Glazier, and learn how he helps lift our mission with every conversation, event, and moment of service. These stories are a reminder that what we build here continues to grow long after summer ends.

🌿 CAMP UPDATES

This month, we're grateful for the donation of a new lawnmower from Jean Becher, a gift that makes a real difference in caring for our 120-acre grounds. We're also still feeling the impact of our Annual Workbee, where more than 75 volunteers came together to clean, build, and prepare the space. Every corner of camp carries the love they poured into it.

💛 LBLC SPOTLIGHTS

We're excited to spotlight Board Member Ronald Coleman, Waterfront Director Kenzie Beem, and hear the latest from Challenge Course Director Ken Gillotte. Each one brings passion and purpose to their work, and their dedication helps shape the unforgettable experiences campers take home each year.

📺 LBLC FEATURED ON THE BALANCING ACT

Lions Bear Lake Camp was recently featured on The Balancing Act Local Edition, aired on WMYD-MyNetwork Detroit. The segment captured the spirit of our camp, highlighting our inclusive programming, accessible facilities, and commitment to helping kids build confidence and independence. If you missed it, click the link below to watch and share it with others who need to see the magic for themselves.

[Watch Now](#)



UPCOMING EVENTS

Golf Classic (June 9 2025) Open House (June 12 2025)

Baseball BBO (July 27 2025) Clay Shoot (September 6 2025)





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Ultra Marathon (October 4 2025) Ice Plunge (February 7 2026)
Wild Game Dinner (April 11 2026)

♥ GET INVOLVED

Sponsor a camper. Volunteer your time. Pick something from our wishlist. Whether you lend a hand, donate, or simply help spread the word, your involvement helps us create the kind of camp that changes lives. Thank you for walking this journey with us.

Open the attached newsletter for full stories, photos, and updates.

We're grateful for every supporter who helps make this place what it is. Please share this newsletter with your club, family, and friends, and invite them to be part of something truly special.

Enjoy,

The Bear Lake Camp Team





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New Members Welcomed In February



Beverly Hills

Brian Thiel sponsored by Patrick Wojas

Elizabeth Thiel sponsored by Patrick Wojas

Shelby Township

Sam Caldwell sponsored by Jay Caldwell

Thomas Cote sponsored by Yaz Abusaif

Mike Schwartz sponsored by Robert Bittner

Joel Woods sponsored by Tom Vermeulen

New Members Welcomed In March

Lake Orion

Susan Bieda sponsored by Denise Hood

Steven Hoffman sponsored by Mike Pikelis

Grant Raymor sponsored by Pam Kline

Mount Clemens

Aaron Anderson sponsored by David Herrington

Arquelio Gillespie Sr. sponsored by Gary Stahl

New Baltimore

Jennifer Mohr sponsored by Mario Jimenez

Heather Owczarek sponsored by Sue Cipriano

Romeo

Danny Phillips sponsored by Daniel Patrona

Royal Oak

Nancy Thomson sponsored by Renee Machiniak

Shelby Township

Thomas Cotes sponsored by Yaz Abusaif

Sterling Heights

Gail Hawkins sponsored by Beverly VanDamme

Kathryn Prior sponsored by Mary Welsh

Washington Township

Luke Tavernier sponsored by Charley Thom





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New Baltimore

Christopher Lach sponsored by Sue Cipriano

Rochester

Claudia Gregory sponsored by Paul Clark

Romeo

Scott Tschirhart sponsored by Daniel Patrona

Shelby Township

James Patrick Doran sponsored by Lee Moroski

Gabriel Michael sponsored by Antonio Bugli

Sean Stoner sponsored by Keith Kennedy

Sterling Heights

Doris Hautekeete sponsored by Beverly VanDamme

New Members Welcomed In May

Lake Orion

Daniel Schreiber sponsored by Rick Rice

Richmond

Victoria Locke sponsored by Mark Delcourt

New Baltimore

Kimberly Scalzo sponsored by Laura Szymanski

St Clair Shores

Jess Vandenboom sponsored by David Van Beek





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Upcoming Events

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**Bear Lake Camp
Open House**



**International
Convention
Orlando, Florida**



**District 11-A2
Installation and
Picnic**



**Baseball & Picnic
Jimmy Johns to
benefit Bear Lake
Camp**



**Clawson Lions
Charity Car Show**



**Golf Outing
Selfridge –
Chesterfield Lions**



**Washington Car
Show and
Pinewood Derby**



**District Cabinet
Meeting hosted
by RC Lion Dave
VanBeek**



**Fraser Lions
Carnival**



**Washington Car
Show and
Pinewood Derby**





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Donation Mailing Addresses

NEW

**Corwell Health Foundation
Southeast Michigan, c/o Silent
Children's Fund - CMN**

Attn: Kellie Bouren
4949 Coolidge Hwy
Royal Oak, MI 48073

NEW

District 11-A2 Project KidSight, Inc.

Paul Hemeryck, PCC
30752 Glenwood
Warren, MI 48088

NEW

**Bear Lake (Lions Visually
Impaired Youth Camp)**

PDG Shawn Blaszczyk
11420 Balmoral Drive,
Mt. Clemens, MI 48043

Lions Club International Foundation

Lions Clubs International Foundation
Department 4547
Carol Stream, IL 60122

! Please Note: All checks should have the Club ID number or the Individual Member ID number in the memo section.

Sight Conservation/Diabetes/DAD

PZC Roger Blackwell, Chair
4555 Windswept Drive
Milford, MI 48380

NEW

11-A2 Hearing Aid Program

Richard Pfeiffer PDG
70350 Henry Ross Drive
Bruce Twp, MI 48065

Eversight

Attn: Alex Teska
3985 Research Drive
Ann Arbor, MI 48108

**Lions of Michigan All State Band
Mike Shields**

52995 Washington Street
New Baltimore, MI 48047

Penrickton Center for Blind Children

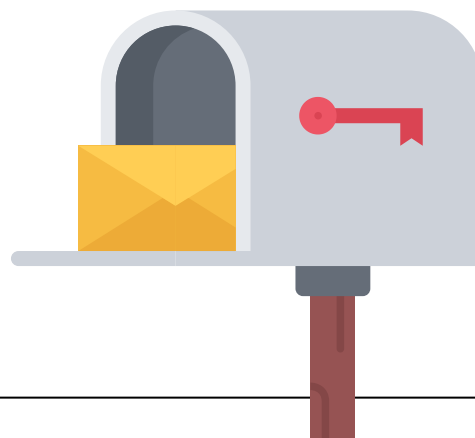
CHM Dick Maxwell, PCT
18701 Walmer Ln.
Beverly Hills, MI 48025

Leader Dogs for the Blind

CHM Frank Cunningham, PCC
1039 S. Rochester Rd.
Rochester Hills, MI 48307

**Lions of Michigan Service
Foundation**

Leo Schaefer, IPDG
46399 Imperial Ln
Macomb Twp., MI 48044-3922





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NEWS UPDATE



Clarkston Area Lions Make Annual Library Donation

Clarkston Area Lions Club Treasurer Jerry Baumgart, presents Clarkston Independence District Library Director, Julie Meredith, with a donation to The Friends of the Clarkston Independence District Library. The annual library donation is used to provide resources for the sight impaired. Past year donations have been used towards the purchase large print books, talking books, a Merlin desktop magnifier, and software to make PC usage easier for the sight impaired.

Troy Lions Raise Funds for Seedlings Program

Troy Community Lions donated funds to Seedlings to "Adopt-A-Reader".
Pictured: Lion President Jed Springer, Seedlings Representatives, Lions Vice-President Alexis Peake.





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NEWS UPDATE



Troy Community Lions Award College Scholarship

The Troy Community Lions awarded a \$1,000 college scholarship to Ava Bunao, who will be attending Michigan State University in the fall.
Pictured: Ava Bunao and Lion Donna Quinn

