

SEPTEMBER 2025

LIONS DISTRICT 11A-2

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# LIONS ROAR



## Upcoming Events

To submit an event, email details to [lionsnewsletter11a2@gmail.com](mailto:lionsnewsletter11a2@gmail.com).  
The deadline is the 10th of each month. See Lion Frank's emails for details. Thank you  
Lion Kathy Gladd - Newsletter Editor



## September 2025

- 6 Bustin' Clay for Bear Lake Camp
- 6 New Baltimore Lions Cruise in on the Bay
- **9 Region III Meeting ZC Lion Jeff Byrum**
- 11 Royal Oak Lions Golf Outing
- 13 Sterling Heights Lions Tom Klingensmith Golf Tournament
- 14 Eastpointe Lions Golf Scramble (preregister by Sept 7)
- 16 Fraser Lions Bunco
- 16 Sterling Heights Lions Diaper giveaway
- 18-20 U.S. / Canada Forum Atlantic City, NJ
- **18 Region I Meeting ZC Lion Roger Blackwell**
- 20 Leader Dog Puppy Day
- 21 Sterling Heights Lions Mrs Roper Casino Romp
- **24 Region II Meeting ZC Lion Bob Bartlett**
- 25 Rochester Lions Memorial Golf Outing
- 28 Sterling Heights Lions Arts and Crafts show

## October 2025

- 4-5 Bear Lake Ultra Marathon
- **13 Cabinet Meeting RC Lion Bill Stevens**
- 17 Penrickton Dinner Dearborn Inn
- 18 Sterling Heights Lions Meat Raffle
- 21 Fraser Lions "Tea and Strumpets"
- 26 DG Lion Rhonda Furby Appreciation Dinner

## GOVERNOR'S GREETING

### Mission 1.5 - Impossible?

Happy September fellow Lions! If you missed the Installation picnic and our first Cabinet meeting, you probably have not been given the skinny on Mission 1.5. Simply put, Mission 1.5 is a drive for membership by LCI (Lions Club International). Worldwide the goal is to increase membership from approximately 1.4 million to 1.5 million. Okay, fine. Increasing membership is always a goal. Why 1.5?

It is all about metrics. We are the largest service club in the world. How do we prove that? Metrics. We know how many members we have. We have metrics on how many people we serve (thanks to the clubs that report on their service). The metrics suggest that if we increase our membership to 1.5 million globally, our service will reach 1 billion annually.

We may have already reached our goal, but only reported service is recognized. This is why it is important for every club to report on at least 1 service activity. I am guessing most everyone did not know a regular meeting constitutes a service activity. Why? Because you are meeting to plan how to help someone else.

This underscores the reason why it is important to report your service online.

The solution to the membership problem offered by LCI is to sponsor more clubs. While we do have areas that could be serviced better by adding another club, GMT Shawn and I agree that strengthening our existing clubs should be top priority for our District.

The goal for Mission 1.5 for each club is simple. The challenge began when Gov Rhonda took office so the number of members in each club started there. The objective is to get to a net +3 by the end of Gov. Kimberly's year of service. Net +3 does not mean just 3 new members but rather, if you lose a member, that is counted also. If your club achieves this, you have done your job as a club. While the intention may not be to stop at this point, reaching it can foster new ideas and potentially increase membership in the future. It is not an unreachable goal for most clubs. As always, there are extenuating circumstances which might prevent some clubs from achieving this.

We have a round of regional meetings coming up this month and I encourage everyone to attend at least one of them. Dates are 9/9, 9/18, and 9/24. We can learn a lot from each other. Remember, we are planting seeds for success and success = serving more people. This is because We Serve, and You are, AWESOME and THAT'S A FACT, JACK!

DG Mark

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### **1st VDG KIMBERLY'S NOTES**

Hello Fellow Lions:

Here we are two months into the new Lionistic year. It goes so fast.

PDG Shawn brought us some very good news. We started on the plus side for Membership! What a great start we are off too.

I am looking forward to serving with each and every one of you this year. I will be contacting the Clubs in Region II to be scheduling my visits.

Just because that Region is assigned to me does not mean I only can see those Clubs. If any of you have something you would like me to help with, visit for, volunteer for, or whatever need you may need filled, please do not hesitate to contact me. If it fits in my schedule I will be more than happy to support you.

I am also Your District Administrator. If you are having any issues, please reach out and we will get them solved.

I would like to thank the Clawson Lions Club for inviting me to do their installation. What a dinner and great friends!

Also, thanks to the Fraser Lions Club for having me do their installation. They are a great group and are going to be doing fabulous things this year! Cannot wait to see what is to come.

As always, this also starts recruiting season. The Detroit Lions have to cut their roster but I need to grow mine! If any of you are interested in being a Zone Chair or Region Chair next year please contact me so we can discuss.

This year I thought I was a rose between two thorns (DG Mark and 2VDG Rick) but DG Mark set it straight that I was a thorn between two roses. Either way I am looking forward to working with this team.

As this is 2025, I encourage you to visit the International site and view the Helen Keller speech. It is 100 years since she challenged us to be Knights of the Blind. It is a wonderful thing to see if you have not done so. Just think what it was like 100 years ago. I think she probably had no idea what the "little" challenge would become. All Lions past and present should be very proud.

Since she is one of my favorite people you will be hearing a lot of quotes from her this year but my all time favorite, that I use all the time is:

Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much.

And we will!

Yours in Service,  
1VDG Kimberly

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# LEADING THE WAY

Leader Dogs for the Blind - Lions Newsletter



## September is Guide Dog Month!

In September, we celebrate Guide Dog Month. **We take this opportunity to recognize the impact guide dogs have on our clients every day, and to celebrate all the lives that touch each guide dog even before they are matched with a client.**



A breeding host tickles the toes of a puppy less than 2 weeks old.

At Leader Dog, each Future Leader Dog is born in a host home. The volunteer breeding or whelping host supports the Leader Dog Mom through the first few weeks of puppy raising (no easy task for any mom!) and begin to expose the puppies in their care to new experiences. **These early experiences help puppies develop the sense of curiosity and confidence they need as guide dogs.** Around 7 weeks old, puppies spend 2 weeks on Leader's campus getting their initial vaccines and veterinary care. We recently published an article about the first 8 weeks of a Future Leader Dog's life in our volunteer magazine, *Canine Chronicles*. Email [LionsSupport@leaderdog.org](mailto:LionsSupport@leaderdog.org) to receive a digital copy.

Beginning around 9 weeks old, Future Leader Dogs spend 12-14 months with volunteer puppy raisers. Some are raised by one individual, some spend 6 months in one home and 6 in another, some are raised in our Prison Puppy program, and some are raised by groups. **In this year, they learn to be great dogs and experience as many environments as possible to continue developing their curiosity and confidence.**

Lion Linda Lindeman-DeCarlo began raising puppies with Leader Dogs for the Blind about 22 years ago. Rusty, the 19th dog she raised, is working in Utah. [Read the story in St George News.](#) She says, "A lot of people say, 'How are you going to give up this puppy?' ... We're not. We're not 'giving up'. **We're giving back. That's what it's all about, after all these years, the friendships I've developed.**" [Learn more about Puppy Raisers at LeaderDog.org.](#)







Finally, Future Leader Dogs return to Leader's campus for 4-6 months of training with a guide dog mobility instructor (GDMI). **They learn how to guide, how to avoid obstacles, how to ignore distractions, when to disobey a command for safety, and all the skills they need to be a guide dog.** Their GDMI trains them on campus, but also in the community. They go to the mall, to downtown Detroit, and to rural roads. They spend time in department stores, malls, and on public transportation. **And when they aren't training, they enjoy enrichment activities, group play sessions, and sometimes work with the Lions team in their office.**

## Sponsor a Hero, Be a Hero

**This Guide Dog Month, show your support for Leader Dog by symbolically sponsoring one of the three puppies below.** These puppies will be available for sponsorship through the 2025-26 fiscal year. For a donation of \$500, you'll receive photographs, a stuffed puppy, a profile, and an official certificate of your sponsored Future Leader Dog. Future Leader Dog TICA is being raised by a Lion in North Carolina. [Learn more about Symbolic Puppy Sponsorships at LeaderDog.org.](#) Scan the QR code to view the Symbolic Puppy Sponsorship webpage.



**Harper**  
Michigan



**Jackson**  
Michigan



**TICA**  
North Carolina

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# DISTRICT 11-A2 Region 1 Meeting



## Planting Seeds for Success

**Thursday, September 18, 2025**

Hosted by: The Wixon/Walled Lake Lions Club  
ZC Roger Blackwell

**Location: Bakers of Milford**

2025 South Milford Road  
Milford, Michigan 48381

Doors open at 6:00 pm  
Meeting Begins at 6:45 pm  
Dinner Cost is \$20/person

PLEASE RSVP no later than two weeks before the meeting

Please make checks out to: Wixom/Walled Lake Lions Club

Send this form and payment to:

Lion Roger Blackwell  
4555 Windswept  
Milford, MI. 48380

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of reservations: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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## DISTRICT 11-A2 Zone Meeting



### Planting Seeds for Success

**Tuesday September 9, 2025**

Hosted by: The New Baltimore Lions Club  
ZC Jeff Byrum

**Location: Lempke Blackwell VFW Hall**

35011 23 Mile Rd  
New Baltimore, Mi 48047

Doors open at 6:00 pm  
Meeting Begins at 6:45 pm  
Dinner Cost is \$20/person

PLEASE RSVP no later than September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
before the meeting.

Please make checks out to: The New Baltimore Lions Club

\*If paying by check please bring it to the meeting.

\*\*Not mailing helps to lower our carbon footprint.

Make sure to Register and Pay online

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<https://www.newbaltimorelions.com/events-1/district-11-a2-zone-meeting-planting-seeds-for-success>

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## DISTRICT 11-A2 Zone Meeting



### Planting Seeds for Success

**Wednesday September 24, 2025**

Hosted by: The Roseville Lions Club  
ZC Robert Bartlett Jr

**Location: Fraser Lions Hall**  
34540 Utica Rd  
Fraser Mi 48026

Doors open at 6:00 pm  
Meeting Begins at 6:45 pm  
Dinner Cost is \$20/person

PLEASE RSVP no later than two weeks before the meeting

Please make checks out to: The Roseville Lions Club  
Send this form and payment to:  
24418 Berry Ave Warren Mi 48089

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of reservations: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_



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### UPDATED DONATION INFORMATION

**CORRECTION**

**Lions of MI All State Band** donations should be sent to:

Lion Wendy Burns  
Lions of Michigan State Office  
5730 Executive Drive  
Lansing, MI 48911

**Bear Lake Camp** donations should be sent directly to:

Lions Bear Lake Camp  
Lion Traci Tribbley  
3409 North Five Lakes Rd  
Lapeer, MI 48446

**JDRF is now Breakthrough T1D**

Metro Detroit & Southeast MI Chapter  
24359 Northwestern Hwy; Suite 150  
Southfield, MI 48075



***We Serve***

#### **Club**

Clawson  
Lake Orion  
New Baltimore  
New Baltimore  
New Baltimore  
New Baltimore  
Richmond  
Sterling Heights  
Sterling Heights  
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### August New Members

#### **Sponsor**

Alec Speshock  
Ron Hines  
Renee Baker  
Sue Cipriano  
Richard De Claire  
Sue Cipriano  
Paul Ostby  
Ronald Papa  
Ronald Papa  
Valleri Devine



#### **New Member**

Beth Speshock  
John Kontos  
Lauren Baker  
Jennifer Inwood  
Donna Moore  
Lorelei Weldon  
Scott Cain  
Donald Aupperle  
Melissa Aupperle  
Philip Giles

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