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## ...and away we go!

All I can say is, Wow! I am fresh back from the International Convention in Orlando Fla, where I and about 730 other District Governors from around the world were sworn in as officers of their Districts. The convention was a well- planned continuous flow of final instruction, seminars, great entertainment and friendly chaos. If you have never been in the same room with about 5,000 other Lions, well, there is no way to adequately describe the power of the energy and goodwill vibes that are transmitted.

I would like to thank everyone that brought a delish side dish to our Cabinet installation. It really made the event a culinary delight! I want to also thank Cabinet Secretary Dave Stein that chaired the event and President Gordon McMullen of the Beverly Hills Lions club that sponsored the event. I believe a good time was had by all and we missed those of you who could not attend.

I want to bring up some future dates on the calendar that are not that far away. August 9 th there will be a Training session for club Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers. The event will take place at Leader Dog and run from 9AM sharp, to approximately noon. This is for all new Presidents (which should be every club) Secretaries and Treasures and will help these officers with understanding their obligations and how to successfully complete the requirements of the office. This is a must attend session for new Club Officers that have not had this training.

We will be having a Cabinet meeting on Monday, August 11, at the Frasier Lions Den. It will be at this meeting that I will be drilling down on some of the issues that need our District's attention. Please plan on attending as we need your input.

We have been having difficulty with some meetings in the past, especially when it comes to not notifying the host that one will be attending. This has created a very difficult position for the host, and we will be implementing a previously instituted rule to try to prevent this from continuing. To have a guaranteed meal at the upcoming Cabinet and Region meetings you need to respond to the flyer at least 5 days before the meeting. Tickets will be issued to the people on the list when they check in at the meeting. Latecomers will only be served if there is enough food (a surprise visit of 10 from a club that did not RSVP creates a very awkward situation for the host). Any meals ordered, but not paid for, will be billed to the appropriate club. All additional charges must be paid for clubs to be considered "in good standing" according to International Rules.

I respectfully invite everyone to attend the upcoming meetings. This is your organization, and we need your input to make things run smoothly. I am honored and humbled to lead you this year and pledge to do my best. I am very much looking forward to "planting seeds for success" with you. By the way, if you haven't already received your pin, they will be available at the August 11 Cabinet meeting.

*Lion Mark Saiduna*  
District Governor





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## District Welcomes New Editor

Fellow Lions,

Thank you all for your kind words, support, encouragement, and submissions these past three years! Effective August 2025, Lion Kathy Gladd from the Rochester Lions will be stepping into this role as editor. I am grateful to her for her leadership and commitment. I am excited to see the direction she will take the newsletter going forward.

Please join me in welcoming and supporting Lion Kathy! If for some reason you need to reach Lion Kathy directly, you may do so by email at [lionsgladd@gmail.com](mailto:lionsgladd@gmail.com) or by phone at 248-656-8235.

All district submissions and communications should still be directed to [lionsnewsletter11a2@gmail.com](mailto:lionsnewsletter11a2@gmail.com)!

*Lion Ryan Covert*  
Outgoing District Editor  
New Baltimore Lions





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## Lions Bear Lake Monthly Newsletter

Welcome to this Month's Newsletter

Dear Lions, Supporters, and Camp Family,

We've made it to the middle of summer, and there's a feeling you can't quite put into words—like something meaningful is unfolding all around us. You see it in the way campers light up when they try something new, and in the quiet moments where confidence starts to grow. It's not loud or flashy, but it's real. It's the kind of magic that only happens when people show up with their whole hearts. And that's exactly what's happening here.

### 🔥 CAMPFIRE CHATS: STORIES THAT STAY WITH YOU

This month, you'll hear from Vaughn, one of our counselors and a longtime camper, as he shares how Bear Lake Camp helped shape who he is. His words reflect a truth we've seen time and time again—camp is more than a place. It becomes part of you. We're also shining a light on our Camp Champions, Nurse Linda, Candi, and Rosie, as well as Deb who stepped in when we needed them most. Their quiet care has been a steady presence, keeping our campers safe and comforted in ways that go far beyond medicine. These are the stories that stay with you long after the summer ends.

### 🌿 CAMP UPDATES

Summer is in full swing and the energy across camp is hard to miss. So far, we've welcomed MASTA String Orchestra, MSU Kesem, Visually Impaired and Blind Youth Camp, and Deaf and Hard of Hearing Youth Camp. Each week has brought its own kind of magic. During VIB Camp, the Lake Orion and Sterling Heights Lions Clubs joined us for an evening cookout, filling plates and lifting spirits with their kindness. Our annual golf outing brought together new teams and familiar faces. Moving the event to a Monday turned out to be the right call and the sense of community was felt throughout the entire day. From spring volunteers who helped us prepare, to the people who continue to show up each week, camp is growing because of the love that surrounds it.

### 💛 LBLC SPOTLIGHTS

This month, we're highlighting Board Member Kurt Stromlund and Team Leader Paighton Argue. Kurt brings decades of experience and a deep commitment to serving others. He continues to support not just Bear Lake Camp, but Lions across the state. Paighton began her journey here as a camper and now leads with the same heart and joy she once looked up to. Her creativity and compassion make her a role model for both campers and staff. Together, their stories reflect the kind of leadership that changes lives.





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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Clay Shoot – September 6, 2025  
Ultra Marathon – October 4, 2025  
Ice Plunge – February 7, 2026  
Wild Game Dinner – April 11, 2026

## ♥ GET INVOLVED

Sponsor a camper. Pick something from our wishlist. Volunteer for a day or tell a friend about what we do. However you choose to show up, you are helping us build something that lasts. Thank you for being part of this journey. Open the attached newsletter for the full stories, photos, and updates. Please share it with your club, your family, and your friends. This place belongs to everyone who believes in what it can do.

## 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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## DISTRICT 11-A2 Cabinet Meeting



### Planting Seeds for Success

**Monday, August 11, 2025**

Hosted by: The St. Clair Shores Lions Club & RC Dave Van Beek

**Location: Fraser Lions Club Hall**

34540 Utica Rd  
Fraser, MI 48026

Please bring Non-Perishable Food & Personal Hygiene Items  
As a donation to Bernadette's Faith in Action

Also

**Required: Wear your Ugliest and/or Most Mismatched Socks**

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: District 11-A2

Send this form and payment to:

CT Dick Maxwell

18701 Walmer Ln, Beverly Hills, MI 48025

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

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







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## LEADING THE WAY

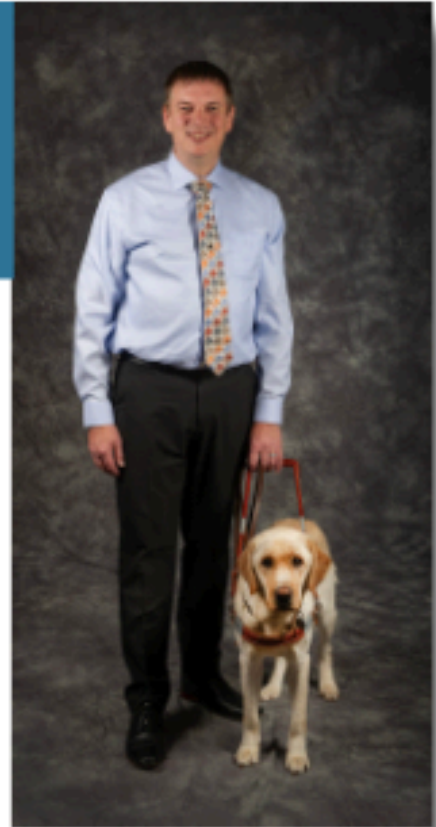
Leader Dogs for the Blind - Lions Newsletter



### Leader Dog at USA/Canada Forum

Lion BJ Blahnik, Leader Dog client, will take the stage with Leader Dog Jackson at this year's USA/Canada Forum in Atlantic City, New Jersey. **Lion BJ will share his story from a diagnosis of retinitis pigmentosa at age 10 to today with his fifth Leader Dog ("Jackson Five").** He has traveled to more than a dozen states and provinces to share the mission of Leader Dog with Lions - this is a session you won't want to miss.

Earlier in the Forum, our Lions team will facilitate a seminar on how Lions can best support those who are low vision in our communities, including acting as a human guide. **If you are going to be at USA/Canada Forum, we want to look out for you. Email us at [LionsSupport@leaderdog.org](mailto:LionsSupport@leaderdog.org).**



### Lions Tour Experience in October

Each year, Leader Dog invites Lions to visit our campus for a Lions Tour Experience. **Any Lion is invited to sign up to attend the afternoon session, which includes a campus tour, client speaker, and presentation.** The next Lions Tour Experience is October 18, 2025 from 1-4pm ET. October is the perfect opportunity to visit beautiful Michigan, we hope to see you here! We are limited to 30 guests to provide the best experience, so sign up soon (QR code for more information is to the right of the page).



**"Since I finished Orientation & Mobility training, I have been able to go to my favorite places without fear. I am much more confident with unfamiliar terrain, and I'm back out exploring flea markets, farmers markets, and concerts."**

- Laura, Leader Dog Client from Mississippi





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## New Members Welcomed In June

### Romeo

Brandon Rice sponsored by Todd Trbovich

### Sterling Heights

Valleri Devine sponsored by Rosetta Karnes

## Upcoming Events

Click on the calendar icon for more information.

To submit an event, email details to [lionsnewsletter11a2@gmail.com](mailto:lionsnewsletter11a2@gmail.com). The deadline is the 10th of each month.



**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**



**Bustin' Clay for  
Bear Lake**



**Region III Meeting  
ZC Lion Jeff  
Byrum**



**Royal Oak Lions  
Golf Outing**



**Sterling Heights  
Lions Golf Outing  
Lion Tom  
Klindensmith  
Open**



**Eastpointe Lions  
Golf Outing**



**US / Canada  
Forum Atlantic  
City, NJ**



**Region I Meeting  
ZC Lion Roger  
Blackwell**



**Reion II Meeting  
ZC Lion Bob  
Bartlett**





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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

