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THE LIONS ROAR

District 11-A1 Lions Club



NEW ADVENTURES

Welcome Back!!

Greetings fellow Lions and future Lions!!

One of the most magnificent things in the world is the ability to adapt and change to reach a goal. Understanding the path traveled and what came before, to determine the heading we must now strive for. Just as time waits for no one, so to are the opportunities that awaits those who endeavor for success and service. For there is no greater calling than that of service of your fellow man.

March and April promises to be full of activity with several events on the horizon including the District 11 A1 Convention in April.

As always thank you for your continued service and hard work.

Continue to share the Joy of Lionism with each and everyone.

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LULA GARDFREY

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- AWARENESS OF LIONISM



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DISTRICT 11 A-1

NEWSLETTER EDITOR: LION ANDREW WHIDBY JR, IT TEAM

DETROIT WESTOWN HARTFORD CLUB,

COMMUNICATION GATEWAYS



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NEWSLETTER@METRODETROITLIONS.ORG

FEATURES RECENT PAST EVENTS, UPCOMING EVENTS, EVERYTHING

DISTRICT NEWS!

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ZOOM REQUEST AND INQUIRES

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Lions District 11-A1 Interest Survey -->
We Serve Wayne and Monroe Counties!



MARCH

2024 District Officers

- DG Lion Lula Gardfrey
- FVDG Lion LaWonna Lofton-Coleman
- SVDG Lion Kim Hooper
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UPCOMING EVENTS



HERE ARE A FEW OF THE UPCOMING EVENTS LIONS CLUBS
DISTRICT/STATE/INTERNATIONAL

- THURS., 3/7 BEGINS (8 WK COURSE ONE HOUR, THURSDAYS), DAD (DEFENSE AGAINST DIABETES)
- SAT., 3/16 12:30-2:15 GAT TRAINING WCCC EASTERN CAMPUS 5901 CONNER STREET DETROIT, MI 48213
- THURS., 3/21, 10-3, GDABVI SHOWCASE SERVICES, 26777 CENTRAL PARK BLVD., SUITE 150, SOUTHFIELD, MI
- SUN., 3/24, 10-1, HARPER WOODS-GR PT LIONS PANCAKE BREAKFAST
- FRI., 4/19-21, DISTRICT 11 A1 CONVENTION, SHERATON DETROIT METRO AIRPORT HOTEL
- THURS., 5/9, BLOOD DRIVE/HEALTH FAIR, HARTFORD MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH
- SAT., 6/15, 10-4 FURN/HOME GOODS GIVEAWAY, MAIDEN HOUSE MINISTRIES, 16111 WOODWARD AVE., HIGHLAND PARK, MI 48203, VOLUNTEERS NEEDED HELP SORT 6/14 FROM 12-7PM
- MORE INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND IN THE FLYERS

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MESSAGE FROM DISTRICT 11 A1 - DISTRICT GOVENOR, LULA GARDFREY

You cannot reach a target if you do not have one.

We have four (4) months to achieve our goals. Having a clear direction of what we want, we will not be easily distracted. As a team, working together, we can elevate our District's performance. Our glass is half full not half empty. We can envision the possibilities that will lead us to victory. Listed below are our directions:

Increase membership to 800.

Utilizing the MISSION1.5 process we have developed a 5-year plan to move our District forward so each year we are achieving growth. Through this process, called **MISSION 800**, we have set our goal to attain 1,250 by the fifth year. This accomplishment requires the support of all of us to bring in new members. We need to make sure members know who we are. The benefits of being a Lion and how we are different from other organizations.

Achieve positive net growth.

As of January 31st, we have lost two (2) clubs and have a (-62) positive net growth. We have a long way to climb, but it is not impossible. We need everyone to work together and bring in new members. We need to be part of the solution not the problem.

LCIF (Giving Appeal)

Match or exceed last fiscal year's performance.

In an effort to increase contributions, the Governor's challenge to all clubs to donate at least \$50 expires April 30, 2024. The Club raising the most money will receive a plaque, recognition in the District and State newsletters, and on the webpages. The winning club will crown a District 11 A1 King and Queen, who will then represent the District at the MD Convention's King and Queen Prom Contest.

Complete two (2) Districtwide projects by June 2024.

Pint for Life – Sign Up Now

Districtwide Blood Drive/Health Fair will be Thursday, May 9, 2024, 10 am – 4 pm at Hartford Memorial Baptist Church, 18700 James Couzens Fwy, Detroit, MI.

One (1) pint saves 3 lives. Our goal is 100-150 pints.



Recycle Furniture and Home Goods

The fifth Annual giveaway will be Saturday, June 15, 2024, Maiden House Ministries, 16111 Woodward Ave, Highland Park, Mi from 10 am-4 pm.

Exceed District Overall Service Reporting Level of 25%

To assist the clubs in reporting Service Activities, Lion Daniel Rathbun will have a training workshop on MyLion processing. The class will be on **Monday, March 11, 2024, at the Greater Detroit Agency for the Blind and Visually Impaired, 26777 Central Park Blvd. Ste 150, Southfield, M**I. This is an interactive class with representatives from clubs assisting.

Establish at least one (1) new club.

Several people have been invited to attend an informational meeting to discuss the formation of a club. Other members are perusing social media and other forms of print media to reach potential candidates.

Governor's Award

In appreciation of a job well done, I will award three (3) trophies for the following categories:

The club with the best positive net growth.

Clubs will be separated into three (3) categories: 4-19, 20-40, and 40+ members to measure like clubs.

The Lion who sponsored the most members. (Retroactive to 7/1/2023)

The most improved club.
Areas of measurement:
Net growth, number of members added/dropped, number of service/fundraising events, number of members attended Leadership Training class, and financial status.

DISTRICT 11 A1 CONVENTION: (April 19 – 21, 2024): Will be held to culminate an eventful year and celebrate District's achievements. The Service Project for the convention will be the:

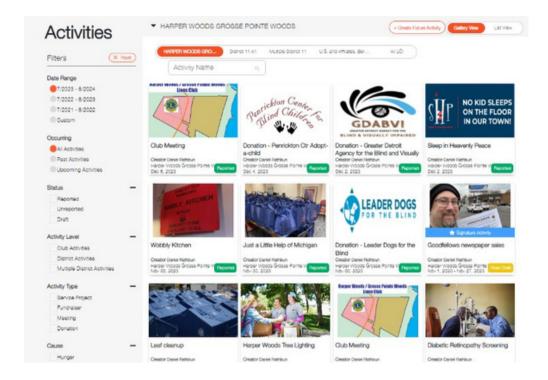
Collection from all members of 2 Quart-Size Ziplock bags containing at least 8 different toiletry items.

WE ARE A TEAM, WORKING TOGETHER, TO MAKE GOOD
THINGS HAPPEN. ENVISION THE POSSIBILITIES AND SERVE.





Let's get your club reporting on MyLion!



WHAT: A working session to learn how to report and to report some of your club's activities.

WHEN: 6:00 – 8:00 pm, Monday March 11

WHERE

Greater Detroit Agency for
the Blind and Visually Impaired
26777 Central Park Blvd STE 150,
Southfield, MI 48076

WHO: Instructor: Lion Daniel Rathbun
&
An Activities Reporter from each
district 11a1 club.

WHY: 1) LCI needs our reports for large-scale fundraising.
2) The habit of reporting will make it easier for your club to communicate its value to new members and the broader community.

3) Governor Lula asked us so very nicely.

Please bring:

- O Your own laptop if you prefer, however, computers will be available.
- A list of club service projects, fundraisers, and donations.
 o (A copy of your club's budget might help.)

CHILDHOOD CANCER COMMITTEE

A heartfelt thank you is extended to Lions Clubs and individual Lions for their contributions of \$225.00 in support of the Childhood Cancer Committee's effort to support children with cancer and their families. Northville Lions Club, Brownstown Lions Club and individuals from Detroit Northwest and Detroit Westown Hartford Lions Clubs made donations. These donations were given to Kids Kicking Cancer.

For more information on how you can support the Childhood Cancer Committee please contact:

Lion Phyllis Turner 248-890-2227

E-mail psturner@sbcglobal.net



INTERNATIONAL CHILDHOOD CANCER DAY

FEBRUARY 15



LOCAL EVENTS DETROIT WESTOWN HARTFORD LIONS CLUB

District 11 AI - Detroit Westown Hartford Club Fundraiser Play "Joe Turner's Come and Gone" By August Wilson was a great success!! Thank you to everyone who joined us.













LOCAL EVENTS MICHIGAN CYBER LIONS CLUB

The Michigan Cyber Lions Club hosted their Roar for Bowling event to raise money for Humanitarian projects. The event which included 3 hours of unlimited bowling, shoes pizza and beverage was a huge success.















DISTRICT 11 A1 SERVICE PROJECT

District 11 A1 Lions Club Members have been going out to service Communities within the Greater Metro Detroit area almost weekly. Lion Ted Robinson & Lion Michelle White, along with some potential new members, went out the weekends of Feb 3rd & 11th serving (7) families homes with furniture. Seven Children now have warm beds to sleep in , one senior has a new living room and dining room set and (7) families now have dining room sets and couches, helping their mental and financial wellness. To date we have served over one thousand homes in 2 years. Together We Serve Our Communities!











LOCAL EVENTS DETROIT RENAISSANCE LIONS CLUB

The Detroit Renaissance Lions Club hosted a Wine Tasting event coordinated by Laurie Palimore of Vin Vin Vin and Chair Lion Johnny. Thank you to all who particpated in this wonderful event!!













LOCAL EVENTS DETROIT RENAISSANCE LIONS CLUB

The Detroit Renaissance Lions Club invites you to their Book Club 2024. The club partners with the bookstore to read four book by and about the Blind and visually impaired or Deaf, Hearing impaired or BlindDeaf authors. We host a author each year and the books are offers in physical form and audiobook form. We hope this educates the community and makes the Blind and Deaf community feel seen and educated as well. Join one hour discussions virtually or donate each month to organization we support linked to each book.



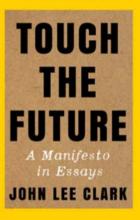
Detroit Renaissance Lions Club Book Club 2024

We Serve

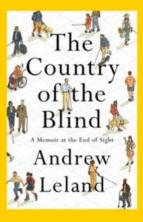
February



March



April



May



SDETRENLIONS ON CASH APP TO DONATE TO US TO SUPPORT PROGRAMS THE SUPPORT THE BLIND + DEAF

A power YA memoir, a Manifesto in Essays, a memoir at the end of sight & deafblind coming of age novel by ASL interpreter



LOCATION: SOURCE BOOKSELLERS - 4240 CASS AVE, DETROIT, MI 48201, USA.



LOCAL EVENTS LIVONIA HIGH NOONERS LIONS CLUB

Congratulations to the Livonia High Nooners who welcomed three new members to the Club in January! Our sincere welcome goes to new Lions Sarah Webb, Vern Webb, and Alisa Anderson. We are so glad you chose to join us in serving the Livonia and Redford communities and hope you find tremendous satisfaction in knowing you're helping our neighbors in need.





The Livonia High Nooners Lions Club invited the Foster Closet of Michigan Western Wayne County to share a meal and tell us about their wonderful charitable organization last Wednesday, January 19th.

Directors Allison and Gordon Johnson shared that The Foster Closet (a 501c3) provides initial and ongoing necessary clothing and supplies for children removed from their homes and entering the foster care system. Most are removed abruptly from less-than-optimal living conditions and may have only a plastic bag of random items they hurriedly selected.







LOCAL EVENTS THIRD CABINET MEETING

Thank you to all who attended the District 11-A1s 3rd Cabinet Mtg led by DG Lula at Mama Mias in Livonia. It is through your continued service and efforts that we are able to achieve our goals.













LOCAL EVENTS HARPER WOODS GROSSE POINTE WOODS

Mr. Incredulous - Lion Daniel Rathbun, Club President and the Harper Woods Grosse Pointe Wood raised \$300 for Lions Bear Lake Camp. Their club helped multiple blind children get an unforgettable camp experience this coming summer.

Plus they convinced Mr. Incredulous to take the plunge.















LOCAL EVENTS BEDFORD LIONS CLUB

The Bedford Township Lions will have the Diabetic Retinopathy Screening for Vision into the Future medical van at the Bedford Trade Fair on Saturday March 9th 1:00pm to 4:00pm. This is a free service provided by the Lions of Michigan. Come and see us at the Trade Fair. You can contact them from their Facebook page and send a Facebook Message if you would like a free screening from a trained PhD in Opthalmology. You can take this report right to your own Opthalmologist or eye surgeon. "We Serve"



Lion Joe Gladieux was presented with a Lifetime Membership by President Kim Hooper. Congratulations Joe! "We Serve"





LOCAL EVENTS BEDFORD LIONS CLUB

The Bedford Lion's had the privilege of transporting some very special people to the Dress Rehearsal of "It's a Good Life Charlie Brown". President Kim Hooper presented a check to support the Theater Department at Bedford High School. All the attendees were thrilled to attend such a wonderful performance. Great job by all the actors! "We Serve"











LOCAL EVENTS - MICHIGAN COUNCIL OF GOVENORS

It was a great opportunity to meet this wonderful group of Lions all working together with our current Council of Governors to increase the services to our communities by increasing our Membership.

Globally Lions are working to increase Membership to 1.5 Million while in District 11-A under DG Lula Gardfrey the 1st of our 5 Year Strategic Plan is Mission 800 Lions by 6-30-2024.







District 11 A1 Lions of Michigan District Convention 2024





Is In Our Hands

REGISTRATION IS OPEN NO W

Registration Deadline on or before April 10, 2024







Registration Form QR Link Credit Card (via PayPal) PayPal QR Link

Make Checks Payable to: District 11 A1 Lion Clubs

Mail payment to: Lion Betty RiChard 30623 Sequoia Circle, Farmington Hills 48331. Detailed Convention Schedule & Other Registration Forms are on our Website: www.Metrodetroitlions.org For more info: Please contact Lion Betty RiChard at 313-999-5421, beei33912@gmail.com

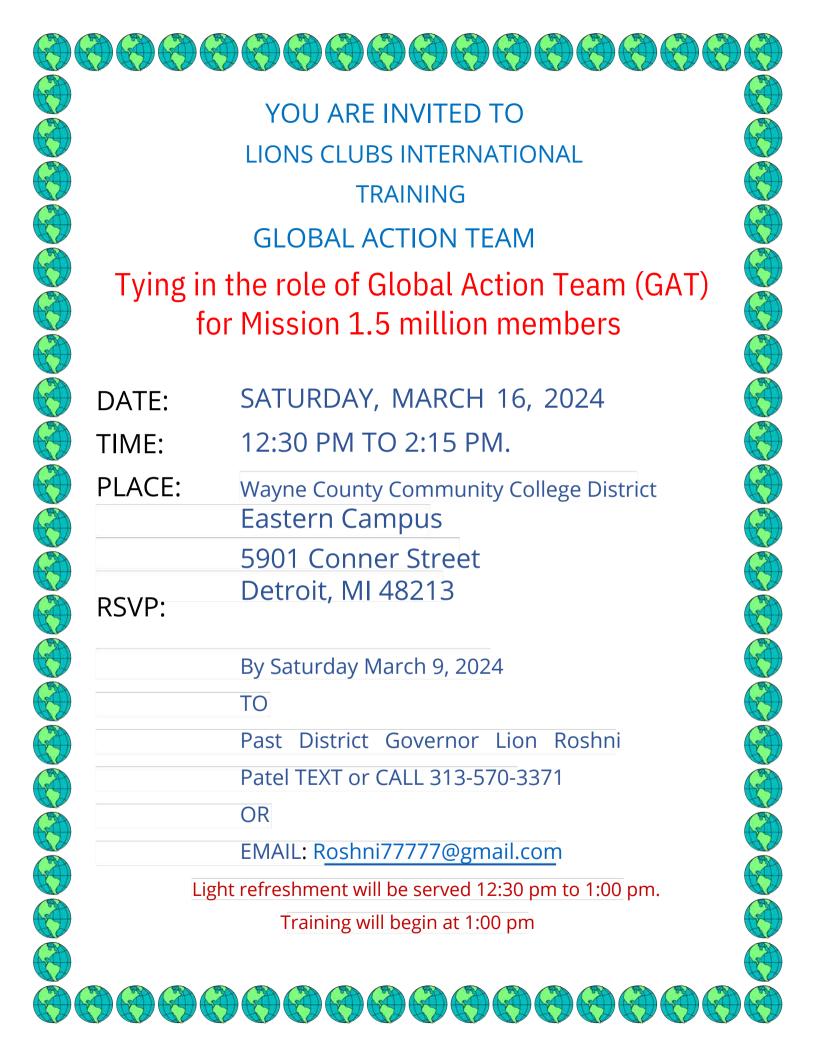


For Cash App: \$District11a1 For Zelle call Lion Deborah Love @313-377-7767



The Convention is being held at the lovely Sheraton Detroit Metro Airport Hotel 8000 Merriman Rd., Romulus, MI 734-729-2600

> www.shorturl.at/imB68 Book by April 10,2024



DEFENSE AGAINST DIABETES (D.A.D.) PROGRAM!

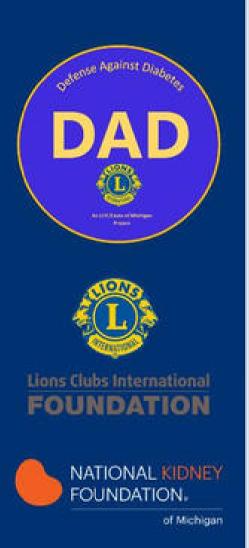
LEARN HOW TO LIVE LONGER, HEALTHIER LIVES FROM THE LIONS CLUB OF MICHIGAN DEFENSE AGAINST DIABETES (D.A.D.) PROGRAM!

THIS PROGRAM WAS DEVELOPED TO HELP PEOPLE WHO:

- ARE PRE-DIABETIC

- ALREADY HAVE TYPE 2 DIABETES

- WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT HOW DIABETES CAN IMPACT YOUR LIFE AND THE LIVES OF LOVED ONES SIGN UP TODAY!



DEFENSE AGAINST DIABETES (D.A.D.) PROGRAM

FUNDED BY THE LIONS OF MICHIGAN & L.C.I.F.

This program consists of 8, one-hour weekly sessions taught entirely on Zoom.

When: Thursdays at 6:30pm

March 7, 14, 21, April 4, 11, 18, 25, May 2

Where: Zoom Video Conference

You do not have to be a Lion's Club member to attend.

Please contact Ed Bohach with any questions at 734-222-9800 x 2240 or ebohach@nkfm.org.

Secure your spot by registering now, as space is limited!

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: February 28, 2024, at 12:00pm

www.kidneymi.org/DAD

Harper Woods – Grosse Pointe Woods Lions Club

34th Annual Lion John Smoke Memorial

Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, March 24th 10a.m.1 p.m.



When:

Where: AMVETS Post #57

19730 Harper Avenue
Harper Woods
@ Allard Road between

7 & 8 Mile (Exit 224B)

Cost: \$15 - all ages



Check out our Bake Sale & Raffle!

For further information: hwgpwlion@gmail.com

E-clubhouse.org/sites/HWGPW/

Lions Bear Lake Camp **Buffalo & Boar Wild Game Dinner**

Metamora Lions Club House, 3790 N. Oak St. Metamora, Mi. 48455

Saturday, April 27, 2024

Doors open at 5pm-Dinner at 6

Tickets \$60 per person OR \$400 Table of 8

Gourmet Wild Game Dinner Catered by Metamora Country Club! 3 Drink tickets! Cash Bar for Mixed Cocktails! Door prizes! Win a Ruger 10/22! Hourly Drawings!

SPONSOR OPPORTUNITY AVAILABLE

Platinum \$2,500 Gold \$1,000

\$500 See the

second page for sponsorship and event details.

Order your tickets today online www.bearlakecamp.org "under the event tab""

Or to purchase tickets via mail send check payable to Lions Bear Lake Camp

Mail to: 3409 N. Five Lakes Rd. Lapeer, Mi 48448

For More information Contact Jack Patton japlapelp@gmail.com 248-535-9011 Traci Tribley traci@bearlakecamp.org 810-245-0726 Rick Fleming rick.metamoracc@yahoo.com 248-969-2120

EVENT SPONSORSHIP

Platinum \$2,500.00

Logo placed on event banner & program
Sponsor recognized throughout the event
Table of 8 with 3 drink tickets each
Golf for a foursome at the Lions Bear Lake Camp Golf
Classic and the awards dinner.

Gold \$1,000

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Silver \$500

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Contact Jack Patton for more details

248-535-9011 or japlapelp@gmail.com

\$100 MEGA Ticket Raffle

CHANCE TO WIN 1 of 5 BIG GUNS

Smith & Wesson M&P Sport II Ruger American Go Wild 450

Ruger American 350

Glock 45, 9mm

Springfield Hellcat Pro

1 CHANCE TO WIN A 30 GUN SAFE WITH MYSTERY GUN

\$20 Mystery Gun with Gun Safe Raffle

Silent Auction Items

Kayak
Fishing Rod Combo Kit
Gas Grills
Camping Tent
Booze Baskets
Trail Cams
And More

Live Auction Items

\$500 Value or More Fishing Charters Pheasant Hunts Play & Stay Golf Pkg Weekend Stays

\$20 Card Gun Raffles

Combo of Guns & Crossbows
Gun Mfg. like Glock, Henry,
Smith & Wesson, Savage,
Ruger, etc.

CASH Square Boards

\$10 per square / 100 squares

1st Drawing \$250

2nd Drawing \$150

3rd Drawing \$100

Lions Club International

Furniture/Home Goods Giveaway
5th Annual Recycling Drive



Saturday, June 15th

One Day Event!

If you can't drop off your furniture we will display the pictures on the wall and the people can pick them up from the donators. Send pics to michellewhitebusiness@gmail.com
Thank You!

Volunteers Needed to Help Sort on June 14th 12-7pm at the Woodward Location!

@ Maiden House Ministries
16111 Woodward Ave. (@ the corner of Purit<mark>an)</mark>
Highland Park, MI 48203

10:00am - 4:00pm

BRING YOUR
RUCK AND GET
FREE
FURNITURE ON
15TH!

FREE!

Giveaway Items Needed...

- □ Beds/Mattress
- □ Couches
- Dining Tables/Side Tables/ lamps/wall hangings
- Pots/Pans/Dishes
- □ TV's
- Blankets/Spreads/Pillows/ Towels
- □ ALL HOME ITEMS!!!

MONETRY DONATIONS to help with truck rental, stipend for movers, gas and storage of furniture items received after today to continue servicing those in need in our communities

Suggested donations of \$20 and up are greatly appreciated!

You may go to www.metrodetroitlions.org
(earmark for furniture donations) or
Cash app: \$MichelleRWhite, Global Service
Chair (earmark for furniture donations)

Monetary donations will also be accepted the day of the event & thereafter, June 15, 2024

Together We Serve!

Bring Your Old Prescription Glasses





FREE EYE SCREENING FOR ADULTS

Diabetic Retinopathy Screening



FREE Vision Screening
GET YOUTH EYES CHECKED FOR

FREE (3MO. TO 18YRS OLD)

Contact Lion Minister Michelle Turner-White, Lions Club International Global Service Chair @ 248-238-4863

to sign up to volunteer and for any questions!



SPONSORS











Donations to our 501c4 organization are tax deductible and receipts given

Extra Extra Read all about it!

An invitation has been extended to LEO Club members to join the Youth Camp & Exchange at Lions Bear Lake Camp, <u>3409 N Five Lakes Rd, Lapeer, MI 48446</u>, August 11-17.2024.



The YCE Program will cover one LEO per District to participate. If you have more than one LEO who want to participate, we can raffle their name and pick one winner per District.

In addition, the LEO Club or District can sponsor a LEO to attend the camp if they choose to participate. This will be a great way for our LEOs to mingle with other youth from other countries.

Cost: \$150.00 (Please make check payable to: Lions Of Michigan, memo: Youth Camps & Exchange.

Bring essential items such as pillow, twin fitted sheet, blanket, towel, toiletries, bug spray, & sunscreen.

Host family is responsible for picking up and dropping off students from/to airport and camp.





<u>Multiple District 11</u> is looking for some families in the community who can open their hearts and homes for the month of summer 2024 to host a Youth Exchange Ambassador. These young people 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 25 – August 22, 2024.

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:

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

Additionally, clubs that donates \$100 will receive a 4x4 YCE Banner Patch or a 2023-2024 year patch.