



1st Vice District Cabinet Report Fall Conference 2025

It has been a pleasure to travel the District as we begin a new Lion's year. From District Leadership visits to celebrating Charter Anniversaries, this year has started off great.

In addition to the duties of 1VDG, I had the pleasure of spending a weekend at Leader Dogs for the Blind in Rochester, MI. being placed under blindfold to experience using a human guide, white cane travel and test driving a future Leader Dog that will be given to a Client in the months ahead. Being present as new Clients were arriving was especially moving. Seeing fear, nervousness and joy all at the same time knowing that in 21 days they will receive a guide dog and new best friend and how the staff at Leader Dog made them welcomed and appreciated gave me the feeling that as Lions we are making a difference with our support to Leader Dogs for the Blind.

Before our Fall Conference, I will be in Atlanta with LCIF representatives from across the USA. This event is a time for networking with others and for the opportunity to learn about LCIF Grant opportunities and how we can take advantage of them in the future.

As schools once again start up for the school year, our Balls For All Program continues to be in demand. Over the summer months, we presented 47 balls to children who attended DBVI's Camp Easter Seals Summer Camp Experience. We also presented balls at JMU during DBVI's Jumping Point Program where students who are thinking about going to college spend a week learning about living in a college dorm, traveling on their own in a college environment away from home and attending college classes. The future is very bright for these students.

Proud to be a Lion,
1VDG Chuck Schwab