

# Gleaner Spirit

November 2025

## Teamwork highlights Gleaner convention

Gleaner Life's 61st Biennial Convention in Kalamazoo, Michigan, featured several "firsts":

- Gleaner's first convention under the new Constitution and Bylaws.
- The first where Directors were elected in advance by all Gleaner members.
- Also, the first Saturday Synergy session to promote arbor development.

In the spirit of teamwork, we're sharing highlights of the Oct. 24-26 convention here. If you were unable to attend, you can visit <https://youtu.be/RcUCpVqYVv0> to watch Saturday's entire State of the Society session.



**Board Address**

Stephanie Andresen, Chair of the Board of Directors

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Gleaner attendees worked together to help others from Friday's beginning, packing weekend snack bags to help feed local children in need. Arbor representatives didn't arrive empty-handed; they brought supplies to assist five Kalamazoo-area charities. This year's charity auctions raised \$5,500 for the Kalamazoo Community Foundation, which was matched by Gleaner for a total \$11,000 donation.



Fraternalist of the Year David Briggs of Breckenridge, Michigan, was honored along with Fraternal Agent of the Year Steve Matson of Zanesville, Ohio. Attendees enjoyed activities at the downtown Radisson Plaza Hotel at Kalamazoo Center including games, music and dancing, charcuterie board building, candle making, and other experiences.

The Saturday Synergy session was a brand-new event put together by the Community Engagement team to address arborists' challenges and ways to overcome them. The CE team unveiled the new "Arbor Playbook" with ideas, arbor statistics from 2024, best practices, and more. Jessica Vasher, the CE manager, encouraged members to join the quarterly Arbor Talks webinars and the Arbor Connections Facebook group — two ongoing ways to share ideas, ask questions, and stay connected all year.



If you would like to learn more about arborists or receive a copy of the "Arbor Playbook," please contact the CE team at [CommunityEngagement@gleanerlife.org](mailto:CommunityEngagement@gleanerlife.org).

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The LawAssure service through Gleaner will end on Jan. 1, 2026, so it is important that Gleaner members download any documents they may have created on the service before then. If you set up an account with LawAssure, visit it no later than Dec. 31, 2025, and download any documents to your personal device. Members will not be able to access items on LawAssure after Dec. 31. Please contact Community Engagement at [CommunityEngagement@gleanerlife.org](mailto:CommunityEngagement@gleanerlife.org) if you have any questions.

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