

DISTRICT 11-E2 NEWSLETTER



JANUARY 2020



Notable Quote: "Although the world is full of suffering, it is also full of the overcoming of it." — Helen Keller



Dave Zeller,
District Governor

District Governor's Message

I hope everyone had a Joyous Holiday Season, and now it's back to work providing services to our communities. I can't believe how fast the first six months went. Just a couple of notes as we start this new year. Please do your monthly reporting on time as it affects how we handle dues as well as affecting those that are eligible for awards in the District and keeping track of your service activities. Most of the clubs have been doing an excellent job with reporting, but if yours is one of the clubs that's behind, let's get it done. If you need help with MyLCI, please call Marie Leathers, she will be glad

to give you a hand.

I once again would like to stress membership as we are down 31 members in our District. I realize that the times are tough, but what better way to help your fellow man by being a Lion and providing services to those less fortunate than ourselves. Also, for those Clubs that already have a positive membership growth, you have my sincere thanks.

As we move into January, please look into spending your D.A.D monies that we have a grant for. Call PDG Bob if you need help finding a way to sponsor a Diabetes event in your community.

Don't forget, we are looking for a few good Lions to step forward and help the District by serving on Committee's, or by becoming a District Officer such as Zone Chair, or serving on a Committee. If you are able to help out, please let VDG Rod know, as he is putting together his list.

Don't forget about your State and District Projects, but make sure you have enough money to help out in your local communities.

Lions of Michigan Forum is February 21 – 22 at the Holiday Inn Gateway Center in Grand Blanc. This will be an awesome forum, make plans to attend. See the district website for details

Social Media is a great way to get publicity for your club. The District has a Website, a Facebook page and you should take advantage of not only posting on it, but having your own. Again, call Marie Leathers for help on creating one. If you use our District Website, you will find lots of great info.
www.e-district.org/sites/11e2

I will be having knee surgery on January 30, so call 1st Vice Rod Leather, or 2nd Vice William Gaines, if you have a function that you want the District to be involved in, they would love to come and induct new members. I will be down for about 6 weeks.

DG Dave



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lionsdistrict11e2.org

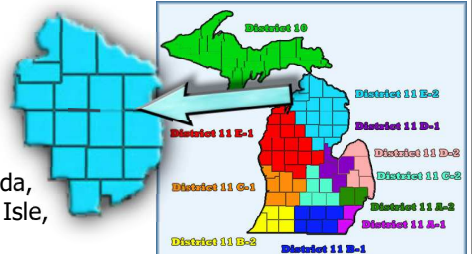
Note: This information is up to date at the time of this publication, but is subject to change as adjustments are needed.

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Lions Of Michigan Multiple District 11-E2 Counties

Alcona, Alpena, Antrim, Arenac,
Charlevoix,
Cheboygan,
Crawford, Emmet,
Gladwin, Iosco,
Kalkaska,
Montmorency,
Ogemaw, Oscoda,
Otsego, Presque Isle,
Roscommon



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LCI President's Message

**We Serve Through Diversity
with International President,
Dr. Jung-Yul Choi**

Dear Lion,

In my home, South Korea, nobody misses the traditional meal of the holiday season, rice cake soup. In every community, neighbors come together to share and support one another so that everyone can be part of the celebration. The holiday season is so special because we think of others first.

You have already shown so much kindness to your community, but I ask you to consider a project to help those living with hunger or make a donation to LCIF—your foundation. Your generosity can help all families celebrate this season. And together, our service can deliver new hope throughout a new year.



Regards,

Dr. Jung-Yul Choi

We Serve

Congratulations, Lions!

Lions, you did it. Together, we helped screen more than one million people around the world for type 2 diabetes!

International President, Dr. Jung-Yul Choi would like to give you a personal thank you.

Thank you to everyone who participated in this monumental event. And remember, even though our challenge is over, there's still a lot you can do to help. Continue making your mark by organizing a diabetes screening in your community and reporting your service to Lions Clubs International



Info from LCI



Lions Clubs International

Dear Lion,

It is with great sadness that I am writing you today. We have experienced an incredible loss to our Lion family. On December 17, International First Vice President Judge Haynes H. Townsend passed away. We are heartbroken by this tragic loss to our Lion family, to the Townsend family and his loving wife, Donna.

Judge Townsend was a capable man, a humble man, a man who believed in the power of kindness to help and to heal. He was a judge who presided over his courtroom with integrity and heart, knowing that lives and destinies hung in the balance. He was a leader who believed that big ideas should drive us but that compassion should guide us. And above all, he was a Lion.

For 40 years, Judge Townsend served. He was an active member of the Dalton Noon Lions Club in his home of Dalton, Georgia, USA. He believed that acts of kindness, both big and small, could change lives. And that's just what he did as a Lion.

It is difficult to lose an international leader of such importance. But it is even harder to lose a man of such character. We will always cherish the time we had with Judge Townsend, and we will continue to move forward, working to bring his vision for Lions, and a world of kindness, to life.

Regards,

Dr. Jung-Yul Choi,
International President

Don't miss out!

Your Club, Your Way!

Dear Lions,

Join us on **Tuesday, January 7, 2020** from **10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. CST** as we review Your Club, Your Way! Hear from Lions around the world as they provide tips that will help customize your club meetings, become more innovative to adapt your clubs to better suit the needs and lifestyles of club members and much more!.

Register for this dynamic webinar today.

Sincerely,

Your District & Club Administration Support Team



Lions Clubs International FOUNDATION

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Dear Lions,

Devastating life events such as hurricanes or cancer don't plan around holidays or birthdays—they strike whether or not we are prepared. As Lions, we pay attention and notice the people facing these types of challenges, and are compelled to take action.

During this season of giving, think of those who are experiencing challenges, or communities hit hard by unforeseen tragedy.

When you support LCIF, you are ensuring that when there is a need, Lions are there. We feed the hungry, restore lost vision, and provide social and emotional education to children through Lions Quest. We increase diabetes education, reduce our impact on the environment, and support a child diagnosed with cancer.

Lions change lives. When you give to LCIF, Lions can do even more.

I am asking you to give whatever you can—every bit counts. Help people in your community and in communities around the world move past their hardships by supporting LCIF, your foundation.

In friendship,

Gudrun Yngvadottir Chairperson, Lions Clubs International Foundation



OUR GLOBAL CAUSES



Diabetes

We serve to reduce the prevalence of diabetes and improve quality of life for those diagnosed.



Vision

We serve to prevent avoidable blindness and improve quality of life for people who are blind and visually impaired.



Hunger

We serve to ensure all community members have access to nutritious foods.



Environment

We serve to sustainably protect and restore our environment to improve the well-being of all communities.



Childhood Cancer

We serve to help those affected by childhood cancer survive and thrive.



4th USA/Canada Leo Leadership Forum

I would like to share some exciting news with you. The Leos & Lions of California are hosting the 4th USA/Canada Leo Leadership Forum on July 22nd to 26th, 2020 at the Wyndham Visalia. **Registration is now OPEN!** This 2020 Leo Leadership Forum will bring Leos together from across North America and the Caribbean.

During the course of the week, we have seminars in various areas of leadership and community-organizing as part of our core curriculum toward the HIGH SCHOOL DEGREE earned during this Forum experience. We also have elective seminars prepared by Leos. It's our goal to also empower our Leos to educate each other in areas of interest to them related to leadership. At the conclusion of every seminar, the facilitator offers a quiz on the subject. The passing of this seminar quiz will give the Leo the credits needed to graduate our program. All seminars are reviewed by our Dean of the High School Program and its committee members.

At every Leo Leadership Forum, we invite an international officer as our guest speaker. This gives our Leos the opportunity to ask questions, learn more about our association and the legacy that our Founder Melvin Jones left for the world. Leos also get the opportunity to network and bond with other Lions, Leos and LCI Staff Members. We provide a full day of fun touring the host city area and a day of community service planned by the Leo Host Committee. We have an Opening Ceremony/Dinner together with a Closing Night Dinner Gala that includes the presentation of diplomas and concludes with an entertaining night of dancing. Our Leos return home more knowledgeable about our Association, the Leo Club Program, ways to continue building up their own clubs while bringing bright new ideas for service projects and fundraisers. This Leo Forum will help Leos become great leaders ready to serve their community and continue to grow as an individual while feeling proud to be a Leo. We welcome Leo Club Advisors, Lions and parents to attend the Forum. We want this to be a learning experience for all.

Please share this email with your Leos or Lions interested in learning more about the Leo Club Program. If your Leo Club is school-based, our team is happy to speak to Principals or Faculty Advisors to better explain our Leo Forum or answer any question. Our contact information is listed below. Take a look at our video with highlights of our 2nd Leo Leadership Forum. We look forward to welcoming all Leos and Lions to the Golden State.

Yours In Lionism,



William Vanlandingham
District Governor 4-A2
Host Co-Chair, 4th USACLL



Kevin Patel
Past District Governor 4-A2
Host Co-Chair, 4th USACLLF

<https://leosforum.org/>



Fellow Lions:

Click on the link below for invitation to visit Louisville, Kentucky, September 2020, for the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum (from your Host Committee).

Registration to our Lions Leadership Forum is a great gift for your spouse or partner. What a great Christmas gift this would be! If you have already purchased that special one a Christmas gift, how about a great Valentine's Day, Easter, Mother's Day, Father's Day, Birthday or Anniversary gift.

Kentucky Lions are looking forward to hosting all Lions, Leo's and Guest-from across the US and Canada. In fact, September is great time to visit Kentucky's largest city.

Please open the invitation, read the invitation, and forward the invitation with every Lion you know. Also, please feel free to add it to your local newsletter and all social media outlets available in your area.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact your Host Committee Chairs any time.

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513-874-1552

Co-Chair PCC Bob Swett

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We hope to see y'all in Louisville, Kentucky

September 2020!

"and we're off...to winning Leadership"



The Winter Camp for the Blind 2020 Is Almost Here!

Winter Camp is a weekend retreat for the Blind and Visually Impaired. We have sent applications to potential campers, and have been preparing for their visit on the weekend of Feb 7-9 at the Battle Creek Public Schools Outdoor Education Center (OEC) A.K.A Clear Lake Camp. The camp, sponsored by the Lions Clubs of District 11-B1, has been in operation over 50 years since its inception as a school program in Battle Creek. We thank all of the 11-B1 Lions clubs for their consistent support of this effort. Our current flyer is attached. If you would like to volunteer at the camp, we look forward to seeing you for a visit or a weekend stay!

Winter Camp for the Blind is a Lions Clubs of Michigan District 11-B1 service project. This weekend event for the Blind and Visually Impaired has been in operation since 1969, and under Lions Clubs leadership for 45 years. It offers a welcome respite for this under-served population to get out of the house, enjoy fellowship with fellow campers, and enjoy a variety of activities including crafts, bingo, snowshoeing, nature hikes, hay rides, etc. Over 100 volunteers from the local community and across the district come together to make this camp possible year after year with both time and financial resources. Come out and check us out at Clear Lake Camp, near Dowling Michigan.

So how can you help? We can use your help in registration and meals on Friday. Saturday is our big activity day, where campers may need assistance with indoor activities, such as bingo and crafts, as well as outdoor activities with nature walks, wagon rides, etc. Weekend volunteers help in all areas, but especially for evening activities and snack prep/serving. We have entertainment on Friday and Saturday evenings, which all volunteers are welcome to enjoy. Sunday is checkout, and our weekend stay volunteers are very helpful to make sure that people have all of their belongings and get where they are supposed to be.

As we approach this event, some things to consider:

1. If you plan on coming out to visit or stay the weekend, please let us know so we can have an approximate headcount for meals and bunk space.
2. When you arrive, please park in the upper parking lot as you first drive-in, unless you have a disability and cannot walk down the steps or road.
3. We will have a volunteer sign-in sheet at the front desk. Please check in with your name, email and club name. We want to know who came so we can send you a thank you.
4. If you have bingo prizes to donate, please contact the Bedford Area Lions, Elsa Lioness, and Jackson Eye-openers, who are coordinating prizes and running the bingo activity. You can also contact the Admin team just to let us know you have things to bring, and we can pass along the information to the Bingo Team.
5. If you know of a blind or visually impaired individual who might be considering camp, please encourage them to apply soon. We need them by January 18, or soon after for the meal count.

Most of all, we were hoping you could come out and have fun and fellowship with our blind and visually impaired friends who are looking forward to having a great time themselves.

Thank you all for your help!

For more information, please contact Zone Chair Roger Bosse – Administration – 269 578-3684
rogerbosse@att.net

See you there?

Lion Mike Scott



Winter Camp began in 1969 and has been a tradition since then. A major project of District 11 B1, it was established to provide a special camp adventure for blind and visually impaired adults. Held the first full weekend in February, the camp provides a social gathering for up to 80 adults from around the state.

Financing: Campers pay a small fee for housing, bedding, five meals, evening snacks, a Sunday sack lunch and craft materials. District 11-B1 subsidizes camp operating costs with contributions from Lions Clubs, Lions District "Parade of Checks" and individual donations. Saturday Bingo prizes are donated by many clubs.

Location: Winter Camp is held at the Battle Creek Public Schools Outdoor Education Center (Clear Lake Camp) located at 10160 M-37, Dowling, MI, 15 miles north of Battle Creek. The rustic lodge and hilly, wooded terrain surrounding the camp provide an excellent venue for indoor and outdoor activities. (Weather determines which outdoor activities are available.)



2020

Winter Camp For the Blind February 7,8,9

Since 1969

Our 51st Year

Lions of Michigan

District 11-B1

Battle Creek Public Schools
Outdoor Education Center

10160 M-37

Dowling, MI 49050

Questions? Contact the following:

Camp Operations Director

PCC/PDG Barry Allen

734-428-7034

734-904-4695

BarryRAllen@aol.com**Camp Administrative Officers**

Lion Roger Bosse

Home: 269-964-8695

Cell: 269-578-3684

RogerBosse@att.net

PDG Roger Spriggs

Home: 269-282-0292

Cell: 269-275-3124

GBRoger@aol.com
 @11B1WinterCamp




Arrival

Campers who arrive by bus or train are transported by bus from the station to the camp. Volunteer escorts take care of baggage transit and assist arrivals with check-in, bunk assignments and other details.

Special accommodations are made for those with Leader Dogs. However, the camp is *not wheelchair accessible*.

Activities

Friday activities begin with dinner at 6:00 p.m. After dinner there is music and entertainment, or campers can just sit by the warm fireplace and socialize.

Hot coffee and hot chocolate, as well as assorted fruits are free. Sodas and snacks can be purchased. An evening snack is served at 9:00 p.m. before bedtime.

Saturday begins with breakfast at 8:00 a.m. served by volunteers and the Michigan Youth Challenge Academy cadets.



Morning activities include **Bingo** by the Bedford Area Lions. There is always lots of prizes so nobody goes away empty handed.



Art's & Crafts projects are presented *free of charge* by the Michigan Center Lionesses.

Western Michigan University graduate students will provide hands on demonstrations of adaptive technology for the visually impaired. Student Cadets and volunteers are trained in assisting the campers. Canes can be replaced or repaired by local mobility specialists. Chess and other games are available.

Saturday afternoon the fun continues.

Campers can remain indoors and continue

winning **Bingo** prizes, do

Arts & Crafts or sit by

the warm fire. The ad-

venturous can visit the

bird cabin, take a hay

ride, a guided nature

hike, or just enjoy the

crisp winter air. Special

events such as snow-



mobiling or a roaring camp fire depend on the weather conditions. A **Diabetes prevention** class has been added to help campers develop healthy eating practices and find available resources.



After enjoying another great dinner, the Campers organize a **Talent Show** of comedians, singers and dancers. The camp King and Queen are crowned, and one lucky camper will win a free camp the following year.

Sunday breakfast is at 8:00 a.m.

Campers can enjoy friendships and socializing before leaving. Volunteers and Cadets help with luggage. We ensure all campers will safely get to their rides home. They are sent on their way with a delicious bag lunch and many happy memories of fun and camaraderie.





DISTRICT 11-E2 WINNING PEACE POSTER



The 11-E2 Peace Poster Winner was 12 year old **Hailey Morrison**, a sixth grader at Richardson Elementary School in Oscoda.

Her peace quote: **"I think about good, colorful brightness and everyone getting along."**

International Peace Poster Contest

For over three decades, Lions clubs around the globe have been sponsoring a very special art contest in schools and youth groups. Creating peace posters gives children everywhere the chance to express their visions of peace and inspire the world through art and creativity.



Registration Form

Please complete the registration form and send it along with a check to Michigan Lions Forum, 5730 Executive Drive • Lansing, MI 48911, Telephone 517-887-6640 or Fax 517-887-6642

Name _____
Address _____
Club Name _____
District _____
Contact Phone _____
Email _____

Names of Registrants

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

_____ Registrants at \$40.00/person* \$
*Registration fee is \$40.00 and includes lunch, forum and proceeding booklet. \$40.00 price is for reservations received before February 7, 2020. After 2/7/20 \$45.00.

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:
Lions of Michigan

List food allergies or dietary requirements:

Check here for the forum book on CD ☐
(For visually impaired only)

REGISTER EARLY!
This event will fill quickly!

HOLIDAY INN GATEWAY CENTRE Flint

Lions Room Rate is \$85
5353 Gateway Centre, Flint, MI 48507
810-232-5300

**HOTEL RESERVATION DEADLINE:
February 7, 2020**



Large Group Service Project

"NOT YOUR FATHER'S SOCK HOP"
Join us Friday night, **February 21** as we work together on a large group service project! Club members attending may report service hours to LCI.



MICHIGAN LIONS FORUM



**2020: A Vision for
the Future**

FEBRUARY 22, 2020

Enjoy statewide fellowship with
Lions, Lioness, and Leo
Club members

Every Registrant Receives:
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS BOOKLET
containing information on breakout sessions
& speakers

DOOR PRIZES LUNCHEON PROGRAM

\$40.00 price is for reservations
received before February 7, 2020.
After 2/7/20 \$45.00.

Mail registration form to:
Lions of Michigan State Office
5730 Executive Dr., Lansing, MI 48911
517-887-6640 or Fax: 517-887-6642

Schedule of Events

Friday, February 21, 2020

Registration 7:00 p.m.
Large Group Service Project 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.
Hospitality Suite - The Fillmore 9:30 p.m.

Saturday, February 22, 2020

Registration 7:00 a.m.
White Cane Supplies, Exhibit Tables 8:00 a.m.
General Session 8:00 a.m.
Session 1 Breakout Sessions 8:30 a.m.
(choose one of four)
Session 2 Breakout Session 9:30 a.m.
(choose one of four)
Session 3 Breakout Session 10:30 a.m.
(choose one of four)
Session 4 Breakout Session 11:30 a.m.
(choose one of four)
Lunch, White Cane Scholarships, Keynote
Presentation, & Closing Remarks 12:30 p.m.
Door Prize Drawings 2:45 p.m.



16 MICHIGAN LIONS FORUM INFORMATIVE BREAKOUT SESSIONS TO CHOOSE FROM

FRIDAY February 21

7:30-9:30 p.m.

- Sock Drive
- Hospitality Suite - The Fillmore open to all at 9:30 p.m.

SATURDAY February 22

- Registration - open at 7:00 a.m.
- Exhibit Area - open at 8:00 a.m.
- Opening General Session - at 8:00 a.m.

Session 1 Selections: 8:30 a.m.-9:20 a.m.

- Public Speaking
MSGT (Ret.), Michael Nichols, Sr. Army Inst. JROTC
- Leo Clubs - The Future of Lions:
A Panel Discussion of Leo Practices
- Diabetes: What Lions Can Do About It
- How to Run a Great Meeting
VDG David Anderson

Session 2 Selections: 9:30 a.m.-10:20 a.m.

- Eversight: Vision 2020
Lion Alex Teska Hicks, Director of Philanthropy
- How to Market Your Club in Your Community
PDG Marty Juel, Elkhart, IN
- We Serve Through Diversity
PDG Evelyn Cooper
- MyLCI/MyLion
PDG Brent Beracy

Keynote Speaker



Gary G. Abud, Jr.
Educational Consultant

The Michigan Lions Forum Committee is pleased to host Educational Consultant and author of *Science with Scarlett*, Gary G. Abud, Jr., as this year's keynote speaker.

Gary Abud Jr. is an award-winning educator and double cornea transplant recipient who, since having his sight restored, was moved to use his teaching gifts to make science fun for kids. He lives with his family near Detroit and writes to inspire children, like his own daughter, to love science. Gary is the 2014 recipient of the Michigan Teacher of the Year honor. Learn more or get in touch at ScienceWithScarlett.com.

Coming to the Forum early? Join us Friday from 7:30-9:00 p.m. for "Not Your Father's Sock Hop".

The purpose of this event is to combine Lion's fellowship with the collection of needed winter items for three worthy causes. Join us for some upbeat music by a local Lion DJ and make special memories using an old-fashioned photo booth.

In keeping with the title of the event, we will be collecting men's, women's and children's socks. The collections will benefit: Men's Homeless Shelter, Women's Homeless Shelter/Domestic Violence Shelter, and Title One Elementary and Middle School.

SATURDAY February 22

Session 3 Selections: 10:30 a.m.-11:20 a.m.

- Childhood Cancer
Kids Kicking Cancer
- Lioness to Lions
PID Jenny Ware, IPDG Fran Grabowski, DG Becky Hamilton
- Strictly by the Numbers
PCC Paul Hemeryck, State Treasurer
- Harness the Power of Lions
Lions Mike Dengate & Beth Slade

Session 4 Selections: 11:30 a.m.-12:20 p.m.

- Understanding Dementia & Maintaining Your Brain
Health: Now and for the Future
Lisa Dedden Cooper
- Millennials and Beyond/North American Member Initiative
PDG Micheal Gibbs & Mikeala Ashburn
- 2020: A Vision for MI Lions' 2nd Century of Service
PDG Jeff Mayuliers, PDG Diane Webby, Lion Lula Gardfrey
- Creative Leaders! Watercolor Class (Limit 30)
PDG Craig Bishop

Pick up White Cane SUPPLIES at the Forum!

Place your order in advance so it's ready when you arrive. There will be NO ON-SITE sales. Order Early & Save on Shipping!

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SATURDAY February 22

Lunch 12:30 p.m.

- White Cane Scholarship Presentations
- Keynote Address
- Door Prize Drawings - 2:45 p.m.

Registration Form Continued

Mark the sessions you plan to attend

FRIDAY NIGHT SESSION 7:30 p.m.

- ☐ "Not Your Father's Sock Hop" - Service Project
- ☐ Hospitality Suite - The Fillmore - 9:30 p.m.

SATURDAY SESSIONS:

- 7:00 a.m. - Registration
- 8:00 a.m. - General Session

Session 1 Breakout Session - 8:30 a.m. (Check One)

- ☐ Public Speaking
- ☐ Leo Clubs: The Future of Lions (Panel)
- ☐ Diabetes: What Lions Can Do About It
- ☐ How to Run a Great Meeting

Session 2 Breakout Session - 9:30 a.m. (Check One)

- ☐ Eversight: Vision 2020
- ☐ How to Market Your Club in Your Community
- ☐ We Serve Through Diversity
- ☐ MyLCI/MyLion

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 - ☐ Millennials and Beyond/NAMI
 - ☐ 2020: A Vision for MI Lions' 2nd Century of Service
 - ☐ Creative Leaders! Watercolor Class (Limit 30)
- 12:30 p.m. - Lunch, White Cane Scholarships, Keynote Address, Closing Remarks



Lions of Michigan
District 11 E-2
Cabinet Meeting Minutes, December 14, 2019

Cabinet Members in Attendance:- DG Dave Zeller, CST Barb Durlinger, 1VDG Rod Leathers, 2VDG Bill Gaines, ZC's Dennis Gocha, Steve Murch, William Smith and Bob Gingerich, GMT Bob Tasior

Cabinet Members Absent— ZC Chuck Brew and IPDG Gordon Harris

Lions in Attendance - PDG's Flo Kelpinski, Lew Moeller and Roger Houthoofd, Lions David Zimmer, Marie Leathers, Bill Palmer, Eileen Palmer, Larry Elmer, Devin Tasior, Linda Gocha, Don McDonell and Newana Visser.

Treasurer's Report - The financials for 2019-20 were presented showing a beginning balance in the administrative account of \$30,498.24, income of \$9,543.63 and expenses of \$10,300.67, leaving an ending balance as of 12/13/19 of \$29,741.20. This is made up of \$22,421.46 in administration and \$7,319.74 in the convention account. The projects account had a beginning balance of \$37,280.07, income of \$4,960.29, expenses of \$3,244.29, leaving an ending balance of \$38,996.07. It was moved by ZC Gingerich, ZC Smith that the report be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

Old Business - Defense Against Diabetes Grant - PDG Gingerich reminded everyone that we only have until 5/1/20 to complete activities. As of right now only three clubs have submitted invoices. (Note - two more clubs have now submitted invoices, for a total of 5).

New Business - Selection of Nominee for Lions of Michigan Hall of Fame - DG Zeller left the room, as he is a nominee. CST Durlinger reported that she had received only one nomination, from the Alpena Club for DG Zeller. Those attending were asked if they wanted to make a nomination, and when none were received, the nominations were closed. It was moved by ZC Smith, supported by ZC Gocha that we nominate DG Dave Zeller for the Lions of Michigan Hall of Fame. Motion carried.

Recap from Council of Governor's Meeting - DG Zeller reported that the state office is working on a pilot PR project. Several districts are serving as guinea pigs, and if things work out, the project will be rolled out across the state.

The Michigan Forum will be held on 2/21 in Grand Blanc. The service project on Friday night is to pack socks to be distributed to homeless and domestic violence shelters. Any size socks are needed. The Forum is a great opportunity for learning and camaraderie with fellow Lions. DG Zeller noted that he believes this may be the best speaker line up he has ever seen, and encouraged Lions to attend. Materials have been sent out to club secretaries/presidents.

He noted that there had been a presentation on LCIF's Campaign 100, and asked PDG Durlinger if she would like to comment on it. PDG Durlinger made a brief presentation, and asked that clubs that she had not visited for a presentation last year please contact her so she could visit them.

DG Zeller reported that at the International Convention there will be a vote on a \$3/member dues increase which will go into effect in 2021. After this dues will increase with a COLA.

He also reminded everyone that there will be a vote at the MD11 convention in Holland in May on a \$3.50 increase in the state dues. Right now due to decreasing membership the state office is running a \$25,000/year shortfall. Clubs are encouraged to send representatives to the convention to vote on this initiative. Each club is entitled to one vote for each 10 members or the greater portion thereof.

The Lions Learning Center in Higgins Lake in November was well attended and they have begun work on next year's presentation.

The Council Chair for next year will be PDG Jeff Mayuiers from District 11-B2.

DG Zeller noted that we still need a District Global Service Team chairperson. The guidelines for this position will be attached to these minutes.

There will be a statewide Lions fundraiser on 2/18, a Red Wings hockey game, with discounted ticket prices of \$49. The profits will be distributed around the state. Contact DG Zeller for details if you are interested.

The membership team at the state reports that the big growth in the US is in specialty clubs. If you have a local group with any type of special interest they can be chartered as a specialty club, or start out as a branch for your club. This might be a good way to encourage our Lioness to become Lions.

The Winter Camp for the Blind (for blind adults) will be held in Dowling, MI on February 7-9. A brochure is attached to the minutes. If you know of anyone who would be interested, please pass it on, or there is contact information in the brochure to get more information. It was moved by ZC Gingerich, supported by ZC Smith that we donate \$250 to the camp. Motion carried.



Zoom conferencing is now available from the state office. See Lions Marie Leathers for more details. LCIF Week begins on 1/17/2020. There is a video on the Lions website promoting LCIF week.

DG Zeller announced that if you have student members in your clubs that their dues will be paid out of the state special projects fund next year.

GMT Report - GMT Tasior turned in a written report. He added that he will be happy to visit clubs to present either the "Membership Growth Event" program or the "Just Ask" program.

Zone Chair Reports — ZC's Brew, Murch and Gaines turned in written reports. ZC Gingerich reported that he has visited four of his five clubs and held a zone meeting. He said Roscommon and Grayling are talking about merging, but the talks haven't gone far. ZC Smith has held one zone meeting and visited clubs. The Ellsworth Club is thinking about folding. The Elk Rapids Club has some issues, and he will be visiting again. He is working on a district wide food drive, perhaps in conjunction with the district convention. ZC Gocha reported that Petoskey has membership problems, and he is working with clubs close to them to see if they can help with activities. The Boyne Club has had two DAD activities. East Jordan has a Diabetes event next week, and he is working with the E1 Lioness to try to keep them in the fold. He will probably hold a zone meeting in February.

Committee Reports

Written Reports were provided by the following Committees:

Constitution and By-Laws - DG Zeller, **District Convention** - DG Zeller, **District Editor** - Lion Zimmer, **Eversight** - PDG Richardson, **LCIF** - PDG Durflinger, **Liaison** - DG Zeller, **Lions of Michigan Foundation** - PDG Durflinger, **Michigan Forum** - DG Zeller, **Pediatric Cancer** - 1VDG Leathers, **Project Kidsight** - Lion Slezak, **Strategic Planning** - DG Zeller, **USA/Canada Forum** - DG Zeller. District Editor Lion Dave Zimmer reminded clubs that they need to get materials to him by the end of the month, or they will go into the following month's newsletter. 1VDG Leathers added that if you have someone who wishes to make the port pillows, Lion Marie has materials available. At the last cabinet meeting we approved the purchase of T-shirts to support pediatric cancer. It was moved by 1VDG Leathers, supported by ZC Smith that we sell the shirts for \$15 each. Motion carried. There are a variety of sizes available. The profits from the shirt sales will be kept in our district to support pediatric cancer projects. To order a shirt, contact 1VDG Leathers.

Oral Reports - **District Melvin Jones** - ZVDG Gaines reported he has received one nomination. The deadline for nominations is 12/31, so if your club wishes to nominate someone, get it in soon.

Peace Poster - 2VDG Gaines displayed the poster which won the district competition, from Hayley Morrison of Oscoda. Unfortunately it did not win the statewide competition, but she will receive a scholarship check from the district at the district convention.

Website/IT - Lion Marie Leathers reported that while Zoom is available from the state, she would like to get equipment to keep in the district to make the experience better. 2VDG Gaines questioned whether we should also get our own membership to be sure that we do not have to reschedule meetings due to conflicts with other groups around the state. Lion Marie noted that she hasn't checked on pricing for that, but will do so. It was moved by ZC Smith, supported by ZC Tasior that we spend up to \$500 to purchase equipment and the membership. Motion carried.

Announcements/Audience Comments - The Hale Lions announced they will be hosting a murder mystery on 2/8. A flier is attached to the minutes.

VDG Comments - 1VDG Leathers reported that his focus this year and next year will be membership. "Just Ask" does work. And if the answer is no the first time, don't give up. 2VDG Gaines noted that he wants to visit clubs, so please invite him.

DG Comments - DG Zeller noted that we have a number of Lions across the district that are receiving chevrons this year for service over 45 years. The list follows:

Edward Klirnszak, Jr, Alpena - 45 years

Thomas Pilon, Cheboygan - 50 years

Richard Sella, Harrisville - 45 years

David James, Lincoln - 45 years

Edgar Jaggi, Mackinaw City - 45 years

Paul Sopscak, Roscommon/Higgins Lake - 45 years

Richard Roehrs, Beaverton - 45 years

Ron Sowers, Ellsworth - 45 years

Murl Randall, Houghton Lake - 60 years

Ted James, Lincoln - 45 years

Ray Johnson, Petoskey - 50 years

William Curnalia, Roscommon/Higgins Lake - 45 years

With no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 11:40. The meeting in January has been cancelled, and will probably be rescheduled for February in Grayling. At this time we may be able to add people to the meeting on Zoom.

Respectfully submitted, — PDG Barb Durflinger — Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer Lions of Michigan District 11 E-2



District 11E2 GMT
Lion Robert
12/14/19

At present time we have 793 members, we are down 30 members from one year ago. I have attended two Zone meetings and gave powerpoint presentations at each Region 2 Zone 2. I presented Membership Growth Event. This program is designed to help clubs gain members through direct Invitation by having a membership growth event where members invite perspective members to attend. It is a step by step program that helps clubs focus on membership.

At Region 2 Zone1 meeting I presented the LCI's Just Ask program. This is an in depth evaluation of your club with surveys and a step by step guide with 4 principles which includes:

1. Preparing your club
2. Creating a Club Growth plan
3. Implementation of the Growth Plan
4. Welcoming New Members

My hope is to get with our Governor and finalize ads for the formation of clubs in the Standish, West Branch and Gaylord areas. Unfortunately, the winter crud has seemed to have taken hold of me so after my second round of steroids and many sleepless nights I haven't been able to get much done. I am hoping for a reversal in this situation soon.

I am at this point once again asking for clubs to take membership seriously. At every club meeting in our district this has to be discussed and a growth plan should be implemented. Every club should have a GMT (Global Membership Team) chairperson. I suggest that each club should expand this position into a working committee.

We can place blame on a lot of things that brought us to this point but there really is no point or benefit to that! What we can do is decide as a group to turn this around. Each club can do this. We can start by talking about it at our club meetings. By attending zone meetings, by going to cabinet meetings and by being a voice. Don't wait for solutions to come to you, bring solutions to us! Use us as a resource not an answer! You have the answers, you may need help implementing them, but YOU are the answer!

If you would like me to attend one of your club meetings, just call me at 989-274- 5301 or email me atrtaz01@gmail.com. I am sure we can work things out.

Merry Christmas everyone remember to help the needy during this Holiday season

Thank You
Lion Robert Tasior

Pediatric Cancer

1. \$2,500 was donated by our district to CampQuality. The money is 'going to be used to sponsor 2 kids or 1 family to camp.
2. Lion Barb Durflinger has a group of ladies making hats for children due to hair loss because of cancer for Maggie's Wigs 4 Kids.
3. Looking for people to make port pillows. These attach to the seat belts and covers the area of the port for comfortable riding. Lion Marie Leathers has material and Velcro. You can contact her at marie@centrallakerealty.com.
4. We are looking for other ways to support kids with cancer in our district. if you have any ideas or would like to get involved with the pediatric cancer program please contact me leathersrod@gmail.com call me at 231-350-0567

1VDG Lion Rod



District Committee Reports

December 14, 2019

Oscoda, MI

Constitution, By-laws & Rules

Changes were adopted by the Cabinet, (ask PDG Barb for copy)

New Dues increase Resolution passed by Council to ask for \$3.50 more for Multiple District

District Convention

Ray Shelly, Rose City Lions is the new Convention Chair, Convention in West Branch 4/24/ - 4/26, 2020. 1st meeting was held. ID Allan Hunt and his Lion wife Sonja will be our guests. They hail all the way from Chilliwack, British Columbia. Hopefully it will be cold enough here for them.

Liaison

Nothing to report at this time.

Michigan Forum

The Forum will be held once again in Grand Blanc at the Holiday Inn Gateway Centre February 22, 2020, with a project of some type to take place on Friday, 2/21, so block off these dates on your calendar now. The committee met and sessions have been established, this looks to be a premier Forum and Lions should plan on attending, our own Tony Smith from Beaverton will be on the panel talking about Leo's.

Strategic Planning

Nothing to report at this time

USA/CANADA Forum

Next Forum will be in Louisville, KY 9/17-9/19, 2020, District Directory is incorrect and the years should be moved up. This forum will be real close and a great opportunity to attend. Don't forget about the Lions University and the great classes on Lions you can take.

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- **Club Milestones: Awards, Club Officers, New Memberships, Passings – What Is Happening With Your Members!**
- **Photos of Service Activities, Fundraising Events, Awards, etc.**
- **Lions do good things — let us all know the good things your Club is doing! It's called sharing.**

* **Photos:** Should be 300 pixels for good quality. Include names of individuals in photos, and/or describe what the photo is showing. **Text:** Include dates and names (if applicable) for all events submitted.

Text will be edited as needed for space, spelling, corrections, etc.



Eversight Report
District 11-E2 Cabinet Meeting
December 14, 2019

The core mission of Eversight is to make it possible for people to receive the GIFT Of SIGHT through corneal transplants. In Michigan, during the 2018 calendar year, 1878 persons donated their eyes and 1446 individuals had their sight restored through a corneal transplant. This wonderful level of SERVICE is continuing during 2019. Eversight is also very active in vision related research, organ donor awareness, etc. Our Lions and Lioness Clubs have partnered with Eversight since 1957, and continue to be its largest partner and support group. We aid Eversight financially and also through our many local volunteer efforts. Last year our District donated \$15,550 to Eversight, making ours one of the top Districts in the state. Thank you all. It is my hope that we can become a 100% District in support of Eversight this year. As of December 1, 2019 the following Lion's Clubs have donated \$4,150 to Eversight during the current Lion year: Atlanta, Lewiston, Oscoda, Mackinaw City, East Jordan, Mio, Roscommon-Higgins Lake, Harrisville, Charlevoix, and Grayling. Thanks!

Because Eversight moved to a new location, please take note of the current contact person and address.

Eversight
Amanda Frederick - Philanthropy Administrative Assistant
3985 Research Park Drive
Ann Arbor, MI 48108
(734) 780-2616
afrederick@eversightvision.org

All Lions and Lionesses are invited to visit Eversight's new headquarters. Just contact Amanda to make arrangements.

Clubs are encouraged to utilize the Charles Weir and William "Doc" Barr Fellowship Awards to honor a club member or someone from your community.

Donations of \$500 over a three year period would qualify your club to receive Weir Sight Conservation Fellowship Award and a \$ 1,000 donation over a three year period would qualify your club for a Barr Knights for Vision Fellowship Award. These very nice awards can be easily ordered using Eversight's website: (eversightvision.org). Click on the 'Who We Are' tab, followed by 'Lions Partners', scroll to 'Michigan Section' and select Michigan Lions Fellowship Program.

Any questions or a request for a club program please contact me:
den7rich@gmail.com or (231) 944-0587

Respectfully submitted,
Dennis Richardson, District 11-E2 Chair
Eversight Michigan



District 11-E2 Cabinet meeting
December 14, 2019

LCIF Report

We are entering the second year of the third major funding campaign since LCIF was founded 50 years ago, Campaign 100. Campaign 100 is a three year campaign with a goal of \$300 million worldwide. This time the program will cover all of our humanitarian programs, vision, youth, disaster relief, diabetes, and will expand our global causes, hunger, childhood cancer and the environment. The goal is to serve 200 million people over the next 10 years.

The goal for every club is to donate \$250/member over three years (only \$80/member/year), with club, individual member and local community donations all included toward this goal.

Right now only 6% of Lions donate individually to OUR foundation and International would like to increase this percentage. Our district's percentage is currently 5.38%, led by the Hillman Club at 88%. Individual contributions can be made on a recurring basis via credit card on the LCIF website to make it easier.

Since 1999, almost \$64,000 in grants have been received by our district. The only reason we haven't gotten more is we haven't asked for them! Our state projects have also been the beneficiaries of a number of grants, the most recent ones including \$75,000 for the Leader Dog Canine Development Center, and over \$48,000 for purchase and outfitting of KidSight trailers, one of which was allocated to our district. In order to continue to receive this support, we need to continue to support our Foundation.

We started the campaign off well in the district. Between club and individual Lion contributions we raised \$13,363 last year, an increase of \$4,623 or +53% from last year. It would be great to continue this pace. 29 of the then 32 clubs made contributions last year, so we almost got to 100% giving. Our giving this year-to-date is \$5,290.65, with 16 clubs giving so far. This figure included personal contributions from 25 individuals. I will be visiting clubs that I did not get to last year and would love to see us continue the pace we are on and try to achieve 100% club giving this year.

If you have any questions, please contact me. I would also like to attend zone meetings, so would appreciate it if ZC's could let me know when they have meetings scheduled. Any club that would like a program on LCIF, please contact me..

PDG Barb Durflinger

(Contact: barb@comdac.com)



Lions of Michigan Foundation Report- 12/14/19

The Sight and Hearing sweepstakes tickets have now been distributed. Our district sold more Sight and Hearing Sweepstakes tickets last year than any district in the state, so let's do it again this year. This is a great fundraiser for your club, so if you are not participating in it now, please consider it. Last year the Oscoda Lions earned over \$4,500 from tickets sales, and the Alpena Club earned over \$3,000. If your club sells between 30 and 99 tickets you receive \$3.50 per ticket, for sales from 100-249 you receive \$5.00 per ticket, and for sales over 250 you receive \$5.50 per ticket.

The Kidsight trailer is being scheduled now for screenings. The trailer is available for both vision screenings and for publicity in parades, etc. I will be coordinating the schedule for trailer use. Please remember that if you are requesting it for a screening event that you will also have to coordinate the cameras with Lion Nate Slezak or Lion Linda Harris. The trailer is greatly increasing our ability to do screenings, as well as increasing our visibility. The club using the trailer is responsible for pickup and delivery, though we will make an effort to coordinate it so that the distances can be minimized.

The tax year ended 12/31/18 was the first year that people were able to donate to the Lions of Michigan Foundation on their Michigan tax returns. We collected \$14,000 this year, with only part of the year to promote it, so next year should be better. In order to stay on the form, we need to collect \$50,000 per year, so be sure that every Lion and Lion family member knows that this program is available. In addition to providing funds for the Foundation, it greatly increases our visibility statewide. If you use a tax preparer to do your taxes, be sure they know to check the box for you, and talk to them about mentioning it to their other clients.

For those clubs participating in the Affordable Hearing Aid program, a co-pay is now being charged for each hearing aid in order to spread the available funds further. Please be aware of this when working with your hearing aid clients. The updated forms are available from either one of your LMF trustees or the District Medical chairperson.

Think about purchasing a carton of mints to be sent to a member of our military (\$90). We are in need of more names of serving military to receive our mints, so if you have a relative, friend, neighbor, etc. who is stationed out of the area, send their name into the Foundation, or get their information to one of our district trustees. A number of clubs/individuals have made contributions to this fund without turning in a name to receive mints, so if you are aware of someone who is serving, please get their information to one of the district trustees even if you are not making a contribution to this fund at this time.

If you wish to order mints, be sure and check to see if either of the trustees or other cabinet members will be going down to Lansing and can bring them back. We would be happy to pick them up for you to save your club the shipping.

Either myself or fellow trustee Chuck Brew are available for presentations to your club or your zone, so let us know if you would like to hear more about what the Lions of Michigan Foundation is doing for the needy of Michigan.

PDG Barb Durlinger
11-E2 District Trustee, Lions of Michigan Foundation



Calendar of Events

FEBRUARY 2020

Michigan Forum — Saturday, February 22, 2020 — Holiday Inn Gateway Centre, Grand Blanc — Large Group Project: Socks - to take place on Friday, 2/21/2020

APRIL 2020

District Convention — April 24-26, 2020 — Quality Inn, West Branch — Details to follow.

District Cabinet Meeting — April 25, 2020 — Quality Inn, West Branch — Details to follow.

MAY 2020

MD-11 Convention — May 14-16, 2020 — DoubleTree by Hilton, Holland, Michigan

JULY 2020

4th USA/Canada Leo Leadership Forum — July 22nd to 26th, 2020 — Wyndham Visalia, Visalia, California

JUNE 2020

LCI Convention – June 26, 2020 – Singapore



PASSINGS



Rose City: Lion Catherine Jean Koehn passed on Wednesday, December 11th, 2019. “Cathy was active in both her club, and in the planning for the upcoming District Convention that the Rose City Lions are hosting. She will be missed by both her club members and the district.”

NEW MEMBERS

Boyne Valley Lions: Induction of Elise Freed as a new Lion was held on Wednesday, December 11, 2019

On the Mend

None Reported



Boyne Valley Lions

DECEMBER 2019



Boyne Valley Lions Club welcomed new Lions member **Elise Freed** at their Wednesday, December 11 meeting.

East Jordan Lions

DECEMBER 2019

East Jordan Lions Club held their annual Christmas Dinner and live action at the Jordan Inn December 2nd. Lions Club members and special guests raised \$1500.00 in the auction which was donated to the East Jordan Care & Share Food Pantry.

Pictured is Sherry Pursel, Lions Club Treasurer, and Kathy Reed, Executive Director of the Care & Share Food Pantry.



Hillman Lions

DECEMBER 2019



Just ask!

Just Ask! is designed to guide your club through the process of recruiting new members and effectively managing club growth. The strength of your membership and the health of your club will determine your ability to do what all Lions are called to do—serve. So keep in mind that more members mean more service.

Although the concept is simple – just ask community members to join – this guide will help you prepare an effective outreach plan so you are successful when you're ready to ask.

Lions Clubs International has many resources available to support your club. Contact the Membership department at membership@lionsclubs.org or go to the LCI website.

The resources mentioned in this guide can all be found at lionsclubs.org/MembershipChair.



Oscoda Lions

DECEMBER 2019

Oscoda Lions ramp builders Lion Tony, Bill and Chuck Built 16' ramp for a disabled Vet in Tawas. The homeowners were very pleased and appreciative of the ramp. Veterans Organization is supposed to cover the cost of material and permits. They started a 8 am and finished around 12:30 pm. A pretty decent day to work, no snow or rain. WE SERVE.

DECEMBER 2019



— Oscoda Lions held their annual Lunch with Santa on Saturday. It was well attended, the families had lunch with Santa.



We also had some special guests, Elsa, Anna and Olaf from Frozen, they gave each child a stuffed animal. Anna (Erin Senn) Olaf and Elsa (Molly Priebe) —



A total of 210 children received a gift from Santa,



— We also had four honor Students helping out. Honor students: Kaden Schlink, Lauren Langley, Issy Hulverson and Amber Heiser

There was a parade at night: the Lions provided a float for Santa. WE SERVE. —





January — 2020

The Best of Times, the Worst of Times

"It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity, it was the season of Light, it was the season of Darkness, it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair, we had everything before us, we had nothing before us, we were all going direct to Heaven, we were all going direct the other way - in short, the period was so far like the present period, that some of its noisiest authorities insisted on its being received, for good or for evil, in the superlative degree of comparison only."

— Charles Dickens, *A Tale of Two Cities*.

This profound quote from the genius of Charles Dickens is the closest description of the human condition that I've found to date. We humans create our own version of reality by the judgements we make about the world around us. We "know" things from what we've been taught by others and by what we have experienced for ourselves. In other words, we all have a perspective from which we judge others and the events that occur around us. This is the way we relate to and survive in the physical world.

The fly in this ointment is that we all have a different perspective, and that can lead to disagreements and discord. (As examples, let's say politics and religion — 'nuff said.) We typically think that our way of doing things or understanding "reality" is the "right" way. We tend to agree with and surround ourselves with those whose perspectives are closest to our own, and avoid or judge harshly those whose perspectives are different or directly opposite from ours. We are convinced we know the "truth", and are right, while those who can't accept this "truth" are wrong. Some may believe this to be the best of times and have high hopes for the future, and don't understand those who see the world as flailing in a "winter of despair", the worst of times.

The irony is, both perspectives are experiencing the same exact events in the same physical world. What happens, happens – it is what it is. But it is judged and understood through the lens of the perspective from which we view it. For example, take the case of NFL player Colin Kaepernick. The African American athlete was understandably upset by the rising number of unarmed black men being shot to death by police throughout the country. In protest, he began kneeling instead of standing for the National Anthem before football games began. Everyone watching the games saw the same event occur. Some saw it as a blatant rejection of American values, an insult to a sport event, and an unpatriotic act degrading to our nation - doing the "wrong" thing. But others saw a man of principle exercising his Constitutional Right to Free Speech, quietly and peacefully protesting and reminding us that such violent events should not occur or be tolerated in a great civilized nation - doing the "right" thing. Right or wrong, it's up to us and our perspective orientations to decide our stance on this and other controversies.

"It ain't what you don't know that gets you into trouble. It's what you know for sure that just ain't so." — Mark Twain

Like most, if not all, of you reading this, I have over the years changed my many of my former beliefs and accepted new perspectives, some of which I originally rejected. It's called learning and growing. I've learned that determining what is true is not always easy. All of us had (or still have) beliefs or "facts" about the world that we have now given up (or will give up) as we become aware of new data. Sometimes the wisdom of the heart is a better guide to Truth than the head.

Don't get me wrong; I'm not saying that having perspectives is categorically bad. We can't help having a perspectives, that's how life works. But we can accept that "different" isn't necessarily a bad thing, be less rigid, choose less judgement and more tolerance, and be more respectful of others' perspective views.

As Lions, we believe that we need to help others, in our communities and beyond. It is our common perspective view that we need to volunteer, and to make the world a better place through kindness, diversity, compassion and service. There are many bad things in the world, but, as noted in the front page Helen Keller quote, there are really good things in the world as well. We have the power to choose our perspectives on how we see and interact with the rest of the world. I choose Service.



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2019 MICHIGAN Voluntary Contributions Schedule

INSTRUCTIONS: Use this schedule to make a donation from your refund to any of the organizations listed below. If you are not receiving a refund, your donation will increase your tax due. Check the box associated with the dollar amount you wish to contribute in columns A or B or enter a specific dollar amount greater than \$10 in the space provided in column C. Enter the total of your contribution for each line in column D. For detailed descriptions of each fund, see the reverse side of this form. Include with Form MI-1040.

Type or print in blue or black ink.

Attachment 18

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10. Add column D, lines 1 through 9. Enter total of column D here and carry amount to your MI-1040, line 22.....				10. <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> 00

This form must be included with your MI-1040 to ensure your contributions are properly credited to the designated fund(s).

Note: This is the form to make a donation to the Lions of Michigan Foundation from your 2019 Michigan tax refund. Keep it in mind this tax season — the donation amount must reach \$50,000 or the organization will be dropped from the donation list next year. This is a good source for the LoMF to raise some outside funds, so donate \$5 or \$10 (or more) to keep this going.

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