

# DISTRICT 11-E2 NEWSLETTER



## JANUARY 2022



*Notable Quotes: "Perfection is not attainable, but if we chase perfection we can catch excellence." – Vince Lombardi*

## District Governor's Message

Greetings, fellow Lions,



District Governor  
William Gaines

It's January and the end of the holiday season brings us to the last half of the Lions' year with some exciting upcoming events. The registration form and schedule of events for the Michigan Forum on Feb 25-26 at the Holiday Inn in Flint were in December's Lions Pride and are on the Lion dog Michigan web site. Each year this is an entertaining and informative event with lots of opportunities to learn as well as socialize with your Lion friends from all over the state. Send your registration in this month before the price goes up on Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>.

Our 11E2 convention is scheduled for Apr 29 to May 1 at the Boyne Mountain Lodge in Boyne Falls. I know many of you are looking forward to that after the Covid cancellations of our in-person convention for the past two years. I'm looking forward to this great event in an inviting resort location.

Several clubs in our district are doing well with meaningful service activities and increasing membership. Unfortunately, that's not the case with all our clubs. Aging memberships and Covid restrictions on fund raising have made things difficult for many with net membership numbers now decreasing. We need members to do our "We Serve" mission. Getting new and retaining current members are challenges that we must step up to if we are to continue to serve our communities. I'm trying to visit each of the clubs in the 11E2 – please let me know when a good time would be for a visit to your club. There are plenty of ideas to attract new members and inviting one or more of our district leadership team to a club meeting could help with innovative approaches to growth.





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[lionsdistrict11e2.org](http://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



ZONE 1	CLUBS	ZONE 3	CLUBS
N/A	Boyne Valley, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, East Jordan, Indian River, Mackinaw City, Petoskey	ZC/2VDG Steven Murch Alpena Lions Club <a href="mailto:stevemurch49707@gmail.com">stevemurch49707@gmail.com</a>	Alpena, Alpena Evening, Atlanta, Glennie, Hillman, Hubbard Lake, Mio
ZONE 2	CLUBS	ZONE 4	CLUBS
ZC Jim Broome Central Lake Lions Club <a href="mailto:jrbroome@charter.net">jrbroome@charter.net</a>	Central Lake, Elk Rapids, Grayling, Houghton Lake, Lewiston/ Lewiston Lioness Lions, Roscommon- Higgins Lake	ZC Sean Clarke Oscoda Lions Club <a href="mailto:seanclarke123@gmail.com">seanclarke123@gmail.com</a>	Beaverton, Hale, Harrisville, Lincoln, Oscoda, Prescott-Skidway Lake, Rose City,



## 2nd Vice District Governor's Message



Greetings, fellow Lions,

and Happy New Year. I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season.

As we turn the calendar to a new year, now is the time to focus anew on our clubs and their mission of serving our communities. We all want to help our communities thrive and grow, and the new year is the perfect time to assess how we are doing.

Does your club – or did your club – set goals? When did you set your goals, at the beginning of the Lions year or at the beginning of the calendar year? Or, perhaps, did your club not set any goals?

Let's begin by discussing the last question. Your club absolutely should be setting annual, as well as long-term, goals. It's the perfect way to gauge how well you are achieving your mission of serving the community. These goals don't have to be grand or numerous; they should be achievable but still challenging enough to keep your club active and striving to be better.

Now on to the goals set. January is the perfect time to look at those goals regardless of when you set them.

If your club set goals at the beginning of the Lions year then you are half way through the year. You can see if you are on track to reach those goals, or, if you need to address them and see what needs to be done to achieve them before June.

If you set club goals in January, how did you do? If you were able to achieve all of your goals, congratulations; if not, now is the time to find out why you weren't able to reach them. Don't be discouraged if you weren't able to do it, the reasons might be as easy as biting off more than you could chew.

We still dealt with the effects of Covid-19 on our service and fundraising in 2021. That should be factored into any assessment of your goals, and used as a measuring stick when setting goals for 2022, or Lions year 2022-23.

Also as we turn the calendar, now is a great time to take the Membership Satisfaction Survey. This will tell you the things your club excels at and things your club needs to improve upon. Club members should be encouraged to take the survey and be honest about how they view the club.

The survey also will be a great resource in analyzing if you were able to achieve your annual goals or not. Their beliefs about the club can be used to determine if you are setting attainable goals – or more importantly the right goals of serving your community.

Our clubs will only grow and continue to thrive when we aim to be the best we can be. Just like a business sets goals to measure success, our clubs need to do the same.





# Lions Clubs International

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



### May the New Year Bring Renewed Dedication to Service

**Dear Lions,**

I love the month of January because it brings such a sense of hope. A new year, a new start.

While we are in the midst of a busy season of service as Lions, I like to pause and reflect on the calendar year—the one that is coming to a close and the one that is just beginning.

It's wonderful to look back at all I did over the past year and yet, just as important to note the things I want to improve upon in the new year. Where might I have done better? Then, I rededicate myself to service. By doing this, I am making a choice, every year, to be a Lion.

And I could not think of a more meaningful way to begin a new year than by choosing service.

Lions, you are doing so much. Take the time to celebrate your accomplishments. Then, think about what ways you may want to improve in the coming months.

We can all do better. The world is in need. What do you have to give?

I am sending all Lions, near and far, my best wishes for a very happy new year.

Yours in service,

*Douglas X. Alexander*

**Douglas X. Alexander**  
**International President**





## Lions Clubs International

### Dear Lion Leader,

Lions Clubs International has been invited by the White House Coordinator for Operation Allies Welcome to participate in an urgent and historic opportunity to help more than 100,000 men, women and children from Afghanistan rebuild their lives in America. Many of these allies aided the U.S. military and were evacuated with their families due to concerns for their safety.

Many allies have already arrived at eight U.S. military bases, and have cleared their security, immigration and health screenings. They are now waiting to complete their journey by finding a welcoming community and a safe place to call home. Because traditional resettlement agencies lack the capacity to support a resettlement process of this size, there is a great need for volunteers from civic and service organizations to help.

Tell us if you're interested in helping

People know that where there is a need, there is a Lion, which is why I am reaching out to you to gauge your club's potential interest in supporting this effort. This is an ambitious and rewarding opportunity that would require a significant commitment from your club. Here is an overview of what this initiative would include.

#### **Lions clubs would provide integration services to newly arrived Afghan allies, including:**

- Welcome families at the airport and introduce them to their new community
- Secure safe and affordable housing for 6-12 months
- Provide food, clothing, furniture and household items
- Conduct fundraising to help sustain the families
- Commit to providing a minimum of 90 days of resettlement support services
- Assist with enrollment in health care, employment programs, public services and schools

#### **Lions clubs would receive support to help resettle allies, including:**

- \$2,275 per ally to assist with resettlement, and additional grants may be available
- Online training before receiving an ally or a family in your community
- Ongoing support from Lions International and resettlement partners

I know this is not a small undertaking. I am not asking for a commitment from your club right now, but I would like to know if you think your club might be interested by taking this survey by Friday, December 10. *(Survey ended)*

Thank you for your consideration, and for your service from the heart.

Yours in Service,

Douglas X. Alexander  
International President

This message was sent to club presidents



*A message from:*

**Jerome Thompson**

**Past International Director,  
GAT Constitutional Area 1  
Leader**



## **Jerome Thompson Message:**

Because of your dedication to our association and your club, your leadership, and your encouragement, Constitutional Area 1 is poised to set a new membership growth record on December 31, 2021. As of December 8th, we are plus 8 members for the month. Year to date, we have a net membership growth of more than 1900. With a little persistence, we can remain in the positive growth territory.

How can you help? Thanks for asking....

1. Collect Dues early and follow up with members who have not paid.
2. Invite one more person to join us in our quest to meet the needs in our community.
3. If your club is a little behind on paying dues to LCI, please contact [Melinda.Plott@lionsclubs.org](mailto:Melinda.Plott@lionsclubs.org) to discuss a repayment plan.

Together, we can and will expand our service impact.

## **A Message from the Heart**

It has been a long journey from the inception of the Global Action Team concept in 2017. However, your Area Leader, Multiple District GAT leaders, District GAT Leaders and I appreciate your encouragement as we have grown into the position. We know that without you, we could not have found the success that we are enjoying today. You are to be commended!

In the last 4 1/2 years, together we have annually increased the number of smiles put on the faces of those in need. We have invested and poured into the lives of our Lion leaders in new and creative ways. Our efforts have paid dividends in the form of greater services, fewer club leadership vacancies and stronger commitments to excellence. And finally, because of your tireless efforts to encourage, equip and excite Lions in your club, we are reversing a trend of annual membership loss. In fact, this could very well be the year that we post a membership gain for the first time in almost 40 years.

Thank you!! From the bottom of my heart and on behalf of every person who has been served, I want to applaud your outstanding contribution to our collective success.

**PID Jerome**



**MONTREAL 2022**  
104th Lions Clubs International Convention



# SAVE NOW ON LCICON!

CELEBRATE SERVICE WITH LIONS FROM AROUND  
THE WORLD IN MONTRÉAL

REGISTER NOW

## WHAT MAKES LIONS EXCITED ABOUT LCICON?

*LCICon creates such amazing friendships! I'm so grateful to have met so many Lions and Leos at convention over the years.*

-Lion Mirat Tutak, District 118Y, Turkey



**Lions Clubs International**



## DISASTER DONATIONS FOR THE MIDWEST TORNADOES

*FYI on tornado assistance. Please consider making a special contribution to LCIF this year to assist with these efforts. Thanks for your help, and Merry Christmas!*

*PDG Barb Durflinger  
11-E2 LCIF Coordinator*

**From:** Connie Shelton

**Sent:** Friday, December 17, 2021 1:46 PM

**TO ALL:**

There have been some questions about the Midwest Tornadoes and what can we do for them. Please share the following information with the Lions and their Clubs in your Districts. If you can post this in your District Newsletters, it would be great!! Spread the word -- Together we can do so much to help those in need.

So far, LCIF has approved \$120,000 in grants for community recovery efforts in the hardest hit area of Kentucky, and multi-state relief efforts. Lions are currently working with local Emergency Management Services to determine a plan of action once rescue and recovery efforts are completed by first responders. Follow the instructions below to guarantee you received the MJF credit and credit towards the Campaign 100.

Here are key points for donations to Midwest Tornadoes:

- **All donations are MJF credit eligible and applied to Campaign 100 for personal or club goals.**
- **General Disaster is a restricted fund so although donations receive MJF credits, they are not eligible for District Club Community Grants.**
- **Make a credit card donation at this link: <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/donate> check the General Disaster option, then e-mail a copy of the receipt to [donorassistance@lionsclubs.org](mailto:donorassistance@lionsclubs.org) and indicate for Midwest Tornadoes.**
- **To make a donation by check – Make checks payable to LCIF, indicate General Disaster/Midwest Tornadoes in the memo field. Mail to: LCIF, Department 4547, Carol Stream, IL 60122-4547.**
- **Be sure to include donor information and an allocation by donor list, if individual donors are expecting to receive donation and MJF credits for their donations, but the club is consolidating the funds into one overall check.**
- **Note processing time for new donations will be a bit slower due to the upcoming holiday and office closures.**

Let me know if you have questions and enjoy the holidays!

Happy Hanukkah, Merry Christmas & Happy New Year to all,

**Lion Connie**

PDG Connie Shelton

LCIF MD-11 Coordinator

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[pdgconnie@outlook.com](mailto:pdgconnie@outlook.com)



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# MICHIGAN LIONS FORUM

The Michigan Forum Committee is pleased to announce Sandra Pearson, President and CEO of Habitat for Humanity of Michigan as the keynote speaker for the 2022 Michigan Forum.

Sandra Pearson is the President and Chief Executive Officer of Habitat for Humanity of Michigan, which supports a network of 50+ affiliates and ReStores. A graduate of Michigan State University's Eli Broad College of Business, Sandy began her career in housing with the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) where she spent 16 years working in Civil Rights, Fair Housing, and all federally funded housing programs. In addition, Sandy co-wrote the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher "Key to Own" Homeownership program to transition people from renting to realizing their dream of owning a home.

In the years she has been with Habitat for Humanity of Michigan, she has provided leadership with housing advocacy both in Michigan and nationally, having served on Habitat International's U.S. Council, Finance and Resource Development council, and National Public Policy committee. She has also served on Michigan coalitions including the Homeownership Study Task Force, Sense of Place Council, Community Development Advisory committee, and was at the table when the Michigan Housing and Community Development Fund was established.





# MICHIGAN LIONS

2022: Service from the Heart of a Lion  
February 25-26, 2022

## REGISTRATION

Holiday Inn Gateway Centre – Flint 810-232-5300 - \$99  
Please complete the registration form and send it along with  
a check to Michigan Lions Forum,  
5730 Executive Drive • Lansing, MI 48911  
Telephone 571-887-6640 or Fax 517-887-6642

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
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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  
proceedings booklet. \$40.00 price is for reservations received  
no later than February 7, 2022. **After 2/7/2022 \$50.00**

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:  
Lions of Michigan

List food allergies or dietary requirements:

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\_\_\_\_\_

**CHECK HERE IF YOUR CLUB HAS A RESALE STORE OR A  
CLOTHING BANK** \_\_\_\_\_

## REGISTER EARLY!

To guarantee lunch and materials!

*Mark the sessions you plan to attend*

### FRIDAY NIGHT SESSION 7:00 p.m.

- ☐ Resale Fashion Show– Service Project
- ☐ Hospitality Suite – The Fillmore – 9:30 p.m.

### SATURDAY SESSIONS:

7:00 a.m. – Registration

8:10 a.m. – Welcome

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

- ☐ Public Speaking
- ☐ LCIF Grants
- ☐ Fundraising
- ☐ Global Action Team

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

- ☐ Lions Learning Opportunities: Alli, Elli, FDI and more
- ☐ Diabetes
- ☐ Becoming a Social Media Super-User
- ☐ Marketing your Club

#### Session 3 Breakout Session - 10:30 a.m. (Check One)

- ☐ Ice Breakers
- ☐ Lions 101 What We're All About
- ☐ Childhood Cancer
- ☐ Membership – The Power of Re-Gifting

#### Session 4 Breakout Session - 11:30 a.m. (Check One)

- ☐ MyLCI/MyLion De-Mystified
- ☐ Lions of Michigan Foundation
- ☐ Hunger – Gardening for Good
- ☐ Passion to Serve!

12:30 p.m. - Lunch, White Cane Scholarships;

Keynote Speaker Sandy Pearson, Habitat for Humanity;

Drawings, Dismissal



## 2022 LIONS OF MICHIGAN FORUM ADVERTISEMENT OPTIONS

Listed below are several options to sponsor a personal or business ad in the 2022 Lions of Michigan Forum Proceedings Book. Placing an ad shows fellow Lions you support the Michigan Forum!

### ADVERTISING RATES AND SIZES

1. 1/8 page ad business card size 3.6 x 2.3" ..... \$15.00
2. 1/4 page ad 3.6 x 4.8" (vertical) or 7.5 x 2.3" (horizontal) ..... \$20.00
3. 1/2 page ad 3.6 x 10" (vertical) or 7.5 x 4.8" (horizontal) ..... \$25.00
4. 3/4 page ad 7.5 x 7.4" ..... \$40.00
5. Full page ad 7.5 x 10" ..... \$50.00

### EXHIBITOR'S SPECIAL!

Rent an exhibitor's table (**includes one lunch ticket**)  
and run a full-page ad in the Michigan Forum book for just \$85.00!

### LIONS OF MICHIGAN FORUM ADVERTISING FORM

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

Billing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(City, State, Zip)

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

#### CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

☐ Included is a print ready ad or message

☐ Please design my personal or business ad to read: (use separate paper if needed)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Ad Size: 1/8 page 1/4 page 1/2 page 3/4 page full page TOTAL COST: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

***Please note that all ads MUST be prepaid. Deadline to submit: 2-11-2022***  
***Please send completed form and checks to: Lions of Michigan Forum***  
***5730 Executive Drive • Lansing, MI 48911***



## EXHIBITOR'S AGREEMENT

### MICHIGAN LIONS FORUM 2022: SERVICE FROM THE HEART OF A LION

Please reserve a display table for the undersigned at the 2022 Michigan Lions Forum, held at the Holiday Inn Gateway Centre, Flint, Michigan on February 26, 2022. Enclosed is a check covering the exhibition fee of \$55.00 **OR** \$85, which includes an ad in the Forum proceedings booklet and one lunch ticket. The charge is fully refundable only if, for any reason, the Forum is canceled or moved to another city or in case of fire or other catastrophic occurrence to the property. All conditions stated in the letter of invitation shall be accepted and followed by all exhibitors and their representatives.

The undersigned releases the Lions of Michigan Multiple District 11 and its agents from any and all liabilities that may arise or be asserted as a result of participation in this exhibition. The Lions of Michigan Multiple District 11, Inc. will determine the eligibility of any company or product for exhibit. Acceptance of an exhibitor for the MD 11 Michigan Forum does not imply endorsement of the product or services, nor does rejection imply lack of approval of the product or manufacturer.

Exhibitors shall take precautions to provide security to safeguard their property during show hours. It is understood that neither the Lions of Michigan Multiple District 11, Inc. nor the Holiday Inn Gateway Centre, Flint (nor legal entities which own, lease and/or operate it), nor their members, officers, directors or employees shall be responsible for injury to any person or persons for loss or damage to property belonging to the exhibitor or any person or persons while in transit to or from the hotel or while in the hotel property or otherwise. The exhibitor assumes complete responsibility and liability for all injury to any and all persons or property in any way connected with exhibitor's display caused by the exhibitor, his agents, representatives or employees. The exhibitor indemnifies and agrees to hold harmless the Lions of Michigan Multiple District 11, Inc. and the Holiday Inn Gateway Centre, Flint (and legal entities which own, lease and/or operate it), their members, officers, directors and employees against any and all liability whatsoever arising from any or all damage to property or personal injury caused by exhibitor or his agents, representatives, employees or any other persons.

## EXHIBITOR'S SPECIAL

**Exhibit Table; 1 Lunch Ticket and  
Full-page Ad in the Michigan Forum Proceedings Booklet for just \$85.00!  
EXHIBITOR TABLE ONLY: \$55.00**

**MAIL FORM AND CHECK TO: LIONS MICHIGAN FORUM  
5730 EXECUTIVE DR., LANSING, MI 48911  
FAX: 517.887.6642 EMAIL: WBURNS@LIONSOFMI.COM**

Name:

Business:

Club:

Billing Address:  
(City, state, zip)

Home Phone:

Business Phone:

Email address:

Cell Phone:

DO YOU REQUIRE AN ELECTRICAL HOOK-UP? ☐ yes ☐ no

☐ Enclosed is my check for \$



## LIONS MICHIGAN FORUM SERVICE PROJECT-FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25

Recycling clothes can have significant benefits overall. Did you realize that: Clothes or textiles are one of the fastest-growing waste streams? Most clothes contain plastic. They can take hundreds of years to break down in landfill, just like water bottles, and can contaminate the environment with dyes and chemicals.

A quick internet search reveals that current levels of textile and clothing recycling have the highest impact on reducing greenhouse gases. The EPA reports that "clothing recycling today has an equivalent impact of removing one million cars from the roads of the United States." Pretty incredible.

Lions have done a great job with recycling plastics, cans and bottles and now -clothing and household goods have been added to the recycling list. Many clubs operate resale, or thrift shops. We'd like to showcase this in a fun way on Friday, February 25th during our Forum Service Project by hosting a fashion show with models wearing their thrift store treasures.

Come dressed for the occasion! Participants in the fashion show are restricted to a \$25.00 budget. Bring your clean, winter gear donations to benefit clubs operating resale stores. Donations will be divided equally and clubs that operate a resale shop will be given first choice. Any leftover items will be donated to a local resale shop in the Flint area.

### SUGGESTED DONATIONS – PLEASE BRING ITEMS IN CLEAN, GOOD CONDITION WITH MINIMAL WEAR:

**WINTER COATS (Men, Women, Children, Infant)**

**WINTER HATS**

**GLOVES, SCARVES, MITTENS**

**BLANKETS**

## Lions Cookbook Update

**From:** Chad McCann

**Sent:** Tuesday, December 14, 2021 9:42 AM

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Unfortunately, due to unforeseen supply disruptions and labor shortages with our printer, our cookbooks will not be ready for us to ship them in time for Christmas. Again, I apologize for the delays, and we can issue refunds to individuals and Lions Clubs that wanted cookbooks for this Christmas. Please ask individuals and Lions Clubs interested in refunds to email their refund request to [info@lmsf.net](mailto:info@lmsf.net).

Thanks

Chad

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**From:** Angie Lewis <[angie@ally-press.com](mailto:angie@ally-press.com)>

**Sent:** Monday, December 13, 2021 5:58 PM

Hi Chad,

We are planning to have them ready by the end of next week.

Kind regards,

Angie Lewis

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**From:** [comdac@comdac.com](mailto:comdac@comdac.com)

Dec 14, 2021, 3:56 PM

If you paid for cookbooks and would like a refund, let me know. They are timeless, so you should be able to sell them any time (Valentine's Day, Mother's Day?)

Barb Durlinger

LMF Trustee



From: Naomi Hyso, MA

Michigan State University Extension Educator — Disease Prevention and Management

Could you please share the attached flyers and registration links below for three upcoming PATH workshops with your community contacts? We are trying to target participants from rural counties with these classes. I would greatly appreciate it.

Thank you.

JOIN US ONLINE!

## CHRONIC DISEASE PATH

**TUESDAYS, JAN. 11- FEB. 15 , 1:00-3:00 P.M.**

Chronic Disease PATH is a 6-week, self-management online workshop designed for people living with chronic conditions. Family members, friends, and caregivers are also encouraged to attend the workshop.

To Register:  
<https://events.anr.msu.edu/CDPATHJan11/>  
 Contact: Naomi Hyso, hysonaom@msu.edu

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## DISCOVER THE CHRONIC PAIN PATH

JOIN US ONLINE!

**WEDNESDAYS, JAN. 19- FEB. 23  
10:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M. EST.**

Chronic Pain PATH (Personal Action Towards Health) is a FREE interactive self-management series for people living with chronic pain and their family caregivers.

To register:  
<https://events.anr.msu.edu/CPATHJan19/>

Contact: Naomi Hyso, hysonaom@msu.edu,  
231-845-3362

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JOIN US BY PHONE!!

## CHRONIC DISEASE PATH PHONE TOOLKIT

**FRIDAYS, JAN. 22-FEB. 25, 1-2 P.M. EST.**

The Chronic Disease PATH Toolkit Telephone Course is a series of 6 weekly telephone calls with a leader and 2-3 other people living with chronic conditions.

To Register:  
<https://events.anr.msu.edu/CDPATHToolkitJan22/>  
 Contact: Naomi Hyso, 231-845-3362  
 hysonaom@msu.edu

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We Serve



## Lions Bear Lake Camp - Cabin Renovation 2022 Sign Up - Club/District Service Project Opportunity

### PLEASE SHARE THIS EMAIL WITH YOUR CLUBS AND FRIENDS!

Lions Bear Lake Camp is in need of your club's help!

If your club is looking for a community service project, look no farther than camp!!!!

We are in the process of getting our camp ready for the 2022 season.

We have many renovations that are needed, and we need Lions assistance in getting the work done prior to April 2022.

We have 10 cabins that we are renovating, which includes removing beds, repainting, and installing new carpeting squares. The campers will really appreciate the refresh of the cabins.

To meet the schedule, we have set up workdays every Saturday, starting January 15th through March 19th from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (EXCLUDING THE WEEKEND OF MARCH 5th)

To sign up, you just need to click on the below link and sign up you and your fellow Lions members.

Due to the limited space in the cabins, we are limiting our workers to 8 per day. If possible like if each club could send 1- 2 members to help one day.

Please sign-up ASAP to lock in your date. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me 810-837-0119.



**The Lions Bear Lake Camp Address is:**  
**3409 N. Five Lakes Road**  
**Lapeer, MI. 48446**

Thank you for your support!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Additionally, Lions Bear Lake Camp is still looking to raise \$15,000 to assist in paying for the supplies needed to complete the renovations.

We are also in need of 2 golf carts to help in assisting the staff and campers.

Lions Bear Lake is a statewide project, and all clubs are welcome to participate. The Mission of Bear Lake Camp is to develop leadership skills, build confidence, and to provide a premier outdoor educational and recreational experiences year-round to all persons, regardless of ability. We offer a unique outdoor focused community that allows individuals to grow no matter what your abilities

CLICK BELOW

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1t7JMF1sm-4LjlE4qZo1M1\\_aeUt5hRUNY10-zplfp-IE/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1t7JMF1sm-4LjlE4qZo1M1_aeUt5hRUNY10-zplfp-IE/edit?usp=sharing)



### Lions Bear Lake Camp Fall Work Bee Signup

2022 Cabin Renovation Sign Up 2022  
 Cabin Renovation Project - Task Sign Up  
 Sheet Dates, Times,  
 Saturday, Jan 15, 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
 Saturday, Jan 22, 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
[docs.google.com](https://docs.google.com)

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!!!

Shelly O'Henley — [shelly@bearlakecamp.org](mailto:shelly@bearlakecamp.org)  
 Executive Director  
 Lions Bear Lake Camp



# LIONS OF MICHIGAN FOUNDATION

## 36th Annual Sight & Hearing Sweepstakes

Your Lions Club can earn easy money for your local projects and help the Lions of Michigan Foundation by selling tickets for the Sight and Hearing Sweepstakes. The more tickets you sell, the more money your club earns - up to more than 1/2 of your total ticket sales. The Oscoda and Alpena Lions Clubs earn more than \$2,500 annually from their participation in the Sight and Hearing Sweepstakes. **YOUR CLUB CAN DO THE SAME!**

Each year, our foundation partners with Lions Clubs throughout Michigan to help people with sight and hearing disorders, and the Sight and Hearing Sweepstakes provides the bulk of the necessary funding for that help. There are no risks for your club to participate in the Sight and Hearing Sweepstakes – only benefits. And, REMEMBER, you might also win one of the many cash prizes available, including the \$5,000 Grand Prize!

**30 - 99 TICKETS SOLD = \$3.50 PER TICKET FOR PARTICIPATING CLUB**  
**100 - 249 TICKETS SOLD = \$5.00 PER TICKET FOR PARTICIPATING CLUB**  
**250+ TICKETS SOLD = \$5.50 PER TICKET FOR PARTICIPATING CLUB**

Try these marketing ideas, and you will be surprised at how easy it is to sell tickets for the Sight & Hearing Sweepstakes. **YOUR CLUB CAN'T LOSE.**

1. Ask all of your members to buy and sell one ticket each. This will double ticket sales statewide, and it would provide tens of thousands of dollars for eye care and hearing aids in Michigan.
2. Obtain Board approval to buy Sight & Hearing Sweepstakes tickets in the club's name, or encourage each club member to donate \$10 to buy tickets in the club's name. Every year, some of the top prizes are won by Lions and Lioness Clubs.
3. Encourage your club members to buy tickets for their friends and family members. The tickets make great gifts for Christmas (stocking stuffers), birthdays, anniversaries or any special occasion, especially for that person who seems to have everything. Wouldn't it be great if a family member won the \$5,000 Grand Prize? Send the tickets to friends and family members with a letter that explains what Lions are doing to help people in need and why we are doing it.
4. Invite community groups (band boosters, scout troops, etcetera) that your club supports to help sell tickets. Give the group their share of the proceeds.
5. Plan to sell Sight & Hearing Sweepstakes tickets for a weekend or two at a local super market or other high volume location or event. Set up a table to display Lions information and your Sight and Hearing Sweepstakes tickets. Make up posters and signs, and pass out pamphlets that explain what Lions do and how the money collected helps people in your community.
6. Nearly all Lions and Lioness Clubs hold 50/50 raffles for our administrative fund. Try changing the format during the months of the Sight & Hearing Sweepstakes, December-April. Give the 50/50 raffle winner a \$10 Sight & Hearing Sweepstakes ticket for each \$10 of 50/50 raffle winnings.
7. Consider organizing a spaghetti dinner, auction or another special fundraiser to raise money to purchase tickets for the Sight & Hearing Sweepstakes in your club's name - that is a winning idea for your club and our foundation.

5730 Executive Drive - Lansing, Michigan 48911 · [info@lmsf.net](mailto:info@lmsf.net) · 517-887-6640 · 517-887-6642 (Fax)



# 36th ANNUAL Sight & Hearing Sweepstakes A GUARANTEED Fundraiser

## GREAT PRIZES

1st-\$5,000 - 2nd-\$2,500 - 3rd-\$2,000  
4th-\$1,500 - 5th-\$1,000 - 6th-\$500  
7th-\$400 - 8th-\$300 - 9th-\$200 - 10th-\$100

## SELLER INCENTIVES

1st-\$750 - 2nd-\$500 - 3rd-\$250 - 4th-\$100

## EASY MONEY

30-99 Tickets Sold = \$3.50 Per Ticket For Club  
100 - 249 Tickets Sold = \$5.00 Per Ticket For Club  
250+ Tickets = \$5.50 Per Ticket For Club

## DRAWINGS

### TICKET SELLERS DRAWING

May 7, 2022  
Lions of Michigan State Office  
Lansing, Michigan

### FINAL DRAWING

May 21, 2022  
MD 11 Convention - Auburn Hills, MI

**The PRICE is RIGHT**  
\$10.00 Per Ticket

## *Attention-Attention-Attention*

Do you have a friend or relative who has everything?

What better gift could you give than one that helps those in need? For a gift of \$10, you can buy a Sight & Hearing Sweepstakes ticket for a friend or family member, providing them with a chance to win several cash prizes, including the grand prize of \$5,000.

Upon receipt of your gift, we will mail a sweepstakes ticket stub and sweepstakes information to your honoree with a card acknowledging your gift.



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Lions of Michigan Foundation - Gift  
36th Annual Sight & Hearing Sweepstakes

Donation Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Donor's Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Donor's Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Donor's Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Honoree's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Honoree's Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Honoree's Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_



Lions of Michigan  
District 11 E-2  
Cabinet Meeting Minutes, December 11, 2021, via Zoom

**Cabinet Members in Attendance-** DG Gaines, 1VDG Drury, 2VDG Murch, CST Durflinger, GLT Zeller, GST Marie Leathers, and IPDG Rod Leathers

**Cabinet Members Absent –** ZC Broome, ZC Clarke

**Lions in Attendance** PDG's Roger Houthoofd and Bev Bodem, Lions BJ Sander, Jean Manning, Dave Zimmer, Linda Gocha, Dennis Gocha, Linda Harris, Julie Haase

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 AM by DG Gaines. The invocation was offered by 1VDG Drury. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by 2VDG Murch.

**Secretary's Report** - Minutes of the 10/9/21 cabinet meeting were presented by CST Durflinger. It was moved by 1VDG Drury, supported by 2VDG Murch that they be accepted as presented. Motion carried. There was no correspondence.

**Treasurer's Report-** The financial report for YTD 2021-22 was presented showing a beginning balance in the administrative account of \$35,054.74, income of \$8,234, expenses of \$6,885.26 leaving an ending balance as of 12/10/21 of \$36,403.48. This consists of \$27,744.40 in admin and \$8,659.08 in convention funds. The projects account had a beginning balance of \$36,104.07, income of \$2,789.79 and expenses of \$1,981.70 leaving an ending balance of \$36,912.16. It was moved by 2VDG Murch, supported by 1VDG Drury that the financial report be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

**Old Business-** None

**New Business-** It was moved by IPDG Leathers, supported by 2VDG Murch that we memorialize Lion Arnie Engster with a brick at the Lions Bear Lake Camp at a cost of \$250. Motion carried. CST Durflinger will work with DG Gaines to select the wording for the brick. DG Gaines also noted that we will need to replace Lion Arnie as nominations chair. PDG Zeller volunteered to do it.

**GLT Report-** PDG Zeller reported the Lions Leadership Institute was a great success. There are also training opportunities at the Michigan Forum, and he is working on the training for the district convention. Club Presidents can also contact him for other training needs. Immediately following this meeting will be Guiding Lion training.

**GMT Report-** DG Gaines noted that as of today we are at +18 in members. Statewide we are up by 80, a good start to the year. DG Gaines is working on a community needs assessment in Tawas in an effort to start a club there. He is working on virtual club possibilities.

**GST Report-** GST Marie Leathers noted that reporting to LCI is still a problem due to their ongoing upgrades, and reminded everyone that she can help your club with reporting. She is also working on a service project for the district convention.

**Zone Chair Reports** –2VDG Murch reported that Alpena, Hillman, Mio and Glennie clubs have been busy. The Mio Club celebrated their 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Unfortunately the Atlanta Club is considering disbanding.



**Committee Reports** Written Reports were provided by: **District Convention-** 2VDG Drury, **District Editor-** Lion Zimmer, **District Peace Poster-** Lion Jean Manning, **Environmental-** PDG Bodem, **LCIF-** PDG Durflinger, **Leo Clubs-** Lion Scott Govitz, **Lions of Michigan Foundation-** PDG Durflinger, and **Project Kidsight-** Lion Slezak/Lion Linda Harris

**Oral Reports-** **Bear Lake Camp-** PDG Zeller submitted a report later noting among that there is a new camp for Down Syndrome children. It is possible that there will be a 3<sup>rd</sup> week of visual impairment camp. The golf outing was a big success- profits of over \$24,000. **Diabetes Awareness-** Lion BJ Sander reported that she is taking a Diabetes Path Class. She is learning about the support needed by pre-diabetics and new diabetics. She is working with the staff at the local Senior Center for project ideas. She is meeting next week with Mid-Michigan about progress on their DAD grant. **District Convention-** 1VDG Drury reported that things are starting to come together for the convention. The save the date will be going out in the next newsletter. Everyone will be getting an email with links to reservation forms around mid-January. There will be several levels of rooms available, as well as suites and condos with multiple bedrooms in case a club wants to room together. There will be a Friday night mixer with a service project. The resort has a water park, and there will be a small discount if you want to use it. Saturday breakfast and lunch are on your own, and you will get a list of local restaurants if you wish to leave the resort. **District Editor-** Lion David Zimmer noted that more clubs need to submit information for the newsletter. Articles/pictures need to be to him by the 4<sup>th</sup> if you also want it to go into the Lion's Pride. **District Melvin Jones-** 2VDG Murch sent out information on the Fellowship. He has received some nominations, but they may still be submitted through 12/31. **Honorary Committee-** IPDG Leathers will be scheduling a Zoom meeting (probably 1/12, 7 PM) to discuss a PDG service project, and also what PDG's can do to help the district. **International Convention-** DG Gaines reported that the Montreal convention is still up in the air depending on Covid restrictions. **Leader Dog-** Lion Julie Haase reported the teen programs have been very successful. There is a new partnership with the VA. They have added virtual training for professionals. Tours have been suspended due to Covid. They are still in need of puppy raisers. You can order merchandise on-line at their website. **MD-11 Convention** - It will be at the Marriot Auburn Hills on 5/19/21. The guest speaker is PIP Joe Preston. **Michigan Forum-** IPDG Leathers reported that the next Forum will be 2/25-26/22 at the Holiday Inn in Grand Blanc. There will be a service project on Friday night, and informational sessions on Saturday. **USA/Canada Forum-** PDG Zeller reported that the 9/9 Forum in Iowa was very successful. The next USA/Canada Forum will be held 9/15-9/17/22 in Calgary, Alberta, Canada. **Website/IT-** Lion Marie Leathers reminded clubs to send their publicity in to her as well as to the newsletter so it can go on the district website. **Youth Exchange-** They are looking for host families.

**Audience Comments-** None.

**VDG Comments-** None.

**DG Comments-** DG Gaines reported that PID Anderson and ID Faber are looking for people to assist with Afghan refugee resettlement- a 90 day commitment. You will be paid \$2500, probably about ½ of the actual cost of assisting with housing, finding jobs, etc.

With no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 10:55 AM. The next meeting date will be March 5 at the Boyne Mountain Lodge in Boyne Falls.

Respectfully submitted,  
PDG Barb Durflinger, Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer



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**From:** "Steve Murch" <stevemurch49707@gmail.com>  
**Date:** Wednesday, December 8, 2021 11:20 AM  
**To:** "ComDaC" <comdac@comdac.com>  
**Subject:** Zone report

Barb,  
Here is the zone report for our zone since we continue to go without.  
Steve

Alpena Lions Club recently adopted McRae Park as part of the city's adopt-a-park program. The club will help to keep the club in good condition for residents to use. It also is deciding on what it can do to help the park and city as a potential legacy project as the club uses the next five years preparing for its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The club held a potato sale fundraiser that resulted in so many people buying potatoes but not wanting them that the club was able to donate approximately 100 bags to various organizations around the city. The Lions will be sponsoring the first Feed the Need food truck of 2022, though the date has yet to be set.

The Alpena Evening Lions continue to meet and make contributions to state causes and sponsor two scholarships to Alpena Community College. The club is down to five members after the recent passing of a member.

The Atlanta Lions Club will have a meeting on Dec. 21 to hold a vote to disband the club.

The Hillman Lions Club wrapped up its annual rifle raffle. The club continues to address hunger issues with its pop-up pantry every month and a high school and elementary school weekend backpack program. The club has adopted the fifth grade class and has a party scheduled for them on Dec. 16. The hard work of club members was rewarded with a large grant from the State of Michigan for the Hillman Walking Trail and Tiger Paw Park area.

Glennie Lions Club just held its last meeting due to members heading south for winter and will resume meeting in May. The club just wrapped up its annual gun raffle. They gave out two \$60 food gift baskets to each of the six churches in the area, and teamed up with the Alcona County Veterans Affairs to give out five more to area veterans. It plans to do the same for Christmas. Additionally, it took down the flags lining the main streets and plugged in the Christmas lights.

The Mio Lions Club continues to meet and held a dinner to commemorate 75 years as a club.

**comdac@comdac.com**

**From:** "Jill Drury" <jdrury@cctransit.org>  
**Date:** Wednesday, December 8, 2021 4:21 PM  
**To:** "comdac@comdac.com" <Barb@comdac.com>  
**Subject:** RE: Cabinet meeting

Convention:

Convention Planning is underway.

We are in the process of putting together the agenda and will begin reaching out to representatives of State Projects and others we'd consider VIP attendees in early January to invite and get folks onboard. Also, in January we will provide the link for hotel reservations, and we'll start working on items such as registration forms and the programs and make meal selections. If anyone has suggestions for breakout sessions, special programs or VIPS that should be included on our list, please contact me.

Thanks,  
 Jill

### **District 11-E2 Newsletter Editor Report: December 11, 2021 Cabinet Meeting**

Lion Barb:

The number of club newsletter submissions for the November and December newsletters:

November: <b>6 Clubs</b> <b>21.4%</b>		December <b>5 Clubs</b> <b>17.8%</b>	
<b>Name</b>	<b>Months Participated</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Months Participated</b>
• Alpena	2	• Hillman	2
• Boyne Valley	2	• Mackinaw	1
• Central Lake	1	• Oscoda	1
• East Jordan	2		

In the last 2 months, more submissions per issue has been the curve, which is encouraging. Obviously, not every club has some activity or project to report every month. But why other active clubs that do have their activities and service accomplishments, but don't share the information, is somewhat perplexing. I would expect that more than 25% of clubs are doing things monthly. I get the impression that some clubs don't feel the need to interact with others, as if they fear that they are in competition with other clubs and don't want to share anything that may help a "competitor". We are all individual clubs, but are also members in the larger scope of District and International organizations. The Lions is not a group of competitors; we are, or should be, cooperative groups in the course of Service to others. The more we see the amazing things other clubs do, the more encouraging it can be for our clubs to think out of their current box and come up with new ideas.

We need to note and celebrate clubs for their accomplishments, and new members should be honored for their volunteering – and all should be aware of it. As I wrote last time, we need to encourage a culture of sharing, to everyone's good.

As always, still open to any District Lions Leaders who want to share something inspiring or informing to submit letters/columns/notes/ or photos. Any suggestions for enhancement are also welcome.

Thanks to all for your support. Stay Safe.

Lion David J. Zimmer  
 District 11-E2 Newsletter Editor  
 dlzim47@gmail.com



## Peace Poster Contest 2021, December Report

At the end of August, Peace Poster kits were distributed to clubs who expressed an interest in participating in the 2021 contest, "We Are All Connected". The clubs that responded included: Elk Rapids, Mio, Central Lake, East Jordan, Grayling, Hillman and Oscoda. Of these, all but Grayling and Oscoda submitted a winning poster from their club. Each winner was individually acknowledged at the club level with a prize selected by that club.

On November 9, 2021 the winning entries from the five clubs were assembled for judging. They included: Ashlen Burch from Cherryland Middle School in Elk Rapids, Harlie Chester from Hillman Middle School in Hillman, Emily Flint from Mio Middle School in Mio, Andrea Brille from East Jordan Middle School in East Jordan, and Emily Randall from Central Lake Middle School in Central Lake.

The winner from the five area entries was Harlie Chester of Hillman. Her poster was forwarded to District Governor Bill Gaines. Bill then forwarded her entry onto state competition. I was informed that Harlie's poster didn't win the state competition. However, as the winner of our District competition, Harlie and her parents will be invited to the District Convention in April where she will be presented with the district award of \$300.

Jean Manning – Peace Poster Chairperson, Hillman Area Lions Club



Elk Rapids  
Ashlen Burch



Hillman  
Harlie Chester

Elk Rapids  
Ashlen Burch



Central Lake  
Emily Randall



East Jordan  
Andrea Brille





## ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE REPORT - December 11, 2021 Cabinet Meeting

1. The Michigan Natural Resource Trust Fund has recommended that Alabaster Township receive grant funds to purchase a 145 acre property in southern Iosco County on the shores of Lake Huron. This would provide permanent protection of the property and it would be available for public use. This has come about through the cooperation of Huron Pines, the MNRTF and Alabaster Township. For more information contact Huron Pines or Alabaster Township.
2. Also, if you are interested in forestry, its preservation and usage whether private or public, Greg Corace of the Alpena-Montmorency Conservation District is one of the contact persons to help you with forestry issues. There are other conservation districts throughout District 11 E-2. Michigan's public forests are managed by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, the U.S. Forest Service, the National Park Service and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service plus local governments. Greg Corace recently had an article in the paper in which he states that "forests provide a wealth of benefits to society and the environment."

Lion Beverly Bodem  
Environmental Chair  
District 11 E-2  
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Alpena, MI 49707

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District 11-E2 Cabinet meeting  
December 11, 2021

## LCIF Report

We are entering the fourth year of the third major funding campaign since LCIF was founded 50 years ago, Campaign 100. Campaign 100 was originally a three year campaign, but was extended for another year due to the Covid crisis. Through 11/12/2021, the campaign has raised \$235,785,239 of the \$300,000,000 goal, so please think about what your club can do to help us get there.

We started the campaign off well in the district. In the first year we raised \$13,363, we raised \$11,844 in 19-20 and \$12,547 in 20-21. This total makes us eligible for another community grant like the one received by the Hillman Club last year which we are using on our Community Walkable Trail project, from which a picture was featured in the Lions Pride magazine this month. 18 of our 28 clubs made contributions in 20-21, so we reached 64% giving, a decrease from 19-20 where 21 clubs participated. It would be great if every club could make at least a token contribution this year so that DG Bill could have a 100% district. This year so far 7 clubs have made contributions totaling \$4,046, so we have a way to go to get to the \$10,000 we need as a district to receive our 15% Community Impact Grant for the year. We still need people or clubs to buy squares on the district Melvin Jones Fellowship raffle board so that we can do the drawing. The squares are \$20 each, with \$10 being credited as an individual contribution to LCIF, and the balance used to pay for the Fellowship. Let me know if you would like to help. The original plan was to complete the squares at the district convention so we could do the drawing then, but Covid disrupted that plan, so we have some more time now to fill up the board.

Now that most (or maybe all?) of us are back doing in person meetings, I am available to make a presentation to your club on Campaign 100, so give me a call! If you have any questions, please contact me.

PDG Barb Durflinger

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**From:** "Scott Govitz" <sgovitz@midmich.edu>  
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**To:** "comdac@comdac.com" <Barb@comdac.com>  
**Cc:** "Jeff Johnston" <jeff.johnston@schumacherinsurance.com>; "Scott Govitz" <sgovitz@midmich.edu>  
**Subject:** RE: Cabinet meeting

Not sure if you are asking from me....

But...

The Beaverton Lions Club is proud to announce that the Beaverton Leo Club has once again formed at Beaverton High School.

Leadership of the roughly 30 member Leo group has been elected and the Club is undertaking the adoption of two families for shopping and wrapping gifts that will brighten Christmas for 11 young persons of the community. Funding is given by the Beaverton Lions and students will raise additional funds during halftime of a coming home basketball game.

The Lions Club has performed Christmas basket delivery for decades and is proud to sponsor and include the Leo Club in this learning and giving opportunity.

Scott Govitz

Leo Club Advisor

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**From:** "Linda Harris" <lindish72@hotmail.com>  
**Date:** Friday, December 3, 2021 3:01 PM  
**To:** "Barb Durflinger" <comdac@comdac.com>  
**Subject:** LIONS KidSight Report for 12/11/21

Alpena LIONS attended a Kid's Day Event on 10/9/21.

55 children were screened, 48 passed and there were 5 referrals. 2 children were unable to be screened.

Central Lake LIONS had a screening on 10/16/21.

31 children were screened with 1 referral.

Boyne Valley LIONS provided a pre-K school screening on 10/20/21 & 10/21/21.

91 children were screened, 83 passed and they had 8 referrals.

TO DATE: 250 children have been screened, 220 passed, 20 referrals, and 10 were unable to be screened.

CONTACT DR. Nathan Slezak at [Bignate34@gmail.com](mailto:Bignate34@gmail.com) OR Linda Harris at [Lindish72@hotmail.com](mailto:Lindish72@hotmail.com) to schedule a KIDSIGHT SCREENING.

Sincerely,

Linda Harris

KidSight Co-Coordinator

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10



## Lions of Michigan Foundation report- 12/11/21

Clubs should have all received their Sight and Hearing sweepstakes for this year. Last year seventeen district clubs participated in the sale, so we will be aiming for more club participation in this fundraiser this year. Six clubs in our district sold over 100 tickets, led by Oscoda and Alpena. This is such a great fundraiser for us- rebates from \$3.50-\$5.50/per ticket sold depending on how many you sell, that I don't understand why all of our district clubs don't participate. The rebate for the Oscoda Lions this year was over \$4,200, so a great fundraiser!

A new fundraising project this year is a cookbook. The books should be ready any day now, and will be mailed out to clubs that ordered them. The books will make great Christmas gifts. The cookbooks are \$20 each, and when your club sells 20 or more you will receive a rebate of \$5/cookbook sold, so also a fundraiser for your club.

The Kidsight program is active again, with special Covid protocols to protect both the children and the volunteers. Contact Lion Nate Slezak or Lion Linda Harris to schedule your event. The trailer is available for your community parades or festivals, so let me know if you would like to use it. We have had several screenings this year already, and more are on the schedule.

Clubs are reminded that the Foundation has funds available to assist needy veterans or military families, and the funds are NOT restricted to medical needs. In the past funds have been given for vehicle repairs, utility bill assistance, etc, so if you know of a needy veteran in your area, talk to one of the trustees about getting an aid application. Our district just received a grant for a veteran who needed vehicle repairs, and one to assist with medical expenses, so contact your local veteran's assistance office and let them know that we can help.

You may now make nominations for the Lions of Michigan Hall of Fame. The nominations should be turned in to me by the end of January, as the cabinet has to select a nominee if there is more than one. We are entitled to one living and one posthumous award, so think about who in your club is worthy of this honor. Let me know if you need nomination forms.

Our district contributions to the Foundation for the 2020-21 year totaled \$6,610, a significant decrease from last year, but hopefully with conditions improving, we can increase our support this year. All of our state projects need support!

PDG Barb Durflinger  
Assistant Treasurer, Lions of Michigan Foundation



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## FEBRUARY 2022

**Lions of Michigan Forum 2022** — February 25-26, 2022 — Holiday Inn Gateway Centre, Grand Blanc MI

## MARCH 2022

**Cabinet Meeting** — March 05, 2022 — 10:00 a.m. — Boyne - location TBD — Cabinet meeting for all district cabinet members, district committee chairs, zone chairs, club presidents and secretaries.

## APRIL 2022

**District Convention and Cabinet Meeting** — April 29, 2022-May 1, 2022 — Boyne Mountain Lodge. More details to follow

## MAY 2022

**Lions of Michigan MD 11 Convention 2022** — May 20-2016, 2022 — Auburn Hills Marriott Pontiac



## PASSINGS



Boyne Valley Lions: Lion **Mike Wagner** died on December 16, 2021

Central Lake Lions: PDG **Bill Stenback** (2010-11) passed on December 19, 2021

Lion **Norma Clement** passed away on December 6, 2021

Cheboygan Lions: Lion **Bernard Beethem** expired on November 30, 2021

Hubbard Lake Lions: Lion **Arnold A Degen** departed on December 16, 2021

Lion **James Nye** died on December 18, 2021

Indian River Lions: Lion **Marcy Gordier** passed on on November 22, 2021

Lion **Patty Ann Croft** passed away on November 23, 2021

*We honor those who have passed; with sympathies & condolences to family & friends*

## NEW MEMBERS — DECEMBER

Central Lake Lions welcomed new member **JoAnn F. Nell** on 12/06/2021

Oscoda Lions inducted new Lion **Richard E. Dean** on 12/09/2021

## *On the Mend*

East Jordan Lion **Richard Russell** is recovering from hip surgery.



## Alpena Lions DECEMBER 2021

The Alpena Lions gathered Tuesday evening (12/14/21) with spouses and guests to celebrate Christmas. The event was held at the First Congregational United Church of Christ Fellowship Hall and dinner was provided by Chez-Ami.

Following dinner Bernie Lamp Jr. was recognized for his 65 years of service as an Alpena Lion. Lion Steve Murch presented him with the Lion of the Year award, which was renamed in his honor. Going forward the "Bernie Lamp Jr. Lion of the Year Award" will be presented to the Alpena Lion who best exemplifies the Lion Motto to Serve.

Picture: — Seated L to R: Bernie Lamp Jr. receives award from Steve Murch, Standing L to R: MaryJane Lamp and Bernie Lamp III.



The first annual Alpena Lions Club potato sale, organized by Lion Andy Lamp resulted in 442 ten pound bags of russet potatoes being sold. Thanks to the generosity of the Lions and local citizens, 200 bags of potatoes were donated to local food pantries and area charities. The Alpena Lions Club extends special thanks to Styra Farms of Posen for supplying the potatoes, R.A. Townsend Company for assisting in distribution and Besser Company for assisting in transporting the 4500 pounds of potatoes. The Alpena Lions wish to thank Ron and Cheryl Lempke for their guidance in identifying the needs of the local food pantries and charities.



L to R ; Lions Jon Emerson, Gary Stevens, Ken Dully and Andy Lamp

Vehicle going out to deliver potatoes.





## Beaverton Lions DECEMBER 2021

Two local families received a great Christmas, thanks to the Beaverton Leo Club. Club members shopped for and wrapped the gifts for the families as a part of the Beaverton Lions annual program. Club members also raised additional funds to assist in the purchase of the gifts



## Boyne Valley Lions DECEMBER 2021

### Boyne Valley Lions Club serves up a holiday meal for local seniors

Through the philanthropic generosity of Liesel Litzenburger- Meijer, the Boyne Valley Lions were able to partner with the Boyne City High School Hospitality Class under the direction of Chef Cole Thornton and serve up a delicious holiday meal for seniors at Litzenburger Place and Deer Meadows located in Boyne City. The holiday meal consisted of fresh rolls with butter, salad with spring mix, apples, red onion, cranberries, parmesan, candied walnuts and apple-cider vinaigrette, honey glazed ham with creamy Dijon sauce, and eggnog cheesecake with caramel sauce. The Boyne Valley Lions Club packed the meals, cutlery, a special gift, and delivered each meal directly to each resident and staff of both facilities.



The original plan was to host a full dinner service for the residents, but the plan was discarded due to an abundance of caution associated with the continued concern surrounding the pandemic. Residents were overwhelmed with the meal delivery and expressed heartfelt appreciation for their holiday meal and gift.



## Central Lake Lions DECEMBER 2021

Bell ringing for the Salvation Army on Fridays and Saturdays during December. Greg and Bethany Irwin from the Salvation Army joined on a Saturday afternoon for caroling with Lions Kris Hoeksema and Mike Ring along with Santa and Mrs Claus.



Santa had a special induction poem for new member JoAnn Nell at the club Christmas party. Shown with her sponsors Shelley and Mark Lewis and Mrs Claus.

## East Jordan Lions DECEMBER 2021

East Jordan Lions had a live auction in which they raised \$1,155 for the Care and Share Food Pantry. The auction was on wrapped presents contributed by Lions members and spouses.





## Oscoda Lions DECEMBER 2021

Tony, John Novak, Ann Bovan, and Chuck Ardina built this 20' ramp for a couple in East Tawas. She is confined to a wheelchair and has to go in for blood tests every week. We met at 8:00 am to load material and finished it up around 2:30 pm in the afternoon. It was a brisk day with snow falling till around 9:00 am. The Homeowners were very happy with the finished product.



Oscoda Northern Lights parade is back along with Santa and his Elfs.

The Lions club provided Santa's float. Everyone Loved Santa. His Elfs passed out candy to the children along the parade route. Santa's float won first prize for the most glowing.



## CORONAVIRUS UPDATES – DEC. 29, 2021 - JAN. 02, 2022

This is a snapshot of the World, Nation, and State of Michigan statistics on **December 29, 2021 - January 02, 2022**. Numbers may be significantly higher by the time you read this as the COVID-19 Delta & Omicron Variants continue to infect more.  
(Info from WHO, CDC & michigan.gov. NY Times & other health websites)

### World Statistics

**Cases: 290,980,110 ♦ Deaths: 5,462,674**

### U. S. Statistics

**Cases: 53,795,407 ❖ Deaths: 820,355**

### Michigan Statistics

**Cases: 1,710,271 ❖ Deaths: 29,019**

### Vaccinations (1 or more doses) Summary: Age: 5+: 1 or + Dose

**World: 59.8% — United States: 73% — Michigan: 63.0%**

(Statistics may vary monthly as new information and corrections are applied)

## DISTRICT 11-E2 STATISTICS

= Highest No.    
  = Lowest No.

11-E2 Counties	Cases Reported	Deaths	% Vaccinated
Alcona:	1,413	56	60.81%
<b>Alpena:</b>	4,545	<b>114</b>	59.11%
Antrim:	3,153	51	63.78%
Arenac:	2,358	51	56.47%
Charlevoix:	3,412	52	68.56%
Cheboygan:	3,676	80	60.26%
<b>Crawford:</b>	1,932	<b>21</b>	58.02%
<b>Emmet:</b>	<b>4,549</b>	60	<b>72.58%</b>
Gladwin:	4,148	95	53.28%
Iosco:	3,801	112	61.79%
Kalkaska:	2,527	48	51.95%
Montmorency:	1,342	41	59.06%
Ogemaw:	3,327	81	49.35%
<b>Oscoda:</b>	<b>1,172</b>	51	<b>47.87%</b>
Otsego:	4,299	79	59.48%
Presque Isle:	1,738	51	65.02%
Roscommon:	3,646	101	60.32%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>51,038</b>	<b>1,144</b>	<b>Total Avg: 59.28%</b>

Confirmed cases include individuals with a positive NAAT/RT-PCR test for COVID-19. Probable cases include individuals with either a positive rapid antigen detection test OR COVID-19 symptoms and an epidemiologic link to a confirmed COVID-19 case, but no diagnostic test.

Vaccination % = number of county residents vaccinated (1 or 2 doses) divided by the total county resident population 5+



Info from CDC, WHO, NPR  
bridgemi.com, NY Times, &  
other websites

## COVID Update: December Records

*New data and information on COVID-19 and the Omicron variant:*

- Michigan is at risk level **High**, including all Counties statewide, because of the weekly cases per 100k of **601.6**, above the threshold of **100**, and the test positivity of **23.2%**, above the threshold of **10%**, for the week of December 21-28, 2021.
- Michigan on Wednesday (December 29, 2021) reported the most new daily cases ever, **12,929** a day — shattering the previous single-day high of **9,779** on Nov. 20, 2020. The cases increase in Michigan mirrors the rise in cases nationally and globally: The United States is now reporting the most daily cases ever, as are many European countries.
- There were more COVID-19 deaths in Michigan in 2021 than in 2020\
- Before Monday, December 27, 20 to 39 years-old, who make up **26%** of the total population of the state, comprised **34%** of all confirmed COVID cases. In the past two days, they made up **43%** of all cases, a Bridge Michigan analysis of state demographic data shows.
- Breakthrough COVID infections, cases where vaccinated people get sick with COVID, increased since July 2021, when the Delta variant was spreading globally. Slight variant differences can change the effectiveness of vaccines designed for the original version of the virus. The reduced effectiveness was slight, and less than 1% of breakthrough cases have resulted in hospitalization or death.
- Some 163,000 COVID-19 deaths in the U.S. since June 2021 could have been prevented by vaccination, one study determined. The COVID virus is one of the leading causes of death in all age groups. COVID-19 was the third leading cause of death in the U.S. throughout November, trailing heart disease and cancer. COVID-19 was the number 1 leading cause of death for people ages 45-54 years in October
- COVID-19 is likely the biggest infectious disease outbreak in U.S. History, and in last September, the number of coronavirus deaths surpassed the number believed to have been killed in the 1918-1919 flu pandemic (aka Spanish Flu).
- Data from the CDC shows that in the U.S., the Omicron variant is now the dominant variant domestically. Preliminary data suggests that Omicron not only spreads at a rate two to three times faster than the Delta variant, but also, may be more likely to cause infections among vaccinated people. Despite this, vaccines and additional booster shot protection still appears to dramatically reduce the risk of severe illness. Omicron's greater ability to spread and infect may increase the rampant surge of unvaccinated victims, especially those with prior health concerns – obesity, heart issues, diabetes, and other conditions that compromise the immune system.
- In some places, a surprising two-thirds of patients are testing positive while in the hospital for other reasons. Many hospitals around the country are dealing with serious staff shortages because so many health care workers are getting sick with the fast-spreading Omicron variant. There are many reports of hospitals having ER patients in beds in hallways, and nurses are often working double shifts because of staffing shortages. Reports of emergency rooms having hours-long waiting times are common in many locations.
- Doctors and nurses are complaining about burnout and a sense that people are no longer treating the pandemic as a crisis, despite day after day of record COVID-19 cases. It seems that more people, vaccinated or not, are “Pandemiced out” seeking “normalcy” and ignoring the protocols that reduce the spread of the virus. Meanwhile in the real world, health professionals are working horrendous hours while risking their own lives to save the lives of mostly unvaccinated patients. As some experts put it, “Ultimately, personal responsibility will play a major role in preventing additional spread.”
- High hospitalization rates of COVID patients is causing a big financial burden for the health care system. Vaccines are free and readily available; however, those who refuse and contract the virus are more likely to be hospitalized with serious complications from the virus. Insurance providers may put the responsibility for those increased expenses on those who refused the vaccine, charging the unvaccinated with higher health care expenses should they come down with the virus.

Behind all the statistics are the tragic deaths of human beings, with family and friends mourning a loss that may have been preventable. We can beat this virus, but only if we do what needs to be done.

**BE KIND. MASK UP + SOCIAL DISTANCE + WASH HANDS + VACCINATION = STAY SAFE!**



## Picture of the Month — January 2022



Braided flows of gas and dust stream from the head of Comet Leonard in a photo taken with an 8-inch telescope and QHY600 camera on December 24 — Photo by *Michael Jäger* and *Lukas Demetz* — [skyandtelescope.org](http://skyandtelescope.org). Info articles by Bob King & Samantha Mathewson

### Comet Leonard

I found this picture online of the Comet Leonard that was passing through the our solar system. It was visible from Earth in southern skies of the Northern Hemisphere in December. It's trajectory from our latitude was just a few degrees above the horizon, ever present cloudy skies prevented the possibility of seeing the comet in our area. As we couldn't see the actual object, I thought a picture would let us appreciate the grandeur of this cosmic traveler.

The brightest comet of 2021 was discovered by and named for astronomer Greg Leonard last January. Also dubbed the "Christmas Comet", the comet is speeding along at escape velocity, **44 miles per second!** The bright comet made its closest approach to Earth on Dec. 12, passing within a distance of about 21 million miles. The comet came within 2.6 million miles of Venus, and made its closest approach to the sun, or perihelion, on Jan. 3 at a distance of 57.2 million miles — at which point it will be lost to our view on Earth, never to be seen again as it eventually leaves our solar system.

"And all this from a kilometer-wide berg of dirty ice. Miracles of nature never cease." -Bob King



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