

DISTRICT 11-E2 NEWSLETTER



FEBRUARY 2020

Notable Quote: "A nation that destroys its soils destroys itself. Forests are the lungs of our land, purifying the air and giving fresh strength to our people." — Franklin D. Roosevelt



Dave Zeller,
District Governor

District Governor's Message

I write this Newsletter Article pre-surgery (ouch). As most know, I will be having Knee Replacement Surgery (Revision of my 22 year old prior replacement) and as such want you to know that 1st Vice District Governor Rod and 2nd Vice District Governor are available to visit your club on my behalf. Please call them and invite them to visit so you get to know your upcoming leadership.

Dates to keep in Mind - we will be having a Cabinet Meeting on February 29th in Grayling at the St John Lutheran Church, 710 Spruce Street. We will have our new Zoom Meeting equipment set up and if you can't attend in person, you will be able to Zoom the meeting on your smart phone, computer or tablet. See notes later from Marie Leathers on how to set up.

February also is the Michigan Forum. What a great way to learn more about Lions and enhance your leadership experience. I recommend coming down to the forum and taking advantage of a great day of learning. The Forum will be at the Holiday Inn Gateway Centre, Grand Blanc. Our own Beaverton Lion Anthony Smith will be sitting on a panel regarding Leos.

District Convention will be held in West Branch hosted by the Rose City Lions. The dates are April 24th – 26th. Come and take advantage of more training, District Meeting, and Meet ID Alan Hunt and Lion Sonja.

Please buy District Raffle tickets and have your donation at the Convention. We do this so you don't have to pay a registration fee to attend.

Next up is the Multiple District Convention to be held at the Doubletree in Holland MI on weekend of May 15th – 17th. You will have the opportunity to vote if we should increase the dues by \$3.50. Please make plans now on attending.

I would like to ask again that you make Membership in our great organization a priority. If you need ideas on how or what to do to invite new prospective members, please give GMT Bob Tasior a call.

Spend you D.A.D grant money, the time is running short and most of the clubs that have applied, have not spent the funds they should get.

— DG Dave Zeller



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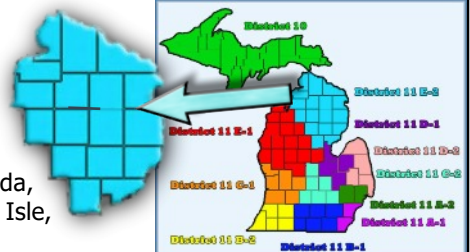
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District 11-E2 Website:
lionsdistrict11e2.org

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

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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Lions Clubs International



LCI President's Message

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

Dear Lion,

Every time you wear your vest, you show your community that change begins at home. You're making a difference, and you can see the impact of your efforts in the faces of the people you serve.

When you report your service, you can see your impact in a different way—by the number of lives you've changed. Reporting helps measure your impact so you can inspire your members, your community, and the men and women looking to serve. Report your service and make your service count.

Regards,

Dr. Jung-Yul Choi
International President



We Serve



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Campaign 100: LCIF Empowering Service

Our world is in need, and caring Lions, supported by our global foundation, are changing it. Learn more about the power of **Campaign 100** to support Lions as they transform the lives of friends, families, and community members, and then help create the change we want to see in the world.

For decades, we've contributed to Lions' efforts in the focus areas of vision, disaster relief, youth and humanitarian causes. **Campaign 100** will help Lions increase their impact on these areas while expanding our reach through Lions' new global causes.

Info from LCI



Lions Clubs International FOUNDATION

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Jan 7, 2020,

Good Afternoon Lions,

In efforts to keep you informed on the ongoing efforts of Lions Clubs International Foundation's response to the wildfires in Australia, LCIF has awarded Australian Lions with US\$143,000. US\$103,000 has been provided to purchase water tanks, which will be used to help combat the fires. In addition, four emergency grants of \$10,000 each have been approved for 4 districts.



(Photo provided by New York Times)

damaging homes and business and resulting in widespread power outages across the island. LCIF has been in close contact with our Lions on the ground to provide emergency relief efforts.

A collapsed home after an earthquake in Guanica, Puerto Rico, on Jan. 7, 2020. *Photo provided by nbcnews.com)*

Many individuals have asked how they can help. LCIF is currently accepting donations for both of these disasters as our relief efforts will be ongoing. Our Board of Trustees are meeting this week at headquarters and will be reviewing each of these disasters in detail.



Please visit, <https://bit.ly/2s2U55r> to make your gift or visit my Facebook fundraiser at <https://www.facebook.com/donate/502862457078646/>. Please share within your networks to help us raise awareness and gather the support of others.

Thank you for all that you do and appreciate your attention in this matter.

Anne Schullo

Regional Development Specialist, CAI East

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YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THE
42nd Annual Lions Day
with the United Nations events!



Three reasons to attend:

1. Connect with UN Representatives, Lions, Leos and other leaders in service.
2. Learn how Lions Clubs International and the UN are working together with a shared theme of "Peace and International Understanding."
3. Discover new and innovative ways to strive for a more peaceful and unified world.

LDUN – New York City, USA

UN Headquarters
Saturday, March 7, 2020

LDUN – Vienna, Austria

UN Office at Vienna
Saturday, March 21, 2020

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: Zip:

Phone:

Email:

Occupation:

Birth Date: Male Female

[illegible]

New Member Fee: \$35.00

Family Membership Fee: \$35.00

Family Member's Name (must belong to same Lions Club):

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:
LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL**

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Sponsoring Lions Club Member:

Name: _____

Member Number: _____

PRE-DIABETES TEST

How old are you? _____

0-39 (0 points) - 40-49 (1 point)

50-59 (2 points) - 60-99 (3 points)

Are you a man or a woman?

Woman (0 points) - Man (1 point)

If you are a woman, have you been diagnosed with gestational diabetes?

No (0 points) - Yes (1 point)

Do you have a mother, father, sister or brother with diabetes? _____

No (0 points) -Yes (1 point)

Have you ever been diagnosed with high blood pressure?

No (0 points) - Yes (1 point)

Are you physically active?

No (1 point) - Yes (0 points)

What is your weight category? (Find at: www.cdc.gov/diabetes/prevention)

Circle: 1 point 2 points 3 points

TOTAL POINTS: _____

If you scored 5 or higher, you have an increased risk for prediabetes. Prediabetes is a condition in which blood sugar levels are higher than normal but not high enough to be diagnosed as type 2 diabetes.

If you are at increased risk for prediabetes, talk to your doctor to see if additional testing is needed. Remember, prediabetes can develop into type 2 diabetes within 5 years when blood sugar levels are not properly monitored.

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WE ARE LIONS

Lions Clubs are everywhere; there's likely one in your hometown. Our fundraising events are just as much fun as our service projects, and 100% of the money we raise goes back into our communities. Our administrative costs are covered by our membership dues, which are about \$75 per year for international, multiple district (state) and district (regional) dues.

Lions Clubs have a lot to offer members and the communities they support. Members have the opportunity to use their knowledge and skills to make a real difference in their community and help people in need. They gain leadership experience and training in public speaking, team building and program management that is beneficial in their personal and professional life.

Lions Clubs are also family friendly, and many of our projects and programs are designed to include the whole family unit. Membership in a Lions Club is a great way for parents to teach their children about community service, giving back and helping others.

LIONS FIGHT VISION LOSS

The Lions Clubs of Michigan began providing free vision screenings for children in 2003. With the help of our KidSight partners and sponsors, we are improving the lives of children, and we are preventing vision loss one child at a time.

Through Project KidSight, we identify preventable and treatable causes of vision loss in children. If diagnosed early, 95% of vision disorders can be corrected with eyeglasses, contact lenses or patching.

The hi-tech Spot VS-100 and PlusOptix S12 mobile vision screeners that we use for our Michigan KidSight Program identify causes of vision loss such as nearsightedness, farsightedness, anisometropia (unequal refraction power), astigmatism, anisocoria (unequal pupil size) and strabismus (gaze deviations) through non-invasive testing. The mobile vision screener performs a binocular test of both eyes within 1 second, and it accurately (98% accuracy rating) identifies potential vision problems. When problems are detected, the vision screener creates a detailed measurement report for the child's parent or guardian so that they can obtain follow-up care from an optometrist or ophthalmologist.



LIONS FIGHT DIABETES

Diabetes is a primary focus of Lions Clubs around the world. We educate communities about diabetes and diabetic risk factors, and we establish initiatives and operate programs to improve the lives of those living with diabetes and to help reduce the prevalence of the disease.

In partnership with the International Diabetes Federation (IDF), we are on a mission to annually screen, at least, 1 million people for type 2 diabetes. By serving in diverse communities all over the world, we can see and feel the societal effects of diabetes, and we care enough to do something about it.



Diabetes is currently the seventh leading cause of death in the United States, and 1 in 3 U.S. adults have prediabetes, which means their blood sugar is higher than normal, but not high enough to be considered type 2 diabetes. Without intervention, many people with prediabetes will develop type 2 diabetes within 5 years, which puts them at risk of serious health problems, including:

- Heart attack
- Stroke
- Blindness
- Kidney failure
- Loss of toes, feet or legs



Dr. Robert Mathog Lions Hearing Centers Deborah Love-Peel Scholarship for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

Full Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Alternate Contact Information: _____

Name of College/University/Trade School: _____

Major: _____ Minor (if applicable): _____

Current Grade Level: _____ Expected Graduation Date: _____

High School Attended: _____ Current GPA: _____

List Community Service Activities:

ESSAY

Please submit a brief essay (no more than 2 pages) about yourself. We would like to know your academic interests, why you feel you are deserving of this award, how you plan to use the funds if you are awarded a scholarship, some of the challenges you have and currently face, and any additional personal information you would like to share. All or some of your essay may be published and distributed.

Note: There is no age limit for these scholarships. If you have been out of school for over 3 years please tell us in your comments why you are returning to school at this time, and please let us know what you have been doing during your time away from school. If you need additional information, please contact Lions of Michigan Foundation at info@lhcmi.org.



Dr. Robert Mathog Lions Hearing Centers Deborah Love-Peel Scholarship for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

ABOUT THE SCHOLARSHIP

We will be awarding up to four \$500.00 scholarships to deaf and/or hard of hearing students for higher education for the calendar year 2020.

SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA AND DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED

- 1) Applicant must submit proof of hearing loss, examples: recent audiogram, physician's verification, or an IEP if you are a high school senior.
- 2) Applicant must be a resident of Michigan for at least 1 year.
- 3) Applicant must have current GPA of 2.6 or higher. If you have received a GED please attach a copy of your GED certificate. **GPA does not affect eligibility of the award.**
- 4) Applicant must submit documentation of registration into a college, university, or trade school.
- 5) Applicant must submit 1 letter of recommendation from either a relative, friend, or professional contact.
- 6) Applicant must submit a photo with your application to be used for publication.
- 7) Applicant must complete the waiver form and include it with your application.
- 8) Applicant can use a choice of media to submit their application:
 - i. Essay
 - ii. Videotape presentation
 - iii. PowerPoint presentation
- 9) Completed applications must be postmarked by March 15, 2020.
- 10) Scholarship winners will be notified by June 1, 2020.

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Dr. Robert Mathog Lions Hearing Centers Deborah Love-Peel Scholarship for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

CONSENT FOR INFORMATION RELEASE

Applicant (print or type): _____

I, _____, give the Lions of Michigan Foundation, the Dr. Robert Mathog Lions Hearing Center of Michigan, and the Deborah Love-Peel Scholarship Fund permission to use my videos, essays, and photos in conjunction with any written publications relative to this scholarship application.

I also authorize organizational use of submitted photos, essays, bios, and captured videos in the Lions of Michigan newsletters and advertising for community and corporate solicitation regarding the Deborah Love-Peel Scholarship Fund.

Signature of Applicant (applicants 18 years of age or older)

Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian (applicants under age 18)

Date



2020 DISTRICT CONVENTION SCHEDULE

A1	April 24-26	Embassy Suites, Livonia	PID Jerome Thompson
A2	March 27-29	Doherty Hotel, Clare	PID Tom Gordon
B1/D1	April 3-5	DoubleTree Hotel, Grand Rapids	PID Stacey Jones
B2	March 28	Lawton Lions Center, Lawton	PID Gary Anderson
C1	May 15	DoubleTree Hotel, Holland	TBD
C2	March 20-22	Comfort Inn, Mt. Pleasant	PID Bruce Beck
D2	March 20-22	DoubleTree Riverfront, Bay City	PID Sam Lindsey
E1	April 27-29	Park Place Hotel, Traverse City	ID Jose' Marrero
E2	April 24-26	Quality Inn, West Branch	ID Al Hunt
SD 10	April 24-26	Kewadin Casino, Sault Ste. Marie	PID Connie LeCleir-Meyer
MD 11	May 15-17	DoubleTree Hotel, Holland	TBD



**LIONS OF MICHIGAN FORUM 2020: A VISION FOR THE FUTURE****February 22, 2020 - Holiday Inn Gateway Centre, Grand Blanc, MI 810-232-5300 \$85.00****Session 1 Breakout Session - 8:30 a.m.**

- ☐ Public Speaking –MSGT (Ret.) Michael Nichols
- ☐ Leo Clubs: The Future of Lions (Panel)
- ☐ Diabetes: What Lions Can Do
- ☐ How to Run a Great Meeting –VDG David Anderson

Session 2 Breakout Session - 9:30 a.m.

- ☐ Eversight –Lion Alex Teska-Hicks
- ☐ How to Market Your Club in Your Community –PDG Marty Juel
- ☐ WE SERVE Through Diversity –PDG Evelyn Cooper
- ☐ MyLCI/MyLion –PDG Brent Beracy

Session 3 Breakout Session - 10:30 a.m.

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

Session 4 Breakout Session - 11:30 a.m.

- ☐ Understanding Dementia & Maintaining Your Brain Health: Now and for the Future
Lisa Dedden-Cooper, AARP
- ☐ Millennials and Beyond/NAMI –PDG Michael Gibbs & Lion Mikeala Ashburn
- ☐ 2020: A Vision for MI Lions' 2nd Century of Service –MD 11 State GAT Chairpersons
- ☐ Creative Watercolor Class (limited to 30 participants) –PDG Craig Bishop

12:30 p.m. - Lunch, White Cane Scholarships**Keynote Speaker: Mr. Gary Abud, Author, Education Consultant, 2014 Teacher of the Year****REGISTER EARLY FOR GUARANTEE OF PROCEEDINGS BOOKLET AND HANDOUTS! Please complete registration and send with payment to Lions of Michigan, 5730 Executive Dr., Lansing, MI 48911.**

NAME_____

Address_____

District/Club Name_____

Contact Phone_____ Email_____

Food Allergies/Dietary Requirements_____

Check her for the Forum booklet on CD (for visually impaired only)_____



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

District Cabinet Meeting — Saturday, February 29, 2020 ("Leap Day") — Grayling, Michigan.

If you can't make it to Grayling you can join the meeting via Zoom. E-mail invitations will be sent.

APRIL 2020

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

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

MAY 2020

District MD-11 Convention — May 14-16, 2020 — DoubleTree by Hilton, Holland, Michigan — May 14-16, 2020 — More details to follow.

JUNE 2020: LCI Convention — June 26, 2020 — Singapore



PASSINGS



Central Lake Lions: Lion Robert "Bob" Charlton passed away on January 15, 2020. Bob was a member of Central Lake Lions club for 26 years.

Bellaire Lions: Fellow Lion and Melvin Jones Award recipient Richard Herbert Reiley (a.k.a. "Herb Reiley") from Bellaire Lions Club passed away at the age of 100 on Sunday, January 12, 2020, at Meadow Brook Medical Care Facility with his family at his side.

NEW MEMBERS

Boyne Valley Lions: KIRT PLOE - Joined 01/29/2020 — KURT WANGEMAN - Joined 01/29/2020

Central Lake Lions: NORMA L CLEMENT - Joined: 12/13/2019 — SCOTT J THOMAS - Joined: 01/09/2020

Hale Lions Club: JANET DONNELLY - Joined: 12/09/2019 — PHIP DONNELLY - Joined: 12/09/2019

On the Mend

Central Lake President Pat Burns' husband Jim had a heart attack 01/27/20.
Prayers please for both Jim and Pat.

DG Dave Zeller: Replacement knee surgery, 01/30/20



Alpena Lions

JANUARY 2020

The Alpena Lions Club recently sponsored the January pop-up food pantry in cooperation with Feed the Need Alpena and the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan. The pop-up pantries are conducting monthly in Alpena County, and this was the second food truck the Alpena club sponsored in a seven-month time period. The food provided will help feed 686 people.



Central Lake Lions/Lioness

DECEMBER 2019

Lions Sara (Smith) Goldberg and President Cal Shooks presented a check to the local youth center CLYFF - Central Lake Youth Focusing on the Future. In addition to the \$1,000 they collected in donations at their Christmas party, an extra \$200 that was also donated by club members throughout the year in memory of Lion Jim Smith.



Santa and Mrs Claus made an appearance at the annual Christmas party, where new member Norma Clement was inducted by Vice District Governor Rod Leathers, sponsored by Lion Marie Leathers.



The Lions held an open house and a Kidsight screening, while the Lionesses had their annual bake sale fundraiser at Central Lake Window Night.



Central Lake Lionesses presented the proceeds from their annual Local Fashion Show where \$1,392 was raised to support The Central Lake School Trojan Food Pantry.

The fashion show has become a local's favorite, highlighting the local fashions available in Central Lake.

JANUARY 2020



Vice District Governor Rod Leathers inducted Central Lake's newest Lion Scott Thomas with his sponsor Lion Bob LaBeau.



Cheboygan Lions

JANUARY 2020

King Lion Bill Beethem (right) presents Lion Tom Pilon with his Milestone Chevron 50 year award. Lion Mark Tamlyn, 20 years, and Lion Bernie Beethem 15 years.

Community Donations for December 2019:

Cheboygan Jr hockey - \$375.00,
Together Children - \$100.00,
Cheboygan Salvation Army - \$200.00,
St. Thomas Food Pantry - \$250.00,
Total: \$925.00.

Eversight \$250.00 & Leader Dog For the Blind \$250.00.

Justin Ruprecht & Avery Bury received their \$500.00 scholarships upon completing their academic requirements at Alpena Community College, and Ferris State University.

Additional donations United Way \$100.00, Kids Golf Academy \$100.00, Veterans Park \$250.00.

Covered the wellness visit for Sandy, Leader Dog for Staci Przybylowicz.



East Jordan Lions

JANUARY 2020

The East Jordan Lions Club had their diabetes awareness event at the EJ Senior Center on December 18th. The East Jordan Family Health Center provided information for the event.

Pictured are two Health Care professionals, E.J. Lions Sherry Pursel, Bill Chase, Bob Noll, Linda Gocho, and Linda Chase.





Hillman Lions

JANUARY 2020

Hillman Lion Jan Pankner presented lip balm to the Student Resource Center at Hillman High School. The lip balm was donated by Eversight Michigan (formerly the Michigan Eye Bank), an agency partnering with Michigan Lions Clubs to prevent blindness and restore sight in Michigan.



Julie Benson, the High School Success Liaison, gave the Hillman Lions Club a list of personal items that students at the high school needed (among them, lip balm, spiral notebooks, refillable water bottles, sanitary napkins, hair ties and shorts for gym class, deodorant and shampoo). A Hillman Lion member remembered seeing the lip balm at an Eversight informational table, and contacted them about the donation. Eversight was delighted to assist the Hillman Lions with their efforts to provide needed supplies to Hillman High School students.

If you would like to donate any of the needed items, contact the High school, or any Hillman Lions Club member.
(Info from local Hillman newspaper)

Lewiston Lions

JANUARY 2020

Right: Lions Jim Hilgendorf and Brian Grachel delivering fruit to the local community sharing food bank for Christmas.

The Lewiston Lions Club Collected 788 glasses over the course of the year and donated them to several groups for use in missionary work.



Boyne Valley Lions

JANUARY 2020

The Boyne Valley Lions Club inducted 2 new Lions January 29: Kirt Ploe and Kurt Wangeman

The Board unanimously agreed to donate \$300 to the Boyne Wrestling Club Team.

The BVLC handed the Boyne City High School Robotics Club a check in the amount of \$500.





January — 2020

Battle of the Sexes



Long ago, somewhere in early childhood, I became aware of the fact that girls were not the same as boys. They wore different clothing, had different hairstyles, and acted differently than boys. I didn't know it at the time, but all boys and girls were being trained to fill the specific roles our culture deemed proper for males and females, the natural progression of the way things have been done since humans first walked the earth. And while the process has been consistent, the context of gender roles has changed as cultures evolve.

Gender roles begin with young children idolizing their parents. Boys tend to mimic their fathers and girls their mothers. As they get older, children find additional role models to emulate – older siblings, other relatives, athletes, musicians, TV and movie actors, teachers and other people they admire or to whom feel a connection. From what we are taught and what we learn through experience, we build a belief system of what is “right” for ourselves, including our roles as men and women, and tend to judge others by our standards.

Behavioral scientists believe when humans were still hunter-gathers men and women contributed equally to a group's survival. Stone age ancestors worshipped an Earth Goddess, as indicated from carvings and cave paintings. As civilizations arose, patriarchal cultures became the predominant social structure, and male gods dominated religion. Some scientists attribute this to the rise of major warfare replacing minor tribal skirmishes. War requires many powerful warriors, men, physically stronger by nature. So the balance of power shifted to males.

Patriarchy: a system of society or government in which the father or eldest male is head of the family and descent is traced through the male line; a society or government in which men hold the power and women are largely excluded from it.

Matriarchy: a system of society or government ruled by a woman or women; a social organization in which descent and relationship are reckoned through the female line, and females hold primary power positions politically, morally, and in social privilege.

While matriarchies have existed in the past, only a few can be found on Earth today. Western and most other cultures have been patriarchal for centuries or millennia. In nature, matriarchies exist in mammal species that are dominated by an alpha female, including meerkats, spotted hyenas, and bonobos (a.k.a., “pygmy chimpanzees”, a separate species from the common chimpanzee).

Patriarchal dogma denigrates women to the status of “the weaker sex” based on the fact that female biology typically makes women smaller and less muscular than men. Unfortunately, physical dominance has too often led some cultures to conclude that women are also “weaker” in other things, such as thinking and intelligence, morality, and competence in business.

Patriarchal power is reinforced in religions that worship a male deity. Male gods or God rule the heavens, so human males should be ruling on Earth. In the Judeo-Christian religions, God is our “Father, and Christianity adds Jesus, “Son of God”. In the biblical Garden of Eden story the first woman, Eve, (created after Adam), succumbs to temptation, which sets the standard stereotype for the female as “weaker” and more prone to yield to sinful temptation right from the start. Women have only one redemptive path in the patriarchal universe, “Blessed Motherhood”.

At it's worst, women were relegated to the level of “property”, “owned” by fathers or husbands who could legally control every facet of their lives, even beat them if they disobeyed him. In a man's world, a woman's place was in the bedroom and the kitchen – bearing and raising children, and making meals for the family.

Despite the prevailing cultural dictates, many women historically broke through the limitations imposed on them, excelling in fields dominated by men. Powerful queens ruled countries and empires throughout history, and talented female writers created classic books still read today. In science and engineering a few women stand out – physicist and chemist Marie Curie (first woman to win a Nobel Prize, first person and only woman to win the Nobel prize twice, only person to win the Nobel Prize in two different scientific fields); movie actress and genius Hedy Lamar co-developed “frequency-hopping spread spectrum” technology, adopted by US Navy in the 1960s and the basis for today's Bluetooth technology). American social reformers and women's rights activists Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton in 1878, championed an amendment giving women the right to vote (ratified as the Nineteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution in 1920).

Even in the most male field of all, warfare, some women excelled. Archeological finds in Asia Minor and Scandinavia of graves of women buried with weapons and battle armor indicate that cultures of warrior women did indeed exist, and may be the basis of the mythic Amazons and Viking “shield maidens”. British Celtic Queen Boudica led a rebellion against Roman rule around 60 A.D. Joan of Arc famously led the French army to victory over the English, but was captured and burned for “witchcraft”, which evidently included women leading men in battle.



Important and talented women frequently poked holes in the wall of patriarchal supremacy, as well as making and changing history, leading to the concept of gender equality. Where would we be now if half of the population of the human race throughout history had been free to exercise their hopes, talents and abilities to make a better world? While many women have proven what females are capable of, glaring cultural inequity still thrives and there is still a long way to go.

In my senior year in high school, raging teenage hormones of both sexes enticed several classmates to engage in consensual sex. The rumors were flying about who was doing what with who. But what really surprised me was that boys who had “done it” were almost idolized celebrities, “studs”, among their peers of envious boys yet inexperienced. But the girls involved were roundly castigated, labeled “sluts” and worse. Boys get soaring reputations, girls get reputations trashed, for the same activity. That did not, and still doesn’t, feel right to me. Before graduation, at least 3 girls in my class “disappeared” and never returned to school. They were pregnant. (This was long before the invention of the pregnancy Prom dress.) These were nice, smart girls who made some bad decisions with bad consequences, not the picture the term “slut” brings up. The inequity of boys virtually getting a “boys will be boys” slap on the wrist (and a status boost), and girls being reviled and ostracized was, and is, to my mind irrationally unfair and hypocritical.

At my school graduation ceremony the top 10 students sat in chairs on the stage in front of the audience. I was in one of those on-stage chairs. Two realizations hit me – I was really uncomfortable in front of an audience, and I was the only male sitting in the top 10 chairs. The 9 other top students were girls, all of whom had earned the honor of being there though studying and working hard, just as I had. Any shred of patriarchal dogma I may have believed about males being superior or smarter than females was left on the stage floor that day. I believe in female equality.

The Women’s Rights movement of the 1960s and ‘70s also exposed cultural inequities and enlightened many of us as to how shabbily women had been, and still were (and still are) treated. Statistically, women earned just 79 cents for every dollar men made in 2019, up but not by much, from the ‘70s. Often lost in translation is what the wage gap truly represents – that women are less likely to hold high-level, high-paying jobs than men.

An Equal Rights Amendment (E.R.A.), (*“designed mainly to invalidate many state and federal laws that discriminate against women; its central underlying principle was that sex should not determine the legal rights of men or women”*), was introduced in Congress in 1923. The U.S. Senate finally approved it 49 years later, in March 1972, pushed by the Feminist Movement of the time. Ratification required state legislatures in 38 states to approve it. 35 states passed it before it was blocked by opposition conservative organizations, both men and women, and religious interests. In 2017 Nevada ratified it, followed by Illinois in 2018, and Virginia on January 15, 2020. Though 38 states have now ratified it, court challenges from opponents concerning the 1982 deadline (Congress could simply pass legislation to nullify that deadline), and the question of whether 5 states that originally passed the amendment can legally rescind that vote later. The E.R.A. controversy is far from settled. (The E.R.A. Reads: *“Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex.”*)

Beyond economic discrimination, the #MeToo Movement to end sexual violence and give people a voice, and #Time’sUp Movement to create change in the workplace and empower women, have opened many eyes to what women have really endured. For a long time many men have been acting very badly, especially men with great power and wealth, the likes of Harvey Weinstein and Jeffrey Epstein, who were able to evade the law for decades. From sexual harassment to rape and sex slave trafficking, it is more than shocking that women have been systematically victimized by abnormal and abhorrent males who feel entitled to force women to do their bidding. I had no idea of the scope and the universality of sexual harassment and abuse women face daily in America. A friend’s daughter recently said that while in college she and friends would never go alone to a party, and if she went to a party with 2 or more friends they had a “safe word” or special signal so if anyone felt danger they would leave together. Many women did this.

Troubling statistics: One in 5 women and one in 71 men will be raped at some point in their lives — In the U.S., one in 3 women and one in 6 men experienced some form of contact sexual violence in their lifetime — 51.1% of female victims of rape reported being raped by an intimate partner, 40.8% by an acquaintance — 8% of rapes occur while the victim is at work — 30% of women were between the ages of 11 and 17 at the time of their first completed rape — The average age at which girls first become victims of prostitution is 12-14 years old — 20% - 25% of college women and 15% of college men are victims of forced sex during their time in college — More than 90% of sexual assault victims on college campuses don’t report the assault — Rape is the most under-reported crime; 63% of sexual assaults are not reported to police.

Info from the National Sexual Violence Resource Center

Some research shows that what men fear most from women is that they will humiliate or ridicule them, make them feel like failures. What women fear most from men is that they will physically hurt them, or rape them...or kill them.

That men are so concerned about their own feelings of self worth, or ego, seems related to the patriarchal training we males have all experienced to some level. Men are supposed be the go-getters, the doers, builders, protectors,



warriors and a lot of other important things. That puts a lot of pressure on individuals to live up to the “standard”, and even a hint of failure can be devastating to the fragile ego. “Hurt people hurt people.” Psychologists have long contended that sexual abuse isn’t about the need for sex or sexual urges. It’s about power, control, and dominating another person through threat or physical pain. Sex is just the tool, the method of choice because it invades the sanctity of intimacy and violates our deepest morality – proof of power and gratification for the damaged ego.

The question of what role genes play in sexual abuse is debatable. Scientists say females are genetically programmed to nurture and attract one partner to create a family; males are genetically programmed to “spread their seed” as much as possible to fulfill the evolutionary drive to produce offspring for the survival of their genetic line. That doesn’t seem to necessarily lead to sexual abuse. However, I was watching a nature show on TV about chimpanzees, our closest known primate relatives. One female chimp and her baby wandered away from the group without the male chimp leader’s permission. The leader couldn’t overlook this breach of protocol, and gathered a couple of the subordinate male chimps. Together they chased down the female chimp and gave her a severe beating. I found it chillingly upsetting when the nature show’s narrator noted that there are only 2 species in which males regularly abuse females – chimpanzees, and humans. Whether this indicates commonly shared “abuse” genes, or that chimpanzees and humans share similar brain structure regarding behaviors and ego is still unknown. (It is also interesting that matriarchal bonobos do not share that abusive behavior. In fact, they settle disputes and disagreements by having consensual sex. Really.)

It is indisputable that men and women have biological differences. But the differences are mainly in body structure. Most of what makes a human being a human being is shared by both sexes. The apparent differences we grew up with are primarily patriarchal dogma stereotypes of what men and women have been and of what they should continue to be, not what we really are. Female equality means getting the respect, the legal rights, and the opportunities men enjoy. It shouldn’t require women to act like men or work twice as hard to get half the reward.

The good news is that most men aren’t sexual harassers or abusers, the “good ol’ boy” mentality of male domination is dying, and women continue to speak out and come forward in opposition to the patriarchal dogmas of the past. If you want something, you have to “just ask”, and ask again, as long as it takes.

It’s time to end the “Battle of the Sexes” and work out a cooperative peace plan that respects the talents and rights of all human beings, regardless of gender. A little less gold, a little more “Golden Rule” would be a good start.

Which brings me to the Lions Clubs and Lioness Clubs. One of the things I admired when I joined the Lions Club was that every member, man or woman, was treated equally. This was not always the case, as it began as a “men only” club in 1917. In 1987 the Lions International altered their Constitution to allow women to join. At that time not all men were on board with this, several clubs saw men leave the Lions when women were inducted. Thankfully, times change. Today Lions members, male and female, work together, an example for society to embrace.

I personally know very little about Lioness Clubs, just what I’ve learned since becoming District Editor. What I’ve learned is that Lioness Clubs are set up under a sponsoring Lions Club, and that they do some great things for their communities; female Lioness volunteers just as motivated and committed as Lions Clubs members, which shouldn’t surprise anyone.

“Lioness Clubs began in America as a result of the success of the auxiliary clubs which were started for the wives of the all-male Lions Clubs. The Lioness emblem and name were approved in 1975 and membership was open to any lady over the age of 18, whether or not she was married to a Lion. The first Club to be formed was the Mount Pleasant Club, North Carolina on 24 December 1975.”

Change dictates that next year Lioness Clubs will cease to exist. “The Lioness Bridge program was created to encourage Lionesses and Lioness Clubs to join Lions Clubs International. By honoring their service efforts prior to their decision to accept Lions membership, Lions International hopes to help all Lionesses join our global community. Per the decision of the Lions Clubs International Board of Directors and Executive Officers, the Lioness Bridge Program, and all of its concessions, will end on June 30, 2021 without exception.”

“The Lioness Bridge Program makes it possible for Lionesses to honor and acknowledge their proud past while enjoying all the benefits, rights and privileges associated with Lions club membership.”

Info from LCI & web

The end of the Lioness Clubs will, for many Lionesses and Lions alike, be bittersweet, necessary but generating mixed feelings. Some will celebrate this moment for women gaining equality with men as regular Lions – no sub club classification, the real deal. For others, it is a time for sadness, or even anger, when something special and wonderful ends. Some Lionesses will continue to volunteer to help others by becoming Lions. Others may choose to leave for their own reasons – feeling “dumped”, or preferring to work solely with other women, not with men.

We Lions need to recognize and celebrate the Lionesses for the work they’ve done, and I hope that most will continue to volunteer as Lions. Whatever your choice, we thank you, Lionesses, for your outstanding service for humanity.



From IT Chair Lion Marie Leathers:

The District has purchased the equipment to video conference the cabinet meetings and other meetings using **Zoom Video Conferencing**. Our first "Zoom" meeting will be the cabinet meeting on February 29, 2020. If you are unable to attend the meeting in Grayling and would like to attend via Zoom contact Marie Leathers, marie@centrallakerealty.com or 231-350-0286. All Lions are encouraged to attend, and all you need to join is a phone, tablet or computer. You can even use a home phone or a flip phone with audio only. Instructions to join a Zoom meeting will be posted on the district website.

The district website is at lionsdistrict11e2.org

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.

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- **Activities: Service Projects, Fundraising Events, Club Events – What You DO!**
- **Club Milestones: Awards, Club Officers, New Memberships, Passings – What Is Happening With Your Members!**
- **Photos of Service Activities, Fundraising Events, Awards, etc.**

* **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.

Don't be left out!



January 2020 - MyLion Release Notes

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MyLion updates as of 1/27/2020.

• New Report Form

Newly designed report form to streamline and speed up the entry to report an activity

- Updated reporting flows so user consistently lands in the Report Past Activity page when reporting activities
- Configured the new form to hide/show fields to minimize what the user sees and limit to only necessary fields
- Added the ability to upload multiple photos for an activity
- Created new preview page for the new form
- Streamlined metrics to clearly depict required vs optional fields based on activity type selected
- Added Organization field to capture the organization that received donated funds of an activity
- Removed the need to enter time and locations to an activity being reported via the new form
- Updated Signature Activity to a checkbox on the new form
- Display the name of the person who created the activity
- Add Funds Donated metric to the Home page and remove People Served per Member metrics from the Home and Metrics pages
- Updated the 'Who can see this?' field to Everyone, Club, District and Multiple District as options
- Allow user to move between the old and new forms

• Multiple District Administrators can now report District level activities

• Deletion Rules

Applied rules for deletion of reported activities.

- Activity must have an end date within the current fiscal year
- Activity that ended in the immediate prior fiscal year only if deletion occurs within the 1st 15 days of the current fiscal year
- Reporting officers can delete an activity that anyone created
- Creators & Co-organizers can delete an activity to which they are assigned

• Editing Rules

Applied rules for editing of reported activities.

- Activity must have an end within the current fiscal year.
- Activity that ended in the immediate prior fiscal year only if editing occurs within the 1st 15 days of the current fiscal year
- Reporting officers can edit an activity that anyone created
- Creators & Co-organizers can edit an activity to which they are assigned

• Bug Fixes / Other Features

- Resolved issue with the invite emails not being received by the invitees
- Corrected the metric Trees Planted / Cared for to show on the Celebrate and Share page
- Fixed a problem where users were not able to get to the Metrics page by clicking on the metrics section on the Home page.