

DISTRICT 11-E2 NEWSLETTER



FEBRUARY 2021



Notable Quotes: "Somehow we've weathered and witnessed
A nation that isn't broken but simply unfinished." — **Amanda Gorman, Poet**

DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE



Rod Leathers,
District Governor

Hello Lions,

I hope everyone is doing well and staying safe. There are only 5 months left to this Lion year and we really have been restricted on what we can do. I am proud of what all of you have been able to accomplish so far. My goal is to still increase membership in our district. We are standing at -3 at the time I submitted this letter. Remember I will donate \$100 to LCIF in the name of the 1st club to induct 10 new members and \$300 to LCIF for the club that brings in the most new members (10 or more) and retain them at the end of the year.

The pandemic has forced us to do things different this year and the District Convention is one of them. We will be holding the Convention via zoom. Let's stick together on this decision and join in to make it a success. We will have some practice sessions using zoom so we can get used to doing a convention this way. They will be called 11-E2 Virtual Cocktail parties and will be about 1-1 1/2 hours long. The cocktail parties will have music, trivia, and breakout sessions with small groups to discuss topics on Lionism. It will be great to meet Lions from other clubs and take away some great ideas you can use in your clubs. It will help us get a little used to using technology and not be afraid of it. We won't let the pandemic beat us so be watching your email for your invitation. You will have to have a current email in LCI so get with your secretaries and make sure what is in there is correct. I can guarantee once you attend one of these parties you will want to attend more.

Let's remain strong and stay a pillar in our communities. They are depending on us to be there. "Where There's a Need There's a Lion". As long as we keep the Heart of a Lion inside of us we will come out on top and be able to continue Serving our communities. Let's keep a positive attitude and continue to Roar. Let's be heard throughout our district.

Looking forward to seeing everyone on zoom. Stay safe ROAR loud,

DG Rod

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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
ZC John Cool Boyne Valley Lions Club jcool@csbchx.com	Boyne Valley, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, East Jordan, Indian River, Mackinaw City, Petoskey	ZC Steven Murch Alpena Lions Club stevemurch49707@gmail.com	Alpena, Alpena Evening, Atlanta, Glennie, Hillman, Hubbard Lake, Mio
ZONE 2	CLUBS	ZONE 4	CLUBS
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LCI President's Message

United in Kindness and Diversity with International President, Dr. Jung-Yul Choi

Dear Lion,

You and I share the belief that we have the power to make a better future for all people. Because Lions have a passion for what's possible. There may be challenges ahead of us, but there are opportunities too.

Let's continue to deliver hope to our communities. Let's continue to innovate and serve safely. Let's continue to keep our eyes and hearts open to new opportunities to make a difference every day in people's lives. Together, we can build a better future for our families, communities and the world we share.

Regards,

Dr. Jung-Yul Choi
International President



Dear Club President,

The coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic is continuing to impact the work of Lions around the world. As you know, it has also created financial hardships for our Lions and the people for whom we care.

To support the incredible men and women serving with us, the International Board of Directors unanimously passed another resolution to help our clubs.

Here is an overview of the new resolution approved by the Board of Directors:

- Charter and entrance fees waiver – We have waived all charter and entrance fees from January 1 through June 30, 2021.
- Flexible payments – No clubs in good standing on December 31, 2020 will be suspended or canceled through June 30, 2021 for late payment of dues. Full payment is required to be received before June 30, 2021 to avoid suspension or cancellation.
 - Please note that clubs placed on financial suspension on December 31, 2020 will remain on suspension until the full balance is paid. Those clubs will still need to address their outstanding dues or make arrangements for repayment with the Accounts Receivable Department at Lions Clubs International to avoid cancellation scheduled for March 1, 2021.

These additional measures will help Lions facing financial hardships and give our clubs the support and encouragement they need during these challenging times. For more than a century, Lions have taken on the greatest challenges facing humanity, and together, we will overcome this.

The world needs Lions now more than ever, so thank you for your outstanding service and commitment to our communities and the world.

Sincerely,
Dr. Jung-Yul Choi –
International President

(Notice was sent out to Club Presidents via email on or around January 20, 2021)



Lions Clubs International

Dear Lion,

Due to the continuing concerns about the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, the board of directors voted to transition the 2021 Montreal Lions Clubs International Convention to a virtual event that will be delivered totally online. This decision was made with the health and safety of our Lions, staff and vendors in mind as limiting international travel and large gatherings is key to global containment strategies.

Although we are disappointed that we won't be able to host this event in person, we are excited about hosting our first virtual international convention that can safely connect Lions from around the world. We are still finalizing the details of your new convention experience, and will share those with you as soon as they are ready.

Here are some important details about the 2021 virtual convention we'd like to share with you:

- Everyone's invited – Our 2021 convention will be a virtual event that's open to all Lions and Leos around the world.
- Registration fees – The registration fee will be US\$50 until March 31, then US\$75 beginning April 1. The registration fee for Leos will be US\$30 regardless of date. Convention is currently scheduled for June 25-29. Additional event and registration details will be provided soon.
- Current registrants – Lions who are currently registered for convention will receive an email soon with more information about their registration options.
- Elections – Executive officer and international director elections will be conducted electronically, and voting procedures will be forthcoming.
- Convention updates – Check our convention website [LCICon](#) for convention updates and details as they become available.

This global health pandemic has forced us all to make decisions and changes that place health and safety first. However, we are optimistic that with each new day there is hope, and as Lions, we continue to find new ways to stay connected, safely serve our communities and continue our global mission of service.

We appreciate your understanding during this challenging time for our organization and the world, and thank you for your incredible service as a Lion.

Regards,

Dr. Jung-Yul Choi
International President

Diabetes



Update

Hello Lions,

This year, due to the limitations imposed by the COVID virus, our clubs may mostly be limited to offering MSU Extension D PATH virtual classes via zoom or providing diabetes educational materials to our local food pantries to qualify for use of the LCI Diabetes Grant money.

The D PATH classes are already approved and the prorated fee for participants from our District will be charged to us (and are free to the participant, including Lions and Lions' family members)**. We have received the approval to use grant funds to print MSUE's Navigating the Food Pantry with Diabetes, and other educational materials regarding diabetes. The PreDiabetes Risk Test is another document that could be printed and distributed around your communities.

Some clubs are hoping to hold diabetes screening events late this year (2021) and the possibility has been discussed with the Project Chairman. As far as we know at this time, there is no end date for this grant due to COVID. There is no way of knowing now if this will change. If an end date is re-established, I will notify you as soon as I know.

A promotional article about the Lions supported MSUE D PATH classes, two flyers for the classes (Feb/March and Mar/Apr--two different session times), MSUE Tip Sheet--Navigating the Food Pantry with Diabetes, and Prediabetes Risk test are all attached to this email. You are welcome to use the promo article to submit to your local newspapers or post on your website or facebook page, along with the flyers. If you would like flyers printed, please contact me at this email address or phone 231-544-2291 and please leave a message. I will return your call.

Thank YOU for your service as a Lion!

Di LaBeau
District 11 E-2 Diabetes Chair

LCI Strategic Objective: Reduce the prevalence of diabetes and improve quality of life for those diagnosed.

**** DPath zoom classes require a minimum of 8 participants; if the minimum # is not met, the participant's name will automatically go on a waiting list for the next available class**


**MICHIGAN STATE
UNIVERSITY**
Extension

Online Diabetes PATH (Personal Action Toward Health) **Program for Michigan Residents**

DATE: Thursdays,
February 18, 25; March 4, 11, 18,
and 25 2021.

TIME: 10:00am-12:00pm

INFORMATION SESSION:
February 11, 2021 (Please plan to
attend)

Held LIVE via Zoom
Please join on a device with a
camera

COST: FREE for Michigan
residents

REGISTRATION REQUIRED:
[https://events.anr.msu.edu/
DPATHFeb2021/](https://events.anr.msu.edu/DPATHFeb2021/)

LEADERS:

Laura Anderson
ander359@msu.edu

Sheilah Hebert
murphysh@msu.edu

This workshop series is funded
by a generous grant from Lions
Club International



Diabetes PATH is a self-management workshop where you learn tools to manage diabetes. Over the course of six weeks, you will learn strategies to help you:

- deal with difficult emotions
- develop a healthy eating and exercise plan
- set goals
- problem solve
- learn about a variety of other tools to manage diabetes

Adults of all ages interested in diabetes and residents of Michigan may attend, including adults with prediabetes, type 2 diabetes, their family members and caregivers.

This workshop is held **LIVE** in a group format. Please plan to attend all sessions. **There will be a FREE gift for all who complete the series!**

For more information, or to register over the phone, contact Laura Anderson at ander359@msu.edu

This workshop series is for Michigan residents and funded by a generous grant from Lions Club International.

MSU is an affirmative-action, equal-opportunity employer. Michigan State University Extension programs and materials are open to all without regard to race, color, national origin, gender, gender identity, religion, age, height, weight, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, marital status, family status or veteran status.

THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED - PLEASE SHARE

Dear MD11 Lions

This email is being sent to MD11 Club Secretaries with email addresses. A separate email will be sent to the club presidents. **Please share with your members!**

The District 11-B1 Lions Winter Camp for the Blind and Visually Impaired is virtual this year, but we hope to be back in business at the Battle Creek Public School Outdoor Education Center in February of 2022. Our committee wants to thank your clubs for the response to contributions for support of our virtual event this year!

The Winter Camp committee of District 11-B1 would like to invite you to be our guests:

What: 2021 VIRTUAL 11-B1 Winter Camp for the Blind and Visually Impaired

When: February 6, from 1 pm to 5:30-6 pm. (zoom line will open at 12 pm)

Where: The comfort of your warm home or office.

About this event: We have about 75 Blind and Visually Impaired Campers registered for the event, which will include several elements of our usual Winter Camp held at the Battle Creek Public Schools Outdoor Education Center. We will have a Bible discussion, nature segment, a craft activity, and a talent show/camp memories section. We will also be raffling the gift cards (campers only) that so many clubs have donated toward this event.

Questions? Please contact us!

Zoom Connection

Join Zoom Meeting (video included) by clicking this link:

<https://eversightvision.zoom.us/j/91222749099?pwd=K2NCMXFzQ3VRTVFvVHE0cWNZcjdadz09>

Join Zoom phone call (no video) by clicking this link: +13126266799,,91222749099

If you are connecting using a house phone, you will need to dial the phone number, enter the meeting ID, and enter the meeting passcode followed by the pound sign (#) when prompted.

Phone number: +1 312 626 6799

Meeting ID: 912 2274 9099 #

Passcode: 127740 #

Schedule - Tentative

1 pm - Welcome to Winter Camp – Bosse/Turner/District Governor David Anderson

1:30 pm - Bible Study/Devotions with Mike Geno

2 pm - Craft Activity with Denise Griffin

2:30 pm - Break for 10 minutes

2:45 pm - Learning and Adaptive Resources with Sabrina Simmons, Bridgid Turner, WMU students

3:15 pm - Michigan Winter Bird identification with Donna Posont (time approximate)

3:45 pm - Talent Show/Memories

6 pm - Close of Winter Camp

Please register for future mailings and information about 11-B1 Winter Camp for the Blind and Visually Impaired (email, name, address, phone)

Winter Camp Signup: (Access Google search: **2021 VIRTUAL 11-B1 Winter Camp** - Facebook link)

We hope you can join us and THANK YOU for your continued support of this great project!

Lion Roger Bosse 269 578-3684 — Lion Bea Furman - 517-789-6061



Virtual Winter Camp for the Blind

February 6, 2021 from 1 pm to 5:30 pm.

We have had a great response from Lions around the state to the virtual Winter Camp and donation of Gift Cards for our Raffles. We have also received cash donations which will be used to purchase cards or defray some of the expenses of postage for the camp craft activity. The Winter Camp team extends our greatest thanks for your generosity. If anyone would still like to donate funds toward our general Winter Camp program, we would be very grateful.

We currently have 73 participants registered, who will be eligible to participate in the raffle (campers only please).

Eversight Michigan has generously donated the use of the Zoom account, which will accommodate up to 300 people, so we have lots of room for guests. We would like to extend an invitation to any Lions who would like to zoom in for the afternoon. If you would like to participate, please contact Roger Bosse at 269 578-3684 or rogerbosse@att.net and I will send you the zoom connection information. The schedule is set, but the times may be somewhat soft.

Schedule – tentative times

- 1 pm Welcome to Winter Camp – Bosse/Turner/DG Anderson
- 1:30 pm Bible Discussion/Devotion with Mike Geno
- 2 pm Nature/Bird Study with Adam Brandemihl
- 2:30 pm Break for 10 minutes
- 2:45 pm Craft Activity with Denise Griffin and Crew
- 3:15 pm Learning and Adaptive Resources with Sabrina Simmons, Bridgid Turner, and WMU Students
- 3:45 pm Talent Show/Memories
- 6 pm Close of Winter Camp

We thank the Lions of Michigan for their interest and support of Winter Camp for the Blind! If you would like to have a presentation for your club, please contact Roger Bosse. Phone and email listed above.

Lion Roger Bosse, Winter Camp for the Blind/Sight Conservation Chair



Introducing “Lions Cards for Kids!”

A Covid – safe, fun project anyone can do!

Would you write even just one quick note of support for a child fighting cancer?

In recognition of International Childhood Cancer Awareness Day on February 15th, your Michigan Childhood Cancer Committee (MCCC) has an easy challenge for every Michigan Lion!

Make or buy a card of encouragement for a child battling cancer. It can be as simple as you like, or you can go “all-out” with stickers, glitter and other decorations. Just write from your heart or Google and Pinterest will give you tons of ideas. Whatever you choose, we challenge our 12,000 Michigan Lions to send out a card...or three! This could also be a fun family project and can of course be done anytime throughout the year.

Once it's done, send it to one of the addresses below. Our Lions focus projects will get them to the kids. Easy peasy! Make sure to sign them from “Lion Your Name Here.”

A big “Thank You” from the kids, and from all of us on the MCCC!

- Kids Kicking Cancer
27600 Northwestern Hwy #220
Southfield, MI 48034
- Camp Quality
5 E Main St #6
Boyer City, MI 49712
- Maggie's Wigs 4 Kids
30130 Harper Ave.
St Clair Shores, MI 48082

Lion Laura Hunt, MCCC Chair



Leader Dog Chair/Trustee Quarterly Report for July-December 2020*

Leader Dogs Issued YTD: 53

Orientation & Mobility (White Cane) Clients Served YTD: 41

Summer Experience Camp YTD: 38

States/Countries Served (guide dogs and orientation & mobility) YTD:

Colorado, Virginia, Tennessee, South Dakota, Pennsylvania, Ohio, New York, Minnesota, Michigan, Maine, Kentucky, Indiana, Illinois, Florida, North Carolina, South Dakota, Washington, New York

States/Countries Served (summer experience camp – virtually) YTD:

Connecticut, Idaho, Illinois, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, New Hampshire, Oklahoma, Canada

Quarterly Lions' Donation Reports: www.leaderdog.org/lions-club/club-donation-reports/

Monthly Lions/Leader Dog Newsletter (please share with newsletter editors and clubs), materials for events and videos: www.leaderdog.org/lions-club/resources/

Leader Dog Happenings:

- 1) **Back to Class: Providing In-Home Service-** With an increase in COVID cases nationwide, we made the decision to continue guide dog and Orientation & Mobility training through home delivery for the months of December and January. We are monitoring the status of the pandemic closely and will make the determination to resume on-campus training as soon as it is safe to do so. When we resume, we will continue to adhere to the strict safety protocols we followed in the fall including: social distancing, 2:1 ratio of client to guide dog mobility instructor (GDMI) versus the usual 4:1 ratio, and operating at 50% class capacity so we can use every other residence hall room.
- 2) **TOM Talks: Summer Experience for Teens** (camp for kids blind or visually impaired) went virtual this past year. It was so successful we will be rolling out TOM Talks. Based on the popular TED Talks podcasts, this will be Technology, Orientation and Mobility Talks. Designed for young adults who are blind or visually impaired, our focus will be on the next steps for independent travel, professional readiness, and networking. To accommodate busy schedules, this program is partially self-guided and partially live.
- 3) **Virtually Connected:** Please encourage clubs and districts to reach out to their Leader Dog chair/trustee or to the Lions Team at Leader Dog for a virtual presentation! We can share the Lions legacy with short virtual presentations to clubs and at district conventions. Give us a call or email and we can create a tailored program: LionsSupport@LeaderDog.org or call Lion Kathleen Breen at 888.777.5332 x2052.

*Leader Dog's fiscal year is from July 1 – June 30 (same as the Lions' fiscal year)



Empowering people who are blind or visually impaired with lifelong skills for safe and independent daily travel

888.777.5332 | 1039 S. Rochester Road, Rochester Hills, MI 48307-3115 | LeaderDog.org





Invite Leader Dog to Your Meeting!

Introduce your club, region, zone or district to the legacy Lions started. Give us 15-20 minutes at your virtual meeting and we can present:

- Leader Dog's Programs
- Meet a Client
- A Puppy Raiser
- How We Train Guide Dogs
- How Does the White Cane Work?
- And more!

Contact Lion Kathleen Breen at KBreen@leaderdog.org or 248.218.6407 for more information and to schedule.

Not sure about running a virtual meeting? We can help!
We can also connect in to your face-to-face meeting!



Rochester Hills, Michigan | 888.777.5332





7-8 p.m. EST Thursday, February 11, 2021 | Hosted by Eversight

Send a valentine or treat yourself to an elegant box of 16 tasting squares created by Mindo Chocolate Makers! Handcrafted in Dexter, Michigan, Mindo's vegan, organic chocolates are lovingly created from responsibly sourced cocoa beans.

100% of proceeds from each tasting box purchased will underwrite Eversight's costs for medical supplies to carry out sight-restoring eye donation. Your purchase will help us meet our goal to raise funds for at least 20 eye tissue recovery kits. As a direct result, at least 40 individuals coping with failing vision or blindness will receive sight-restoring transplants

The 100th person who purchases a tasting box will win a \$5 Mindo

Tasting boxes will be shipped as ordered. Each box will include:

- 16 tasting squares of chocolates for up to four tasters: 77% chocolate, pure 67% chocolate, 70% rustic chocolate (a crunchy, textured Mexican style) and a vanilla rustic chocolate.
- Link to join optional virtual tasting event.
- A tasting map for taking notes
- A guide for the online event, introducing you to how chocolate is made, how each chocolate flavor is developed and what influences each chocolate's complex flavors.

Chocolate Makers gift card!

Treat yourself, or send boxes as Valentine gifts to family, friends and colleagues! your tasting box for \$50 (shipping included) by **Friday, January 29.**

Making vision a reality

Order your chocolate tasting box today. Then, join us at the exclusive virtual tasting on Thursday, February 11—or enjoy your chocolates any time!

2021 LIONS OF MICHIGAN VIRTUAL FORUM:

THE ***SERVICE*** MUST GO ON!

LION PRIDE ADVERTISEMENT SPECIAL:

¼ PAGE AD FOR JUST \$40.00

Take advantage of this special advertising rate to showcase your club's service and support of the Michigan Forum. Advertisements will appear in the February and March issues of the Lion Pride.

Please submit your camera ready advertisement for inclusion in the Lion Pride via email to: wburns@lionsofmi.com



Deadline for the February Pride: January 19

Deadline for the March Pride: February 22



THE SERVICE MUST GO ON!
MICHIGAN LIONS
VIRTUAL FORUM

**SATURDAY
February 27
2021**

Join us at 9:00 a.m.
for this free event

(5) 20-minute
breakout sessions including:

- Serving Safely
- Leos in a Virtual World of Service
- Zoom 101

Keynote Address by
VDG Daniel Marney Elkins:
How do we Approach
the Younger Generation?

For details, check the Lions of Michigan website at
<http://www.lionsofmi.com>

Fellow Lions,

This year's Michigan Forum will be held virtually on Saturday, February 27, 2021. "The SERVICE Must Go On" is the theme, and the committee has worked hard once again to present an outstanding Forum.

While we won't have the traditional proceedings manual to advertise in, we are offering advertisement opportunities in upcoming issues of the Lion Pride publication for just \$40 for a 1/4 page ad.

With Service as our theme, you may wish to consider highlighting what your club or organization has accomplished this past year. For inclusion in the upcoming February issue, the deadline to submit your camera ready ad or word document to me by January 21. To place your ad in the March (Forum follow-up) issue, the date is February 18.

Thank you for your consideration and your continued support of the Michigan Lions Virtual Forum!

Lion Wendy Burns

Wendy Burns, Executive Director
Lions of Michigan
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wburns@lionsofmi.com

***Join us February 27, 2021, for the
Michigan Lions Virtual Forum:
The SERVICE Must Go On!
Registration coming soon!***

From Lion Wendy for newsletters

MD 11 LIONS CONVENTION, MAY 20-21

The MD 11 Lions Convention planning committee is hard at work planning the details of the 2021 convention, to be held in Holland at the DoubleTree Hotel May 20-21. For those of you who have never attended the MD 11 Lions Convention in the past, you are encouraged to attend!

LCI President Choi is our invited guest speaker, and we are optimistic about his travel to Michigan. We are in constant contact with the hotel staff in the planning of this year's convention. At this time, the committee is planning for an in-person event with the option to move to a virtual event if warranted.

Paws for a Cause will be our host for the pre-convention picnic on Thursday, May 19. We are excited to partner with Paws for a Cause and tour their facility. The picnic is a great opportunity to meet with Lion friends from around the state and affords everyone in attendance the chance to meet with President Choi in a relaxed environment.

Reservations at the hotel can be made by calling 616-394-0111. Mention Lions of Michigan when making your arrangements.

Watch for future updates and announcements!





From Barb Durflinger

During a Lions of Michigan Foundation committee meeting today, Chad mentioned that we sold only 794 of the 1000 raffle calendars, so the rest can still be sold as a club fundraiser. There have been two of the drawings so far, (no one up here won, including me!) but most drawings remain, and the grand prizes (\$1500, 500, 250) which will be drawn in May are still available. Clubs will receive \$5 of the \$20 purchase price back if they sell at least 10 calendars. Just contact the Foundation office if you want some calendars. Also if your club needs a fundraiser due to other events being canceled, Foundation raffle tickets are a great fundraiser. If your club sells 100 of the \$10 tickets, you will receive \$5/ticket back, and if you are really ambitious and can do 250 tickets, you will receive a rebate of \$5.50/ticket. My club has done well posting them on both the club and personal FB accounts- not that we will challenge either Oscoda or Alpena(!), but we had to cancel two fundraisers, so we are trying to get some of the tickets out to help our club so that we don't have to reduce our public service.

The Foundation will not be doing a raffle calendar next year, but we are beginning work on a Lions of Michigan cookbook, so if you have a great family recipe, let me or one of our district trustees (Dave Zeller and Chuck Brew) know about it. The book will be published in 2022, so you have time to think about it!

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Thank you for your help in distributing the VSP Global Eyes of Hope – Sight for Students Gift Certificates with expiration dates of 12/25/20. We were able to help more than 100 children across Michigan with those certificates.

Currently, I have some additional VSP Global Eyes of Hope – Sight for Students Gift Certificates that we were granted to us by the Lions Clubs International Foundation through their partnership with VSP Vision. I also have some VSP Global Eyes of Hope – Standard Gift Certificates that can be used for children or adults. The Student certificates I currently have expire on 8/16/21 and the Standard certificates expire on 2/16/21. Both certificates cover an eye exam and eye glasses, if necessary, however, the Student certificates cover a few more extras relative to eye glasses. Please share this information with your District Lions, local schools or other community service organizations to evaluate the need for these certificates. I would like to utilize the 50+ Standard certificates that expire on 2/16/21 before they expire.

To issue a VSP gift certificate for a Student, the student should be considered needy, and we require a completed LMF - VSP Global Eyes of Hope - Eye Care Assistance Application, or at the minimum, we require the:

Child's Name — Child's Birthdate — Child's Phone Number — Child's Home Mailing Address

To issue a VSP gift certificate for an adult, we require a completed LMF - VSP Global Eyes of Hope - Eye Care Assistance Application.

We are pleased to be able to offer this program through partnerships with the Lions Clubs International Foundation and VSP Vision. Through collaboration with LCIF, caring organizations like VSP Vision, our Michigan Lions Clubs, schools and other community service organizations, we can help improve the quality of life in Michigan.

Best regards!

Chad A. McCann, Director

Lions of Michigan Foundation

Dr. Robert Mathog Lions Hearing Centers

5730 Executive Drive

Lansing, Michigan 48911

517-887-6640 x 14 (Office) — 517-420-7378 (Mobile) — 517-887-6642 (Fax)

www.lmsf.net — www.lhcmi.org

Lions of Michigan
District 11 E-2
Special Cabinet Meeting Minutes, January 22, 2021, via Zoom

Cabinet Members in Attendance - DG Leathers, CST Durflinger, 1VDG Gaines, 2 VDG Drury, GST Marie Leathers, GMT Tasior, GLT/IPDG Zeller, ZC's Murch and McDonell

Cabinet Members Absent – ZC Broome

The meeting was called to order by DG Leathers at 7 PM.

New Business- DAD Funds -DG Rod reported that the East Jordan and Bellaire Family Health Care Centers requested a grant for \$1,200 to provide special glucose monitors for clients, but since it fell outside of the grant guidelines, the request was turned down. The Central Lake Lions, who are helping out in the Bellaire area after the Bellaire Lions folded, have agreed to pay \$600 toward the purchase, and the East Jordan Lions were asked to participate, but since fundraisers have been cancelled due to Covid, they were unable to help. Since the District medical fund has plenty of money, he asked if the district could cover the balance of \$600. It was moved by ZC McDonnell, supported by 2VDG Drury that we approve the request for \$600. Motion carried.

2021 District Convention - 2VDG Drury noted that 14 clubs had responded to the survey on whether the convention should be held virtually or in person. The responses indicated not much enthusiasm for an in person convention due to the current health situation. 2VDG Drury also noted that a number of her normal workers are unable to participate in the planning, and are unable or unwilling to work at an in person convention. IPDG Zeller, supported by ZC McDonell moved to hold the convention virtually this year. The only required thing we have to do at the convention is voting, and IT Chair Marie Leathers reported there is a way to do in confidentially via Zoom. DG Rod will be preparing a list of what he wants included in the convention. He noted that we can do virtual training, meals and parties. It was noted that we should do something to prepare people for how a virtual convention will work, so DG Rod suggested that we do a few virtual cocktail parties to get people used to using Zoom, and so wrinkles can be ironed out. We will be scheduling the first virtual cocktail party on Friday, January 29. IT Chair Marie will send a Zoom invitation out, and CST Durflinger will forward it to the clubs.

2022 District Convention - It was moved by IPDG Zeller, supported by ZC Murch that the Boyne Valley Club be hosts for the 2022 convention. After consulting calendars, the probable date will be 4/29- 5/1/2022. Motion carried.

With no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 7:49 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

PDG Barb Durflinger, Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY 2021

Michigan Lions Forum — February 26-27, 2021 — A Virtual Event

Registration link: <https://mailchi.mp/michaelwscottjr/michigan-forum-registration-page>

MARCH 2021:

District Cabinet Meeting — March 06, 2021 — 10:00 a.m. — A virtual Event via Zoom.

Contact Marie Leathers marie@centrallakerealty.com or 231-350-0286 for Zoom invitation.

APRIL 2021:

District Convention — April 16-18, 2021 — A Virtual Event – Details TBA.

MAY 2021:

Michigan State Convention — May 20-22, 2021 — DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Holland, 650 E 24th St, Holland, MI 49423 (*plan is in-person, but may be virtual instead if necessary*)

JUNE 2021:

LCI Convention — June 25 - 29, 2021 — Montreal, Quebec, Canada — A Virtual Event – Details TBA.



PASSINGS



None Reported

NEW MEMBERS

Central Lake Lions welcomed 2 new members: Andrew Smith and Dorian MacGillivray

Congratulations!

On the Mend

Boyne Valley Lions: 1. Lion Eleanor Sutliff recently endured a fall, breaking off a piece of her right knee cap.

2. Lion Mike Wagner underwent brain surgery to remove a tumor on January 18. He made it though the surgery and is conscious, mobile and recovering slowly.

East Jordan Lions: Lion Terry Graham is recovering from shoulder surgery.

We wish these Lions a speedy and full recovery.

Alpena Lions January 2021

The annual Alpena White Canes sales raised \$3500.00 this year. Due to the COVID restrictions the Lions Club held the event on August 21st and 22nd. Despite the COVID restrictions, the White Cane drive was successful in meeting its goal. This success was in large part due to the work of Tom Woizeschke and the many Lions Club volunteers.

The Alpena Lions Club presented a check for \$3100.00 to the Salvation Army, from donations raised through the Old Newsboys Campaign. The Check presentation was held on November 4th in the pressroom of the Alpena News. Presenting the check to Salvation Army Major Prezma Morrison were Alpena Lions Club President Bernie Lamp III, Lion Chairperson Randy Boboltz and Alpena News Publisher Bill Speer.



Due to COVID restrictions the Alpena Lions Club has gone virtual. Weekly zoom meetings have been well attended and a wide range of presentations have been held. The Alpena Lions Club has hosted presentations from MidMichigan Medical Center, Alpena County Regional Airport, Habitat for Humanity, Salvation Army, Speedy Blaze Corporation, ACC Foundation and the Alumni Relations, Thunder Bay Arts Council, Leader Dog School, The Alpena Agency, Alpena Senior Citizens, Virtual Tour of The Besser Museum and Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary: NOAA.

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The Alpena Lions Club installed their first wheelchair ramp November 23rd. The Lions worked in concert with Habitat for Humanity to install this ramp for a local family. Construction materials were purchased from Home Depot of Alpena, assembled at Habitat for Humanity then assembled on site.

Boyne Valley Lions

January 2021

From Boyne Valley Lions Meeting Notes:

- January 6 meeting: BVLC Lions on today's Zoom meeting felt that it would be very difficult to host the convention in April 2021 in lieu of the on-going pandemic. Questions to be asked include: Can the convention be rescheduled for the fall or cancelled until 2022?
- Lion Dr. Nate had two great days of KidSight screenings last week and screened 60 children on Wednesday January 27 and 31 Thursday at the Early Learners building.
- The Lions held one of their most successful fundraisers in conjunction with BCHS Hospitality class. 431 pasties were ordered, and the Lions will bank over \$2000 for the fundraiser.

Central Lake Lions

December 2021

Central Lake Lions Charities met on December 15 to establish a new board of directors necessitated by the death of Board President Cal Shooks and the retirement of three other board members.

The new Board: President Rod Leathers; VP Bill Stenback; Secretary Kris Roberts; Treasurer Dennis Richardson; Trustees Gordon Harris, Rebecca James and Bob LaBeau. The Charities account contains \$9,362 of which \$8,752 is committed to DG Rod's pediatric cancer initiative. That will leave about \$600 in the Charities account.

CENTRAL LAKE LIONS DEC. 17 BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS:

At the request of the Charities Board, approved that future property taxes on our barn property, currently being assessed to Charities, be assumed by the Lions Club. Further, that the Lions Club reimburse Charities for past taxes paid since it is the Club, not the Charities, that utilizes the facility.

FINANCIAL: As of December 20 your club has \$33,321 in the combined accounts. Very soon the Contribution Committee will meet and make donation recommendations to the board.

Approved up to \$500 toward Lion Rebecca James' suggested project to present holiday gift bags to CLPS teachers and staff. (43 bags were assembled and given.)

Voted to name two of our three CLPS scholarships in honor and memory of Lions Cal Shooks and Veda Harris.

DESPITE COVID 19, WE HAVE BEEN BUSY.....AND EFFECTIVE.

Lion Rebecca James and others are busy making wigs for kids with cancer through the Magic Yarn Project.

Lions Mike Ring and Brian Graff co-chaired a project to assist the Salvation Army Bell Ringing drive at the Village Market. Here's a summary by Lion Graff:

"Our Lion's Bell Ringing Project for the Salvation Army raised \$4,011.23 in 9 days. I'd like to thank all of our Lion Club volunteer Bell Ringers and their perfect attendance to their appointed shifts. Special thanks to Lion Marie and Lion Rod who provided holiday music and an inflatable Lion (complete with a red Santa hat) to get everyone in a giving mood. They even dressed up as Santa and Mrs. Claus for a few shifts. One Saturday they were joined by our Salvation Army Envoy, Greg Irwin and his wife, who dressed as Charles Dickens characters and sang Christmas carols. I'd also like to thank King Lion Randy for letting us borrow his pop-up tent when needed and to Lion Sarah Leathers who joined the scheduled Bell Ringers a number of times. What a great club!!!!!"

New Lion Kris Hoeksema got involved immediately by taking up the Lions Mint sale project. We are hoping to extend our reach to the Bellaire/Alden areas.

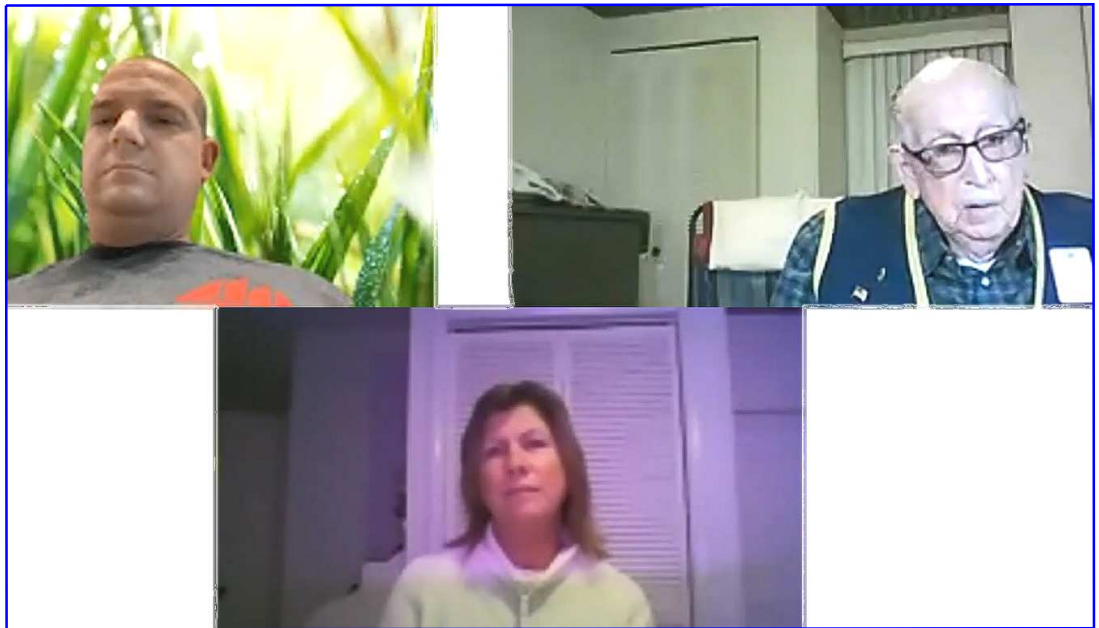
We helped a single mom with serious transportation problems and no resources. Through Smitty Shots, donations by your club, Lion Goldbergs' Lakeshore Automotive and individual Lions, nearly \$1,000 in critical repairs put her back on the road and able to work.

Lion April Cikity stepped up and took charge of the Lions Of Michigan Foundation Sight and Hearing Sweepstakes. Last year Central Lake Lions sold the fourth highest number of tickets in the state of Michigan and earned nearly \$1500 for our efforts. We are looking to improve on that this year.

Central Lake Lions

January 2021

The Central Lake Lions Club continues to grow with 2 new members, Andrew Smith and Dorian MacGillivray, inducted during a virtual meeting by Past District Governor, Lion Don Seifried. Not even a pandemic can stop Lions from growing and moving closer to their goal of 70 members by the end of their 70th year of serving in Central Lake.



East Jordan Lions

January 2021

East Jordan Lions have been able to recently help our community even during the Pandemic with the following donations:

- \$1500 - Given to two HS students for scholarships
- \$500 - Sponsored a Leader Dog
- \$500 - Solar Spark program for solar panels for the HS
- \$500 - Jordan River Action Group river cleanup for bags/trash cans
- \$500 - Challenge Mountain for special needs children.
- \$300 - Training Wheels Daycare to help with start up costs
- \$200 - Care and Share Food Pantry
- \$100 - Good Samaritan Resale Shop
- \$75 - Leo's Forum

East Jordan Lions Treasurer, Sherry Pursel, presents a check for \$500 to Tom Breakey of the Jordan River Action Group. The East Jordan Lions collect returnable cans/bottles at four different sites along the Jordan River. They also collect the trash at these sites and clean up the area around them. This keeps the Jordan River scenic and pristine.



Hillman Lions January 2021



Hillman Lions distributed food to community members at a Pop-Up Pantry on Saturday, January 9.



CORONAVIRUS UPDATES – February 1

*This is a snapshot of what the World, Nation, and State of Michigan looked like on **February 1, 2021**. The numbers may be significantly higher by the time you read this as the COVID-19 pandemic continues. (Info from michigan.gov. & Other Reporting Websites)*

World Statistics

Confirmed Cases: 103,933,598 ♦ **Deaths: 2,247,749**

United States Statistics

Total Cases: 26,911,375 ♦
Deaths: 454,213 ♦

Michigan Statistics

Total Cases: 612,710
Deaths: 15,536

DISTRICT 11-E2 STATISTICS

 = Highest Numbers

11-E2 Counties	Cases Confirmed	Deaths
Alcona:	413	23
Alpena:	1,424	45
Antrim:	852	17
Arenac:	703	23
Charlevoix:	988	12
Cheboygan:	858	34
Crawford:	562	5
Emmet:	1,404	35
Gladwin:	1,430	42
Iosco:	1,251	62
Kalkaska:	557	14
Montmorency:	348	17
Ogemaw:	1,084	30
Oscoda:	376	18
Otsego:	1,093	25
Presque Isle:	625	23
Roscommon:	1,092	31
Totals	15,060	456

Note: Statistics may change up or down as corrected data is received. Actual Case & Death numbers may be higher due to missed reporting.

COVID Update

Doing the Math:

- Coronavirus + Human Contact = COVID-19 Infection Pandemic
- COVID-19 + No Contact/Wear Mask = No COVID-19 Infection = End of Pandemic
- Uninfected Person + Vaccination = No COVID-19 Infection = End of Pandemic

U.S.: January 1: 7-Day Average: 195,193 Cases

February 1: 7-Day Average: 139,832 Cases

U.S.: January 1: 7 day Average: 2,513 Deaths

February 1: 7-Day Average: 3,160 Deaths

The COVID-19 Pandemic is not over. January was by far the deadliest month of the pandemic in the US, with more than 95,000 Covid-19 deaths reported.

The Coronavirus is changing and evolving - it's what viruses do. At least 4 Variants, virus mutations, have been identified. These Variants seem to spread more easily, are more transmissible, which can lead to increased number of cases and stress on our already overtaxed system.

As of now, the current vaccines are thought to be at least partly effective against new known Variants. Scientists most fear is that one will mutate to the point that it causes more severe disease, bypasses the ability of tests to detect it or evades the protection given by vaccination.

“Even if you've had coronavirus, there's a ‘very high rate’ of being reinfected with the new variants if they become dominant” – Dr. Anthony Fauci

It typically takes a few weeks after vaccination for the body to build protection (immunity) against the virus that causes COVID-19. That means it is possible a person could still get COVID-19 just after vaccination.

Top Five Countries That Handled Coronavirus Best				Top Five Countries That Handled Coronavirus Worst			
Rank	Country	Cases	Deaths	Rank	Country	Cases	Deaths
1	Taiwan	912	8	1	U.S.A.	26,320,000	443,355
2	New Zealand	2,307	25	2	Brazil	9,230,000	225,099
3	Iceland	6,009	29	3	Mexico	1,870,000	159,100
4	Singapore	59,565	29	4	India	10,770,000	154,486
5	Vietnam	1,850	35	5	U.K.	3,850,000	106,774

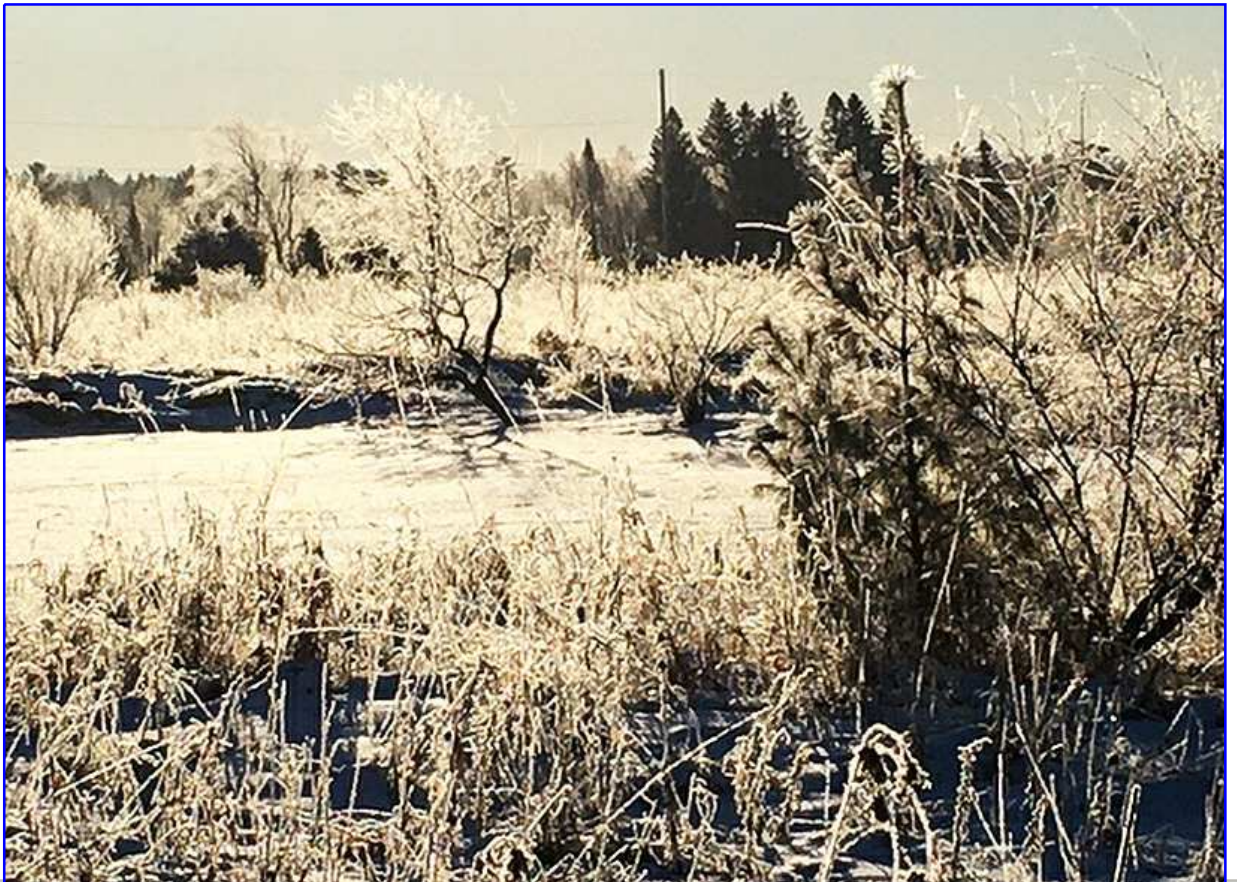
BE KIND. MASK UP + SOCIAL DISTANCE + WASH HANDS = STAY SAFE!

Picture (s) of The Month: February



Nature's Winter Treasures:

*Early morning
frost glistens in
the sunlight,
creating a
fantastically
surreal landscape.*



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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!!

Racism has no place in our world.

Our organization depends on the incredible diversity of our members around the world because great things can only be achieved when we are united.

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