

DISTRICT 11-E2 NEWSLETTER



FEBRUARY 2022



Notable Quotes: "Being defeated is often a temporary condition. Giving up is what makes it permanent." — Marilyn vos Savant

District Governor's Message

Greetings, fellow Lions,



District Governor
William Gaines

Lions Clubs International (LCI) has several awards for individuals. The club excellence award recognizes clubs for their achievements. Clubs can qualify and apply for this award based on meeting several criteria during the Lions service year. The first criterion is achieving positive membership growth or sponsoring a new club. The service criteria include contributing to LCIF, starting a new service project and reporting at least three service projects. Leadership excellence requires a club to be in good standing, reporting club officers to LCI, having key officers participate in leadership training events and using tools to identify and implement improvements in the club. Finally, the club must publicize its service activities through local media and/or social media.

It was my pleasure to present this award for last year's achievements to the Hillman Lions Club which earned this reward in the 2020-2021 Lions year. The Central Lake Lions Club also received this prestigious award. Congratulations to them on achieving those milestones. This year there are eight 11E2 clubs which have membership increases to date, eleven which have contributed to LCIF and twelve who've reported service projects. All our clubs have reported club officers and four clubs qualify in all these categories with several more needing only one new member for positive membership growth. I know that next year's District Governor would be very proud to recognize several clubs with the LCI Club Excellence Award.

It's been a real highlight of my club visits to be able to recognize individual and club achievements in various areas. Please look at the club excellence award and consider whether your club could achieve this with a little added effort and the submission of an award application – this one would require District Governor signature.

I'm looking forward to hearing about your club's accomplishments as we go forward in service during these challenging times.





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lionsdistrict11e2.org

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

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Lions Of Michigan Multiple District 11-E2 Counties

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



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 stevemurch49707@gmail.com	Alpena, Alpena Evening, Atlanta, Glennie, Hillman, Hubbard Lake, Mio
ZONE 2	CLUBS	ZONE 4	CLUBS
ZC Jim Broome Central Lake Lions Club jrbroome@charter.net	Central Lake, Elk Rapids, Grayling, Houghton Lake, Lewiston/ Lewiston Lioness Lions, Roscommon- Higgins Lake	ZC Sean Clarke Oscoda Lions Club seanclarke123@gmail.com	Beaverton, Hale, Harrisville, Lincoln, Oscoda, Prescott-Skidway Lake, Rose City,

2nd Vice District Governor's Message

Greetings, fellow Lions,



Even though we are in the middle of winter, we all know spring is on the way. One way we know this is that plans for this year's district convention are in full swing and coming together for the April.

As Lions, we are all connected through our district. But, remember we have a greater connection. I'm sure you have heard the saying "We are all citizens of the world" before. While that is true, as Lions we have a deeper connection as citizens of the world because we belong to an international organization like Lions Club International.

The saying "We are all citizens of the world" implies that we are all connected in some way and that our actions have far-reaching consequences. Hopefully your club officers share the month District newsletter so you can stay a better connected citizen. As part of LCI, not only do our actions help worldwide as our donations to Lions Club International Foundation, but we help our neighbors. But our neighbors shouldn't be defined by those in the area where we live, or even the communities we live in.

As part of MD 11E-2, our neighbors are every community and everyone in the 17 counties that make up our Lions district. Whether it's teaming up with a fellow club for an event or fundraiser, or helping a neighboring club in need, we can use those connections to build a stronger community. Or perhaps simply the act of including a neighboring club in a social event can help strengthen the bonds of our Lions district.

Another way to be a better Citizen of the World is to develop a deeper connection to the District and your other Lions. Right now the District is looking for people to be involved in the 2022-23 Lions year at the district level. Check with your Club President or Zone Chair to find out how you can become involved.

Even more important that being involved with the district is being engaged with the district. The District has representatives for everything from membership and service to the state projects; and from public relations to Leo Clubs. These representatives are there to help clubs and by staying engaged with the district, your club can stay healthy, and your club should have someone who is a caretaker of those positions. Perhaps there is even an interest by a club member to help at the district level.

Keep thinking of ways to be a better Citizen of the World and a better Lion. Remember, We Serve.





Lions Clubs International



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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

Dear Lions,

The new year is a time of great personal reflection and hope for the future. It is an opportunity to celebrate your achievements, build on your successes and find new ways to do even greater things in the months ahead. As Lions, let's use this opportunity to reflect, renew and ready ourselves for a new year of service.

That begins with each of us. So focus on strengthening your club and the incredible connection you share. And encourage each other to grow to your full potential as Lions and community leaders. Because when we ensure that every Lion has the opportunities to live out the service in their hearts, the best is yet to come.

Yours in Service,

Douglas X. Alexander

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International President





Early pricing extended until March 31

As we look forward to our 104th Lions Clubs International Convention in Montréal, we realize that current international travel guidelines continue to change. In order to give all Lions and Leos a better opportunity to make their travel arrangements to the convention, we are extending the early discounted pricing deadline to **March 31, 2022**.

Register by March 31, 2022, and pay the discounted US\$175 registration fee.

We can't wait to see you in Montréal!

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[Register now](#)



Lionsclubs.org/campaign100 | Campaign 100 eNewsletter | *The Final Campaign Year*



From Past International President and Campaign 100 Chairperson Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada

Your leadership and support create a brighter future. We now have five months left in our historic campaign, leaving us five months to:

- Raise US\$51,581,822 more toward our US\$300 million goal.
- Ensure success by creating more Model Clubs in your district.
- Lead by example by making a gift or pledge to Campaign 100 and promoting Foundation Fridays.

Click through the information below to help you lead campaign fundraising and to support our service for decades.

By the Numbers... Where We Stand

Fundraising and grant funding are directly linked. Thank you for pushing hard to reach our Campaign 100 goal and encouraging applications for LCIF grants. Here's where we stand as of January 10, 2022:

- FY2021-2022 Grants
 - Awarded: 555
 - Total funding: US\$17,026,760
- Campaign 100
 - Fundraising: US\$248,418,178
 - Model Clubs: 4,074

Campaign 100 resources, by constitutional area, are available to provide you with customized information for your area.

GET YOUR CUSTOMIZED RESOURCES

More info found at [LCIF website](https://www.lcif.org)



Dear Fellow Lion,

A recent, massive underwater volcano eruption near the South Pacific island nation of Tonga caused significant damage along the western coast of the main island of Tongatapu, destroying homes and devastating entire communities. As one of the largest recorded in recent decades, the volcanic blast caused tsunami waves around the Pacific and left Tonga covered in ash and swamped with water.

You can help.

There's no telling when or where a disaster will strike. But, we, as Lions, are always ready to serve when help is needed. Standing with us is Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), our global foundation.

Your generous donation* to [LCIF's disaster relief fund](#) will help ensure Lions can continue to serve in communities impacted by disasters like these.

[I WANT TO GIVE](#)

Thank you for your kindness and for working together with LCIF to rebuild lives.

If you have any questions about LCIF's disaster relief grants, please contact us at LCIFglobalgrants@lionsclubs.org.

Sincerely,

Dr. Jung-Yul Choi // LCIF Chairperson



Lions Clubs International GLT Multiple District Coordinator Application

(Appointment for a GLT-MD Coordinator is a one-year term)

To Serve: July 1, 2022 thru June 30, 2023

Multiple District

Candidate Name	Membership #
Address	Residence Telephone
City	Residence Email*
State/Province	Business Telephone
Zip/Postal Code	Business Email*
Country	Mobile/Cell
Occupation	Fax
Club Name	Club Number
Current Lion Title	# of Years as a Lion

*** An email address is strongly recommended. All GLT correspondence is sent via e-mail. Please provide your preferred email address here**

Please state any volunteer or professional experience that would qualify you for this position.

✓ Check Lion Positions Held:

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> International Director
<input type="checkbox"/> Council Chairperson
<input type="checkbox"/> District Governor
<input type="checkbox"/> Multiple District Coordinator: GLT <input type="checkbox"/> GMT <input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> District Coordinator: GLT <input type="checkbox"/> GMT <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Region Chairperson
<input type="checkbox"/> Zone Chairperson
Club Officer (specify) _____
Other (specify) _____ |
|--|---|

Are you available to travel throughout the multiple district to conduct leadership development programs?

☐ Yes ☐ No



GROWING TOGETHER! 2022 MD 11 Lions Convention

Auburn Hills Marriott, Pontiac

DIRECT PHONE (248) 648-6016

GROUP RATE: \$89 PER NIGHT (*plus fees & taxes*)

REDUCED RATE AVAILABLE ONLY THRU APRIL 29, 2022

Name _____ ☐ Lion Spouse ☐ ☐ Guest

Club Name _____ District _____

Name _____ ☐ Lion ☐ Spouse ☐ Guest

Club Name _____ District _____

Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____

Is this your first MD Convention? ☐ Yes ☐ No How many years a Lion member? _____

QUANTITY

AMOUNT

_____ Thursday Picnic @ \$12.00, May 19, 2022	\$ _____
_____ Registration @ \$15.00 for each Lion	\$ _____
_____ Registration @ \$15.00 for each Lioness N/C Leo	\$ _____
_____ Registration @ \$15.00 for each Spouse/Guest	\$ _____
_____ Friday Evening Buffet @ \$23.00 per person	\$ _____
_____ Friday Night Welcome Reception Only (free)	# _____
_____ Saturday Breakfast @ \$15.00 per person	\$ _____
_____ Saturday Night Banquet @ \$35.00 per person	\$ _____
_____ Entrée Choice: Grilled Chicken _____	
_____ Salisbury Steak w/Mushroom Demi Glaze _____	
GF _____ Vegetarian _____	Total: \$ _____

Please Note any special needs (i.e., deaf interpreters, dietary restrictions, food allergies, etc.) _____

Everyone MUST pay the registration fee. No meal tickets may be purchased unless registration fee is paid. (**excluding Saturday Banquet**) 2. Deadline for pre-registration and purchase of tickets is May 9, 2022. No refunds after May 10, 2022. 3. Tickets and registration packets will be distributed at the Lions Registration Desk at the Auburn Hills Marriott, Pontiac. They will not be mailed to you. The registration desk will be open Thursday at 4:00; Friday, 8:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.; Saturday 8:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 21, 2022. Saturday Banquet tickets may be picked up Saturday evening at the Ballroom entrance.

Mail completed form and payment to: Lions of Michigan, 5730 Executive Dr., Lansing, MI 48911



**EXHIBITOR AGREEMENT – MD 11 LIONS CONVENTION
FRIDAY – SATURDAY, MAY 20-21, 2022
AUBURN HILLS MARRIOTT – PONTIAC, MI**

Please reserve a display table for the undersigned at the Lions of Michigan Multiple District 11 Convention, at the Auburn Hills Marriott, Pontiac, MI. Enclosed is a check

covering the exhibition fee of \$80.00 for **Friday and Saturday**; the fee includes a

business card sized ad in the State Convention booklet. \$50.00 is the fee for a

day and for an additional \$25.00 the **business card size ad** can be included in the State

Convention booklet. The charge is fully refundable if, for any reason, the convention 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 convention

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

non-show hours. It is understood that neither the Lions of Michigan Multiple District 11,

Inc. nor Auburn Hills Marriott, Pontiac, MI (nor legal entities which own, lease and/or

102ND ANNUAL MD 11 LIONS CONVENTION – MAY 19-21, 2022

Marriott Auburn Hills Pontiac, MI
ADVERTISEMENT OPTIONS

Listed below are several options to sponsor a personal or business ad in the MD 11 Lions Convention Proceedings Booklet.

Placing an ad shows fellow Lions, Lioness and Leos your support of the Lions of Michigan!

ADVERTISING RATES AND SIZES

Overall Booklet Size: 8" x 5 1/2"

- | | |
|------------------|---------|
| 1. 1/4 page ad: | \$20.00 |
| 2. 1/2 page ad: | \$25.00 |
| 3. Full page ad: | \$30.00 |

Please note that all ads must be prepaid by May 1, 2022. Mail form to Lions of Michigan State Office, 5730 Executive Drive, Lansing, MI 48911; email to wburns@lionsofmi.com or fax: 517-887-6642

Name:
Business Name:
Billing Address:
City, State, Zip
Home Phone:
Business Phone:
Email address:
Cell Phone:
<input type="checkbox"/> included is a print ready ad or message <input type="checkbox"/> Please design my personal or business ad to read (please attach detailed information for your ad)
CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:
Ad Size: <input type="checkbox"/> 1/4 page <input type="checkbox"/> 1/2 page <input type="checkbox"/> Full page
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enclosed is my check for \$
We are unable to accept Credit Cards

Thank you for your continued support-See you in Pontiac!

Mail form and advertisement to:

Lions of Michigan

5730 Executive Dr. Lansing, MI 48911

Questions? Call 517-887-6640 ext. 10

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Name:
Business Name:
Billing Address:
City, State, Zip
Home Phone:
Business Phone:
Email address:
Cell Phone:
<input type="checkbox"/> included is a print ready ad or message <input type="checkbox"/> Please design my personal or business ad to read (please attach detailed information for your ad)
CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:
Ad Size: <input type="checkbox"/> 1/4 page <input type="checkbox"/> 1/2 page <input type="checkbox"/> Full page
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enclosed is my check for \$
We are unable to accept Credit Cards

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Lions of Michigan

5730 Executive Dr. Lansing, MI 48911

Questions? Call 517-887-6640 ext. 10

**2022 MD 11 LIONS CONVENTION
AUBURN HILLS MARRIOTT – PONTIAC
MAY 20-21, 2022**

Please reserve a display table for me on: _____ Friday Only (May 17, 2019) \$50.00
_____ Saturday Only (May 18, 2019)

\$50.00

_____ Friday and Saturday w/ad \$80.00
_____ Ad Only: \$25.00

Do you require an electrical hook-up? Yes _____ No _____

CONTACT NAME _____ PHONE _____

ORGANIZATION _____

ADDRESS _____

DATE _____ AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____

Space is limited! Please submit by May 1, 2022

Mail your registration to:

Lions of Michigan, 5730 Executive Drive, Lansing, MI 48911

Questions? Call 517-887-6640 ext. 10



We Serve

JOIN US FEBRUARY 26, 2022

The Michigan Lions Forum committee is disappointed to announce that we will not be able to hold an in-person Forum this year due to the cancellation of all events at the Holiday Inn Gateway Centre, Flint.

If you have already registered, a refund will be sent to you. I have requested that the hotel cancel our block of room reservations, as well.

We will move forward with a virtual Michigan Lions Forum, to be held on February 26. Please watch for notification and registration for this **free event!** The Forum committee had great success with a virtual event last year, and we will continue the tradition of the Michigan Lions Forum excellence offered to our membership for over 20 years.

White Cane Week is April 23-May 1, 2022. Download the White Cane order form from our website to view our products and order your supplies. Orders will be filled and mailed to you from the State Office. <https://www.lionsofmi.com/index.php/white-cane-catalog-and-more>

Thank you for your continued support!

Yours in Service,

PDG Karen Routson
Forum Chair

Lion Wendy Burns
Executive Director



Join us for this free webinar! 9:00 a.m. Saturday, February 26, 2022

Opening Welcome: PDG Karen Routson, Michigan Lions Forum Chair

Session I: Fundraising. Hear from a panel of experts successful fundraising tips & tricks to grow your service. Lion Deb Davis, Rockford Lions Club, MD 11 C1

Session II: Diabetes Awareness and YOU – Diabetes Awareness starts before the complications impacts your life. Prevention happens by changing your lifestyle and through education. When the complications of diabetes impacts your vision it impacts your life style and mobility. This is life altering. DG Terri Huffman, MD 11 B1

Session III: Membership: The Power of Re-Gifting – What if I was to say to you, every Lion has been given a very special gift. A gift that as of yet, has not even begun to reach its full potential. In this 20-minute presentation I will reveal to you exactly what this *special* gift is and how you can allow it to increase its potential through *the Power of Regifting*. PCC Jeff Mayuiers, Three Rivers Lions Club, MD 11 B2

Session IV: Childhood Cancer –Bringing the Heart of Lions and Camp Quality Together in Service. Lion Christine Smith, District 10; Jean McDonough, Executive Director Camp Quality

Keynote Address: Sandy Pearson, President/CEO Habitat for Humanity. Sandra Pearson is the President and Chief Executive Officer of Habitat for Humanity of Michigan, which supports a network of 50+ affiliates and ReStores. Sandy's passion is to team up with people who can use a hand, a coach, a mentor, a connector in achieving their life goals, one of which may be to own a home. Sandy understands the value of stability starting at home. She lives a wonderful life and wishes for a wonderful life for all.

REGISTRATION FOR THIS FREE EVENT WILL BE SENT VIA EMAIL!
Find us online at: www.lionsofmi.com

Meeting Registration

Topic Michigan Lions Forum: Service from the Heart of a Lion
Time Feb 26, 2022 09:00 AM in Eastern Time (US and Canada)



First Name*

Last Name*

Email Address*

Confirm Email Address*

Lions Club

District

Current Position (Lion, Secretary, etc.)

* Required information

Information you provide when registering will be shared with the account owner (<https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/360059564372-In-Product-Privacy-Notifications>) and host and can be used and shared by them in accordance with their Terms and Privacy Policy.

Register



WHITE CANE ORDER FORM



Lions/Lioness Club Name _____

District _____ Date _____

SHIPPING ADDRESS:

BILLING ADDRESS:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip _____

Phone: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip _____

UNITS	ITEM	UNIT	PRICE	TOTAL
	Miniature Plastic White Canes	1000/bag	\$140.00	
	Punched Cards	500/bundle	\$15.00	
	String Tags	1000/box	\$57.00	
	White Cane Stickers (roll)	1000/roll	\$25.00	
	White Cane Appliques	500/bundle	\$65.00	
	Bib Apron	Each	\$14.00	
	Waist Apron	Each	\$8.00	
	White Cane Placemats	500/bundle	\$21.00	
	Eyeglass Collection Box (large)	Each	\$7.50	
	Eyeglass Collection Box (small)	Each	\$5.50	
	Extra Eyeglass Box Stickers (set of 3)	Each	\$3.00	
	White Cane Law Pamphlets	250/bundle	\$20.00	
	Certificate of Appreciation	Each	.60¢	
	White Cane Bookmarks	100/bundle	\$10.00	
	Leader Patch	Each	\$3.00	
	Leader Pin	Each	\$3.00	
	Individually Wrapped Mints (Peppermint or Wintergreen)	750 per box	\$20.00	
	42" Wooden Cane	Each	\$15.00	
**You will be billed for shipping and handling fees.		** Shipping and Handling		
		TOTAL:		

Order Form Online: www.lionsofmi.com

Mail to: Lions of Michigan • 5730 Executive Drive, Lansing, MI 48911 • (517) 887-6640 ext. 10 • fax: (517) 887-6642

White Cane Supplies

Popular Picks: For photos of items visit our website at www.lionsofmi.com

White Cane Appliques

High quality self-adhesive cloth sticker is the perfect way to raise awareness for White Cane Week.

\$65.00/500



Certificate of Appreciation

Recognize businesses and individuals who support your White Cane Drive.

60¢/each

String Tags

Blue tag with cane on front. White Cane Law printed on back.

\$57.00/1000



Individually Wrapped Mints

Mint Drops are individually wrapped mints. Two flavors available: wintergreen and peppermint.
750 per box \$20.00

Waist Apron

Cloth apron with two large pockets for collecting money and holding white cane supplies.
\$8.00/each

Bib Apron

Over-the-shoulder apron made of heavy duck. Durable and good for all your Lions projects.

\$14.00/each

White Cane Placemats

Very colorful and great for public relations! (measures 10"x13")

\$21.00/500



Eyeglass & Hearing Aid Collection Boxes

White fiberboard collection boxes include stickers on three sides. Small box measures 9x9x14 1/2, large box measures 14x14x30.

\$5.50/each (small)
\$7.50/each (large)

Extra Eyeglass Collection Box Stickers

Each set consists of two large stickers promoting used eyeglass and hearing aid collection and one small sticker with club contact information.

\$3.00/each (set of 3)

Miniature Plastic White Canes w/ Punched Cards

The updated (compliant with the American Council for the Blind and LCI) miniature plastic white cane lapel pin with a clutch back. (Used with punched card to deliver the white cane message.)

\$140.00/1000

Punched Cards

1 1/2" x 3/4" tags to be used with plastic canes. They feature the White Cane traffic symbol and the Lions Emblem.



\$15.00/500

White Cane Leader Patch

Recognize club members who are leaders in your White Cane Drive.

\$3.00/each

White Cane Law Pamphlet

Tri-fold brochure which features the White Cane Law and Public Accommodations act. It also explains what an individual should do when encountering a blind person.

\$20.00/250

White Cane Bookmarks

Bookmark with White Cane Law printed on back. Great giveaway for libraries.

\$10.00/100

White Cane Stickers

Two-color stickers on a roll. Design features the Lions logo and White Cane traffic symbol. 2 1/2" in diameter.

\$25.00/1000



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 22nd 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.

CLICK BELOW

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1t7JMF1sm-4LjIE4qZo1M1_aeUt5hRUNY10-zplfp-IE/edit?usp=sharing

You can also find the same link on our website: www.bearlakecamp.org

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 Jesse Walling, Maintenance Director, (248)830-9353 or jwalling@bearlakecamp.org.

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!

Thanks again! And Happy New Year!

Shelly





"Attached is an updated cookbook order form that includes the new cookbook price of \$15 and the rebate information for Lions Clubs or other nonprofit organizations that sell 20 or more cookbooks. Thanks!" — Chad McCann

Lions of Michigan Foundation Dr. Robert Mathog Lions Hearing Centers Cookbook Fundraiser



Lions Clubs are well known throughout the world for the services we provide to help people with hearing and vision loss. Nearly a century ago, Helen Keller challenged Lions Clubs to be "Knights of the Blind," and she declared that "the problems of deafness are deeper and more complex, if not more important, than those of blindness. Deafness is a much worse misfortune, for it means the loss of the most vital stimulus — the sound of the voice that brings language, sets thoughts astir and keeps us in the intellectual company of man."

Our new Lions Hearing Centers Cookbook was developed to create awareness for the treatment of hearing loss and to provide funding for our Michigan Lions Affordable Hearing Aid and Hearing Screening Programs, which offer affordable hearing care options for Michigan residents.

With your help, we can continue to change the lives of thousands of Michigan residents who need and depend on the Lions Clubs of Michigan and our partners, sponsors and friends for the treatment of their hearing loss. Lions Clubs or other nonprofit organizations who sell 20 or more cookbooks collectively will receive a \$5 rebate for each book sold to be used for their local projects.

As a Public Charity, all contributions to the Lions of Michigan Foundation are tax deductible to the full extent allowed by law. We appreciate your support!

Cookbook Order and Donation Form

☐ I would like to purchase _____ cookbook(s) for \$15 each for a total of \$_____.

☐ I would like to make a donation to the Lions Hearing Centers in the amount of \$_____.

Payment Method: ___ Check ___ Credit Card ___ Pay Pal (info@lmsf.net)

Card Number: _____

Expiration Date: _____ CVV Code: _____

Signature: _____

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Lions Club or Business Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

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

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.

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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: _____

District Organization - Cabinet and Officers

The District shall have a District Cabinet composed of the District Governor, the Immediate Past District Governor, the First and Second Vice District Governors, the Global Service Team Coordinator, the Global Leadership Team Coordinator, the Global Membership Team Coordinator, the Region Chairpersons (if the position is utilized during the District Governor's term), the Zone Chairpersons, and a cabinet Secretary-Treasurer or a Cabinet Secretary and a Cabinet Treasurer. The members of the District Cabinet shall be the officers of the District. Each such officer shall be a member in good standing in the District.

CANDIDACY REQUIREMENTS FOR DISTRICT GOVERNOR. A candidate for the office of district governor shall:

- Be an active member in good standing of a chartered Lions club in good standing in his/her single or sub-district.
- Secure the endorsement of his/her club or a majority of the clubs in his/her single or sub-district.
- Currently be serving as the first vice district governor within the district from which he/she is to be elected.
- Only in the event the current first district governor does not stand for election as district governor, or if a vacancy in the position of first vice district governor exists at the time of the district convention, any club member who fulfills the qualifications for the office of second vice district governor and who is currently serving or who has served one (1) additional year as a member of the district cabinet shall fulfill the requirements of section c above.

CANDIDACY REQUIREMENT FOR FIRST VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR. A candidate for the office of first vice district governor shall:

- Be an active member in good standing of a chartered Lions club in good standing in his/her single or sub-district.
- Secure the endorsement of his/her club or a majority of the clubs in his/her single or sub-district.
- Currently be serving as second vice district governor within the district from which he/she is to be elected.
- Only in the event the current second vice district governor does not stand for election as first vice district governor, or if a vacancy in the position of second vice district governor exists at the time of the district convention any club member who fulfills the qualifications for the office of second vice district governor shall fulfill the requirements of section c above.

CANDIDACY REQUIREMENTS FOR SECOND VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR. A candidate for the office of second vice district governor shall:

- Be an active member in good standing of a chartered Lions club in good standing in his/her single or sub-district.
- Secure the endorsement of his/her club or a majority of the clubs in his/her single or sub-district.
- Have served or will have served at the time he/she takes office as second vice district governor:
 1. As president of a Lions club for a full term or major portion thereof and a member of the board of directors of a Lions club for no less than two (2) additional years; and
 2. As zone chairperson or region chairperson or cabinet secretary and/or treasurer for a full term or major portion thereof.
 3. With none of the above being accomplished concurrently.

LIONS OF MICHIGAN FOUNDATION. Our district is a participating member of the Lions of Michigan Foundation with full voting rights and privileges. The district shall nominate and elect two (2) representatives from the district to serve on the Foundation's Board of Directors. We elect these Trustees for a two (2) year term with one (1) Trustee being elected each year. A candidate for the office of Lions of Michigan Foundation Trustee shall:

- a. Be an active member in good standing of a Lions club in good standing in his/her district.
- b. Have served as President or Secretary of a Lions club for a full term or major portion thereof or as a member of the Board of Directors of a Lions club for no less than three (3) years.

January 4, 2022 — DISTRICT 11-E2 — LIONS OF MICHIGAN

ATTENTION: CLUB OFFICERS OF DISTRICT 11-E2
REGARDING: DISTRICT 11-E2 ANNUAL ELECTIONS

Greetings from your District 11-E2 Elections Chair. The officers that govern our district are selected annually at our District 11-E2 Convention. This year we will be meeting at Boyne Mountain Resort in Boyne Falls on April 29, April 30 and May 1. Nominations for candidates are due at least one (1) day prior to the nominating committee's report to the convention. HOWEVER, in order to allow for preparation of the ballots, please try to submit all nominations within thirty (30) days prior to the convening of our convention. This will be Wednesday, March 30, 2022. We will be electing these officers for the 2022-2023 year.

District Governor
1st Vice District Governor
2nd Vice District Governor
Trustee, Lions of Michigan Foundation
One trustee for a two (2) year term. (2022- 2024)

ALL CANDIDATES for these offices must be endorsed by their own Lions Club in writing. The nomination and endorsement letter should be sent to the nomination's chair and a copy sent to the state office by March 30, 2022. The addresses are as follows:

PDG Dave Zeller
Nominations Chair, District 11-E2
2511 Villeneuve
Alpena, MI 49707 dlzeller52@gmail.com

Lions of Michigan
Lion Wendy Burns, Executive Director
5730 Executive Drive
Lansing, MI 48911 wburns@lionsofmi.com

There are minimum qualifications for each office. Sections from the district and state constitution are enclosed that outline these qualifications. Please review them prior to submitting a nomination. If you have any questions feel free to contact me.

(231) 944-0587 or den7rich@gmail.com

Cordially,

Lion Dennis Richardson, Elections Chair
District 11-E2

Lions and Lions Clubs, don't forget to get your District Officer Nominations in to PDG Dave Zeller, 2511 Villeneuve Road, Alpena MI 49707 so you can be placed on the ballot.

District Service Project

Lions of 11-E2:

The district honorary committee (the PDG's), chaired by IPDG Rod Leathers, and working with our district GST Marie Leathers will be spearheading a district-wide service project at our District convention. What we decided on was packing goodie bags to pass out to children at KidSight screenings. Our goal is to pack 500 bags. They will contain crayons, coloring books, Lion mints, tattoos and stickers. The Lions of Michigan Foundation is providing the mints, small KidSight coloring books, stickers and tattoos. Leader Dog, Eversight and Lions Bear Lake Camp are also being contacted to see if they can donate small items to go into the bags. We will be providing decorative bags (animal paw prints) and the crayons. The cost of these items for 500 bags will be approximately \$300, so we are asking each club in the district if they can donate \$20 to help pay for them. If you wish to participate in this part of the project, please send your check, made out to Lions District 11-E2, to me at 14946 Royston Road, Hillman, MI 49746

If your club is interested in doing more to help with this project, there are other items we can add to the bags, pencils, other snacks, etc. To make sure the bags are consistent, we will need 500 of each of the items. I have below a link to a multi-pack of Gummy Bears that could be added to the bags.

https://smile.amazon.com/Haribo-Goldbears-Original-Flavor-containing/dp/B075LK74YD/ref=sr_1_9?crd=1OXCFS8KAWALT&keywords=gummy+bears+multipack&qid=1642701126&srefix=gummy+bears+multipack%2C893&sr=8-9

I am sure the creative Lions of our district can come up with other ideas. Perhaps your local Chamber of Commerce has some small trinket that could go into the bags. Since we need 500 of each item donated, this is a great opportunity for district clubs to work with their neighboring clubs to provide an item- maybe make it a zone project.

But the most important part of this project is to get as many Lions as possible to come to the convention on Friday night to help pack the bags. This is a great opportunity for us all to get together and do something fun! Please pass this on to your members and encourage as many as possible to join us in Boyne Falls on the evening of Friday, April 29th to help, and to enjoy the district mixer. We hope to see you all there!

CST Barb Durflinger
989-742-2790
lionbarb@comdac.com





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Hillman Lions Club
Presents
The Johnny Cash Tribute Show
Patchwood Plaza --- 14797 State Street, Hillman, MI 49746
Saturday, February 12th, 2022



Door Open: 6:00 pm – Show: 7:00 pm

Tickets Only \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door
Limited number of tickets available

Tickets available at Patchwood, Fochtman's Carquest, A-1 Woods & Waters, Hillman Chamber of Commerce (989-742-3739), or any Lions Club Member.

100% of proceeds will support local projects.

hor d'oeuvres provided by Meijer, Morrison's IGA, and
VanPamel's Diner --- BYOB

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY 2022

Lions of Michigan Forum 2022 — February 25-26, 2022 — **Zoom** Virtual Event

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



Beaverton Lions lost 2 members, Lions **Richard Lee** and **Terry Peden**.

East Jordan Lions: Lion **Steve Poole** passed away on January 25th from cancer. He was a Lions member for 30 years, serving as District Secretary and Zone Chair and a club officer.

Houghton Lake Lions mourn the passing of Lion **Murl G Randall**.

Prescott Skidway Lake Lions will miss the presence of Lion **Arnold Engster**.

*We honor those who have passed, for their devotion and service to others;
With sympathies & condolences to family & friends*

NEW MEMBERS — JANUARY

Harrisville Lions: **Sharon K. Goetz** and **Kathleen B. Laatz** joined 01/10/2022; Lion Arthur Laatz, Sponsor — **Donald S Mckenzie** and **Gail P. Mckenzie** joined 01/10/2022; Lion Kenneth Chamberlain, Sponsor — **Barbara K. Potter** joined 01/10/2021; Lion James Potter, Sponsor.

Hillman Lions: **Jack E. Matthias** joined 01/11/2022; Lion Mark Pankner, Sponsor.

Hubbard Lake Lions: **Donald A. Hagen** and **Gary T. Parkham** joined on 01/01/2022; Lion Edwin Degen, Sponsor.

Oscoda Lions: **Bob Drogosch** joined on 01/27/2022, Lion John Novak, Sponsor — **Melinda Marion** joined on 01/27/2022, Lion Patricia Novak, Sponsor

On the Mend

— None Reported —

Alpena Lions

JANUARY 2021

The Alpena Lions gathered in their newly adopted park.



Boyne Valley Lions

JANUARY 2021

From BVL meeting notes: The Lions are going to make (with our volunteers) as many pasties as we can during the week of February 7th - Feb 11th. We are going to need 6 volunteers each day to make the pasties. We NEED your help on what has been our best fundraiser. Pasties will be sold at Smeltania.

Boyne Valley Lions made a \$1,000 donation to the Boyne City High School football team.

East Jordan Lions

JANUARY 2021

The East Jordan Lions sold Christmas trees during November and December for a profit of \$1,723 to be used towards community projects.

Pictured is Denny Gocha selling trees at True Value Hardware.



Hillman Lions

JANUARY 2021

The Hillman Lions welcome new member Jack Matthias, being installed by DG Bill Gaines.



The Christmas party pictures below:



Oscoda Lions JANUARY 2021

Lion District Governor Bill Gaines inducted two new members into the Oscoda Lions club at their dinner meeting. *Standing from left to right:* sponsor John Novak, New Member Bob Drogosch, District Governor Bill Gaines, New Member Melinda Merion and sponsor Pat Novak.



Handicap Ramp Project Completed: On three cold winter days Lion Tony built a ramp for an Oscoda woman who is wheelchair bound. The cost of the materials was \$515.55 and will be paid by the Veteran's Administration. The homeowners were very happy to have easier access to and from their home



GST NEWS

Is your club struggling to report your service activities? Try using the attached form to fill out activity details for reporting in MyLion. Then send the form to your Club Service Chair, Club Secretary, Club President or Club Admin. Or if your club needs assistance reporting, the District GST (Marie Leathers) or District Admin (PDG Barb Durflinger) can report activities for you by filling out this form and sending to them. This form is also available to download from the district website at LionsDistrict11E2.org and click on MyLion Resources.

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Plan to attend the Friday night mixer at the District Convention on April 29 to participate in the district service project of filling goodie bags to be given out at KidSight screenings. The Honorary Committee of past district governors is organizing this activity. All you need to do is show up to help!

Marie Leathers

District GST

marie@centrallakerealty.com

231-350-0286

Activity Reporting Form

Activity Name Date(s) Activity Type ☐ Service Project ☐ Fundraiser ☐ Meeting ☐ DonationCause ☐ Hunger ☐ Environment ☐ Childhood Cancer ☐ Diabetes ☐ Vision ☐ OtherNumber of people served Number of Volunteers Number of volunteer hours Funds donated Funds raised

Description:

Other information:

IT NEWS

Are you missing your snowbird club members? With Zoom you can keep your whole club in contact all year! Hybrid meetings with some members meeting in person and the rest joining by Zoom are becoming more common, and with the right equipment everyone will get a quality experience. It's also a great way to have guest speakers from anywhere around the state when they can present virtually and not need to travel. If you need help just contact me and I'll help get everything up and running.

Be sure to visit the district website LionsDistrict11E2.org to stay up on all the District and State functions like conventions, forums and cabinet meetings. You will find a calendar of district events, links to state events, current and past district newsletters, and even tips on using Zoom and MyLion.

Marie Leathers

District IT

marie@centrallakerealty.com — 231-350-0286

FRAUD ALERT!

The scammers are out in force again.

I recently received an email that claimed to be from William Gaines — but wasn't! The email script is shown below verbatim:

William Gaines <president.900290240@gmail.com>

David

Happy new month

What time do you free tonight?

This laughably ludicrous text obviously wasn't authored by the scammer A-team. William Gaines is our District Governor, not "president", and DG Gaines is known to speak and write in proper english, not whatever fake "english" attempt that was. The email address also didn't look right. So I wasn't fooled. However, this shows that scammers are somewhat aware of our Lions leadership, and may continue to pose as Lions leaders to get other Lions to do something for them, something that will be monetarily beneficial for them, not you.

Also, my wife's credit card was just compromised, a fraudulent purchase she didn't make, so please be aware that fraud and scamming are at record highs, as the credit card company fraud agent told us.

Be aware, and be careful out there!

— Lion David Zimmer

CORONAVIRUS UPDATES – DEC. 29, 2021 - FEB. 02, 2022

This is a snapshot of the World, Nation, and State of Michigan statistics on **January 31 2022 - February 2, 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. & other health websites)

World Statistics

Cases: 381,127,829 ♦ Deaths: 5,700,885

U. S. Statistics

Cases: 75,012,446 ❖ Deaths: 884,853

Michigan Statistics

Cases: 2,258,465 ♦ Deaths: 32,263

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

World: 61.6% – United States: 75.9% – Michigan: 65.2%

(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:	1,619	66	61.69%
Alpena:	5,183	123	60.40%
Antrim:	3,999	53	64.89%
Arenac:	2,985	60	57.40%
Charlevoix:	4,654	55	69.80%
Cheboygan:	4,368	88	61.32%
Crawford:	2,357	23	58.93%
Emmet:	6,021	66	74.03%
Gladwin:	5,263	105	54.22%
Iosco:	4,491	128	62.93%
Kalkaska:	3,282	48	53.01%
Montmorency:	1,613	45	60.02%
Ogemaw:	4,036	88	50.40%
Oscoda:	1,374	53	48.82%
Otsego:	5,214	90	60.70%
Presque Isle:	1,990	55	66.16%
Roscommon:	4,332	109	61.19%
Totals	62,781	1,255	Total Avg: 60.35%

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+



COVID Update / DNA Discovery

The COVID Pandemic continues to impact human activities around the world. Recent data, where we stand:

- In December, 2021, Omicron supplanted Delta as the prevalent COVID variant infector.
- While COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations are starting to decline across the United States, deaths are still rising, and community transmission is still high nationwide.
- As of January 27, 2022, more than 211 million people in the United States (67.6% of people ages 5 years and older) have received a primary series of a COVID-19 vaccine and are considered fully vaccinated.
 - More than 86 million people are up to date with their COVID-19 vaccines, which means they have received all recommended COVID-19 vaccines, including boosters.
 - About 249,892,470 people, or 76% of the population, have received at least one dose.
- Two new CDC reports show that people who are up to date with their COVID-19 vaccines have the highest amount of protection against both the Delta and Omicron variants.
 - One report found that, compared to up-to-date adults, unvaccinated adults had five times the risk of infection and more than 50 times the risk of COVID-19-associated death.
 - A second report found that a third dose (either an additional primary dose or booster dose) of an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine (Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna) was highly effective at preventing emergency and urgent care visits and hospitalizations related to COVID-19.
- New data in December 2021, supports the effectiveness of vaccines and boosters. Unvaccinated adults ages 65 years and older were 49 times more likely to be hospitalized for COVID-19 than people in that age group who were up to date with their COVID-19 vaccines.
- Preliminary data suggest that Omicron may cause more mild disease in most people, although some people may still have severe disease, need hospitalization, and could die from the infection with this variant. The presence and severity of symptoms can be affected by COVID-19 vaccination status, the presence of other health conditions, age, and history of prior infection.

We are now in the third year of the COVID-19 Pandemic, and the current COVID cases and deaths rates are about where they were at the beginning, despite the presence of vaccines. With the Omicron variant being 25% to 50% more infectious and nearly a quarter of the American population unvaccinated, COVID-19 will be impacting our economy, our health, and our lives for the foreseeable future.

Our DNA's Ancient Secrets

Who we are and how we got here has been a compelling mystery in human cultures. Some answers were recently discovered: DNA, or deoxyribonucleic acid, is a long molecule that contains each person's unique genetic code. It holds the instructions for building the proteins that are essential for our bodies to function, the master molecule of every cell. It is the blueprint of what we are — what we look like, the color of our hair (and how much we have), how tall we become, the strengths and weaknesses of our bodies. DNA instructions are passed from parent to child, with roughly half of a child's DNA originating from the father and half from the mother.

The term DNA is popularly known through medical and law enforcement usage to determine paternity, identify a dead body, or to determine the identity of the perpetrator of murder or other crimes. However, DNA science has progressed far beyond these tools for such purposes, discovering much more about our world and the life that exists on it.

Neanderthals (*Homo neanderthalensis*) were very early (archaic) humans who lived in Europe and Western Asia from about 400,000 years ago until they became extinct about 40,000 years ago. Denisovans, distantly related to Neanderthals, are another population of early humans who lived in Asia. Denisovans were discovered recently (2008), so fewer Denisovan fossils have been found and scientists know much less about them. According to genome analysis in 2018 of a bone discovered in a Siberian cave; a female, who died around 90,000 years ago, had half Neanderthal and half Denisovan DNA, confirming that interbreeding between these ancient hominins occurred in some places.

Modern humans (*Homo sapiens*) appeared 300,000–200,000 years ago, and brain shape became essentially modern by at least 100,000 years ago. Research confirms that modern humans overlapped with Neanderthal and Denisovan populations for some time. The precise way that modern humans, the robust Neanderthals, and Denisovans are related is still under study. However, DNA research finds that their relation included interbreeding, as they had children together with both. As a result, most if not all people living today (except for native Africans) have a small amount of genetic material, from a trace up to 3% (perhaps more for some people), of DNA from distant Neanderthals and/or Denisovans. Now you know. As much as we've learned, there's still much more to discover to fill in the full picture of the story of us.

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



PICTURES OF THE MONTH – FEBRUARY 2022

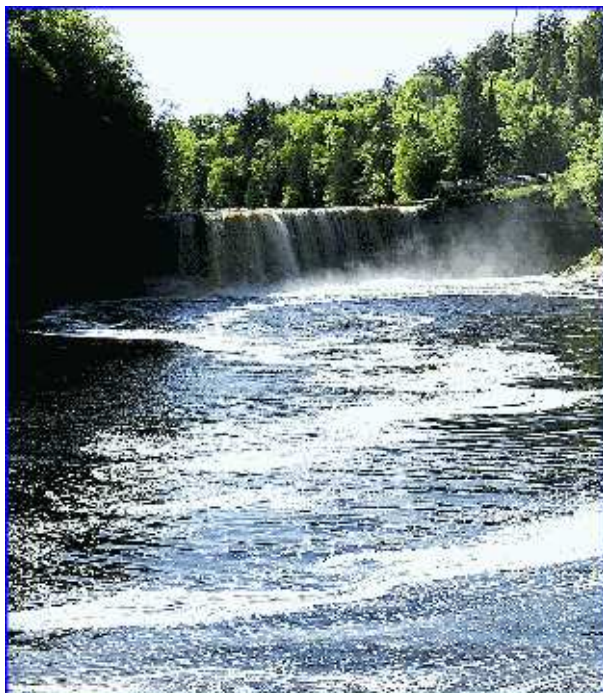


The beauty of Nature in Winter makes it arguably the most beautiful season of the year.

Above: Snow decorates a forest trail — Wind piles ice on the northern shore of Little Traverse Bay

For those of you who may not be of mind to appreciate Winter's beauty when it is accompanied with bitter winds and freezing temperatures, these examples of the beauty of the seasons Summer and Autumn are offered for you to look forward to when Winter finally gives way to warmer days.

Below: The Summer sun shines down on Tahquamenon Falls — Fallen leaves blanket the trails in Autumn



You Make the News – We Publish It!

Didn't find any mention of YOUR Lions Club in this issue?

Send your information to: dlzim47@gmail.com

NOTE: Submissions received after the 4th of the month will be printed in the next month issue

- 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.

#kindnessmatters

