



**MARCH 2020**  **SPRING**

*Notable Quote: "Tact is the ability to describe others as they see themselves."  
— Abraham Lincoln*



**Dave Zeller,  
District Governor**

## District Governor's Message

The days are quickly passing to each club to put together a nominating committee to choose who will lead your clubs this coming year. Please make sure your club has its officers in place and do the PU 101 shortly after elections. VDG Rod needs to get his District Roster completed.

Also don't forget about the opportunities at our own District Convention to be held April 24 thru 26 in West Branch. We will have training seminars for Secretary and President, Treasurer and Membership as well as a chance to meet with ID Alan Hunt and Lion Sonja. Also there will be a chance for a lot of good fun as the Rose City Lions are gearing up to see you there.

If you did not get a chance to go to the Michigan Forum this year, you missed a wonderful event. Each seminar got great reviews and a lot was learned by those Lions that attended. Make plans to attend next year Forum to be held in Grand Blanc again.

D.A.D grant has been extended to August 1, 2020, make sure you get a project in place to use your monies.

Leadership....

The District is in need of individuals to step forward and become leaders in your District. With your help, we can find enough Lions to fill the committee positions. If you have a passion for one of our projects, why not help other clubs by becoming a committee chair at the District Level. Ask VDG Rod what is available. I know I would like to have someone step forward that take over some of the one's I fill because no one else will do them. Most meeting now are held by phone or Zoom so you don't have to travel to Lansing.

If you want me to visit your club, let me know. I am back up on my feet and would enjoy a visit to your club.

— DG Dave Zeller

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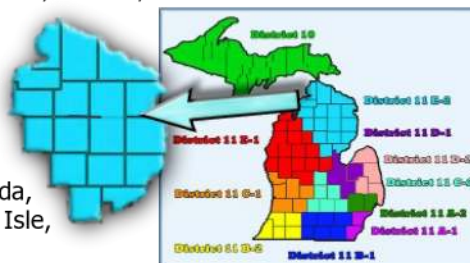
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**District 11-E2 Website:**  
[lionsdistrict11e2.org](http://lionsdistrict11e2.org)

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

**Lions Of Michigan Multiple District 11-E2 Counties**

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


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 East Jordan, Petoskey*





# Lions Clubs International



## LCI President's Message

Dr. Jung-Yul Choi

### We're Different, We're the Same

Greetings, Lions.

We talk a lot about serving our community as Lions. Service is best when it is personal and close to home, and when it enriches our relationship with our neighbors.

But now, as the world becomes smaller, the pace between our communities grows smaller, too. Sometimes we focus on how different another culture is. How their food is flavored, how they dress, how they celebrate, how they mourn.

But while the diversity of cultures across the world is truly astounding, what I've learned from my years as a Lion is how much we are all the same. We all want the same things. We want to have safe, warm homes. We want to feed and clothe our families, and have good schools for our children. We want healthcare when we're sick. And at some point, all of us need a helping hand of some kind.

This is why I say we need to be ready to look at our global community to see if there is work to be done. Unfortunately, there are areas with great need that do not have Lions clubs. Or, if they do have clubs, the clubs do not have the resources required to address the great need. This is where Lions can truly make a difference. We can stand together and reach out to our neighbor countries, our neighbor continents, our brothers and sisters on other sides of the world, to give help where it's needed most.

Lions in Korea have partnered with Lions in Japan to build schools in needy areas of Nairobi. Scandinavian and European Lions have banded together to provide aid to refugees in Turkey. These communities of Lions, and many more like them, have looked beyond their borders to see how they can serve.

When we treat the world as one global community, the differences between us seem less important than what makes us the same. We are different, and we are also the same.

Sincerely,

**Dr. Jung-Yul Choi**

International President, Lions Clubs International



## We Serve

Info from LCI



# Lions Clubs International FOUNDATION

300 W 22ND STREET • OAK BROOK ILLINOIS 60523-8842 USA • 630.571.5466 • WWW.LCIF.ORG

Dear Lions

By now, I trust you have settled into the new year. It is hard to believe how quickly my time as chairperson of our global foundation is passing. As I turn the pages on my calendar and see the days go by, I also see there are still several months to make an even greater impact while serving as Lions Clubs International Foundation chairperson.

As a Lion of long standing, I am well aware of what can be accomplished in a short period of time when we collaborate to achieve our goals as we serve our neighbors, our communities, and those we may not even know.

There are roughly four months remaining this year. I encourage you to make the most of them. Collaborate more as a club to carry out a new fundraising initiative or to raise community awareness of LCIF, a catalyst our to health happiness, hope. will likely have some fun (and may be even earn recognition!) in the process. Between now and June 30 I challenge every club to be bold. To be daring. And to set a new and exciting goal! Together, we are stronger. Together, we can more easily tackle new challenges. Together, We Serve

In friendship,

Gudrun Yngvadottir

Chairperson, Lions Clubs International Foundation



**CAMPAIGN | 100**  
LCIF • EMPOWERING SERVICE<sup>SM</sup>

Lions Clubs International Foundation | 300 W. 22nd St. Oak Brook, IL 60523-8842 USA | +1.630.571.5466

## Campaign 100: LCIF Empowering Service

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

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





*Lions  
& guests  
are invited*  
to a special Lions  
behind-the-scenes  
event at  
Leader Dogs  
for the Blind



## Saturday, June 20, 2020

**Drop in anytime between 11AM and 1PM**

In appreciation of Lions' support, your club, family and guests are invited to an exclusive "Lions behind-the-scenes" event at Leader Dogs for the Blind. Experience an activity under blindfold, meet a Leader Dog client, visit the gift shop, take a VIP tour of our canine development center and meet a puppy!

Please **RSVP** by June 15, 2020 to [LionsSupport@leaderdog.org](mailto:LionsSupport@leaderdog.org) or call **248.218.6407**.

*~ If you will be utilizing your service dog, please let us know at the time of your RSVP.*



Leader Dogs for the Blind | 1039 S. Rochester Rd. | Rochester Hills, MI 48307-3115





# Lions Of Michigan Foundation

"Bridging The Gap To Service"

**February 19, 2020**

11-E2 Lions of Michigan Foundation trustees Barb Durlinger and Chuck Brew presenting a low vision reader to Optometrist Anna Kleinebreil of Otsego Family Vision for the use of one of her clients.

The reader was donated by the Lions of Michigan Foundation.



## Sight & Hearing Sweepstakes



www.lmfnet.net  
5730 Executive Drive  
Lansing, MI 48911  
517-887-6640

**LIONS OF MICHIGAN  
FOUNDATION**

**34<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL  
SIGHT & HEARING  
SWEEPSTAKES**

Project KidSight  
Emergency Vision & Hearing Care  
R. Mathog Lions Hearing Centers  
Emergency Disaster Relief  
Military Family & Veterans' Relief

### LIONS OF MICHIGAN FOUNDATION SIGHT & HEARING SWEEPSTAKES

LICENSE NO. R55874

\$10.00 Per Ticket

Grand Prize - \$5,000.00

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

Drawing: May 16, 2020 - 10:00 AM-2:00 PM

DOUBLE TREE BY HILTON  
650 E. 24<sup>TH</sup> St. - Holland, Michigan

TICKET NO. \_\_\_\_\_

### RETURN THIS STUB ONLY

YOU NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN

Purchaser: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Ticket Seller: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

TICKET NO. \_\_\_\_\_

### LIONS OF MICHIGAN FOUNDATION S&H SWEEPSTAKES - TICKET SELLERS

LICENSE NO. R55875

1 Prize - \$750 3 Prize - \$250  
2 Prize - \$500 4 Prize - \$100

Drawing: May 2, 2020 - 10:00 AM-1:00 PM

LIONS OF MICHIGAN STATE OFFICE  
5730 Executive Dr. - Lansing, Michigan

TICKET NO. 15839

The Sight & Hearing Sweepstakes is a state-wide raffle sponsored by the Lions of Michigan Foundation. Michigan Lion and Lioness Clubs participate in the raffle by partnering with the Lions of Michigan Foundation to sell raffle tickets. Tickets are \$10 each, and the grand prize is \$5,000.

All proceeds generated by the Sight & Hearing Sweepstakes are used to provide eye care and hearing aids to low-income Michigan residents.

### Cash Prizes

1ST PRIZE	\$ 5,000.00
2ND PRIZE	\$ 2,500.00
3RD PRIZE	\$ 2,000.00
4TH PRIZE	\$ 1,500.00
5TH PRIZE	\$ 1,000.00
6TH PRIZE	\$ 500.00
7TH PRIZE	\$ 400.00
8TH PRIZE	\$ 300.00
9TH PRIZE	\$ 200.00
10TH PRIZE	\$ 100.00



The Rose City Lions Club is proud to be able to host the 2020 44th Annual District Convention.

We hope you will join us to celebrate the ending of the year for District Governor Dave and enjoy International Director Alan and his wife Sonia.

The West Branch area has a number of locally owned shops and restaurants in the downtown area for you to visit and enjoy, and you may have a Big Foot sighting or two as you travel downtown.

By coming to this Convention you will enjoy being with your Fellow Lions and Lioness and also be able to learn more about Lions and some of the Projects we serve. Very important training will be available for Club President, Secretary, Treasurers, and Membership Chairs.

Please join us on April 24th – 26<sup>th</sup> in West Branch for YOUR District Convention. The mixer Friday night will be a Roaring 20's theme. Dress accordingly!! Also, with the hunger initiative, bring a canned good for entry to the mixer, or there may be a fine 😊

President Ray Shelley

Convention Chair





2020 Lions/Lioness  
District 11 E-2 Convention  
West Branch, MI  
April 24-26 2020



**CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM**

Complete one form for each person!

**Registrations are due April 2, 2020**

Circle all that apply:    Lion    Lioness    Spouse    Leo    Guest

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

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

Name you want on your badge: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Telephone: (    ) - \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Indicate which event you will attend:**

	Friday Evening Mixer 7:30 pm - Hors' D'oeuvres and entertainment Hosted by: Rose City Lions Club	Included
	Saturday Banquet Buffet, Circle Choice: <b>Toscana Chicken &amp; Shrimp or Smoked Brisket</b>	\$34.00
	Sunday Lioness Awards Breakfast Buffet	\$18.00
	<b>REGISTRATION FORM IS NEEDED TO VOTE</b>	
	Write a Check, for those checked Total:	

**Room Reservations (Forwards Conference Center)**

Reservations can be made directly thru Forwards Conference Center at 989-345-3503, Ask for the Lions Group Discount. Rooms are on a first come firstserve basis. All rooms will be \$94.00 for Standard or \$109.00 Pool Side plus taxes and fees and reservations should be made by March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Rose City Lions Convention**  
**Mail to: Rose City Lions - Registration – PO Box 195 Rose City, MI 48654**

**Enclosed is my check for meals and Activities as indicated above \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

Note: One check can be written for two or more registration forms. Please place the check number in the following bracket of each form you are including. **(Check#: \_\_\_\_\_)**

Your convention hosts are: **The Lions Club of Rose City** . For information or answers to questions please contact: Ray Shelley (989)329-6389, rayman\_6183@yahoo.com



2020 Convention Itinerary		
Day & Time(EDT)	Description	Location
<b>Friday April 24th</b>		
<b>2-6 PM</b>	<b>Registration &amp; Certification</b>	<b>Lobby Quality Inn</b>
4-5 PM	Lions District Cabinet Meeting	Deep River Room
6:00 PM	V.I.P Dinner (by Invitation)	Damon Room
7-9:30 PM	District Mixer Corn Hole & Horse Racing	Damon Room
<b>Saturday April 25th</b>		
<b>8:30 -11:30 AM</b>	<b>Registration &amp; Certification</b>	<b>Lobby Quality Inn</b>
8:30-8:55 AM	ID and Cabinet	Deep River Room
9-10 AM	Lions District Business Meeting	Deep River Room
9-10 AM	Lioness Meeting	Springville Room
10:05 -11:05 AM	Lions Training Sessions - President-PDG David Zeller Secretary - Lion Bob Noll Treasurer - CST Barb Durflinger Membership Chair - Lion Bob Taisor	Deep River Room Greenwood Room Springville Room Damon Room
10:05 -11:15 AM	Visit Multiple District Projects Tables	Lobby Quality Inn
1:00-2:15 PM	Guest Speaker: Dr. Dan Wrubel Ferris State Optometry	Damon Room

DAY & Time (EDT)	Description	Location
<b>Saturday April 25th</b>		
<b>1:30-3 PM</b>	<b>Registration &amp; Certification</b>	
2:15-3:45 PM	Eversight Leader Dog Lions of Michigan Foundation Bear Lake	Damon Room
4:00-5:00 PM	District Raffle	Hospitality Room
<b>Saturday Evening April 25th</b>		
5:30 -6:30 PM	Meet and Greet	Damon Room
6:30-9:30 PM	District Banquet	Damon Room
9:30 PM	Hospitality Room	
<b>Sunday April 26th</b>		
8:00-8:45 AM	Memorial Service	Deep River Room
9:15-10:30 AM	Lioness Awards Breakfast Buffet	Damon Room
<b>9 AM -10:45 AM</b>	<b>Registration &amp; Certification</b>	<b>Lobby Quality Inn</b>
11:00 AM	Lions District Elections	Deep River Room
11:00 AM	Lioness Meeting	Springville Room
<b>Noon</b>	<b>Convention Adjourned</b>	







2019-2020 Lions/Lioness  
District 11-E2 Convention

MEMORIAL REPORT



Dear Club Officers:

Each year District 11-E2 holds a special Memorial Service on Sunday morning of the Convention. This is a solemn moment when we honor all the Lions and Lioness who have passed away during the past Lion year. Every Club is asked to respond by submitting the names of your members whose service on Earth has ended. Furthermore, we ask that you honor them by attending the Memorial Service and lighting a candle in honor and remembrance of their service. If you are unable to attend **please** let us know so that we can have someone there to light it for you. This is very important as we also need to know how many candles to purchase

Please print or type so that the names will be spelled correctly in the Memorial Program.  
*\*\*Remember this is for members who have passed since the last convention, May, 2019 \*\**

Thank you for helping to honor your former member(s),  
District 11-E2 Convention Committee

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

Club Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Deceased Member(s): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Please mail to: PDP Pam Stewart  
2659 E. Linwood Rd  
Au Gres, MI 48703

by April 13, 2020

Questions? Call 989-646-2020 or email: [pams1952@yahoo.com](mailto:pams1952@yahoo.com)

# ADVERTISING ORDER FOR PROGRAM

## 2020 Lions/Lioness

District 11 E-2 Convention

April 24,25,26 2020

Forward's Conference Center, West Branch MI



Individual or Club \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

### SIZE OF AD BEING ORDERED:

Width x Height

5 x 8 (Full Page) \$99.00 \_\_\_\_\_

5 x 4 (Half Page) \$55.00 \_\_\_\_\_

2.5 x 4 (Quarter Page) \$35.00 \_\_\_\_\_

(Sizes shown include borders around the ad)

Customer Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**ATTACH CHECK OR MONEY ORDER (made payable to District 11-E2 Convention Fund) along with printer ready copy.**

Please note that this year we are offering 100% full color.

Ad artwork can be emailed to [debbi1612@hotmail.com](mailto:debbi1612@hotmail.com). FINAL

**DEADLINE TO GET AN AD IS MARCH 27, 2020**

### MAIL TO:

Rose City Lions  
P.O. Box 195  
Rose City, MI  
48654

**If you have any questions,  
please contact**

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**Our Motto:**



**We Serve**

*Life is short, so forgive quickly.*

*Believe slowly. Love truly.*

*Laugh uncontrollably. Never regret  
anything that makes you happy.*

*And have a wonderful journey!!*



**2019 - 2020 Lions/Lioness District 11 E-2 Convention**  
**CERTIFICATION OF DELEGATES**

**Please return by: April 2, 2020**

According to the Multiple District 11 Convention and By-Laws, all Lions Clubs in good standing with Lions Clubs International, Multiple District 11 and District 11-E2 are entitled to (1) vote for each (10) members, or major fraction thereof, as reported on their February 2019 membership report. The major fraction referred to is (5) or more members.

PLEASE NOTE: Your delegates are determined by your February 2019 Membership Report and Not the 2020 February Membership Report. Lions Clubs International policy requires that voting delegates be based on the number of Lions that have been members for one year and one day.

Select your delegates and alternates. All must be Lions for at least one year and one day prior to the convention. List their names on the left side of the form. Please PRINT or TYPE. Place a (D) after each delegate and an (A) after each alternate. **List delegates first and then alternates. DO NOT HAVE THE DELEGATES OR ALTERNATES SIGN THE FORM!!** All delegates and alternates will sign the form at the time of registration and certification at the convention. Clubs less than one year old should use their charter numbers to determine their entitled number of delegates. Use the reverse side if necessary. **RETURN THIS FORM NO LATER THAN April 2, 2020.**

**Mail to: Lion Bob Nelden**  
**102 Elm Street**  
**Charlevoix, MI 49720**

The total number of Lions on our 2019 February Membership report is \_\_\_\_\_.

<b>THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY CLUB SECRETARY</b>	<b>THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED AT CONVENTION SITE</b>
<b><u>NAME OF DELEGATE/ALTERNATE</u></b>	<b><u>SIGNATURE</u></b>

I hereby certify that the delegates and alternates listed above are members in good standing of the \_\_\_\_\_ Lions Club, District 11-E2, Multiple District 11 and Lions Clubs International.

\_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_  
 President's Signature Secretary's Signature

# SNOWBIRD WINTER UPDATE

Many of our Lions Clubs in District 11-E2 have members who, for one reason or another, leave our beautiful State of Michigan to spend the Winter in Florida, Arizona, or some other state south of us that offers non-winter weather.

We miss our absent Lions members, and so we want to let you all know what you've been missing up here in Michigan these past few months.

Northern Michigan has had a "mixed" winter this year, with normal Winter weather alternating with March-like aspects. Not the best Winter ever, but the roads were better than usual for the season.

Data in the table below is from the Petoskey-Harbor Springs area

Month	Days It Snowed	Days It Rained/Mix	Days Above 32° High	Days 32° or Below High	Warmest Temp.	Coldest Temp.
December	14	5	20	11	50° 12/26/19	7° 12/18/19
January	12	8	18	13	43° 01/09/20 01/10/20	3° 01/20/20
February	14	0	10	19	45° 02/23/20	0° 02/08/20 02/17/20

February offered the closest thing to a "normal" Michigan Winter pattern

2019-2020 Winter Snow Totals For Several Northern Michigan Communities -- 03/04/20

Site	Daily	Season	Normal	Seasonal Normal	Record/Year
Alpena	0	59.7	67.6	84.3	166.3 1970-71
Houghton Lake	T	50	55.6	66.7	124.1 1970-71
Sault Ste. Marie	2.2	112.7	101.9	120.4	222.0 1995-96
Gaylord	0.7	110.9	121.3	141.5	207.5 1996-97
Traverse City	T	78.1	89.9	101.4	194.9 1996-97
West Branch	T	46.2	42.2	50.2	95.0 1951-52
Petoskey	0.3	96.9	111.4	122.8	184.8 2013-14

All data are in inches

Enjoy your "non-winter". See you all back home in Northern Michigan in the coming months!

## ATTENTION MICHIGAN FORUM ATTENDEES!

Did you wear a men's leather jacket to the Michigan Forum held in Flint February 21-22? Please double check your coat pockets-someone took home the wrong jacket containing car keys. With the beautiful weather we had on Saturday afternoon, it's possible that jacket went in the backseat of a car and maybe it's still there.

**If found, please contact PDG Harry Johnson immediately at 231-250-5257.**



# Calendar of Events

## MARCH 2020

**Daylight Savings Begins** — Sunday, March 8, 2020 — “Spring Foreward”

**St. Patrick's Day** — Tuesday, March 17, 2020

**Spring Equinox** — Spring Begins Thursday, March 19, 2020

## APRIL 2020

**District 11-E2 Cabinet Meeting** — Friday, April 24, 2020 — Deep River Room, Quality Inn, 2980 Cook Rd., West Branch, MI, 48661

**District 11-E2 Convention** — Friday - Sunday, April 24-26, 2020 — Quality Inn, 2980 Cook Rd., West Branch, MI, 48661 — District business meeting: April 25, 2020, 9:00 a.m., Deep River Room — Lioness meeting: April 25, 2020, 9:00 a.m., Springville Room,

## MAY 2020

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

## JUNE 2020:

**LCI Convention** — June 26, 2020 — Singapore

## JUNE 2021:

**LCI Convention** — June 25, 2021 — Montreal, Quebec, Canada



# PASSINGS

NONE RECEIVED



# NEW MEMBERS

**Oscoda Lions** Inducted 4 New Members: Lions **Dave Schaeffer**, **Nadia Hollenbeck**, **Darryl Hollenbeck** and **Dirk Hunt**

## *On the Mend*

NONE RECEIVED

## Just ask!

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

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

Lions Clubs International has many resources available to support your club. Contact the Membership department at [membership@lionsclubs.org](mailto:membership@lionsclubs.org) or go to the LCI website. The resources mentioned in this guide can all be found at [lionsclubs.org/MembershipChair](https://lionsclubs.org/MembershipChair).

### Boyne Valley Lions

#### FEBRUARY 2020

The District has asked if the BVLC would like to host the District Conference in the Boyne area (Boyne Mountain) in April 2021?

- a) 200-300 people for 3 days
- b) Would require a committee to plan and implement
  - (1) Lion Joe would like to be a member of the planning committee
- c) Can we get other Lions Clubs to help and co-host (example East Jordan Lions Club)
- d) Need to continue to discuss with our club and gauge level of interest

### Charlevoix Lions

#### FEBRUARY 2020

Charlevoix Lions planned a Valentine's Day Dinner on Feb. 13, 2020 at 5:30 to 6:30, dinner served at 6:30, held in the lodge at the YMCA Camp on Torch Lake - Camp Hayo-went-ha. The meal choices: Prime rib of beef or roasted pork tenderloin. Appetizers, twice baked potatoes, green beans almondine, salad, and dessert bar also served.

Following up after the Lions Dining With Diabetes Program with information for both clubs on area wellness programs, for your information – here is the February calendar for the Munson Healthcare Charlevoix Wellness Workshop and the highlights for upcoming classes:

"Our plant-based "Make and Take" learning lunch this Friday, January 31st and our evening "Art of Health Eating Valentines Raw Chocolate" class on February 12th.

Wellness Wednesday \$15 Cholesterol Screening: Every Wednesday from 8 am-11 am, Munson Healthcare Charlevoix Hospital hosts "Wellness Wednesday" health screenings at the hospital's Wellness Workshop, 411 Bridge Street in Charlevoix. Health screens include: Total Cholesterol, HDL, TC/HDL Ratio, Glucose Level, Body Mass Index Score, and Fat Percentages and a Blood Pressure Reading. Cost for the service is \$15 and free once per year for employees and volunteers. Participants receive all test results at the time of the screening and a "Know Your Numbers" log to track progress. A Registered Nurse will adapt health consultation and educational materials to individual results.

Due to popular demand, Michigan State Extension will be teaching another cohort of their 8-week 'Tai Chi for Arthritis and Fall Prevention' class at the Wellness Workshop beginning in March. This class is designed to increase strength, balance and prevent falls. Pre-registration is required and space is limited, please call the MSU Extension office at (231) 582-6232 to register."



## Central Lake Lions/Lioness

### FEBRUARY 2020

The Central Lions Club held a Valentine's Day Dinner on Feb. 13, 2020 at 5:30 to 6:30, dinner served at 6:30. It was held in the lodge at the YMCA Camp Hayo-Went-Ha on Torch Lake. The meal choices were prime rib of beef or roasted pork tenderloin. Appetizers, twice baked potatoes, green beans almondine, salad, and dessert bar were also served.



— Tail twister Sarah Goldberg made it a fun evening with "The Oldiewed Game" since there weren't any newlyweds there!



A new resident of Central Lake, Susan Graff, offered to make port pillows for Camp Quality to help support our Pediatric Cancer project. She made and delivered over 100 port pillows! Thank you Susan!

## East Jordan Lions

### JANUARY 2020

The East Jordan Lions Club presented two Milestone Achievement Awards. Receiving the award recognizing 15 years of service to the Club is Bob Noll. (Right) —



— (Left) Joe Krumholz is recognized for 10 years of service.

Both awards were presented by District 11-E2 First Vice District Governor Rod Leathers.



## Hillman Lions FEBRUARY 2020



These are the images from our fifth grade Valentine's Day art project on February 6.

Thanks to Carleen Klein, Linda Harris, Pat West and Mike LaTulip for their help!



## Oscoda Lions FEBRUARY 2020

The Oscoda Lions club held its ninth Annual Souper Bowl Supper on Friday night, February 7, 2020. The event featured 29 different soups prepared by 25 Lions and four community volunteers. Richardson Elementary Schools art class students made ceramic bowls to sell at the supper. The money raised from selling the bowls will go towards helping fight Hunger, and the money raised by the soup dinner goes to helping our charities.



Group picture of the kids that made the bowls

We would like to thank everyone who came out to attend the supper (250) and five businesses that helped us, Family Fare, Vinnie's Hardware, KFC, Rogers, and Vista Lanes.



—Lions serving soups



— Soup Lovers enjoying the event

Young volunteers, prepared tables for the Evening —



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## Oscoda Lions

### FEBRUARY 2020

Vice District Governor Rod Leathers and his Wife Lion Marie attended out last meeting, Vice District Governor Rod inducted four new members, Lions Dave Schaeffer, Nadia Hollenbeck, Darryl Hollenbeck and Dirk Hunt, He also gave a talk on his theme for next year "One Lion Can Make a Difference".

Left to right: Dave Schaeffer, his sponsor Bob Tasior VD Gov. Rod Leathers , Darryl Hollenbeck, Nadia Hollenbeck, and Dirk Hunt, sponsor Tony Priebe



## Petoskey Lions

### FEBRUARY 2020

The Petoskey Lions Club recycled 177 pairs of glasses in February.

Three requests for glasses were received in February and are being processed.

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## The Path to Extinction

You've all probably seen pictures from the recent Australian bush fires — devastation almost beyond belief, with bush fires burning an area the size of South Korea. Thousands of homes were consumed, and hundreds of thousands of people suffered from evacuations and thick toxic smoke. Only 34 people, including firefighters, were killed, though that number may rise as the missing are found.

As bad as the fires have been for humans, the destruction wrought on both wild and domesticated animals is horrific. Estimates of mammals, birds, or reptiles killed range from half a billion, to over 1 billion according to the University of Sydney. Thousands of farm animals, mostly sheep, also perished in fires that raged throughout Australia.



Seeing rescuers trying to save badly burned kangaroos, koalas, and other mammals is heartbreaking. An estimated 25,000 koalas were killed when flames devastated Kangaroo Island in the state of South Australia on January 9, 2020. In all, it is believed that up to one third of Australia's koalas perished, and 30% of their natural habitat has been destroyed.

These statistics are, of course, numbers gleaned from the best data available in a chaotic situation. Future data may bring other statistics to light, for better or worse.



Whatever the final count, it's heart-wrenchingly sad to lose so many koalas. Unlike kangaroos, these inoffensive and adorable arboreal herbivorous marsupials have little chance of outrunning a fire. They live in trees which leaves them defenseless, with nowhere to hide when a fire comes through. Koalas have evolved to eat only a few varieties of eucalyptus trees. This specific dietary requirement has led to decreasing numbers of koalas as human activity continues to shrink the eucalyptus habitat koalas require. Before the recent fires, the Australian Koala Foundation estimated there were likely to be less than 80,000 Koalas remaining in Australia. Whether from human or natural habitat destruction, koalas are, sadly, on a path to extinction due to their inability to adapt to changing habitats.

That is the way of nature since life on earth began. As indicated from the fossil record, Earth has witnessed five major mass extinctions when more than 75% of species disappeared. While it is not always clear the exact cause of mass extinctions, most involved rapid climate change causing too much heat, or an ice age – either of which can alter habitats, creating conditions in which certain species of animals cannot live. The best science available indicates recurring mass extinction events occurred as follows:

End Ordovician, 444 million years ago – 86% of species lost;

Late Devonian, 375 million years ago – 75% of species lost;

End Permian, 251 million years ago – 96% of species lost, “the great dying”, worst extinction event ever nearly ended life on Earth;

End Triassic, 200 million years ago – 80% of species lost;

End Cretaceous, 66 million years ago – 76% of all species lost, mostly due directly and indirectly to an asteroid that ended the dinosaur era.

A number of biologists suspect we may be living through the sixth major mass extinction. The cause of this extinction event: Humans. Whether outright purposely killing animals, or destroying for their own purposes habitats that supported animals for thousands of years, and then creating environments in which these animals cannot survive, human activity is pushing many species onto the Endangered List.

This is actually not a new thing. The Pleistocene Epoch, which lasted from about 1.65 million until 10,000 years ago, was the time of the last Ice Age. As the climate grew colder, many animals grew larger. Mastodons and woolly mammoths, woolly rhinoceros, giant ground sloth, camelops, glyptodon, steppe bison, cave bear and short-faced bear, dire wolf, saber-toothed tiger, Eurasian cave lion and American Lion – all large and strong, the supreme beasts of their time – and all extinct.



We know from fossil remains and cave paintings that our cave dwelling ancestors hunted many of these animals for food, and killed predators that threatened their survival. While climate was the biggest reason for extinction of the Pleistocene giants, it is also evident that humans played some part in their demise.

From prehistoric times to the dawn of civilization to modern times, humans have grown in numbers and altered habitats for cities and agriculture – to the detriment of the animal population. Hundreds of living creatures are on endangered lists, and we've seen several species die out in the last few centuries. The dodo and the passenger pigeons, to name a couple, are extinct because people killed all of them. Only the concept of preservation has saved many animal species from extinction.

Everything mentioned above regarding animals also applies to plants. There are now 41,415 species on the IUCN (International Union for Conservation of Nature) Red List, and 16,306 of them are endangered species threatened with extinction, up from 16,118 last year (includes both endangered animals and plants).

While abrupt climate changes and human activity doomed many species during and especially after the Ice Age, it's important to note that even more species survived, and many have thrived. The rat and the coyote are especially adaptable species that thrive in human habitats. It's estimated that there are up to seven billion rats across the planet, about one rat per person. Rats do actually serve a purpose in the ecosystem. They have adapted to human activity, and as opportunistic scavengers will eat garbage and other things that people discard. As prey for predators, living in human habitats lessens their becoming a wild predators's meal.

Coyotes, smaller cousins of the wolf, were historically found on the Great Plains of North America. Humans killed off most apex predators (wolves and cougars which can prey on coyotes) across the nation, leaving a niche for the coyotes. They now range from the Arctic to Central America. Except for Hawaii, coyotes live in all of the United States, Canada, and Mexico. Urban coyotes are present in practically every city across the United States. Because a female can adjust her litter size based on the availability of food and other factors, she can have larger litters of pups in a city or other location where there are plenty of rodents, reptiles, fruits, vegetables and so much else in a relatively small area.

At least 400,000 coyotes are exterminated each year. The federal government kills around 80,000, with the annual cost of \$20 million in taxpayer money. As for the other 320,000 annual coyote deaths, most of are slain in predator killing contests across the U.S. Individual hunters also kill coyotes for "population management", or for something to shoot in off-seasons for "fun". Despite these efforts to decrease coyote populations, the total number of coyotes continues to rise. More coyotes exist today than when the U.S. Constitution was signed. Removing coyotes from an area results in rodents and other small mammals increasing in numbers, which in turn draws surrounding packs of coyotes to this plentiful food source.

So why did the Ice Age predator, the dire wolf, die out, while the smaller coyote has survived and thrived? The difference between extinction and survival is not about the strength or size, it is about adaptability. Those who adapt to change the fastest win the race for survival.

Both nature and human activity are changing or destroying wild habitats at an alarming pace. Elephants, rhinos, tigers, cheetahs, gorillas, chimpanzees, orangutans, sea turtles, pangolins, koalas, and so many more animals in the wild will disappear unless they can adapt or compassionate humans can manage to preserve their shrinking habitats. Most, if not all, of the animals listed above won't adapt fast enough to survive.

Even our organization's feline namesake, the lion, is rapidly shrinking in population. Just over a century ago, there were more than 200,000 wild lions living in Africa. Today, there are only about 20,000. Lions are extinct in 26 African countries and have vanished from over 95% of their historic range. Though lions still exist in 28 African countries and one Asian country, only six countries are known to each contain more than 1,000 lions.

Ironically, the human Lions are also seeing their numbers shrink in the U.S. Changes in social norms, technology advances, and generational differences have apparently altered the perception of volunteerism and service club relevance.. The old ways of doing things are no longer adequate. Nature, whether human or other animal, always seeks balance with the unconditional principle of "Adapt or Die". With Environment as one of our key Global Causes, and Membership gains for survival, we have a **LOT** of **SERVING** to do!