



April 2020



Notable Quote: "The art of living consists in knowing which impulses to obey and which must be made to obey." - Sydney J. Harris



**Dave Zeller,
District Governor**

District Governor's Message

As I sat down to write this April Article I wonder where this new Corona19 virus will take us. Club meetings being canceled, District Convention canceled, Multiple District Convention canceled, LCI Convention canceled.

What does this all mean for us? Here is my take, please stay safe and follow the rules, but don't lose contact with your members, friends, and your own family. With Skype, Zoom meetings, Facebook and the good old fashion telephone, please keep in contact.

Some of the things that have changed is the way we will vote for our District Officers, details on that have already gone out to your club secretaries. There will be no vote on the Multiple District dues increase till the next council of governors has reviewed.

We will be having one more cabinet meeting before the end of May, so stay tuned for details at a later date.

Have you ever thought of running for District office or being on a committee, now is a good time to step up. We need your help to continue to have a viable District of which you are a part.

Last of all I would like to thank the District for nominating me to the Lions of Michigan Hall of Fame. It's a great honor and I am sure that my grandfather, a charter member in 1926, and my dad, PDG Bill Zeller, are smiling down on me. It is this great district who I share this honor with.

Stay safe, and remember, even thru this tough time, "We Serve" -- and what can your club do to help your fellow man!!

— DG Dave Zeller

2018 - 2019 DISTRICT OFFICERS REFERENCE LIST

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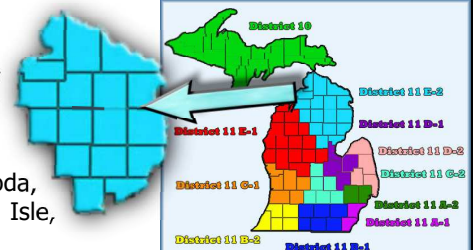
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District 11-E2 Website:
lionsdistrict11e2.org

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

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Alcona, Alpena, Antrim, Arenac,
Charlevoix,
Cheboygan,
Crawford, Emmet,
Gladwin, Iosco,
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LCI President's Message

Dr. Jung-Yul Choi

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

Dear Lion,

I have always believed that the club is the most important part of our entire organization. You are responsible for strengthening our membership, mentoring new leadership and most importantly, serving your community. Take action with your Global Action Team (GAT), and see how your club can accomplish even more.

When you collaborate with your club and district GAT members, you leverage a network of experience and resources to transform your service ideas into life-changing results. You empower your Lions to think globally, and act locally. And together, you create a synergy that can deliver a new level of service excellence to your community.

Regards,

Dr. Jung-Yul Choi
International President



We Serve

Make International President Choi a part of your induction day



Worldwide Induction Day (WWID) is April 25, 2020—a day when Lions clubs around the world welcome new members, serve their communities and celebrate membership together.

International President Dr. Jung-Yul Choi invites you and your club to participate in this year's celebration: all clubs that register at lionsclubs.org will receive special digital content, including an induction video from IP Choi to use during your event for your new members and their sponsors.

Info from LCI



March 20, 2020

2020 Lions Clubs International Convention will not be held in Singapore

Dear Lion,

We regret to announce that the Lions Clubs International Convention, scheduled for 26-30 June 2020, will not be held as originally planned in the city of Singapore.

The Ministry of Health in Singapore just announced that all large-scale events through June 30 will be canceled to further reduce the transmission of the coronavirus. The Lions Board of Directors received the notification today from Singapore, and this important topic will be discussed by the Board of Directors at or before the April Board meeting.

Earlier this month, I informed you that while we were optimistic we could hold the convention in Singapore, we were also assessing the feasibility of other host cities. For the past several weeks, the Executive Officers and the Convention Division Team have been exploring alternative options. Any changes surrounding the convention site and times are subject to Board approval, and will be shared with Lions as soon as available.

In the meantime, our Convention Team will be working diligently to assist you. Lions International will issue full refunds for all registration fees paid. At this time, we kindly ask that you do not contact LCI Registration to inquire about your registration, ticket or housing cancellations as we establish our cancellation details.

We are disappointed, but we will continue to move forward as a global organization, keeping the health and safety of our members in mind.

Regards,

Dr. Jung-Yul Choi
International President



**March 21, 2020**

LCI Headquarters Closed

Dear Lions,

The Illinois State government in USA on Friday announced a stay-at-home order starting at 5 p.m. Saturday through at least April 7, marking Illinois' most aggressive step yet to try to slow the spread of the coronavirus. The measures included the requirement to cease all non-essential services in the state. Lions Clubs International is identified as non-essential. To comply with the state mandate, the Lions Clubs International Headquarters in Oak Brook will be closed at least until April 7, 2020.

While staff will not physically be in the building, staff teams will be working remotely and available during business hours to respond to the needs of Lions. You may [contact LCI staff](#) or [LCIF staff](#) as needed.

Performance of systems may be impacted due to the increased number of people working remotely, and response time may be affected. Some of our business operations that require physical interaction will likely be limited.

More details will be provided early next week, but here is some preliminary guidance:

- For information on district and multiple district conventions, please check our [coronavirus updates webpage](#) after March 24, 2020.
- Regarding payment of outstanding dues, we recommend that districts allow clubs that are able to demonstrate they have sent or submitted payment to participate in voting. This could be via a bank statement, copy of demand draft, etc. Clubs will not be cancelled during this time, based on the challenges related to receiving and processing physical cheques and electronic payments.
- For LCI payments, please utilize online payment options via MyLCI or any other electronic payment method (ACH, SEPA, Boletto, NEFT, etc.) instead of sending checks to the office.
- Please [submit LCIF donations](#) via the website instead of sending checks to the office. Please also note that grant disbursements and recognition will be delayed while the office is closed.
- There will be delays in shipping LCI awards and recognitions, club supplies orders, as well as delays in processing reimbursements.

We appreciate your patience during these extraordinary times and wish for the health and safety of all our Lions and staff around the world.

In kindness,

PIP Frank Moore
Executive Administrator and Secretary

**March 18, 2020**

Tips for Protecting Yourself and Your Communities Against the Coronavirus

The coronavirus (COVID-19) is changing the way we travel, congregate and serve in communities around the world. We care about every member, and the people we serve, which is why we all need to put health and safety first in this challenging time for the world.

Here are some recommendations on how you can keep yourself and your community healthy:

- Consult local authorities and guidelines governing group events and large gatherings when considering events.
- Put health and safety first as you consider new meetings, projects and any other activities.
- Wash your hands frequently and avoid nonessential travel and crowds, especially if you live in an area where there's an outbreak.
- Check the recommendations from health experts such as the World Health Organization (WHO), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) or your local government for any new updates since this remains an evolving situation.
- For questions regarding your district (single, sub- and multiple) conventions, please contact your district leadership for guidance.
- Remember, individuals over 60 and those with serious chronic medical conditions are at a higher risk of getting very sick from this illness.

A comprehensive list of ways to protect yourself and your club can be found on the WHO website.

Lions have served for more than one hundred years. We have been there for our communities during countless challenges to the world. Let's consider ways we can safely help such as providing meals to low-income students whose schools are closing due to the virus. Let's check in on family, friends and neighbors. Let's continue to put our kindness in action while keeping health and safety in mind.

Now more than ever, it is important that we stand together as local communities, as a global community, and as Lions. Thank you for serving your community and the world.



SERVING SAFELY TOGETHER

A message to all Lions
from International President,
Dr. Jung-Yul Choi

Dear Lion

I want to thank you for doing your part to keep yourself and your community healthy during these difficult times. Your courage during this global crisis has shown those around you that, even though the coronavirus (COVID-19) has changed the way we live, it has not changed who we are as Lions. We are hope. We are kindness. And we are in this together.

Remember, Lions have served for more than a century. We have faced incredible challenges for more than 100 years. And we have always been there, serving, restoring hope, and bringing our communities together. We will get through this incredible challenge, just as we always have.

Let us continue to put our kindness in action by putting health and safety first. Let us continue to be what our communities need us to be—Lions.

Regards,

Dr. Jung-Yul Choi
International President



Closing the Distance with Technology

Now, more than ever, communication is so important. Clubs all over the world are finding new ways to communicate with members and their communities.

Here are three resources that can help you stay connected:

- **Virtual meetings** – Visit the blog to learn about how you can move your club meetings online and continue your important work as Lions.
- **Social media** – Social distancing doesn't mean social isolation. Visit the **Lions SMiLE website** and discover tips on how to stay active on social media or learn how to create an online presence for your club.
- **Storytelling** – Let your community know how you're serving safely. Post your stories on social media using the hashtag **#WeServe** so Lions around the world will be able to see it too. And be sure to include a photo if you have one.

In a time of social distancing, let's make sure we find ways to stay connected to our families, clubs and communities.

2020 District 11-E2 Convention Canceled

It is with regret that we will be canceling this year's District Convention to be held 4/24–26, 2020. I want to commend the Rose City Lions for all they have done to this point, and appreciate all the input from the Convention Committee, Oscoda Lions, the Lioness District Reps and Rose City Lions President Ray Shelley. It is in the best interest of our District and our members to make sure everyone stays safe.

We will be holding the elections by paper ballot and the details on how we will be handling will be sent at a later date.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

DG David L Zeller
Alpena Lions Club
District 11 E-2



Lions Of Michigan Foundation

"Bridging The Gap To Service"

We were going to announce this at the district convention, but your Lions of Michigan Foundation Trustees, Chuck Brew and Barb Durflinger, would like to congratulate **DG Dave Zeller** on his selection to the **Lions of Michigan Hall of Fame**. The Hall of Fame dinner is scheduled for August, and hopefully the current crisis will be long over by then and we can all attend and support DG Dave in this great honor! I will keep you posted on events.

PDG Barb Durflinger
11-E2 Trustee, Lions of Michigan Foundation



Lions Of Michigan Foundation

"Bridging The Gap To Service"

Sight & Hearing Sweepstakes


Please continue to sell your raffle tickets. I realize this will be a challenge with the stay at home order, but consider using email, Facebook, etc to sell the tickets. These are challenging times for all of our clubs, but this is a way to bring in some revenue to your club that you might not be able to do with other fundraisers having to be canceled. Let me know if you have any questions.

Barb Durflinger,
Trustee, Lions of Michigan Foundation

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 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.

 <p>5730 Executive Drive Lansing, MI 48911 517-887-6640</p>		<p>LIONS OF MICHIGAN FOUNDATION SIGHT & HEARING SWEEPSTAKES LICENSE NO. R56874 \$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. 54th St. - Holland, Michigan TICKET NO. _____</p>
<p>LIONS OF MICHIGAN FOUNDATION 34TH ANNUAL SIGHT & HEARING SWEEPSTAKES</p>		<p>RETURN THIS STUB ONLY YOU MUST NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN</p> <p>Purchaser: _____ Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____ Telephone: _____ Ticket Seller: _____ Telephone: _____ TICKET NO. _____</p>
<p>Project KidSight Emergency Vision & Hearing Care R. Mathog Lions Hearing Centers Emergency Disaster Relief Military Family & Veterans' Relief</p>		<p>LIONS OF MICHIGAN FOUNDATION S&H SWEEPSTAKES - TICKET SELLERS LICENSE NO. R56875 1 Prize - \$750 3 Prize - \$200 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</p>

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Due to the cancellation of the Multiple District 11 Convention, there have been a lot of questions regarding the status of the Sight and Hearing Sweepstakes Drawings scheduled for May 2 and May 16. Please advise the Lions and Lioness Clubs in your Districts that the drawings will be held as scheduled with the May 2 drawing being held at the Lions of Michigan State Office and the May 16 drawing being held at either the Double Tree by Hilton in Holland or at the Lions of Michigan State Office, if approved by the Michigan Lottery Bureau. Note, if there is a location change for the May 16 drawing, a notification will be sent out at that time.

With everything in Michigan closing down, we realize that March and April ticket sales will be challenging. However, we ask that Lions and Lioness Clubs do whatever they can to continue selling tickets as our fixed costs are already locked in. As many of you are aware, about 75% of the sold tickets for the Sight and Hearing Sweepstakes are returned to our office in April of each year.

Best wishes to you and your families during these challenging times!

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District 11-E2 Elections

Dear Lions Leaders

Since we have gone ahead and canceled the District Convention, we still will need to elect our officers for the coming year.

If you have a desire to run, you must have your club endorse you at a regularly scheduled meeting and send the nomination for to Lion Arnie Engster 1717 Greenwood Road, Prescott, MI 48756, or email it to him at aengster@yahoo.com.

The offices open are Governor, 1st Vice Governor, 2nd Vice Governor and LMF Trustee. As of now we don't have a candidate for 2nd Vice. Please consider stepping up and serving. If you want to know the qualification, please call District Governor Zeller. The deadline for submission is 3/31/2020.

A Call notice will go out shortly as to how we will be handling the elections. This must go out 30 days prior to voting.

DG David L Zeller

Alpena Lions Club

District 11 E-2

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District 11-E2 Elections *Update*

This document is to inform you on how our elections in the district will take place and the timeline of the when and where.

Due there being no District Convention, we have to resort to an alternative voting measure and it is as follows:

This notice must go out to Clubs at least 30 days in advance of ballots being counted.

3/26/2020, call letter goes out.

4/3/2020 last date to submit nominations to Arnie Engster at aengste@yahoo.com. We are still looking for a candidate for 2nd Vice District Governor.

Ballots are going out with this letter along with instructions and how many delegates clubs get and where to send ballots. You can run copies of ballot off to give to your delegates.

5/1/2020, Ballots will be tabulated by the elections committee using the already established election ballot counting which is counting ballots till a majority of the votes determine winner and then announcement of winners will be sent to our district mailing list, post on district website and Facebook.

If questions on this procedure, give election chair PDG Dennis Richardson a call.

District Governor
David Zeller

Lions Virtual Symposium

With the District Convention being canceled this year, plan to attend the Lions Virtual Symposium on April 25, 2020 from 1-5 pm. With great guest speakers we will learn new ways to serve our communities! See registration link and info from Lions Global Action Team below.

To stay updated on events and cancellations in District 11-E2 you can go to the District website at lionsdistrict11e2.org where you'll find the calendar, district newsletter, information on Zoom and MyLion and more. If you are on Facebook you can also join the Lions of District 11-E2 Facebook group to stay in touch. It's a great place to share what your club is doing

Lion Marie Leathers
District 11-E2 GST

From the Global Action Team site:

Are you missing out on your convention? Do you like awesome Lions learning experiences? Then sign up for the Lions Virtual Symposium which is happening on Saturday April 25th!

Join Lions from around the world in a day of virtual learning featuring presentations and discussions about the future of Lionism.

Keynote Speaker: International 2nd Vice President Brian Sheehan

Guest Speakers:

PID Steve Glass, PID Lewis Quinn, PDG Jodi Burmester, & the Young Lions Task Force.

Come and spend an afternoon learning how Lions are adapting to the digital age and imagining new ways to empower volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, promote peace, and encourage international understanding through Lions club.

Hosted by the Young Lions Task Force.



LIONS VIRTUAL SYMPOSIUM

THE FUTURE OF LIONISM

➤ **SATURDAY, APRIL 25TH** **1PM - 5PM EST**

Date Time

Join Lions from around the world in a day of virtual learning featuring presentations and discussions about the future of Lionism

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

International 2nd Vice President
Brian Sheehan

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GUEST SPEAKERS

PID Steve Glass, PID Lewis Quinn, PDG Jodi Burmester, the Young Lions Taskforce

Moderated by PDG Wendy Cain

TO REGISTER VISIT

WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/LIONSVIRTUAL

Flyer Design by LEO Forrest Hubert  MysticWysteria

Munson Masks & Needs Update

Munson has updated their list of needed items, now including all kinds of homemade face masks. Full updated list of locations and needed supplies are available at:

<https://www.munsonhealthcare.org/munson-healthcare-foundations/ways-to-give/covid-19-how-you-can-help>

Marie Leathers
11-E2 GST

Accepting Gifts of Items or Services

We have an ever-changing list of items that are needed throughout Munson Healthcare facilities. If you have questions regarding donated items, please contact the Foundations directly at [231-213-1150](tel:231-213-1150) or foundation@mhc.net.

The following new or unused, unscented items are being accepted:

- Disposable face masks
- Disposable stethoscopes
- Thermometers
- N95 and KN95 masks (sometimes called respirators)
- Eye protection including face shields and safety goggles
- Disposable gowns
- Disposable gloves, especially non-latex
- Disposable surgical caps
- Disposable foot covers
- Wipes: bleach or antimicrobial
- Hand sanitizer

More specialized items include:

- PAPRs (powered air-purifying respirators) and PAPR hoods
- Nasal testing swabs
- Viral testing kits

Hand-sewn face masks:

Please review the following guidelines to keep our patients and healthcare team safe:

- Munson Healthcare will accept **any style, any pattern, and any designs** of hand-sewn face masks. **We are gladly accepting all donations of hand-sewn masks.**
- Both elastic bands **and** tie style masks will be accepted.
- Please try to ensure fabric is tight-knit or tightly-woven, breathable, and water-repellent. This includes fabric such as operating room linens, or cotton fabric.
- Items do **not** need to be placed in any packaging.
- Hand-sewn face masks **must** be donated to one of our drop off locations designated below and should **not** be delivered directly to healthcare team members. Please do not drop off items at the Foundation office, emergency departments, hospitals, clinics, etc.
- All hand-sewn face masks must be inspected and properly laundered through the Munson Healthcare laundry facility before use.
- Since thousands of items will be laundered together, there will be no way to sort or separate these items for distribution, i.e. we cannot guarantee that donated items will go to a particular location.
Do not make face masks if you are ill.
- Supplies should be new or unused.

We appreciate the communities' interest in making homemade masks to keep healthcare workers and patients safe. Please know we are receiving a high-volume of inquiries regarding masks and response time may be delayed. Thank you for your patience.

To get more information about creating masks and other topics copy the website address below to your browser address bar. Thanks to Munson and to Marie Leathers for providing this information.

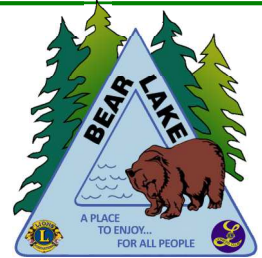
<https://www.munsonhealthcare.org/munson-healthcare-foundations/ways-to-give/covid-19-how-you-can-help>

April 1, 2020

Dear Lions Bear Lake Camp Family,

First, let me introduce myself as Shelly O'Henley, Executive Director of Lions Bear Lake Camp, succeeding Dennis Tomkins after his retirement.

COVID-19 has changed the way we do everything in our lives, including the way we are now doing business at Lions Bear Lake Camp.



The Lions Bear Lake Camp Board of Directors is meeting regularly to assess camp's response to the COVID-19 crisis which continues to change rapidly. ***We are monitoring the situation closely; any decisions about programming will be based on recommendations from federal and state government health organizations and what is best for our Lions Bear Lake Camp family.***

- The following contingency plans have been implemented to ensure that Lions Bear Lake Camp thrives on the other side of COVID-19:
- Lions Bear Lake Camp will remain closed effective immediately through minimally May 31, 2020 or when it is deemed safe for our camp to function.
- Keeping the safety of our employees in mind, we have intermittently laid them off.
- Due to travel restrictions, I will be working from my home and will do my best to continue the great relationship we have with our Lions Bear Lake Camp family.
- Please contact me in the following ways:
@bearlakecamp.org and 810-837-0119

Finally, as you can imagine the loss of revenue is going to be determinantal. We ask that if you have the ability, please make a personal donation and we ask our clubs, that have supported us throughout the years, to continue your support as we need it now, more than ever before.

You can make an online donation by click on this link: *(Copy to address bar in your browser)*

- <http://bearlakecamp.org/index.php/make-a-donation/make-a-donation-main-menu>

Or via mail:

- Bear Lake Camp, 3409 N. Five Lakes Road, Lapeer, MI. 48446

I know you share my concerns that this crisis will affect the operation of Camp's 2020 season. I also know that we all want to stop the spread of the coronavirus. Ultimately, we want the Lions Bear Lake Camp experience to be a safe one for you, your family and our staff. Please continue to share our message with your family, friends and fellow Lions members.

Together We Serve,

Shelly

P.S. POSTPONED DATES and EVENTS:

1. Buffalo and Boar Wild Game Fundraiser Dinner, scheduled for April 4, 2020, is tentatively POSTPONED until June 20, 2020, UNLESS the mandates do not allow.
 1. If we are unable to host the dinner in 2020, we will refund ticket money.
2. Work Bee, scheduled for May 9, 2020, is TENTATIVELY POSTPONED until the mandate allows.
3. Golf Outing Fundraiser, scheduled for May 17, 2020, is tentatively postponed with no reschedule date as of now.
4. Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, scheduled for June 13, 2020, is tentatively postponed with no reschedule date as of now, but we will have a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony in the future.

Shelley O'Henley, Executive Director

Lions Visually Impaired Youth Camp, Inc.

DBA: Lions Bear Lake Camp — Cell: 810-837-0119 — Office: 810-245-0726 — Fax: 810-245-0750

To learn more about our programs and services visit www.bearlakecamp.org

Like us on Facebook!

The mission of DBA Lions Bear Lake Camp Lions/Visually Impaired Youth Camp Inc. aspires to provide a premiere recreational/educational facility providing opportunities for persons with special needs.



Quarterly Report 2019-2020

Thank you, Lions! Lions from around the world referred 44 individuals to Leader Dog last year. They joined 250 other people at one or more of Leader Dog's three signature programs.

Lions, Leos and Lioness lead the way with generous financial support of Leader Dogs for the Blind as well. Thanks to all of you, our programs are offered for free for people in your own hometowns!

Here are a few things going on at Leader Dog...

Varied training options

We understand our client's abilities, circumstances and the way they learn are different. That is why we now offer a variety of free training options. Our life changing sessions can be tailored to meet each client's needs. In addition to our 21 day on campus guide dog training, we now offer in-home, urban environment, warm weather and deaf-blind training.

Upgraded GPS to VictorReader Trek

In keeping with the value of "seek innovation," Leader Dog has upgraded the GPS units provided to clients to the HumanWare VictorReader Trek. First issued to 24 Summer Experience Camp teenagers in July 2018, this device combines GPS with a talking book player allowing Leader Dog to upload lectures and country maps for the clients. The VictorReader Trek is equipped for future indoor navigation (iBeacon) and will support the Galileo orientation system for better accuracy.

As of June 2019, Leader Dog has issued over 1,700 GPS devices to clients. Each one provided free to our clients (they retail for \$700).

Quarterly Webinar Series

During the past fiscal year, Leader Dog launched a webinar series for blindness industry professionals, potential clients and current clients. Held quarterly, these webinars address specific areas of interest such as the differences between traveling with a white cane or a guide dog, or which of our guide dog training options are the best fit for a client. Webinars are loaded to our website blog for easy access at any time. Feel free to watch them, too!

As of June 2019, more than 1,000 people have participated in or viewed first three Leader Dog webinars. Watch for a Lions and Leader Dog webinar to be coming soon!

Harness the Power of Leadership Workshops

This year included more Harness the Power of Leadership workshops than ever before. Almost 20 companies, including the Philadelphia Eagles, Mitsubishi Motors, the Girl Scouts and BorgWarner contracted for workshops. The Lions Team at Leader Dog presented a Lions version at the USA/Canada forum in Spokane and at the Michigan Forum in February. Contact Lion Beth Slade at beth.slade@leaderdog.org for information on how to make this workshop available in your district.

Behind the Scenes Event

To show our appreciation for everything Lions do for us, Leader Dog will be offering a special Behind the Scenes event for Lions, LEOS and Lioness and their guests on Saturday, June 20 on our campus in Rochester Hills, Michigan. Our campus will be open that day for tours, shopping, a blindfold experience and more. Consider bringing some of your new or potential members to this special day. Details are on the attached invitation. Can't make that date? Call to learn how your club or district can host a bus tour to Leader Dog.

Together We Serve!



The Match Has Dropped!

Leader Dogs for the Blind is excited to announce our 1st ever Spring Match Mail Campaign. It arrived in your club's mailbox within the past few weeks featuring Lion/client Wendi Simpson-Dyer and her Leader Dog, Lily (pictured right). While club meetings, fund raisers, and conventions have been suspended, our client needs, and the care of our canines never takes a hiatus.

"We want to pay it forward," explained St. Jacobs Lions Club (1-CN, IL) President Guideon Richeson of their \$20,000 match campaign donation. Combined with Ramsey Lions Club's (5M-7, MN) pledge of \$50,000 our spring mail campaign has a \$70,000 goal! Regardless of amount, every donation will provide twice the impact. Thank you to both clubs for their generous support.



Help us meet our goal either via mail or online:

A) A remittance slip is in the mailer. If that isn't available due to meetings cancellations, make sure you write "match campaign" in the memo or with a short correspondence. When mailing in your club's donation, please include your club's updated contact information including mailing address, contact phone and email and mail to:

Leader Dogs for the Blind Attn: Lions Team, 1039 S. Rochester Road, Rochester Hills, MI 48307

B) Gifts received online via this link will count as well! Give online at <https://www.leaderdog.org/lionsgive/>

The 3rd quarter donation reports will arrive in the next two weeks. As always, a complete list of club donations is available on our website: leaderdog.org/lions-club/club-donation-reports.

Attention club presidents/secretaries/treasurers: please take a few minutes to update your club contact information with us. Simply email Lion Kathy Gilchrist at KGilchrist@LeaderDog.org with your club name, mailing address, main contact phone and email address. This information allows us to quickly and accurately recognize each club's good work and continue to provide you with timely updates.

Together We Serve,

Lions Beth, Mike, Kathleen and Kathy

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PS: Keep us connected -please share our emails with your club, district members and newsletter editors!



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Calendar of Events

APRIL 2020

Easter — Sunday April 12

Earth Day — Wednesday, April 22



District 11-E 2 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

None Received

On the Mend

NONE RECEIVED

Alpena Lions

MARCH 2020

The Alpena Lions Club donated \$1,000 to the Boys and Girls Club of Alpena to help it serve meals to kids while the school district was shut down due to COVID-19.

Boyne Valley Lions

March 2020

Boyne Valley Lions with the assistance of the East Jordan Lions Club have agreed to host the Regional Convention in April 2021. Both Lion Jill and Lion Joe are on the planning committee

Central Lake Lions / Lioness

March 2020

When the schools closed, Central Lake superintendent Lion Lenore Weaver called on the Lions and Lioness Clubs to donate art supplies to send home to the students. The clubs donated enough to buy the needed supplies which were ordered through Bachmann's Store, a local store that has always been very supportive of the Lions and Lioness Club's activities.



Cheboygan Lions

March 2020

Guest speaker Adam Koivisto, MSU Extension, gave a power point presentation of what his office can do for the Lion's club, and our community.

The club's biggest fund raiser NRA banquet scheduled for May 8th, has been cancelled due to the COVID-19. The club is in full swing with their raffle, and will be selling tickets for another raffle starting in June.

Oscoda Lions

March 2020

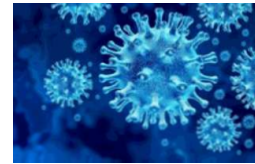
Recently the Oscoda Lions club held its 13th annual bowler fundraiser. There was close to 100 bowlers participating. Everyone had a great time. Because of the great generosity of the businesses in the community everyone received a prize. The Oscoda Lions want to thank everyone who participated and all the businesses for their generosity; we could not have raised \$2500 for our charities without their help.

WE SERVE.



CORONAVIRUS UPDATES

This is a snapshot of what the World, Nation, and State of Michigan looked like on April 2-3, 2020. The numbers will be significantly higher by the time you read this as the COVID-19 pandemic surges to its peak.



United States Statistics

COVID-19: U.S. at a Glance

As of April 2, 2020

Total cases: **239,279**

Total deaths: **5,443**

Jurisdictions reporting cases: 55 (50 states, District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, and the U.S. Virgin Islands)

CDC

Michigan Statistics

April 2, 2020

New COVID-19 Cases Reported **1,457**

New COVID-19 Deaths Reported **80**

Total COVID-19 Cases to Date **10,791**

Total COVID-19 Deaths to Date **417**

MDHHS
Michigan Department of Health & Human Services

Confirmed Cases and Deaths by Country, Territory, or Conveyance

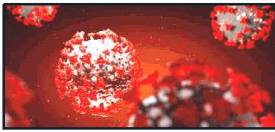
The coronavirus COVID-19 is affecting 204 countries and territories around the world and 2 international conveyances: the Diamond Princess cruise ship harbored in Yokohama, Japan, and the Holland America's MS Zaandam cruise ship. — Top 10 shown as of April 3, 2020

Country, Other	Total Cases	New Cases	Total Deaths	New Deaths	Total Recovered	Active Cases	Serious, Critical	Tot Cases/ 1M pop	Deaths/ 1M pop
World	1,015,065	+79,869	53,167	+5,975	212,018	749,880	37,698	130.2	6.8
1. USA	244,877	+29,874	6,070	+968	10,403	228,404	5,421	740	18
2. Italy	115,242	+4,668	13,915	+760	18,278	83,049	4,053	1,906	230
3. Spain	112,065	+7,947	10,348	+961	26,743	74,974	6,092	2,397	221
4. Germany	84,794	+6,813	1,107	+176	22,440	61,247	3,936	1,012	13
5. China	81,589	+35	3,318	+6	76,408	1,863	429	57	2
6. France	59,105	+2,116	5,387	+1,355	12,428	41,290	6,399	905	83
7. Iran	50,468	+2,875	3,160	+124	16,711	30,597	3,956	601	38
8. UK	33,718	+4,244	2,921	+569	135	30,662	163	497	43
9. Switzerland	18,827	+1,059	536	+48	4,013	14,278	348	2,175	62
10. Turkey	18,135	+2,456	356	+79	415	17,364	1,101	215	4

Website: <https://www.worldometers.info/coronavirus/#countries>



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Going Viral

Note: Data from Center for Disease Control (CDC), National Institutes of Health, and Network News Websites

There's no question that the focus of our current experience in this world is the Coronavirus Pandemic. My wife and I were supposed to be visiting friends in Florida this week, but... Seemingly overnight, everything we've taken for granted in life has been altered as this virus spreads its dark shadow across our planet. We now live in a new reality, one that no one expected, and one that we all hope will soon be over. As you've seen in the previous pages, COVID-19 has shut down virtually every Lions Club activity, from International to our local Clubs, as well as most functions of human society. So, what is this virus, and what makes it so deadly? What I've learned:

Virus: an infective agent that typically consists of a nucleic acid molecule in a protein coat, is too small to be seen by light microscopy, and is able to multiply only within the living cells of a host.

Bacteria: a large group of unicellular microorganisms having cell walls but lacking organelles (organized or specialized structures within a living cell) and an organized nucleus, including some which can cause disease.

Germ: a microorganism, especially one which causes disease.

COVID-19: the disease caused by the coronavirus SARS-CoV-2

Coronaviruses are a large family of viruses common in people and many different species of animals, including camels, cattle, cats, and bats. Sometimes coronaviruses infecting animals can evolve and become a new human coronavirus that infects and sickens people as it spreads through the population.

Coronaviruses are named for the crown-like spikes on their surface. There are 4 main sub-groupings of coronaviruses – alpha, beta, gamma, and delta. Three strains of coronaviruses have proven deadly in outbreaks in recent years: The first known severe illness caused by a coronavirus in the 2003 Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) epidemic in China; a second outbreak of severe illness began in 2012 in Saudi Arabia with the Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS); and we are now in a third outbreak, again beginning in China – SARS-CoV-2, the novel coronavirus causing coronavirus disease 2019, or COVID-19.

Although the origin of this strain of coronavirus is currently unknown, there are two scenarios with the highest probability. Scenario 1: Proposes the virus evolved to its current pathogenic state through natural selection in a non-human host and then jumped to humans – how previous coronavirus outbreaks have emerged, with humans contracting the virus after direct exposure to civets (SARS) and camels (MERS). The researchers proposed bats as the most likely origin for SARS-CoV-2 as it is very similar to a bat coronavirus.

Scenario 2: Postulates a non-pathogenic version of the virus jumped from an animal host into humans and then evolved to its current pathogenic state within the human population. For example, some coronaviruses from pangolins, armadillo-like mammals found in Asia and Africa, have an RBD (receptor-binding domain) structure very similar to that of SARS-CoV-2. A coronavirus from a pangolin could possibly have been transmitted to a human, either directly or through an intermediary host such as civets or ferrets.

Analysis of public genome sequence data from SARS-CoV-2 and related viruses found no evidence that the virus was made in a laboratory or otherwise engineered, as some conspiracy theories have proposed. If the coronavirus entered humans in its current pathogenic form from an animal source, there is probability of future outbreaks, as the illness-causing strain of the virus could still be circulating in the animal population and might once again jump into humans. The chances are lower of a non-pathogenic coronavirus entering the human population and then evolving properties similar to COVID-19.

A pandemic is a global outbreak of disease in which a new virus emerges to infect people and spreads between people sustainably. With little to no pre-existing immunity against the new virus, it may spread worldwide – events have happened many times in the past.

The Bubonic Plague (“Black Death”), spread by the bacillus *Yersinia pestis*, was a devastating global epidemic striking Europe and Asia in the mid-1300s. The plague arrived in Europe in October 1347 when 12 ships from the Black Sea docked at the Sicilian port of Messina with most sailors dead, and those still alive

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– Cont'd gravely ill and covered in black boils oozing blood and pus. The ships were ordered to leave, but it was too late. From 1347 through 1351 the plague raged throughout Europe, decimating a population that had little or no immunity from this bacterial strain. It affected cows, sheep, goats, pigs and chickens as well as people, and caused a wool shortage because so many sheep perished.

People of that time had no concept of germs or how the plague was spread. Fear and superstition led to belief the Black Death was divine punishment for sins against God such as greed, blasphemy, heresy, fornication and worldliness. The belief that to win God's forgiveness they had to purge their communities of heretics and other troublemakers, leading to the massacre of many thousands of Jews in 1348 and 1349. (Thousands more fled to sparsely populated regions of Eastern Europe, to relatively safety.)

The Bubonic Plague death rate is estimated at 200 million people in Eurasia. Europe alone lost 30% to half of its population. While the Black Death epidemic ran its course by the early 1350s, the plague reappeared every few generations for centuries. London plagues resurfaced roughly every 20 years from 1348 to 1665 – 40 outbreaks in 300 years, averaging death of 20% of the men, women and children living there.

The practice of quarantining people grew out of the plague epidemic when people saw a connection between the disease spreading and proximity. The Venetians ultimately protected their ports by isolating sailors on their ships until they could prove they weren't sick. They increased the forced isolation to 40 days or a "quarantino", the origin of the word "quarantine" and the start of its practice in the Western world.

In the ancient world, and in one of the great pandemics of the last two millennia, the chance of dying from plague was higher than 1 in 2. Scientific advances in sanitation and public-health practices greatly mitigated the impact of the bubonic plague, but have not eliminated it from the planet. Worldwide, the risk today of contracting plague is low, at about 1 in 3 million, and mortality even lower, at 1 in 30 million if treated.

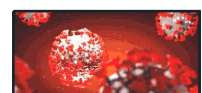
Smallpox was endemic to Europe, Asia and Arabia for centuries, a persistent menace that killed three out of ten people it infected and left the rest with pockmarked scars. However, the Old World death rate paled in comparison to the devastation suffered by the New World native populations when the smallpox virus arrived with the first European explorers in the 15th century. The indigenous peoples of North and South America had zero natural immunity to smallpox and the virus cut them down by the tens of millions. "There hasn't been a kill off in human history to match what happened in the Americas – 90 to 95 percent of the indigenous population wiped out over a century." – Thomas Mockaitis, history professor at De Paul University. Smallpox became the first virus epidemic to be ended by a vaccine, discovered in the late 18th-century by British doctor Edward Jenner. A worldwide immunization program eradicated smallpox decades ago; however, small quantities of smallpox virus officially still exist in two research laboratories – in Atlanta, Georgia, and in Russia.

The 1918 influenza pandemic ("Spanish flu") was the most severe pandemic in recent history. Caused by an H1N1 virus with genes of avian origin, where the virus originated is not exactly clear. It spread worldwide during 1918-1919, while World War I, "the War to End All Wars," raged in Europe. In the U.S., it was first identified in military personnel in spring 1918. Estimates are about 500 million people or one-third of the world's population became infected with this virus. The total number of both civilian and military casualties during World War I is estimated at around 37 million people. The number of deaths from the influenza pandemic is estimated to be at least 50 million worldwide, with about 675,000 occurring in the United States. Mortality was high for those younger than 5 years old, 20-40 years old, and 65 years plus. The high mortality in healthy people, including those in the 20-40 year age group, was a unique feature of this pandemic.

While the impact of typical flu varies, the Center for Disease Control (CDC) estimates influenza resulted in between 9 million – 45 million illnesses, between 140,000 – 810,000 hospitalizations and between 12,000 – 61,000 deaths annually since 2010.

The lessons of history make it clear that natural processes in living organisms can turn on we humans with devastating results. Despite all our scientific advances and our amazing medical technologies, something too small to see without an electron microscope can rapidly topple our economy and kill us in increasing numbers.

So, what do we really know for sure about this new coronavirus?



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– Cont'd It is a respiratory virus, spread primarily through droplets created when an infected person coughs or sneezes, breathes, or through droplets of saliva or discharge from the nose. A person may also get COVID-19 by touching a surface or object with the virus on it and then touching their own mouth, nose, or eyes (not thought to be the main way the virus spreads). Patients with COVID-19 have had mild to severe respiratory illness with symptoms of fever, cough, and shortness of breath, which can lead to pneumonia in both lungs, multi-organ failure and in some cases death, especially for vulnerable people with compromised immune systems. This coronavirus's ability to spread easily and sustainably in the human population led one disease expert with decades of virus knowledge to declare this coronavirus was "one of the most transmissible viruses we've ever seen." The quarantine period for COVID-19 is 14 days from the last date of exposure, the longest incubation period seen for similar coronaviruses (it is reported to be as short as 2 days for some). Those released from COVID-19 quarantine are not considered a risk for spreading the virus to others because they have not developed illness during the incubation period.

Crises can bring out the best in humanity – and unfortunately, the worst. In recent weeks we've seen scammers on the internet selling fake or non-existent virus-fighting items, sometimes falsely identifying themselves as health officials, or price-gouging panicked citizens by charging up to \$100 for a bottle of hand sanitizer or other items. The Asian American communities have had their restaurants and other businesses boycotted, endured verbal and threatening harassment, and even suffered physical attacks by dim racists who somehow blame them for the COVID-19 pandemic. Police departments in many areas are reporting domestic violence increases during "stay-at-home" isolation.

Bioterrorism: A weekly intelligence brief distributed by a federal law enforcement division on Feb. 17, revealed white supremacists discussed plans to target law enforcement agents and "nonwhite" people with attacks designed to infect them by weaponizing coronavirus via "saliva," a "spray bottle" or "laced items."

Then there are the hoarders, buying every roll of toilet paper or other needed items they can get their hands on, to hell with everyone else. Just prior to the stay-at-home directive we took our dog to the vet for his required shots. My wife heard a woman tell the receptionist she had a family member ask to borrow a roll of toilet paper, to which she flatly denied, and said "I have 96 rolls of toilet paper and I'm not giving away one square!") Wow... (pretty sure she's not a Lion.) The bad behaviors exhibited by these intelligence-challenged, compassion inhibited and morally devoid people make a bad situation in our nation and worldwide.

Fortunately, many exemplary people are helping others and doing what they can to make the best of this troublesome situation. After leaving the aforementioned veterinary appointment, my wife and I stopped at Oleson's Market north of Petoskey where we encountered a business acquaintance who was also shopping for groceries, but not for himself. He was there to pick up some grocery items for someone who wasn't able to get to the store and shop. That act of kindness was a 180 degree contrast to the selfish hoarder encounter, and it reminded me that there are many more wonderful people out there making the world a better place.

Musicians streaming live performances online, individuals and businesses volunteering to donate or make essential protective items for the medical community, neighbors helping each other – people coming together while being alone, facing this pandemic with courage and hope. And of course, the people in the medical community, working long hours, often not having the proper medical or protective equipment, and treating patients with no end in sight as the infection numbers soar. Real heroes all.

It seems that there are 2 types of people on 2 different paths in this pandemic – those who focus on "How can **I** survive this COVID-19 pandemic?" And those who focus on "How can **we** survive this COVID-19 pandemic?" Which faction of humanity prevails will determine much of our future. Let's hope it's "We".

This outbreak is beyond anything we were prepared to handle, despite repeated warnings from medical experts that a pandemic like this was inevitable. The Federal Government stumbled in its early response, trying to assure the public that the coronavirus was less dangerous than it is and that it would quickly disappear, despite the opposite opinions of science experts. While a disconnect between political wishes and medical science reality still exists, scientific fact seems to be slowly replacing unrealistic desires of political expediency. In Michigan, Governor Whitmer's quick response to the situation, backed by scientific facts, resulted in orders to close schools, businesses, sports and entertainment events, and other activities with large crowds, and an order to a stay at home as much as possible. While these drastic measures are disrupting and hard on

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– Cont'd many Michiganders, it is certain to save many lives that would have been lost without it.



Most citizens seem to have taken these measures seriously, but a number of them have not, which puts us all in danger. This coronavirus spreads through human contact, and thrives easily in a human host. Just to give you an idea how transmission can work, do this. Put your hand about 6 to 12 inches in front of your face, then take a gentle breath inhaling through the nose and exhaling normally out of the mouth. You'll feel the air hitting your hand. Then breathe again with your hand at the end of your fully extended arm. At this distance the touch of air on your hand will be very faint, hardly noticeable. Then stand about six inches to a foot in front of a mirror and exhale on the glass. That spot of fog on the mirror is where the warm moisture of your breath hit the cooler glass and condenses on the surface. What this demonstrates is that every exhale, as well as coughing and sneezing, propels an invisible cloud of microscopic moisture droplets carrying germs into the air in front of you. It also shows that distance makes a difference.

Someone in close proximity infected with coronavirus can exhale and expel a cloud of droplets carrying the virus to your face and into the nose as you inhale to breathe. You just got infected. The coronavirus will easily settle and quickly replicate within your body tissues and organs. You won't be aware of it until it has the numbers to make you sick. In the incubation period before symptoms you may unknowingly infect others by the simple act of breathing. This is how the coronavirus spreads, and why the concept of "social distancing" (or "physical distancing") works to prevent viral transmission. Being 6 feet or more away from others is considered a safe distance to put you out of the range of any exhaled moisture droplets carrying viruses. While exhaled droplets can also land on surfaces and be transferred by touch, viruses cannot live long outside an animal body. How long the coronavirus can survive outside a body is yet unknown as far as I can determine.

In the best case scenario, the COVID-19 pandemic could be over in a month or two if every citizen on Earth strictly observed social distancing and vigorous hand washing to kill any contact viruses. Most people infected would recover, others would die. Without human contact, coronavirus would not be able to spread – end of pandemic. Unfortunately, this is not going to happen. Not everyone will stay safe, and the riskers will continue to spread the virus. When case numbers start to decline, impatient people may fool themselves into thinking it's safe enough to resume normal life. It isn't, and premature social behavior will foster a COVID-19 resurgence.

The COVID-19 pandemic has not yet peaked, and experts caution it will be getting much worse before it gets better. Medical facility resources, masks, ventilators, etc., are limited for their patients and for their own staff's protection. Hospitals already have beds filled with the normal number of sick patients with other diseases and accident victims. The influx of coronavirus patients will surpass the capacity of many, or most, facilities.

Bottom line, this is a real pandemic crisis with a real aggressive virus capable of infecting us all. Not an act of evil, just Nature having consequences for any and all actions. The worst of the pandemic is still to come and there is no cure yet, no vaccine for COVID-19. Government and science can't protect us, only encourage curtailing human contact. Compromised immune systems are associated with COVID-19 fatalities, and we can't really know how our own immune system's will react to coronavirus. While it doesn't have Ebola's 70% fatality rate, – most coronavirus victims do recover – the COVID-19 fatality rate will only be known when the pandemic ends and the total number of infections and deaths are counted. Whether this pandemic claims thousands or millions of lives, it will be too many.

We all want this to be over, soon. Being in this inactive limbo sucks, but it beats the alternative of more deaths. Lions are frustrated as there is little or nothing we can do without risk. Planned events, fundraisers, etc., are all canceled for the foreseeable future. There may be a few things we still can do, donate club funds where needed, or volunteer to get groceries for shut-ins, without close contact. Help if possible, but don't take risks. We don't need to lose more Lions. And we are doing something important, saving lives by staying isolated. Becoming infected, passing on the virus and causing others to die is something I don't want on my conscience.

We alone, each one of us, has the choice to avoid COVID-19 by being alert, keeping informed, not panicking and following the only path to virus-free safety – washing hands, staying home and practicing Social Distancing. This pandemic may last for many more weeks or months, but it will ultimately pass. The return to our individual states of normalcy will begin. The fractured economy will recover and grow sooner or later.

It's better to have patience than to be a patient. We are all in this together, and to get out of this we have to come together to maintain our distance. Stay alert, stay home, stay safe – We Serve.

EXCLUSIVE!

Great Lakes White Shark Spotted in Petoskey Waters

A previously unknown fresh water shark was photographed in Little Traverse Bay on Saturday, March 28, from the Petoskey Waterfront Park, by a couple walking their dog on the Little Traverse Wheelway. The photograph is the first known evidence of a shark species in the Great Lakes. Dubbed the "Great Lakes White Shark" (after the Great White Shark, and the fact it is in a Great Lake instead of the ocean), it seemed to be basking in the Spring sunshine as it moved slowly in the water. Estimates as to its size range from 10 to 20 feet. Scientific studies will have to be conducted to glean more information about this pure white cryptid species. Until more information is gathered, authorities are telling citizens "Don't go in the water!"

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* **Photos:** Should be 300 pixels for good quality.

Include names of individuals in photos, and/or describe what the photo is showing.

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Don't be left out!

Just ask!

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

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

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