

# DISTRICT 11-E2 NEWSLETTER



## APRIL 2021



*Notable Quotes:* "Kindness is the language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see" —

Mark Twain

## District Governor's Message

### Hello District Lions,



**Rod Leathers,**  
**District Governor**

I am excited that convention time is here. As you know we are going totally virtual this year. We are working hard to make it fun and informative. It doesn't matter if you are a new Lion or an old - I mean experienced - Lion. There will be something there for everyone. There are no charges, no meals to buy, no hotel bills, just a weekend of fun and getting to know what Lions around the district are doing.

If you haven't attended one of our practice cocktail parties yet you will not want to miss the Friday night mixer. It will be a time of fun music and getting to know other Lions. Saturday morning we will have presentations from our state projects. You will learn how they are helping us to help others in our communities.

Saturday we will have awards and keynote speaker PID Jenny Ware. You don't want to miss Jenny. She is very exciting, energetic, and a fellow Michigander. This will be followed by a hospitality room which will be another time to get together and chat with members from all over.

Sunday morning we will have a memorial service for Lions and Lionesses that have passed over the last 2 years. That will be followed by district elections and closing. There will be random gift card drawings throughout the convention but you have to present at the time of the drawings.

So far the registration for the convention is going well. Please join us and help us make this the best convention ever. Registrations have been sent out to all members with email if you haven't received it check your junk or go to our district web page [lionsdistrict11e2.org](http://lionsdistrict11e2.org). Please preregister to help us plan and to ensure our zoom account is large enough.

Thanks for all of your support looking forward to seeing all of you at the convention,

**DG Rod**





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**[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.

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

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



ZONE 1	CLUBS	ZONE 3	CLUBS
<b>ZC John Cool</b> <b>Boyne Valley Lions Club</b> <a href="mailto:jcool@csbchx.com">jcool@csbchx.com</a>	Boyne Valley, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, East Jordan, Indian River, Mackinaw City, Petoskey	<b>ZC Steven Murch</b> <b>Alpena Lions Club</b> <a href="mailto:stevemurch49707@gmail.com">stevemurch49707@gmail.com</a>	Alpena, Alpena Evening, Atlanta, Glennie, Hillman, Hubbard Lake, Mio
ZONE 2	CLUBS	ZONE 4	CLUBS
<b>ZC Jim Broome</b> <b>Central Lake Lions Club</b> <a href="mailto:jrbroome@charter.net">jrbroome@charter.net</a>	Central Lake, Elk Rapids, Grayling, Houghton Lake, Lewiston/ Lewiston Lioness Lions, Roscommon- Higgins Lake	<b>ZC Don McDonell</b> <b>Hale Lions Club</b> <a href="mailto:cdmcdonell@gmail.com">cdmcdonell@gmail.com</a>	Beaverton, Hale, Harrisville, Lincoln, Oscoda, Prescott- Skidway Lake, Rose City,



## LCI President's Message

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

Greetings Lions,

How does a stream become a river? It begins as a trickle of snow melt at the top of a mountain and flows downward, picking up more water as it runs, joining other streams. It wears away rock and soil as it flows, carving a path and shaping the landscape until one day it's a roaring river.

Lions, this is how change happens. Slowly. Over time. And by joining together.

Like most of you, I have long been trying to lessen my impact on our planet. I recycle, I reuse items before replacing them, and I try to reduce my overall consumption. I want our planet to be healthy and vibrant for generations to come.

But there is so much more to be done. I often wonder if my small, everyday changes make a difference. I wonder if I shouldn't be doing more. And the answer is yes. There is always room to be doing more to protect the planet. However, it's also true that the little things do matter. They do add up. Small efforts made consistently and over time can amount to meaningful change.

Earth Day is April 22, 2021. Lions, no matter what your chosen cause, I hope you are able to pause this month and think of all the decisions you make every day. Ask yourself if there is room for a small effort toward a cleaner environment; a drop of water to join our ever-increasing tide of change.

Sincerely,

**Dr. Jung-Yul Choi**  
**International President**





*A message from:*

**Jerome Thompson**

**Past International Director,  
GAT Constitutional Area 1  
Leader**



## **Jerome Thompson Message: There Is Light At the End Of The Tunnel**

As I was traveling with my grandson recently, we drove through a tunnel. While in the tunnel there was minimal lighting. But as we rounded the last curve, we could see the light at the end of the tunnel. I was reminded of the quote, "The Light at the end of the tunnel may be a train."

Whether the light at the end of the tunnel is a train or a new day, we, Lion Leaders, must be prepared to seize the moment. I believe that we are slowly overcoming the COVID-19 pandemic and the light is a new day full of new opportunities. Hence, its time for us to rally our clubs in an effort to retain our valued members, identify community needs, and expand our capacity to serve.

I recently read, "The sign of a good leader is anticipating problems before they become an emergency". In the next section, please find links to assist us in being proactive, as we find a new normal, after a year of dealing with a pandemic.

Please take a few minutes to assist clubs in turning on the lights. Let's use this month to prepare; April to catch up on our service reporting; and May to focus on adding members to our existing clubs. In June, we will do whatever is necessary to meet our club and district goals in the areas of new clubs, members added to existing clubs, retention and service.

### **Resources To Assist Club and District Leaders**

**Membership Satisfaction**

**Global Service Team Toolbox**

**Community Needs Assessment**

**Membership Growth Event Toolbox**

**Just Ask**

**Sincerely,  
Jerome Thompson**







## FROM PIP JOE AND PID JENNY

Greetings Lions Leader,

Thank you for your continued effort to promote Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) and Campaign 100. Much of our success is due to your dedication, creativity, and adaptability. In this challenging time, we have positive momentum and are progressing toward our goals. We appreciate your leadership and all you do for our foundation.

With approximately 15 months left in Campaign 100, we are at approximately 65% of our global goal of \$300M. That sounds like an uphill battle, but for reference, Campaigns SightFirst and SightFirst II raised more than 50% of their total funds in the last year. Can we do it? Yes! Our roadmap to success says we just need to continue:

- Seeking new Model Clubs and encouraging clubs to level up
- Asking individual members to support LCIF
- Telling our LCIF success stories
- Encouraging clubs to support LCIF through fundraising efforts
- Educating members about LCIF's Lions Legacy opportunity
- Staying in touch with Lions through newsletter articles, emails, phone calls, Zoom meetings, etc.
- Attending upcoming LCIF webinars, which are full of new ideas, tools, and successes

We thank those who joined January's Lions Legacy Symposium. We had 100+ attendees, and your response has been fantastic. If you do not know about the Lions Legacy program, or know about it but are not promoting it, you are missing a huge opportunity to raise funds for LCIF and preserve its future and our ability to serve. Also, your regional development specialist can help identify hot Model Club prospects. If a club is not yet ready to take on the Model Club commitment, seek donations at a lower level. Every dollar counts. Clubs that said "no" to becoming a Model Club in the past may be ready now. Getting a "yes" often takes multiple asks. If you have questions or need assistance, please contact either of us. This is a team effort.

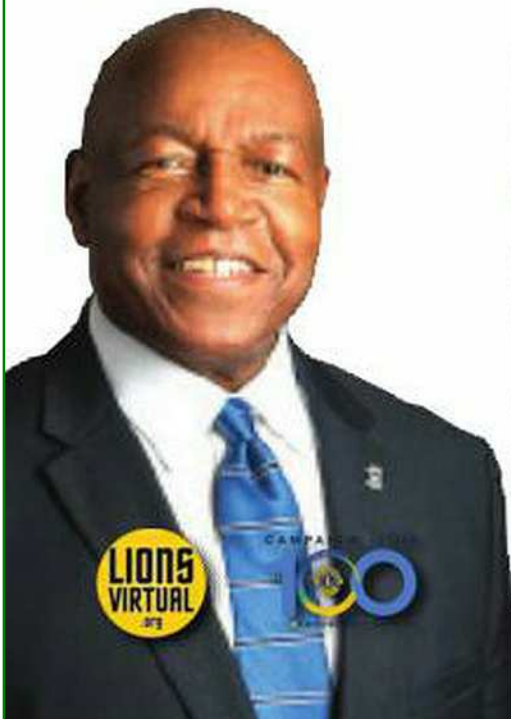
Yours in kindness,

**PIP Joe Preston & PID Jennifer Ware.**



# LET'S DO THIS!!!

1. **Donate \$20** or more to **Campaign 100 Tell-A-Thon**
2. **Create/Implement a plan** to get 100% of your Lions to donate to the **Campaign 100 Tell-A-Thon**
3. **Spread the word** far & wide for Lions, family/friends & prospective Lions to watch the live **Campaign 100 Tell-A-Thon** on [YouTube](https://youtu.be/hC-s5yXPgeo), Sunday, April 11th from 5-9 pm EDT (New York)



4. **Share your success stories** to [pdg10jen@hotmail.com](mailto:pdg10jen@hotmail.com) & you might see them in pre-event promotion or during the live event

5. **Download Team App & join the Lions Virtual Team** for all the latest news & links (instructions attached)

## TELL-A-THON OVERVIEW

Sunday, April 11, 2021

5-9 pm EDT

View on YouTube Live

<https://youtu.be/hC-s5yXPgeo>

## EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

- Emcee: LCI VP Doug Alexander
- Music & Entertainment
- Special Guests
- Inspiring stories

## GOAL

- Raise awareness among Lions & prospective Lions about the impact LCIF has across the US & Canada
- Raise funds for Campaign 100 to further our service
- Challenge every Lion to donate \$20 in support of LCIF Campaign 100

## DONATE NOW

- 100% of donations go to LCIF Campaign 100



**United States:**

[givetoday.lionsvirtual.org](https://givetoday.lionsvirtual.org)



**Canada:**

[lionsofcanadafundforlcif.ca/GiveToday](https://lionsofcanadafundforlcif.ca/GiveToday)

## QUESTIONS

PID Jenny Ware, Campaign 100 Vice Chair - CA1

[pdg10jen@hotmail.com](mailto:pdg10jen@hotmail.com)

906-399-8214



JUNE 25-29 | LCICON.LIONSCLUBS.ORG



## Join the fun at our biggest LCICon yet

This year, we're bringing the world's biggest Lions Clubs International event to you. Virtual LCICon 2021 is happening June 25-29, so register today for your chance to learn from, be inspired by and celebrate service with Lions from around the world. Don't miss out — secure your spot for the highest-energy event of the year at our lowest price. Registration fee through April 30 is \$50 — May 1 through event day is \$75.

[Register now](#)

## Welcome Malala to Virtual LCICon 2021!

*Posted March 9, 2021*

For a century, Lions Clubs International Convention has been inspiring Lions through incredible seminars, fun and fellowship, and world-class speakers. This year, we're honored to be joined at our virtual convention by a very special speaker who has inspired the world.

### We proudly welcome Malala Yousafzai to Virtual LCICon 2021!

**Malala Yousafzai— Keynote Speaker**

Monday, June 28



### About Malala Yousafzai

There are not many young women who have survived an assassination attempt or become the youngest Nobel Peace Prize Laureate. Even with all of her accomplishments, Malala does not consider herself extraordinary.

Inspired by her father's activism, Malala began her campaign for girls' education at age 11 with her anonymous blog for the BBC, *Diary of a Pakistani Schoolgirl*, about life under the Taliban. Malala soon began advocating publicly for girls' education. She would join her father on his visits to neighboring villages to recruit for the school. While he spoke to the men, she would speak to the women. Their campaign was the subject of a New York Times short documentary in 2009.

Malala soon began attracting international media attention and receiving awards. Due to her increased prominence, at age 15 she was attacked by the Taliban for speaking out. Malala recovered in the United Kingdom and has continued her fight for girls ever since.

In 2013, she co-founded Malala Fund with her father, Ziauddin. A year later, at the age of 17, Malala received the Nobel Peace Prize in recognition of her efforts to see every girl complete 12 years of free, safe, quality education. Malala is currently completing her undergraduate degree at Oxford University, with a focus on philosophy, politics and economics.

Malala remains a leading force in the fight against the barriers—like poverty, war and gender discrimination—keeping more than 130 million girls out of school around the world.





# The 2021 MD 11 Lions Convention is Virtual!

**RESERVE YOUR SPOT FOR JUNE 12, 2021**



## **101 YEARS: HOW OUR PAST HAS SHAPED OUR FUTURE**

Join us for a Virtual MD 11 Lions Convention as we highlight Service, Hunger, Environment and History with a special message from LCI President Choi.

Conventions may look a little different this year, but the need to celebrate our success has not changed. Journey with us as we tour the Hunger for Christ Foodbank freezer, purchased through an LCIF Grant in the amount of \$75,000.00.

In honor of President Choi, a tree planting ceremony will take place at Paws With a Cause, recognizing his leadership and passion for the environment.

Registrations details will be sent soon and will be here as well. Reserve your spot for **June 12, 2021!**

Once you have registered, you will be able to have full access to the Convention Webinar after it airs, on the Lions YouTube Channel.





## Lions Bear Lake Camp - Banner Patch Program

Happy Spring and Easter fellow Lions Clubs, Members and Supporters!!!

Here at Lions Bear Lake Camp, we have some things to share and some unfinished business (due to COVID-19 and change of Leadership) with our biggest supporters, which is YOU!!!

First, as you may know, in 2010, to commemorate our 10th Anniversary, we created a Banner Patch Program for clubs who have financially supported our children's programs and ten years later we are still going strong!

Each year, clubs who donate a minimum gift of \$50.00, during the Lions fiscal year, will receive a Banner Patch (first time donors) and/or a Rocker panel, which signifies the year of their donation and the amount of their donation:

- The Blue Rocker designates \$50.00 to \$499.00 donation.
- The Silver Rocker designates a \$500.00 to 999.00 donation.
- The Gold Rocker designates a donation of \$1,000.00 or more

Your District will be receiving your Banner Patches and or/Rocker panels for your club for the following years: 2018-2019 & 2019-2020 & 2020-2021

If you district hosts a convention, we will distribute them there as well. **HOWEVER, this is where I need your help to take care of our unfinished business .....**

**If your club HAS NOT received the appropriate Banner Patches and/or Rockers for years prior to 2018, please let me know and I will include that in your club packet!! This can include clubs who have donated goods, services, etc. to our campus**

Moving forward, your clubs' patches will be included with your thank you letter.

Secondly, Lions Bear Lake Camp has many great fundraising opportunities available!! Join in on the fun if you can. I've also attached the fliers and you can visit our website for more information. Please see dates below.

**Upcoming Dates:** [www.bearlakecamp.org](http://www.bearlakecamp.org)

Work Bee: Contact us if your club would like to come help beautify our campus. With COVID we are making everyday a Work Bee day! And we are highly dependent on volunteers! Come at your leisure and chose from a task that needs completed.

April 24, 2021: Beer Fest at Metamora Golf & Country Club (Drive Through Pickup)

July 9, 10 & 11, 2021: Deaf and Hard of Hearing Youth Camp

July 16, 17 & 18, 2021: Visually Impaired Youth Camp

August 22, 2021: Golf Outing Fundraiser Hosted at Metamora Golf & Country Club

October 9, 2021: Ultra-Marathon Fundraiser Hosted at Lions Bear Lake Camp

October 29, 2021: Wine Fundraiser Hosted at Metamora Lions Club

Thanks again for all that you do for Lions Bear Lake Camp!!

Lion Shelly

Shelly 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



## LIONS OF MICHIGAN FOUNDATION—2022 GROUP CRUISE

### ROYAL CARIBBEAN - JEWEL OF THE SEAS

8-Night Eastern Caribbean Cruise: March 12 - March 20, 2022

Miami, FL - Labadee, Haiti - San Juan, Puerto Rico,  
Philipsburg, St. Maarten - St. Johns, Antigua - Miami, FL

### PRICING: 2 PEOPLE, INCLUDING TAXES AND FEES

**4V Inside (Interior) Stateroom:** \$1,639.48 + \$116 Per Person Gratuity

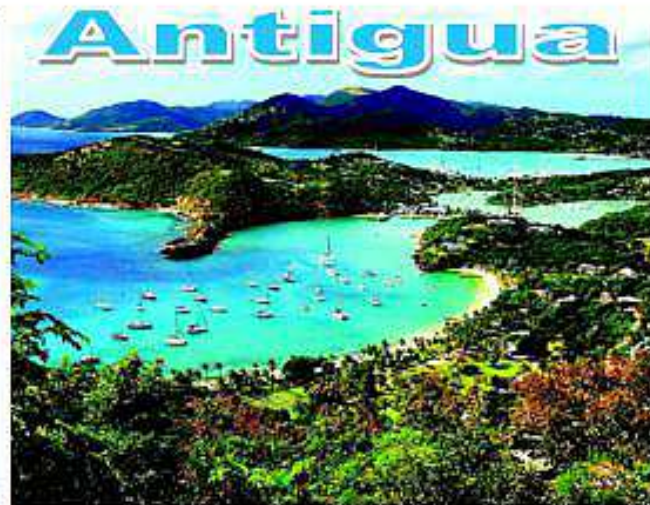
Stateroom Size: 146 square feet - occupancy up to 4 guests - two Twin Beds that convert to a Royal King and up to two Pullman Beds

**4N Oceanview Stateroom:** \$1,815.48 + \$116 Per Person Gratuity

Size Stateroom: 154 square feet - occupancy up to 4 guests - two Twin Beds that convert to a Royal King and up to two Pullman Beds

**4D Balcony Stateroom:** \$2,355.48 + \$116 Per Person Gratuity

Stateroom size: 195 square feet - occupancy up to 4 guests - two Twin Beds that convert to a Royal King, one Double Sofa Bed, and up to two Pullman Beds



- ☐ I would like an Interior Stateroom for \_\_\_\_ Adults and \_\_\_\_ Children (Age 12 or under).
- ☐ I would like an Oceanview Stateroom for \_\_\_\_ Adults and \_\_\_\_ Children (Age 12 or under).
- ☐ I would like a Balcony Stateroom for \_\_\_\_ Adults and \_\_\_\_ Children (Age 12 or Under).

Stateroom Deposit - \$250 Per Person: \_\_\_\_ Check \_\_\_\_ Credit/Debit Card \_\_\_\_ Pay Pal (info@lmsf.net)

Credit/Debit Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_ CVV Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Names: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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



# GOLF FOR GOOD!

## The Eversight 2021 Vision Classic

Golf anywhere, anytime—and support the gift of sight! May 28–June 18

### Register, Sponsor or Donate!

### Not Golfing?

You can still participate in the auction!

**The Eversight/Ann Arbor Host Lions Club's long-standing annual golf classic is national to raise awareness and charitable support for sight-saving transplants and vision research. Eversight is the nation's largest non-profit community-based eye bank network, working to restore sight and prevent blindness through the healing**

1. **Register by 5 p.m. (Eastern) Wednesday, May 5 to receive your welcome package** including instructions, scorecard, golf ball sleeve and exclusive Eversight golf gear. Registration is a \$50 donation per golfer to benefit Eversight charitable programs and vision research.
2. **Golf anywhere, anytime between May 28–June 18** and email a photo of your scorecard to [philanthropy@eversightvision.org](mailto:philanthropy@eversightvision.org). Golfers are responsible for green fees at their course of choice.
3. **Special for Michigan attendees! On June 19**, Michigan participants can join Eversight for an outdoor luncheon at the Washtenaw Golf Club to celebrate the culmination of our Golf for Good! classic. Access to contests and open bar will be available. Lunch tickets are \$50. Luncheon begins at 3 p.m., Washtenaw Golf Club 2955 Packard Street, Ypsilanti, MI. All guests are asked to honor state guidelines for COVID-19 precautions

### For competitive golfers

The outing will be best ball. To allow us to accurately award top score, please golf at an 18-hole course with course rating of 70.0 or higher and slope rating of 120 or greater. Ratings are typically available on the golf course website or scorecard.

Register and golf as a foursome. Foursome golfers do not have to golf at the same time or even the same course. Top scores will be announced via livestream on June 19.

### For non-competitive golfers

Golf at any course, individually or as a foursome. Complete 9 or 18 holes.

For everyone-non-golfers, too!

Bid to win during the Golf for Good! Online Silent Auction June 11-19 to support Eversight charitable programs. Or, support Eversight with your tax-deductible gift.

### Special rates at these featured courses!

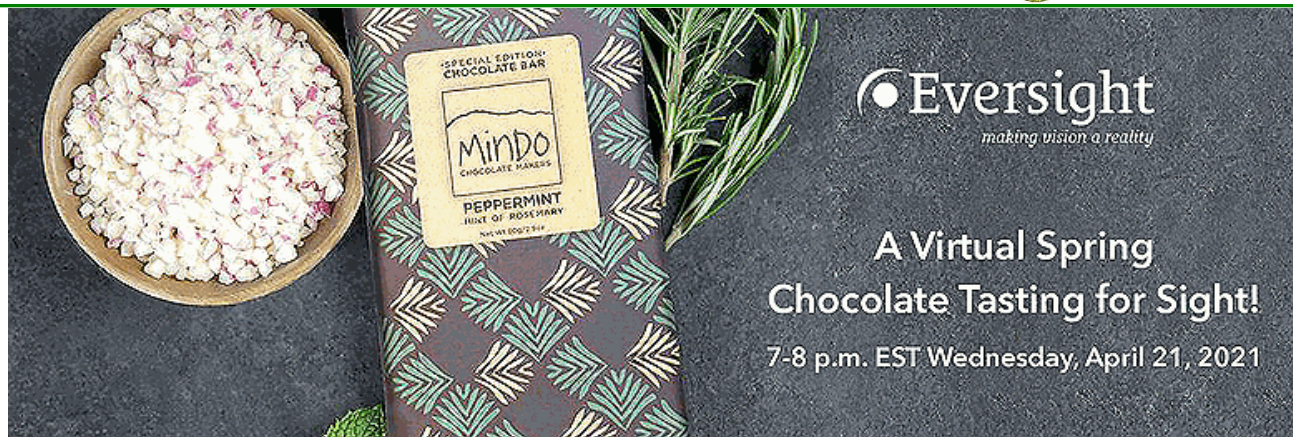
These courses graciously offer special rates for registered Eversight Golf for Good! Golfers.

Michigan—Washtenaw Golf Club  
 2955 Packard St., Ypsilanti, MI 48197  
 (734) 434-2150 or [dhatch@washtenawgolfclub.com](mailto:dhatch@washtenawgolfclub.com)  
 Special rate: Senior rate for tee times booked. Rates vary by day and tee time. Call to schedule and mention "Eversight" to receive this exclusive rate.

Ohio—Stonewater Golf Club  
 One Club Drive, Highland Heights, OH 44143  
 (440) 461-4653 or [info@stonewatergolf.com](mailto:info@stonewatergolf.com)  
 Special rate: \$60/golfer for tee times booked before 10:30 a.m. on weekdays and after 2 p.m. on weekends. Includes 18 holes with cart. Call Ned Weaver to schedule at (440) 461-4653

**Questions?** Contact [Amanda Frederick](#) or (800) 247-7250 ext. 261





## 7-8 p.m. EST Wednesday, April 21, 2021 • Hosted by Eversight

Send someone a sweet treat, celebrate Administrative Professionals' Day on April 21, or spoil yourself with an elegant box of 24 tasting squares created by Mindo Chocolate Makers! Handcrafted in Dexter, Michigan, Mindo's vegan, organic chocolates are lovingly created from responsibly sourced cocoa beans.

100% of proceeds from each tasting box purchased will underwrite Eversight's costs for medical supplies to carry out sight-restoring eye donation. Help us raise funds for at least 20 medical recovery kits that will directly enable 40 individuals with failing vision or blindness to receive sight-restoring transplants.

Order your 24-piece tasting box for \$55 (shipping included) by  
**Saturday, April 10, 2021.**

Each box will include:

- 24 tasting squares of chocolates for up to four tasters: 77% chocolate, pure 67% chocolate, 70% rustic chocolate (a crunchy, textured Mexican style), a vanilla rustic chocolate, 77% Michigan cherry, 67% sea salt, 70% cinnamon rustic and 67% Michigan blueberry.
- Instructions on how to register for the virtual (online) tasting event.
- A tasting map for taking notes.
- A guide for the online event, introducing you to how chocolate is made, how each chocolate flavor is developed and what influences each chocolate's complex flavors.

Then, join us at the exclusive virtual tasting on **Wednesday, April 21** – or enjoy your chocolates any time!

### Questions?

Contact **Monica Singleton, (216) 706-4220.**

As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, Eversight relies on tax-deductible gifts to advance the work we are entrusted to do toward our vision for a world without blindness.



**Lions of Michigan**  
**District 11 E-2**  
**Cabinet Meeting Minutes, March 6, 2021, via Zoom**

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

**Cabinet Members Absent –** GMT Tasior

**Lions in Attendance** PDG's Dennis Richardson, Lew Moeller, Bob Gingerich and Bev Bodem, Lions Linda Gocha, Julie Haase, Jean Manning, Bob LaBeau and Di LaBeau

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM by DG Leathers. The invocation was offered by 1VDG Gaines. The Pledge was led by 2VDG Drury.

**Secretary's Report -** Minutes of the 2/8/21 and 1/22/21 special cabinet meetings were presented by CST Durflinger. 1VDG Gaines moved approval with support from ZC McDonell, motion carried. Minutes of the 12/12/20 Cabinet meeting were presented by CST Durflinger. It was moved by ZC Murch, supported by ZC McDonnell that the minutes be approved as presented. Motion carried. The only correspondence was a thank you note from the Winter Camp for the Blind for our contribution.

**Treasurer's Report-** The financials for YTD 2020-21 were presented showing a beginning balance in the administrative account of \$31,972.92, income of \$16,839.42, expenses of \$12,853.59 leaving an ending balance as of 3/5/21 of \$35,958.75. This is made up of \$27,124.56 in administration and \$8,834.19 in convention funds. The projects account had a beginning balance of \$40,314.52, income of \$4,714.52 and expenses of \$3,852.95 leaving an ending balance of \$41,176.09. It was moved by 1VDG Gaines, supported by 2VDG Drury that the financial report be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

**Old Business-** None

**New Business-** None

**GMT Report-** DG Leathers reported that we are down 17 members this year. 1VDG Gaines noted that next year he wants to have a GMT Team. He would like clubs to let him know who the person most responsible in their club for membership increases is so they could help the district build membership. He also noted that he wants to get 2-3 new clubs started next year, but to do that we will need more Guiding Lions. All of our current Guiding Lions' terms will expire in October, so he asked GLT Zeller to work on training for new Guiding Lions, and refreshers for existing Guiding Lions.

**GLT Report-** IPDG Zeller commented that there have been no statewide GLT meetings this year, and the current state GLT is not communicating with the district chairs. He is working on Zoom training for club officers to be held after the District Convention.

**GST Report-** GST Marie Leathers commented that while service is hard right now, clubs can also consider doing virtual service projects. She suggested encouraging donor registration or using the "Be My Eyes" app (an app to assist the blind with virtual tasks, reading documents, etc). She noted that Lion Donna Townsend, the widow of Intl VP Haynes Townsend was encouraging Lions to finish out the Lions year by doing 100 random acts of kindness, one every day until the end of the year. Members can keep lists of the acts, and they can be loaded into LCI later. IPDG Zeller noted that there was a new visually impaired crosswalk installed in Alpena, and suggested this as a possible activity in other towns.





**Zone Chair Reports** –ZC Broome turned in a written report, and added that the Roscommon/Higgins Lake Club is meeting in person. ZC Murch reported several of the clubs are not currently meeting, but there are several that are meeting and continuing service projects. The YTD membership for his zone is +4. ZC McDonnell reported several of his clubs are meeting via Zoom, and several in person. Oscoda just built another ramp, and Hale put an ad in a local paper noting that their service activities are still ongoing. His zone is +3 for membership.

Prior to going into committee reports, DG Leathers announced that ZC Murch has agreed to run for 2VDG. ZC Murch was thanked for stepping up.

**Committee Reports** Written Reports were provided by these Committees: **Diabetes Awareness-** Lion Diane LaBeau, **District Editor-**Lion Zimmer, **Environmental-** PDG Bodem, **Eversight-** PDG Richardson, **LCIF-** PDG Durflinger, **Leader Dog-** Lion Julie Haase, **Medical Assistance-** Lion Clairene Jorella, **Michigan Forum-** DG Leathers, **Nominations-** Lion Arnie Engster, **Pediatric Cancer-** DG Leathers, and **Website/IT-** Lion Marie Leathers. The following information supplemented the written reports- Lion Di LaBeau reported that D-Path classes are being combined due to not enough people signing up. She has had fliers printed that will be distributed as requested. There is also an MSU tip sheet for veterans with diabetes. PDG Richardson reported that Eversight was busy in 2020 despite the pandemic. In 2020 2182 pairs of corneal tissue were recovered, and 1390 of these were transplanted. There is another virtual chocolate tasting scheduled for 4/21- more information will follow (sounds like a great club get together possibility!) There is also a bowling tournament scheduled for 8/3.

**Oral Reports-** IPDG Zeller reported that the Lions of Michigan Foundation Kidsight screenings have resumed, but check with the Foundation office for guidelines. The tickets for the annual Sight and Hearing Sweepstakes have been sent out and sales are under way. Both Alpena and Central Lake are challenging Oscoda for the most ticket sales in the state. A Lions of Michigan Foundation cookbook is in the planning stage- get your favorite recipe ready- more info will follow. Other services available from the Foundation include Mints for the Military, emergency disaster relief, veterans' assistance, hearing aids, and sight vouchers are still available. DG Richardson reported that instructions for voting at the district convention have been sent out to club Pres/Sec. The election will be virtual this year. IPDG Zeller reported that the USA/Canada Forum is currently still planned to be in person from 9/9-9/11/21 in Des Moines, Iowa. 2VDG Drury reported that planning is continuing for the virtual 2021 convention. In addition there is a contract signed for the 2022 convention to be held 4/29-5/1/2022 at Boyne Mountain. The rooms will range from \$115-\$139, and the two night minimum has been waived by the resort. DG Leathers reported that the Peace Poster winner this year was Carlina Luchenbill, whose poster was submitted through Central Lake. The only other club participating was Mio, but their community was so excited that 18 posters were submitted to them for consideration. It would be great if we could get other clubs interested in having their youth participate in this project.

**VDG Comments-** 1VDG Gaines commented that he is working on filling committees for next year. Current committee chairs are being contacted to see if they wish to continue, and he welcomes anyone who is interested on serving on a district committee. 2VDG Drury noted that she is working with DAD chair LaBeau on a diabetes project. Both she and Lion Di agreed that the process would be much easier if there were clear guidelines on what qualifies, and an official project application would be a big help. They hoped that future projects of this nature would be organized in an easier way to administer. She thanked ZC Murch for stepping up to run for District Governor. She commented that she is looking forward to things getting back to normal.





**DG Comments-** DG Leathers noted that clubs that are doing well are those that are either meeting in person or by Zoom. We need to get all clubs back meeting in some way. The district convention this year will be totally via Zoom. The committee is trying to keep it as normal as possible. There are currently "cocktail parties" being held via Zoom to practice. The current schedule for the convention will be a brief cabinet meeting on Friday night, prior to a mixer. On Saturday there will be presentations from the state projects, which will concentrate on recipients of their service. This will be followed by a breakout session. There will be a break, and the convention will resume in the evening for the awards ceremony and the keynote speech by PID Jenny Ware from the UP. Following this there will be a virtual hospitality room. On Sunday morning there will be a memorial service for deceased Lions from the past two years, followed by the elections. IPDG Zeller suggested that each club should designate an IT person to help get their club members involved in the convention. PDG Gingerich suggested that when we are finally able to get back to an in-person convention that we continue to make it available via Zoom also for those who aren't able to attend in person. DG Leathers noted that we need everyone to encourage their club members to attend the cocktail parties in preparation for the convention. Also clubs are being asked to contribute a gift certificate to be used for random drawings during the convention for those attending. There will also be some larger prizes purchased by the convention committee.

With no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 10:55 A.M. The next meeting will be on April 16 via Zoom at the virtual convention.

Respectfully submitted,  
PDG Barb Durflinger, Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer

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DISTRICT 11 E-2 HEARING AID CHAIR  
REPORT TO CABINET  
MARCH 2021

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Clairene Jorella  
Chairperson, District 11 E-2  
Hearing Aid Assistance





District 11 E-2 Diabetes Report  
March 6, 2021

1,000 copies of MSUE's NAVIGATING THE FOOD PANTRY WITH DIABETES tip sheets for those accessing food pantries have come back from the printer and are being distributed.

500 copies of the CDC's PRE DIABETES RISK TEST have also been printed and are being distributed.

MidMichigan Health Systems is working with DAD Project Chair, Bill Bradfield to revamp their request for diabetes grant funds to qualify for grant money.

Munson Kalkaska Health Center has made a request; so far have not heard back from Bill Bradfield if LCI has given the final approval for their educational pilot project.

Emails are going out to all of the District's Lions Clubs with information on MSUE DPATH virtual classes as new classes are offered.

Contact has been made with our zone chairs asking them to canvass their clubs to get a list of food pantries in the district. Potential to distribute more diabetes educational flyers.

MSUE Pamela Daniels has offered to present a short virtual program to the clubs to summarize the Diabetes Programs they offer.

East Jordan Family Health Center / Bellaire Family Health Centers have received \$1,200 from the District's Medical Fund (\$600), Central Lake Club (\$300) and East Jordan Club (\$300). They will use this money to fund continuous glucose monitors to uninsured or under-insured diabetic patients. (This request did not meet the qualifications for the Diabetes Grant.)

Many of the clubs are not yet meeting, and some of the ones who are meeting have indicated they would like to hold on to see if they can do screening later in the year. Some feel that screening is the only diabetes-related activity they can do in their community that will qualify for the grant.

In the future, I suggest we reach out to all clubs with the exact qualifiers for any Diabetes Grant going forward, before any donations are made toward the grant. It may be that the clubs will decide to donate locally to projects that will help with diabetes-related care, but that may not qualify for grant money. Some clubs have expressed frustration that the money they donated is now tied up and cannot be used for a local diabetes-related need because it does not qualify for this grant.

Plan to continue to update the clubs on Diabetes Path Classes coming up. Will continue to distribute the diabetes educational tip sheets to food pantries in the district. MSUE is proposing a new Tool Kit program that is done via phone (not internet) and they are working with Bill Bradfield, the DAD Project Chair, to see if this can be covered by the grant. Have not received word back yet if this will be covered.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Di LaBeau  
District 11 E-2 Diabetes Chair

ADDENDUM; Mar 4 2021—from MSUE—Christi Demitz RE: March DPATH classes

Thanks for your message! Unfortunately, we didn't have enough people to hold either Diabetes PATH workshops; we had 4 register for the 5:30-7:30 pm workshop and 2 for the 1-3 pm workshop. What we ended up doing was inviting the people from the 1-3pm workshop to attend the 5:30-7:30 pm workshop. We're going to deliver it in a different way that is not supported by the Lions Club. I give the Lions Club **a lot of credit** for promoting the workshops, and I am SO appreciative! However, the Lions Club will not be billed for this group of people going through this modified Diabetes PATH workshop. Please contact me if you have any questions.



Report: March 6, 2021 Cabinet Meeting – District 11-E2 Newsletter Editor

Lion Barb:

There is not much that has changed as the Pandemic continues to be an obstacle to "normal" Lions activities. A few clubs continue to find ways to Serve while most are inactive, or at least haven't forwarded any information about their activities.

The January 11-E2 newsletter included information from 6 clubs (21.4%) of the 28 District clubs. The February issue contained data from 5 clubs (17.9%).

Name	Months Participated
• Alpena	1
• Boyne Valley	2
• Central Lake	2
• East Jordan	2
• Hillman	1
• Indian River	1
• Oscoda	1
• Petoskey	1

Reminder, the cutoff day for inclusion is the 4<sup>th</sup> of the month; anything received after that will be in the next issue of the Newsletter.

I am still hoping to get a few letters/columns/notes from any Lions Leaders in the District who want to share something to inspire or inform others. Any suggestions for Newsletter enhancement are also welcome.

Thanks to all for your support.

Lion David J. Zimmer  
District 11-E2 Newsletter Editor  
dlzim47@gmail.com

#### ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE March 6, 2021

Beverly Bodem, Alpena Lions Club, 121 E. White St. Alpena 49707

I recently received the following information on how long it takes for certain items to decompose. I thought I would share it with you.

Paper towel - 2-4 weeks	Cigarette butts - 10 – 12 years
Banana Peel - 3-4 weeks	Leather shoes - 25-40 years
Paper bag.....- 1 month	Tinned steel can - 50 years
Newspaper 1.5 months	Foamed plastic cups – 50 years
Apple core - 2 months	Rubber boot sole - 50-80 years
Cardboard - 2 months	Plastic containers - 50-80 years
Cotton glove - 3 months	Aluminum can - 200-500 years
Orange peels - 6 months	Plastic bottles - 450 years
Plywood - 1-3 years	Disposable diapers..... 550 years
Wool sock - 1-5 years	Monofilament fishing line 600 years
Milk cartons - 5 years	Plastic bags - 200-1000 years

Sharing this information will help create awareness among people that plastic is one of the major reasons related to the global green house effect according to this source.





**From:** "Kris Roberts" <krobd@gmail.com>  
**To:** jrbroome@charter.net  
**Priority:** Normal

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ZC Lion Jim.

- The Central Lake Lions Club is meeting virtually regularly.
- We are collecting aluminum can tabs for Ronald McDonald House, and will be delivering 36.25 pounds, or 45,900 tabs to the Ronald McDonald House in Grand Rapids to support their mission of housing families close to medical facilities where children are being treated.
- Our lady lions are taking part in the Magic Yarn project in support of children with pediatric cancer.
- We are in the process of distributing monetary support to community, Lion District, Lion State, and Lion International programs totaling over \$25,000.
- Our Lions club has sold more than \$1,100 worth of Lions of Michigan Sight and Hearing Sweepstakes Tickets.
- Our club has sold over 50 Lions of Michigan Raffle Calendars.

That's all I can think of right now, Lion Jim.  
 Lion Kris Roberts, Central Lake Lions Secretary

**From:** "Brian Chace" <brianchace@gmail.com>  
**To:** jrbroome@charter.net  
**Priority:** Normal

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Hi, Jim.

Grayling is meeting once per month via Zoom, on the first Thursday, for a business meeting. Since the pandemic started in March of last year, a Lucky 13 raffle by mail that was moderately successful has been the only fund raising activity. We haven't done any service projects. We continue community assistance by paying for eye exams, eyeglasses, and hearing aids. We also continue to donate to state and district Lions projects, and sponsor 3 college/trade school scholarships at Grayling High School.

Peace, Lion Brian

Mon, Mar 1 2021 5:00 PM

**From:** "Catherine Hilgendorf" <hilgendorfcatherine@gmail.com>  
**To:** jrbroome@charter.net  
**Priority:** Normal

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Hi, Jim. The Lewiston Lioness Lions have not met in person since last summer. We communicate via email and hope to begin meeting in person in May if not sooner. We have participated in our Commemorative Christmas Tree fund raiser, calendar raffle and quilt raffle to raise monies. We have communicated with the JL High School counselor and seniors are busy working on our scholarship applications. Hope this is helpful. Cathy Hilgendorf.

**From:** "Diane Skop" <skopd@iserv.net>  
**To:** jrbroome@charter.net  
**Priority:** Normal

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Not at all.

- Roscommon Higgins Lake Meeting in person on the first Tuesday of the month. Meetings at the Lions Club House. Providing some services. No fund raising projects at present
- Elk Rapids in person meetings with small numbers.
- No report from Lewiston Lions



## Eversight District 11-E2 Cabinet Report March 6, 2021

The core mission of Eversight is restoring vision through corneal transplantation. Eversight ended the last calendar year on a very strong note following the lifting of the Covid-19 restrictions relating to elective surgeries. The recovery of eye tissue and the delivery of prepared eye tissue for transplant has been at a very high level since last fall. Michigan residents are again being able to receive "the Gift of Sight" in a nearly routine manner.

Eversight's virtual chocolate tasting fundraiser last month was very successful. It was well supported and Eversight exceeded its goal for the event. The proceeds are being used to purchase new eye tissue recovery kits. Thanks to all who participated. Nancy and I certainly enjoyed the tasting. There are plans for a virtual wine tasting event next fall. The virtual aspect gives Lions of our district a convenient way to participate in these events.

I would again like to thank the Lions of District 11-E2 for their support of Eversight especially in promoting organ donor awareness and providing financial support. During these trying times Eversight's biggest need is our financial support. Last year we raised \$12,225, and I know that our District will be generous again this year.

Our Lion's contact person at Eversight is:

Amanda Frederick - Philanthropy Administrative Assistant  
3985 Research Park Drive  
Ann Arbor, MI 48108  
(734) 780-2616

[afrederick@eversightvision.org](mailto:afrederick@eversightvision.org)

Eversight is planning their Gift of Sight Golf Classic with both an in-person and virtual aspect in June. The in person portion will be on June 19. Plans are also being made for the Bowling for Brighter Tomorrows with an in-person event in August with a contingency plan for a "Run-raiser" which would be a virtual 5 K type event.

Clubs are encouraged to utilize the Charles Weir and William 'Doc' Barr Fellowship Awards to honor a club member or someone from your community. Donations of \$500 over a three year period would qualify your club for a Weir Sight Conservation Fellowship Award and donations of \$1000 over a three year period would qualify your club for a Barr Knights for Vision Fellowship Award. These very nice awards can be easily ordered using Eversight's website: ([eversightvision.org](http://eversightvision.org)) Click on the "who we are" link, Then the "Lions Partners" choice, and then the "Michigan Fellowship Program" option.

Thank you very much for your support of Eversight and if you have any questions please feel free to contact me:

[den7rich@gmail.com](mailto:den7rich@gmail.com) or (231) 944-0587

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Richardson, District 11-E2 Eversight Committee Chair





District 11-E2 Cabinet meeting  
March 6, 2021

## LCIF Report

We are entering the third year of the third major funding campaign since LCIF was founded 50 years ago, Campaign 100. Campaign 100 was originally a three year campaign, but has been extended for another year due to the Covid crisis. Through 2/19/21 the campaign has raised \$191,418,158 of the \$300,000,000 goal.

The goal for every club is to donate \$250/member over three years (only \$80/member/year), with club, individual member and local community donations all included toward this goal. Right now only 6% of Lions donate individually to OUR foundation and International would like to increase this percentage. Our district's percentage is currently 8.65%, led by the Hillman Club at 100%. Individual contributions can be made on a recurring basis via credit card on the LCIF website to make it easier. The Hillman club reached 100% by passing around a can at each meeting for members to put in a dollar or two, or just their pocket change with the proceeds being credited in alphabetical order to each member. This is an easy way that every club could participate.

We started the campaign off well in the district. In the first year we raised \$13,363, and we raised \$11,844 in 2019-2020. This total should make us eligible for another community grant like the one received by the Hillman Club last year which we are using on our Community Walkable Trail project. 21 of our 28 clubs made contributions last year, so we reached 75% giving. It would be great if every club could make at least a token contribution this year so that DG Rod could have a 100% district. This year so far 13 clubs/individual Lion members have donated \$3,541, so I would encourage all clubs to review their budgets and try to make at least a token contribution to LCIF. We still need people or clubs to buy squares on the district Melvin Jones Fellowship raffle board so that we can do the drawing. The squares are \$20 each, with \$10 being credited as a individual contribution to LCIF, and the balance used to pay for the Fellowship. Let me know if you would like to help. The original plan was to complete the squares at the district convention so we could do the drawing then, but Covid disrupted them, so we have some more time now to fill up the board.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

PDG Barb Durflinger





## Leader Dogs for the Blind Report February 2021

**leaderdog.org**

Make sure to go to the website for Leader Dogs for the Blind to see information about upcoming events such as Dinner in the Dark on March 12 at 7:30 p.m. which is virtual this year and Bark & Brew, June 2021.

You can also access links to order materials for presentations or events by using the website as well as see information about the programs and services at Leader Dogs. There are some wonderful client stories and PowerPoint presentations available to download and share or just watch on the website. There are also links for Fast Facts if you want some quick information.

The February 2021 issue of the monthly newsletter is available on the website so you can stay current with what is happening at Leader Dogs.

If you want more information about fundraising opportunities such as Dollars for Dogs which can benefit both Leaders for the Blind and your club with minimal effort, please contact me.

During the 2020-2021 fiscal year, Leaders Dogs has continued to serve clients while following COVID-19 restrictions.

**Leader Dogs issued: 53**

**Orientation & Mobility White Cane Clients: 41**

**Virtual Summer Camp Participants (ages 14-17): 38**

As of January 11, there are MANY clubs who have not submitted a donation to Leader Dogs this year. The total for all clubs in 11 E-2 is **\$1,550**. Please contact me if you need information or ideas on how you can support Leader Dogs. Thank you for your support of Leader Dogs for the Blind and your continued service!

Lion Julie Haase

District 11-E2 Leader Dog Chair

[haasejul@gmail.com](mailto:haasejul@gmail.com)

(231) 838-9394 cell [voice or text]



DISTRICT 11 E-2 HEARING AID CHAIR  
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MARCH 2021

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Clairene Jorella  
Chairperson, District 11 E-2  
Hearing Aid Assistance

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#### 2021 Forum report

The virtual forum was on Feb 27, 2021 with the theme "The Service Must Go On".

There were over 200 participants logged in, many of which had 2 or more watching together. It was a combination of recorded and live presentations, with questions and answers after each segment.

The keynote speaker was VDG Daniel Elkins from Delaware.

A surprise participant was International Vice President Douglas Alexander, and the tech team was able to have ID Justin Faber introduce him at the end and allow him to say a few words of encouragement to wrap it up.

All the presentations will be available soon to watch on the district YouTube site at [lionsofmi.tv](https://lionsofmi.tv)

DG Rod  
Forum Chair  
District 11-E2

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## Nominations Report

I have received the following nominations:

For District Governor from the Oscoda Lions Club-

1VDG William Gaines

For Lions of Michigan Foundation 2 Year Trustee from the Hillman Lions Club-

PDG Barb Durflinger

As of today, no nominations have been received for either 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor.

Arnie Engster

Nominations Chairman

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### March 2021 Pediatric Cancer Report

The 3 organizations that we support can use your help.

Maggie's Wigs 4 Kids ( [wigs4kids.org](http://wigs4kids.org) )

1. We can help by registering salons to cut hair to be sent in for wigs.  
See attached document or go to their website
2. Any donation to the organization will help

Camp Quality ( [campqualityusa.org/mi](http://campqualityusa.org/mi) )

1. Camp Quality is having virtual camps again this year. Contact Amy Smither at [amy.smither@campqualityusa.org](mailto:amy.smither@campqualityusa.org) for things to donate.
2. Support a child or family

Kids Kicking Cancer ( [kidskickingcancer.org](http://kidskickingcancer.org) )

1. Financial support

Families going through this might be in the need of gas cards or rides. If there is a family in your area you might be able to watch the kids while they have a night out to help relieve some stress. Contact your local Pastors or Medical facilities and ask them to pass to the families that they know going through this that the Lions are here to help.

DG Rod

Pediatric Cancer Chair

District 11-E2



For administrative use only:

- ☐ Entered By  
☐ Full packet of information sent  
☐ Added to Website

30130 Harper Ave. St. Clair Shores, MI 48082 | Phone: 586-772-6656 | Fax: 586-772-6674 | [www.wigs4kids.org](http://www.wigs4kids.org)

### Salon Registration Form

**Our Mission:** Maggie's Wigs 4 Kids of Michigan provides wigs and support services to children experiencing hair loss as a result of illness and treatment. This program is available to any child or teen between the ages of 3 to 18 in Michigan at no cost to them or their families. Become a registered salon or cosmetology school. When cutting hair, you donate it and forward it to Maggie's Wigs 4 Kids of Michigan. You may also host a third-party fundraiser to help defray the cost of making a wig to continue our mission.

Person Registering Salon: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Salon Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Salon Owner: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Website: \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about Maggie's Wigs 4 Kids of Michigan?

\_\_\_\_ We are interested in cutting hair for donation.

\_\_\_\_ We would like to host a third-party fundraiser.

\_\_\_\_ Our stylists would like to volunteer with Maggie's Wigs 4 Kids of Michigan.

Upon receipt of your registration form, Maggie's Wigs 4 Kids of Michigan will forward you additional information to assist in showing your support. Thank you for donating your time, talent and treasure.







## District 11-E2 IT Report

March 2021

There are a few clubs taking advantage of the district Zoom account. The first request for meetings at the same time was recently made, and with the use of breakout rooms they are going to attempt to all join the same meeting, then split into separate breakout rooms. This could be a good way for members in different clubs to get to know each other by meeting together before and after the meeting in the main session room.

The current Zoom plan allows for 100 participants. Hopefully the convention will be larger than that, in which case the plan can be upgraded for that time period. The plan is due for renewal on May 17, 2021 for \$149.90.

Purchase of 4 rechargeable batteries with charger for the wireless microphones was made for \$28.61. More will be ordered as needed when the cabinet will be able to meet together again.

\$543.31 is still available in the budget, which is ample to cover all the above expenditures.

Marie Leathers  
IT Chair

## **GST News**

The district has earned a special banner patch for making or distributing at least 1,000 masks in their communities. Each club that contributed in making or distributing any number of masks can also receive the patch. All the club has to do is report it in MyLion.

As we enter the last quarter of the fiscal year be sure to input all your service into MyLion. Any acts of service your club members perform can be reported, even if it wasn't a whole club project. Maybe you served by working at a food pantry, driving individuals to appointments, sending cards to shut ins - many Lions got creative in how they served, so be sure to let your secretary or service chair know so they can report it. You can also report fundraisers and donations. Reporting service is a tangible way to show what an impact our Lions have in our communities. You can still report service that your club has done since July 1, 2020. If you need help all you need to do is send an email to [marie@centrallakerealty.com](mailto:marie@centrallakerealty.com) or call 231-350-0286.

**Marie Leathers**

### **11-E2 GST**





## IT News — Marie Leathers

Want to add some fun to a Zoom meeting? Consider having 2 or more clubs meet together for some social time and then go to separate breakout rooms for each club to have their own meeting. Great way to see Lions from around the district and to share ideas. It's easy and fun. Why not try it?

Don't forget to visit the Lions district website [lionsdistrict11e2.org](https://lionsdistrict11e2.org) for updates on what's happening in our district, and join the Lions District 11-E2 Facebook group to share photos of your Lions club in action!

Oscoda/Central Lake  
Zoom Meeting —



# SERVING WITH KINDNESS

## 2020-2021 LIONS VIRTUAL CONVENTION

### DISTRICT 11-E2 APRIL 16-18, 2021



**Friday Evening**  
6:00 PM Virtual Mixer

**Saturday**  
9:00 AM Guest speakers,  
testimonials & breakout rooms

**Sunday Morning**  
9:00 AM Lions/Lioness Memorial  
10:00 AM District Elections



6:00 PM Keynote Address  
District Awards  
Hospitality Room

**Door Prize Drawings  
throughout the convention.  
Must be present to win**



**KINDNESS IS THE ONLY SERVICE THAT WILL STAND THE STORM OF LIFE AND NOT WASH OUT**

*Continued —*





## **2021 Virtual Convention District 11-E2**

**Whether you're a new Lion or have been a Lion for longer than you can remember, this convention is for YOU!**

This is your chance to attend a Lions District Convention at no cost. Learn how Lions have an impact beyond our local communities, and also how our state projects and foundations are here to help us serve our local communities even better.

Can't attend all the sessions? No problem! One registration will allow you to come and go as you are able throughout the weekend. Every registrant will be entered to win a door prize, but just remember you have to be present if your name is drawn. Drawings will be held at random times throughout the weekend.

Don't know how to use Zoom? Help is available. Just request help with Zoom when you register and someone will contact you.

### **Lions District 11-E2 Virtual Convention Schedule**

**Friday April 16, 2021  
6:00 p.m. Virtual Mixer**

**Music, trivia and a chance to meet and mingle with Lions  
throughout the district.**

**Saturday April 17, 2021**

**9:00 a.m. State Project Presentations with testimonials from recipients:**

**Eversight— Leader Dogs for the Blind**

**Bear Lake Camp — Michigan All State Band**

**Lions of Michigan Foundation — Lions Club International Foundation**

**1:00 - 6:00 pm FREE TIME**

**6:00 p.m. Keynote Address: PID Jenny Ware**

**District Awards**

**Hospitality room**

**Sunday April 18, 2021**

**9:00 a.m. Lions & Lioness Memorial Service**

**10:00 District Elections**

**More information available on the district website [lionsdistrict11e2.org](https://lionsdistrict11e2.org)**



## 2021 Convention: Certification of Delegates

Dear Club Leader

We will be having a virtual District 11-E2 Convention this year by way of Zoom. This letter will give the procedures for our election of a District Governor, 1st Vice District Governor, 2nd Vice District Governor and Lions of Michigan Foundation Trustee.

At the bottom there is a link to a survey that will let you provide the Credential's Committee a list of who your club's voting delegates will be. Please determine who your voting delegates and alternates will be, fill out the form and click on Submit.

Each Lions Club in good standing with Lions Clubs International, Multiple District 11 and District 11-E2 is entitled to one (1) delegate (vote) for each ten (10) members, or major fraction thereof, as reported on your February 2020 membership report. A major fraction is five (5) or more members.

Our elections meeting will be held virtually on Sunday, April 18, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. by way of Zoom at the end of the District convention. After the nominations when it is time for the actual voting, all of the voting delegates will be sent to a virtual breakout session, where the voting will take place. Lions will be identified at our virtual convention by their email, so be sure to include each delegate's email on your club's certification of delegates form. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me by phone or email.

(231) 944-0587 or [den7rich@gmail.com](mailto:den7rich@gmail.com)

Thank you very much for your cooperation during these interesting times.

Yours in Lionism,

Dennis Richardson

District 11-E2 Elections Chair







# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## APRIL 2021:

**District Cabinet Meeting** — April 16, 2021 - 4:00 pm — ZOOM — Committee Chairs are asked to please submit written reports. Contact [marie@centrallakerealty.com](mailto:marie@centrallakerealty.com) for a link to the ZOOM meeting.

**District Convention** — April 16-18, 2021 — *A Virtual Event* –

**Friday Night Mixer** — April 16, 2021 - 6:00 pm — FREE — ZOOM — Friday night virtual mixer with music, trivia and socializing with Lions from around the district.

**Saturday** — April 17, 2021 – 9:00 am - 1:00 pm — FREE — ZOOM — State project presentations, testimonials, breakout rooms and discussions

**Saturday** — April 17, 2021 – 6:00 pm — FREE — ZOOM — Keynote address with PID Jenny Ware, District Awards, Hospitality room.

**Sunday** — April 18, 2021 – 9:00 am — FREE — ZOOM — Lions & Lioness memorial.

**District Elections:** 10:00 am — FREE — ZOOM — Nominations and voting will take place via Zoom. Meeting is open to all Lions. Delegates must be registered in order to vote.

**Earth Day** — April 22, 2021

## JUNE 2021:

**Michigan Lions State Convention** — June 12, 2021 — Online — Virtual Convention will be broadcast on June 12, 2021.

**LCI Convention** — June 25 - 29, 2021 — \$50 until April 30 - \$75 after April 30 — Online — Visit <https://lclcon.lionsclubs.org/> for registration for this virtual event. Early bird registration has been extended to April 30.



## PASSINGS



NONE REPORTED

## NEW MEMBERS

NONE REPORTED

## On the Mend

NONE REPORTED



## Boyne Valley Lions

**MARCH 2021**

From Boyne Valley Lions Meeting Notes:

**3/17/21 Meeting:** The pasty fundraiser concluded last Thursday. a) The Board agreed to donate \$300 to the BCHS Hospitality Class for the use of their kitchen, ingredients, and the coaching from Chef Cole.

(1) After all expenses (*Pasty Fundraiser*), the Lions raised **\$1,523.782!**

BV Lions are working with Schmidt Amusements for a potential May 13th - May 16th Event – the Boyne Mushroom Festival. Still issues with respect to gathering size and how the crowd (currently limited to 1,000 people) would be managed; there is pushback from citizens against large gathering events. Schmidt Amusements is keeping track of crowd size with the sale of wrist bands. Lions printing discount coupons are OK to distribute: Family Fare - 2000 coupons; BP - 500 coupons; Kilwin's - 500 coupons; Challenge Mountain - 500 coupons. The coupon printing cost needs to be updated.

## East Jordan Lions

## Central Lake Lions

**MARCH 2021**

Thursday, March 18, 2021

## Lions Club supports East Jordan Family Health Center Diabetes Program

REGION — In a partnership between area Lions Clubs and their district, East Jordan Health Center received a donation of \$1,200 toward continuous glucose monitors for diabetic patients in need of financial assistance. Partnering together in this donation are the East Jordan and Central Lake Lions Clubs and Lions District 11E-2.

“Thank you to all the Lions who worked together to makes this happen; it will provide a significant benefit to people dealing with diabetes in both of our communities this year,” states Di LaBeau of Central Lake Lions and District 11E-2 Diabetes Chair coordinating the donation.

As a Federally Qualified Health Center, the East Jordan Family Health Center strives to offer comprehensive care across chronic disease state, including diabetes. The Bellaire and East Jordan Family Health Centers staff two Clinical Pharmacists that work in partnership with our providers to facilitate best medication usage, assist with barriers to care, and provide chronic condition management services. In 2018, the health center’s Clinical Pharmacists launched an initiative to use continuous glucose monitoring to assist in care for patients with diabetes. With this data, the healthcare team is able to evaluate the effectiveness of current medication therapy, provide guidance on medication therapy going forward, and help assess the patient’s nonpharmacologic factors such as their diet and exercise.

The placement and analysis of a continuous glucose monitor is a covered service for many patients thought their insurance; however, the health center estimates about 20 out of 100 of its patients will lack insurance and the cost of the monitor is a barrier to their care. In this case, the health center offers a Sliding Fee Discount to assist patients with payments. The joint donation by the Central lake, East Jordan and District Lions will provide monitors to patients with need.

“This is an opportunity to continue to service our diabetic patients with technology normally not afforded to them. Providing quality care while eliminating barriers is essential for our community health center and has an impact on patients’ lives,” states Rachel Krino, Marketing Director for East Jordan Family Health Center.



*Pictured are:* East Jordan Family Health Center PharmD Jesse Haines, East Jordan Family Health Center CEO Dan McKinnon, Central Lake Lions President Randy Miller, District Governor Rod Leathers, Lions of Michigan District 11 E-2, East Jordan Lions President Denny Gocha

Text & photo from Petoskey News-Review newspaper





## Hillman Lions MARCH 2021

Pictures from the Hillman Lions pantry event on Saturday, March 24. We had a great day- good weather again.



We fed 197 (!) families- 142 from Montmorency Cty, 25 from Presque Isle, 5 from Cheboygan, 3 from Alcona and 22 from Alpena County.

We passed out all of the food to cars, and didn't have to dispatch people to the senior apartments this time to get the rest distributed, a first time for that, so I am really pleased with how the word has spread.



Thanks much to everyone for your help.







## Oscoda Lions MARCH 2021

Oscoda Lions Ramp builders were at it again, Lions Tony Priebe, John Novak, Bill Gaines and volunteer Jeff Moldovan Built the ramp over two days,. Jason the homeowner was very pleased with it, He said it will make getting in and out of the house a lot easier. We Serve



***Please join us for this pre-convention party - a fun evening of music, trivia, and socializing with other Lions. The theme this week will be The Final Countdown, as we have one last virtual cocktail party a week before the convention!***

***You will need to pre-register for this event.***

Please register as soon as possible to help us in planning the breakout rooms. After registering, you will immediately receive a confirmation email with the link to join the meeting. If you don't receive the confirmation email please check your spam folder, or send an email to [lionsdistrict11e2@gmail.com](mailto:lionsdistrict11e2@gmail.com). Anyone registered will also receive a reminder with the link to join prior to the virtual party.

If you have never used Zoom and would like assistance setting it up please contact Marie Leathers ([marie@centrallakerealty.com](mailto:marie@centrallakerealty.com) or 231-350-0286) prior to Friday. The best way to join is on a desktop computer but you can also connect on a laptop, tablet or smartphone as long as it has a camera, microphone and speakers or a headset. If that is not possible there will be a phone number where you can call in and interact verbally.

*On the night of the party if you have trouble connecting please contact VDG Bill Gaines at [wgaines1111@yahoo.com](mailto:wgaines1111@yahoo.com) or 253-219-8590.*



**CORONAVIRUS UPDATES – March 1 & 2\***

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

**World Statistics**

**Confirmed Cases: 129,465,881 ♦ Deaths: 2,826,018**

**United States Statistics****Michigan Statistics**

**Total Cases: 30,538,515 ❖**

**Total Cases: 678,295**

**Deaths: 553,120 ❖**

**Deaths: 16,141**

**DISTRICT 11-E2 STATISTICS**

 = Highest Numbers

11-E2 Counties	Cases Confirmed	Deaths
Alcona:	485	25
Alpena:	1,622	49
Antrim:	1,214	20
Arenac:	811	27
Charlevoix:	1,199	13
Cheboygan:	1,297	38
Crawford:	739	6
Emmet:	<b>1,741</b>	40
Gladwin:	1,634	43
Iosco:	1,419	<b>67</b>
Kalkaska:	790	16
Montmorency:	401	18
Ogemaw:	1,194	34
Oscoda:	467	20
Otsego:	1,653	28
Presque Isle:	760	28
Roscommon:	1,521	41
<b>Totals</b>	<b>18,947</b>	<b>513</b>

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



## COVID Update: Pandemic Rolls On

As much as I would like to report that the COVID-19 Pandemic is over, it is not over. Some information about where we are and what we've learned so far about the coronavirus:

- **Good News:** About 2.83 million people are receiving a coronavirus vaccine every day. States are moving rapidly to expand vaccine eligibility, with all adults now allowed to book appointments in much of the country.
- **Bad News:** Michigan leads the country in recent cases per capita. The number of hospitalized coronavirus patients in the state has more than doubled in the last two weeks.
- Doctors and scientists continue to work to estimate the mortality rate of COVID-19. At present, the mortality rate is thought to be substantially higher (possibly 10 times or more) than that of most flu strains.
- **Long-haul COVID-19:** Defined as symptoms persisting for more than 6 weeks. While most patients fully recover from COVID-19 in 4 to 6 weeks, many patients have persistent and debilitating symptoms for months after symptoms began. Studies have found that more than half of COVID-19 patients continue to feel fatigued 10 weeks after illness onset, and some still have chronic fatigue after more than a year.

### The 10 most common complaints among study participants were:

- Cognitive dysfunction, reported by 81%
- Headache, 68%
- Numbness or tingling, 60%
- Loss of taste, 59%
- Loss of smell, 55%
- Muscle pain, 55%
- Dizziness, 47%
- Pain, 43%
- Blurred vision, 30%
- Tinnitus (ringing in the ears), 29%

### In addition, many reported non-neurologic symptoms, including:

- Fatigue, 85%
- Depression or anxiety, 47%
- Shortness of breath, 46%
- Chest pain, 37%
- Insomnia, 33%
- Variation of heart rate and blood pressure, 30%
- Gastrointestinal complaints, 29%

## The Cards You're Dealt

The following is a verbatim text message series that occurred on March 1, beginning at 1:33 pm, in which I tried to help a fellow Lion who asked for my assistance, and the outcome of my actions:

"Are you free at the moment? Please I need you to do something for me right away." -Rod Leathers.

"Yes for now." - D Zimmer

"OK. How soon can you get to a nearby store? I need you to help me grab a couple of steam cards there. I'll reimburse you any amount of cards purchased as soon as I'm done. Can you do that? Thanks!" - Rod Leathers

"I'm not familiar with "steam cards", what type of store - Walmart, hardware store, grocery?" - D Zimmer

"You can find them at Walmart, grocery or any store where gift cards are available. I need 3 @100\$ each Thanks." - Rod Leathers

"Ok, will look for them shortly - how do you want me to get them to you? Mail?" - D Zimmer

"Just peel-off the back and send me a clear picture of each card revealing the number when you get them. And receipt too: - Rod Leathers

"Ok, will do." - D Zimmer

(At this point I left home to find the requested cards; but after 3 stores was not able to get exactly what he requested.)

Continued —





"Sorry, but I couldn't find any steam cards at Walgreens, they only had the \$50 ones and not enough to do \$300; they didn't have any at all at D&W market. I checked on my phone and Walmart carries them, but when I got there the only cards they had were \$20 & the pegs below them were empty. They must be popular cards if they're are that hard to get." - D Zimmer

*"Oh, you can get the 50\$ ones you saw. How many is it?" - Rod Leathers*

"There were three at Walgreens." - D Zimmer

*"Ok. You can get them and if they have other cards too like eBay. That would do too." - Rod Leathers*

(At this point I went back to Walgreens and purchased the three \$50 steam cards, and three \$50 eBay cards as well. I took them home, removed the stickers over the card codes, and took grouped pictures of them and the receipts, as requested. Unfortunately, one of the steam card stickers was faulty, and took off most of the code numbers, rendering that card useless. I was not happy about that, but uploaded the pictures of card codes and receipts and sent them out.)

*"Ok. Got it. Thanks!" - Rod Leathers*

*"One last thing. Please can you take pictures of each card and send it. Not together like you sent them." - Rod Leathers*

"The 3<sup>rd</sup> Steam Card doesn't have a clear code, tried to scrape it further to no avail"- D Zimmer

(At this point I re-photographed each card separately and sent them out)

*"Yes. Perfect!" - Rod Leathers*

*"The 3<sup>rd</sup> steam card is badly peeled. Can you see numbers a bit physically there? - Rod Leathers*

"I used a magnifying glass but I couldn't make out the writing The adhesive strip was evidently not working correctly. The FBI or CIA could probably decipher it but I don't have the forensic tools needed. Trying to rub off the adhesive just smudged it without revealing the numbers/letters." - D Zimmer

(There was no reply, it was the last message of the day.)

There was another message the next day, asking *"What are you up to today?"* - Rod Leathers. I was busy with several things that week and didn't notice it until a few days later. I've had no further text messages from "Rod".

This whole request seemed a little unusual, but asking me for this type of favor seemed logical as nearby Petoskey has many stores, including Walmart, carrying many types of gift cards that smaller towns might not have. If that's what was needed I was glad to help. After all, helping is what Lions do.

On March 15, (the Ides of March, ironically) Lion Barb Durlinger sent out an email that some District Lions had *"received an email purporting to be from DG Rod asking you to send gift cards for some Covid thing. This email did NOT come from DG Rod. His email was hacked."*

When I saw the email about the fake emails NOT from Rod, I realized that messaging was also a communication tool that could be misused. I hadn't received the promised reimbursement for the cards. Upon looking closely at the messages, I also noticed that the sending phone number has an area code not from this part of Michigan. And a query to Barb confirmed that DG Rod had not sent the messages.

Yep. I WAS **SCAMMED!**

The texts were not very explanatory, which I had taken to mean DG Rod was very busy at the moment ("when I am done"), too busy to do it himself. And the "100\$/50\$", instead of "\$100/\$50", was a bit strange. But at the time I had no inkling, no suspicion at all that I wasn't texting with DG Rod.

I printed this entire message series so those who read it can see what a scam looks like. Based on the texts received, would you have seen through it, recognized it for what it was? Or not?

Whoever perpetrated this scam seems to know a lot about our Lions district, our hierarchy and the people who serve in it, and our phone numbers. Where did he (or she?) get that information? From someone in a Lion's family or a friend? From websites, and/or hacked computers? Technology brings us together, but the information that is out there also leaves us vulnerable.

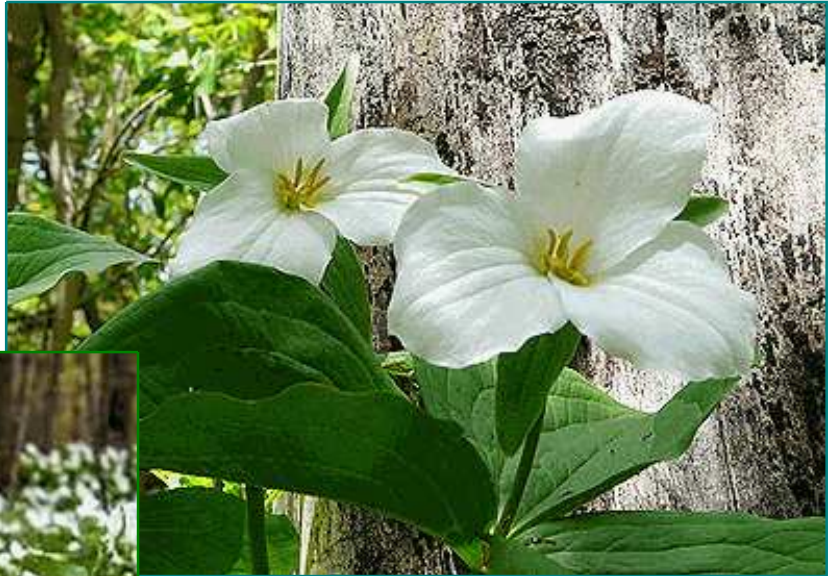
I offer this woeful tale of malefaction as a warning that there are people out there using the tools of technology for nefarious purposes, clever and knowledgeable enough to avoid suspicion. That thought wasn't on my radar, but it is now! Lesson learned: We have to be vigilant every moment because, unfortunately, something like this can happen to any of us at any time. Trying to do the right thing with the wrong person never ends well.

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



## *Pictures of the Month: April 2021*

### Trilliums



This protected Michigan three-leaved flower, the White Trillium, will soon be covering the forest floor in its Northern Michigan habitat areas.



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**NOTE:** Submissions received after the 4<sup>th</sup> will be printed in the next month issue

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

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

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

Text: Include dates and names (if applicable) for all events submitted.

Text will be edited as needed for space, spelling, corrections, etc.

**Don't be left out!!**

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