

DISTRICT 11-E2 NEWSLETTER



APRIL 2022

Notable Quotes: "There are 2 ways to be fooled. One is to believe what isn't true; the other is to refuse to believe what is true." - Soren Kierkegaard

District Governor's Message

Greetings, fellow Lions,



District Governor
William Gaines

This month's article is on a more personal note than usual. My plans and goals for this year as DG got significantly revised earlier this month when I felt ill and made a trip to the emergency room. The result was a three-way bypass and most of March spent in the hospital and then a rehabilitation center. I am finally home but still having significant restrictions on my activities as I am not currently allowed to drive and the physical efforts I can undertake are limited. Thanks for the well wishes from all of you who have been aware of the situation. They are greatly appreciated.

Convention planning is going ahead. Many thanks to the 11E2 GLT who have really stepped into the breach and kept event preparation moving forward. It is still possible to register for convention although the deadline for reduced rates for Boyne Mountain Lodge has passed. I have asked 1 VDG Jill and 2 VDG Steve to fill in the gap on club visits where they are able to do so. I am personally disappointed that I am not going to be able to make the club visits I had planned but not yet arranged. I hope to be able to visit with some of you after our convention when I should be more mobile with less restrictions on my activities.

Our district and Multiple District 11 are still running positive on membership gains for the year. Unfortunately, June traditionally sees significant membership drops as members drop out when semi-annual dues are payable, Our MD11 Council Chair, Dave Hill, has announced a challenge, "60 members in 60 days", to each of our districts which asks that we add 60 members between April 1st and May 31st. I would really appreciate the support of each of you in recruiting new members in pursuit of this goal. Think about the rewards we have all experienced in serving as Lions. It's a friendly thing to do to give someone new the opportunity to experience the joy of serving as a Lion.

I'm looking forward to seeing many of you at the convention. It will be great to get together after our two-year Covid hiatus.



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

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Lions Of Michigan Multiple District 11-E2 Counties

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



ZONE 1	CLUBS	ZONE 3	CLUBS
N/A	Boyne Valley, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, East Jordan, Indian River, Mackinaw City, Petoskey	ZC/2VDG Steven Murch Alpena Lions Club stevemurch49707@gmail.com	Alpena, Alpena Evening, Atlanta, Glennie, Hillman, Hubbard Lake, Mio
ZONE 2	CLUBS	ZONE 4	CLUBS
ZC Jim Broome Central Lake Lions Club jrbroome@charter.net	Central Lake, Elk Rapids, Grayling, Houghton Lake, Lewiston/ Lewiston Lioness Lions, Roscommon- Higgins Lake	ZC Sean Clarke Oscoda Lions Club seanclarke123@gmail.com	Beaverton, Hale, Harrisville, Lincoln, Oscoda, Prescott-Skidway Lake, Rose City,

2nd Vice District Governor's Message

Greetings, fellow Lions,



I have two important questions to ask you this month pertaining to your Lions membership:

Why are you a Lion? And, what do you enjoy most about being a Lion?

I'll answer them first before going into why I asked them, with the second one being the easier of the two to answer.

The thing I enjoy most about being a Lion is two-fold: the first is the satisfaction of helping my community. I say on a regular basis (in this space and face-to-face) that we are only as strong as our weakest link, and by helping my community I help to strengthen my community and its weakest link. The second part is the friendships I have forged as a Lion – some of them were people I knew in some manner prior to joining my club, and some I didn't know at all. That friendship extends to Lion from other clubs as well, something I never imagined happening.

Now for that first question. At first blush, the easy answer is because I'm third generation Lions Club member and it was inevitable. But it's more than that. From a young age I was “volunteered” to help at various events where my parents were volunteering. Mike and Billi Murch knew the importance of getting involved in the community and believed in doing something to help, whether it was the sports and groups my brother, sister and I were involved in or it was the volunteer fire department or some other organization that needed help. It was a belief they instilled in my brother, sister and me.

So why were these two questions important? Well, if you are unable to tell a fellow Lion the answers then how can we be expected to tell the people we are trying to recruit to join us why we are Lions and what you enjoy most.

We have begun a 60 by 60 recruitment drive throughout Multi-District 11. Each district is challenged to bring in 60 new members from April through May. And in case you weren't aware, we as Lions are the best recruitment tool our clubs have to bring in new members.

By being able to answer those questions we improve our chances of bringing in new members to help our clubs grow and serve our communities. When we share our stories about being a Lion then we spread the word about our clubs and the good we do in our communities; when we discuss the things we enjoy about being a Lion we show others our clubs are places they might enjoy too.

A few years ago Lions Clubs International changed its tune about tooting our own horns and the service we do. Now we try and trumpet it for all to hear and see. Some clubs are better than others, but we all need to continue those efforts.

My club sends all of our club's news to the local newspaper – photos, meeting news, new members inductions, etc. Whether they run it is up to them, we've done our part by trying to use that form of media. We post our news to social media as well.

As you tell your stories about your club and your reasons for being a Lion, use every platform available to you whether it's traditional media or social media. Spread the word, it's the only way for our clubs to continue to grow.

So what is your story, and how do you answer that question? I'd love to know. Email me (SteveMurch49707@gmail.com) and tell me your Lions story. Or let's talk at the convention.

Thanks for all you do for your club and your community.



**Lions Clubs International**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Tending To Our Common Home



Dear Lions,

I have always believed that you take care of the things you care about. That's why I keep my home tidy and my plants watered. When something is damaged, I fix it. I know that if I don't do these things, my house won't be the place I want to call home. The rooms would be a mess if I didn't keep them clean, the house would fall into disrepair if I didn't take care of it, and my plants would die if I didn't bring them water.

My house is in Brooklyn. Yours may be in Kentucky, or Mexico, or India. But really, we all share one home—the Earth. And it's filled with so much diversity and so much beauty. As Lions, we have committed to caring for our environment in the same way we have committed to caring for our fellow humans. Because we cannot separate the wellbeing of people from the wellbeing of our planet.

Earth Day is April 22. But I would argue that every day should be a day that we ask ourselves what more we could do to protect and restore the natural world. Whether you participate in a clean-up event, save a corner of your garden for pollinator plants, or spend the time to ensure you are recycling properly, I hope you are able to find some way to give back to the environment this month.

Because no matter where in the world we live, we all have only one true home. Let's take care of it together.

Douglas X. Alexander

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International President





Lions Clubs International

Dear Lions Club Officer,

As your club prepares for annual elections and to welcome a new leadership team, you may find the following documents helpful.

[Standard Club Constitution & By-Laws](#) – This document outlines the election process and describes key positions within the club structure as outlined in the Standard Club Structure. Immediately after your club completes its elections (and no later than May 15), your club secretary should report the incoming officers and directors. Help us keep them in the loop by providing email addresses for future communications.

[Standard Club Structure](#) – Help your nominating committee know the positions available in the new Standard Club Structure. The sample structure includes the officers, board of directors and standing committees. It provides guidance to the overview of a club's layout.

[The Club Quality Initiative \(CQI\)](#) is a strategic planning tool that helps clubs identify opportunities for improvement. The program features several steps to help club operations become more efficient and find new directions. By identifying areas that can be improved, your incoming officers can take measured steps to accomplish goals and, by involving the whole club in this exciting process, your club can be even better!

Use these helpful resources to get your incoming officers ready as they take the lead.

Finally, Lions Clubs International has designed webpages, e-Books and other resources to assist your club officers in their positions. Visit the [Club Officers](#) webpage to learn more about each of these key roles.

Please contact us if you have any questions by phone at (630) 468-7084 or (630) 468-6890 or by email at clubofficers@lionsclubs.org.

Thank you for your service and leadership!

Sincerely,

Your District & Club Administration Division Support Team

This message was sent to the following: Club President, Club First Vice President, Club Secretary



A message from:

Jerome Thompson

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



Lions Clubs International, LCIF and Lions Quest are coming together to serve the youth in our community, form new specialty clubs, club branches and provide leadership opportunities for all Lions who are passionate about improving the quality of life for your youth.

Part of the Global Membership Approach is to remotivate members with exciting service and fellowship. What is more exciting than putting a smile on the face of an at-risk child. Please join me to discover how your club can benefit from this new initiative.

We can make a difference and change these statistics. Lions bring hope to the hopeless. There is a new [Lions Quest Brochure](#) that points out:

- Every 45 seconds, a child or teen is arrested
- Every 2 minutes, a child is placed into foster care
- Every 24 hours, 14,206 public school students are suspended
- Gun violence is the leading cause of death for ages 1-19

FEBRUARY 2022 RESULTS - CONSTITUTIONAL AREA 1

Service

- 19,269,485 lives impacted YTD up 13%
- 48% of Clubs Reporting Up 5%

Membership

- January +340 (2,441 better than last year)
- YTD -365 (a 96% improvement over last year)
- February – after 3 days + 93

Leadership

- Data not available

LCIF

- \$6,018,834 Up 55%

RESOURCES YOU CAN USE

Club Excellence Award ➡

Club Officer E-book ➡

Club Branch ➡

Reporting Service from your iPhone ➡



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

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

- Raise US\$34,209,636 more toward our US\$300 million goal.
- Ensure success by using Campaign 100 resources and creating more Model Clubs in your district.
- Lead by example by submitting your LCIF grant story, making a pledge to Campaign 100, and promoting the April Foundation Fridays.

Click each button below to support Lions' service for decades to come!

By the Numbers... Where We Stand

Fundraising and grant funding are directly linked. Here's where we stand as of March 15, 2022:

- Campaign 100
 - Fundraising: US\$265,790,364
 - Model Clubs: 4,459
- FY2021-2022 Grants
 - Awarded: 951
 - Total funding: US\$27,943,842

Thank you for pushing hard to reach our Campaign 100 goal and encouraging applications for LCIF grants.

[VIEW YOUR LCIF GRANTS TOOLKIT](#)



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We have almost reached the goal of \$300 million. Please review your budget and make a contribution to LCIF, **OUR** Foundation prior to June 30. There are several options in addition to making a direct contribution to LCIF that we can take advantage of. Our district still has a few squares left on our Melvin Jones raffle board. We will be drawing the winner for the Melvin Jones Fellowship at the district convention. The squares are \$20, \$10 of which goes to fund the Fellowship, and \$10 as an individual contribution from the square purchaser. Your club can buy a square also if you want a chance to name a member from your club for the MJF.

We also have the statewide raffle with great prizes. The flier for the raffle is attached. Those tickets are also \$20. We have 71 left to sell in our district, so please talk to your club members about purchasing one, or consider buying one (or more!) as a club. You could then raffle your winnings off in your club. If you have any questions about either of the raffles, let me know.

CST Barb Durflinger — LCIF Chair, District 11-E2

A LETTER FROM LEADERSHIP

Dear Fellow Humanitarian,

It is hard to believe that the end of Campaign 100 is just a few short months away. We are pleased to report that to date, **thanks to generous supporters like you**, we have reached approximately 90 percent of our goal, having raised more than US\$274 million!

Not that many months ago, in June 2021, we reached a significant milestone, making Campaign 100 the largest fundraising success in LCIF's history, raising more than Campaign SightFirst II did over a decade ago. **This amazing achievement would not have been possible without your tremendous support.**

We have already accomplished so much since the campaign launched in 2018 at our international convention, and funds raised have already magnified our service and impacted the lives of so many around the world. We hope you enjoy reading how together, Lions and LCIF, made a difference for Khloe, who is featured on the cover of this newsletter, and that you will take a moment to read about some other projects made possible by your support.

There are just a few months left until we celebrate our collective accomplishments during CIcon in Montreal, and we look forward to seeing many of you there. In the days remaining, we encourage you to add to your support of LCIF encourage your fellow club members to pledge their support to help us reach our campaign US\$300 million goal. All donations received before June 30, 2022 qualify for limited-edition Campaign 100 recognition.

Let's bring Campaign 100 to the finish line, and begin to build on our success!

Sincerely,

Douglas X. Alexander

Douglas X. Alexander
International President
Lions Clubs International



Brian E. Sheehan

Brian Sheehan
International First Vice President
Lions Clubs International



Patti Hill

Dr. Patti Hill
International Second Vice President
Lions Clubs International





ANNUAL FUNDRAISER
HOSTED BY
LIONS BEAR LAKE CAMP



APRIL 9, 2022 BUFFALO & BOAR WILD GAME DINNER

DOORS OPEN AT 5 P.M.

DINNER AT 6 P.M.

EVENT IS FROM 6 P.M. - 10 P.M.

\$50 PER PERSON

\$360 FOR A TABLE OF 8

LOCATION:
METAMORA LIONS CLUB
3790 N. OAK STREET
METAMORA, MI. 48455

Tickets include:

Dinner
3 Drink Tickets
Entered into hourly drawings
Event Favor

Grab your tickets today at any of the following:

www.bearlakecamp.org

Hunters Den

Metamora Golf & Country Club

Tickets must be purchased in advance. Limited to the first 300 people.



Every Lions Club in Michigan has impacted Eversight's sight-saving mission in some way. Show your club or district's support by securing naming rights to one of the rooms or departments at Eversight's Ann Arbor headquarters!

More than 70 Lions Clubs banded together in 2019 to raise support for Eversight's Lions Community Board Room. Now, there are even more opportunities to solidify the legacy of your club or district at Eversight's headquarters.

Spaces available for naming rights include, but are not limited to:

- **The Donation Support Center (call center)** - The frontline of where the donation process begins
- **Eversight's Clinical Wing** - Where eye tissue is evaluated and prepared for sight-saving surgeries
- **Tissue Distribution** - Where Eversight staff work together with surgeons and researchers to place each recovered tissue on a path to help someone in need

Multi-club and multi-year gifts are welcome. Please reach out to Eversight staff to learn more.

A heartfelt thank you to **District 11-B1 Lions** and the **Lakewood Lions Club** for being the first two Lion partners to name a space at Eversight's new headquarters.

Please contact **Alex Teska**, Eversight Director of Philanthropy, for more information or to arrange a club presentation regarding naming opportunities:
(734) 780-2675 | ateska@eversightvision.org



eversightvision.org

MICHIGAN LIONS CAMPAIGN 100 RAFFLE

DRAWN AT STATE CONVENTION ON SATURDAY, MAY 21, 2022

AUBURN HILLS MARRIOTT CENTERPOINTE



Club Wyndham Smoky Mountains in TN Donated by ID Justin Faber Value: PRICELESS

3 night stay 1 bdrm Deluxe – date is dependent upon availability ---
MUST be used by Sept. 30, 2022 - Here is the link with pictures
<https://clubwyndham.wyndhamdestinations.com/us/en/resorts/wyndham-hotels-resorts/united-states-ofamerica/tennessee/sevierville/>

AN ORIGINAL ACRYLIC PAINTING “ WINTER LANDSCAPE” SIGNED BY PIP JOE PRESTON,
 Co-Chair of LCIF Campaign 100,
 LIONS CLUB INTERNATIONAL.
FRAMED (18X22) Value: PRICELESS



**NAMING RIGHTS
TO A MELVIN JONES
FELLOWSHIP AWARD**



**VALUE: \$1,000
ANONYMOUS DONOR**



2 night Package Includes: Our Award-Winning Elk Viewing Carriage or Sleigh Ride, Gourmet Dinner & Wine Tasting
 2 Nights Lodging
 2 Breakfasts
 Summer & Fall Golf is Optional & Available at a Discounted Rate
 Winter Activity Passes Inc: Cross Country Skiing & Snowshoeing
DONATED BY: Lions of District 11E2 & Thunder Bay Resort
VALUE: \$650.00

SPORTS PACKAGE -- TICKETS TO MULTIPLE COLLEGE SPORTING EVENTS

(Must contact ticket holder to make arrangements for mutually agreed upon game) —
 College Sporting Events include: (2) tickets for U of M football game (by PDG Dave & Lori Zeller); (2) tickets for MSU basketball game (by Ryan Thies); (4) tickets on 50 yd. line for Grand Valley State football game (by PID Gary & Lion Cheryl Anderson);
VALUE: PRICELESS

**GROUP OF “10” ASSORTED GIFT CARDS
OF \$25.00 EACH VALUE: \$250.00**

**DONATED BY LCIF DISTRICT
COORDINATORS & DISTRICT GOVERNORS**

**ONE OVERNIGHT STAY AT BOYNE MT.
RESORT & (2) \$50 DINNER GIFT CARDS**

**DONATED BY: Boyne Mt. Resorts;
Magnum Hospitality; and Boyne City
Taproom VALUE: \$200.00**

LCIF Statewide Raffle Tickets

comdac@comdac.com Fri, Mar 25, 5:18 PM

At long last we received the tickets for the statewide LCIF raffle. Each district is being asked to sell 100 of the \$20 tickets. I have attached the flier for the raffle. If each club could talk to their members, we only need to sell an average of 4 tickets per club to meet our goal, so please talk to your members about buying a ticket. So far we have sold 18 tickets to Lions in the clubs below:

Alpena- 6

Boyne Valley- 2

Central Lake- 2

Hillman- 6

Oscoda- 1

Petoskey- 1

Please consider having your club buy one, which can then be raffled within your club. The tickets need to be sold before May 1, so we need to move on this quickly. Please send me your check (or checks) from your club made out to the Sterling Heights Lions Club (they made arrangements for the license, but all proceeds get credited to the Lions of Michigan). I will need the information on the buyers so I can fill out the stubs for you. These tickets can also be sold to non-Lions. I can also send some blank tickets for you to sell, just be aware that I will need the stubs and payment back by 5/1 to make sure they get entered into the drawing. Let me know if you have any questions.

Barb Durflinger

11-E2 LCIF

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LIONS OF MICHIGAN FOUNDATION

36th Annual Sight & Hearing Sweepstakes

Your Lions Club can earn easy money for your local projects and help the Lions of Michigan Foundation by selling tickets for the Sight and Hearing Sweepstakes. The more tickets you sell, the more money your club earns - up to more than 1/2 of your total ticket sales. The Oscoda and Alpena Lions Clubs earn more than \$2,500 annually from their participation in the Sight and Hearing Sweepstakes. **YOUR CLUB CAN DO THE SAME!**

Each year, our foundation partners with Lions Clubs throughout Michigan to help people with sight and hearing disorders, and the Sight and Hearing Sweepstakes provides the bulk of the necessary funding for that help. There are no risks for your club to participate in the Sight and Hearing Sweepstakes – only benefits. And, **REMEMBER**, you might also win one of the many cash prizes available, including the \$5,000 Grand Prize!

30 - 99 TICKETS SOLD = \$3.50 PER TICKET FOR PARTICIPATING CLUB
100 - 249 TICKETS SOLD = \$5.00 PER TICKET FOR PARTICIPATING CLUB
250+ TICKETS SOLD = \$5.50 PER TICKET FOR PARTICIPATING CLUB

Try these marketing ideas, and you will be surprised at how easy it is to sell tickets for the Sight & Hearing Sweepstakes. **YOUR CLUB CAN'T LOSE.**

1. Ask all of your members to buy and sell one ticket each. This will double ticket sales statewide, and it would provide tens of thousands of dollars for eye care and hearing aids in Michigan.
2. Obtain Board approval to buy Sight & Hearing Sweepstakes tickets in the club's name, or encourage each club member to donate \$10 to buy tickets in the club's name. Every year, some of the top prizes are won by Lions and Lioness Clubs.
3. Encourage your club members to buy tickets for their friends and family members. The tickets make great gifts for Christmas (stocking stuffers), birthdays, anniversaries or any special occasion, especially for that person who seems to have everything. Wouldn't it be great if a family member won the \$5,000 Grand Prize? Send the tickets to friends and family members with a letter that explains what Lions are doing to help people in need and why we are doing it.
4. Invite community groups (band boosters, scout troops, etcetera) that your club supports to help sell tickets. Give the group their share of the proceeds.
5. Plan to sell Sight & Hearing Sweepstakes tickets for a weekend or two at a local super market or other high volume location or event. Set up a table to display Lions information and your Sight and Hearing Sweepstakes tickets. Make up posters and signs, and pass out pamphlets that explain what Lions do and how the money collected helps people in your community.
6. Nearly all Lions and Lioness Clubs hold 50/50 raffles for our administrative fund. Try changing the format during the months of the Sight & Hearing Sweepstakes, December-April. Give the 50/50 raffle winner a \$10 Sight & Hearing Sweepstakes ticket for each \$10 of 50/50 raffle winnings.
7. Consider organizing a spaghetti dinner, auction or another special fundraiser to raise money to purchase tickets for the Sight & Hearing Sweepstakes in your club's name - that is a winning idea for your club and our foundation.

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36th ANNUAL Sight & Hearing Sweepstakes A GUARANTEED Fundraiser

GREAT PRIZES

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

SELLER INCENTIVES

1st-\$750 - 2nd-\$500 - 3rd-\$250 - 4th-\$100

EASY MONEY

30-99 Tickets Sold = \$3.50 Per Ticket For Club
100 - 249 Tickets Sold = \$5.00 Per Ticket For Club
250+ Tickets = \$5.50 Per Ticket For Club

DRAWINGS

TICKET SELLERS DRAWING

May 7, 2022
Lions of Michigan State Office
Lansing, Michigan

FINAL DRAWING

May 21, 2022
MD 11 Convention - Auburn Hills, MI

The PRICE is RIGHT
\$10.00 Per Ticket

Attention-Attention-Attention

Do you have a friend or relative who has everything?

What better gift could you give than one that helps those in need? For a gift of \$10, you can buy a Sight & Hearing Sweepstakes ticket for a friend or family member, providing them with a chance to win several cash prizes, including the grand prize of \$5,000.

Upon receipt of your gift, we will mail a sweepstakes ticket stub and sweepstakes information to your honoree with a card acknowledging your gift.



lmsf.net - lhcmi.org

Lions of Michigan Foundation - Gift
36th Annual Sight & Hearing Sweepstakes

Donation Amount: \$ _____

Donor's Name(s): _____

Donor's Email Address: _____

Donor's Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Honoree's Name: _____

Honoree's Email Address: _____

Honoree's Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Another Lions of Michigan Grant

Our district received another veteran's emergency assistance grant from the Lions of Michigan Foundation, this one for the widow of a veteran. The district matched it with a \$500 grant, and the fund established by the Rogers City Lions for continuing medical assistance in their service area donated another \$500 for her assistance, for a total of \$2,500. "We Serve."

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



LIONS OF MICHIGAN FOUNDATION

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March 9, 2022

Barbara Durflinger
Hillman Area Lions Club
14946 Royston Road
Hillman, Michigan 49746

Dear Mrs. Durflinger:

I am pleased to inform you that the Hillman Area Lions Club's Emergency Individual Assistance Application for [REDACTED] has been approved in the amount of \$1,500.00. Please note the enclosed check in that amount.

These funds may only be used for the purpose outlined in [REDACTED]'s assistance application. Any remaining funds must be returned to our office in a timely manner.

Our Michigan Lions Foundation is funded with proceeds from the Sight and Hearing Sweepstakes, the Lion Mints Program and donations. The Hillman Area Lions Club's support of these programs is appreciated.

We are happy we could be of assistance to [REDACTED] and the Hillman Area Lions Club. By working together as "Partners in Service" to help people in need, we can better address the present needs that exist in our state, and we can meet the challenges that lie ahead.

Together in service,



Chad A. McCann
Executive Director

Enclosure

cc: [REDACTED]

A Public Charity

Dedicated to improving the quality of life of people in Michigan with unmet needs.

MEMBERSHIP

Hello Lions Leaders,

This email is being sent to club presidents and membership chairs, but in the cases where the president and/or membership chair did not have an email listed with LCI, the officer with an email listed received this. Also, many clubs do not have a membership chair, and I would encourage you to have someone take on that role.

This email is to let you know of an upcoming challenge for the districts of MD 11 -- we are part of MD 11 E-2. The challenge, created by the district governors, is being called 60 by 60. The idea is to increase membership by 60 members in each of the 10 districts of the multi-district, which is the Lower Peninsula. The challenge begins April 1 and a trophy will be awarded to the district that adds the most members.

Membership allows us to do what we do as Lions -- serve our communities -- and growing our clubs is always a priority. While 60 members might seem like a large number, with 27 clubs that number is quite manageable. There is an average of a bit over two per club (let's try not to bring in a fraction since someone might have to answer tough questions), but clubs in small communities or those that are large for the size of their community might not be able to get two new members and the larger communities would need to average more. It still is possible if small clubs could add one and the bigger clubs bring in a few more.

As we aim to add new members, I am available to speak to your club in whatever manner you currently meet. I would love to make a club visit, but if your club is still meeting virtually I can do that as well. Anything I can do to help, I would be willing to do. In the meantime, here's a link to some of the membership resources available at the LCI websites

Invite Members | Lions Clubs International. It is a great resource to acclimate yourself to what is available for your club to help it grow.

Also, with the convention just around the corner I would encourage you and your club members to try and attend. This is our first opportunity to meet in person as a district in three years. If you can't make the full weekend, there are plenty of opportunities to stop in for a single event. In addition there is training Saturday morning for presidents, secretaries, treasurers and membership chairs. I will be running the membership training session, hopefully with the help of District Governor Bill Gaines who is currently recovering from heart surgery.

I hope to hear from you, or see you at the district convention April 29-May 1 at Boyne Mountain.

Thanks for all you do,

Steve Murch

Alpena Lions Club

2nd Vice District Governor



The Boyne Valley and East Jordan Lions Clubs are proud to be able to host the 2022 District Convention.

We hope you will join us to celebrate the ending of the year for District Governor Bill and enjoy time spent with International Director Allen Snider and his wife Susan.

By coming to this Convention, you will enjoy being with your Fellow Lions, learn more about Lionism and some of the Projects we serve. Very important training will be available for Club Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers, and Membership Chairs. As always, we will hold the District Business Meeting, Raffle, Memorial Service and Elections.

Please note that on Friday evening we'll have the District Social Hour which will feature music, light appetizers, and a cash bar. In an adjacent room, the Honorary Committee will be working on a service project and you're invited, and encourage, to join them for a bit in service to our District.

The Charlevoix County Area has a host of attractions for you to visit while you enjoy this convention and we have left time Saturday afternoon for you to do just that. In your registration material at the conference you'll receive information for local businesses and attractions. A short list of restaurants and attractions are included in this packet! The convention and resort is family friendly and you're encouraged to bring your children and grandchildren. Some resort activities are weather dependent, but Avalanche Bay is always warm and wet and guests who are lodged in the Mountain Grand Lodge have unlimited access to the spa's indoor/outdoor pool, hot tub and exercise area!

Please join us April 29th – May 1st in Boyne Falls for the return of an in-person District Convention. We look forward to seeing you!

VDG Jill Drury

Convention Chair

Convention Itinerary

Day & Time(EDT)	Description	Location
Friday April 29th		
2 – 6 PM	Registration & Certification	Lobby -Mountain Grand Lodge (MGL)
4 – 5 PM	Lions District Cabinet Meeting	Graz A/B
5:00-7:30 PM	Dinner - on own	See list of local restaurants
5:45 PM	V.I.P. Dinner (by Invitation)	TBD
7:30– 10:00 PM	District Mixer Service Project Live Music	Vienna A/B
Saturday April 30th		
	Breakfast - on own	
8:30 -11:30 AM	Registration & Certification	
8:30 – 8:55 AM	ID and Cabinet Meet & Greet	Geneva
9 – 10 AM	Lions District Business Meeting	Vienna A/B
10:15 – 11:15 AM	Training Sessions – President Secretary Treasurer Membership Chair	Exact Location of each session TBD; rooms to be used: Graz A/B Geneva
10:15 – 12:15 PM	State Project Presentations Time for up to 4 projects to present	Vienna A
12:30 – 4:00PM	Lunch & Activities on own	
1:30 – 4:00 PM	Registration continues	MGL Lobby

DAY & Time (EDT)	Description	Location
Saturday Afternoon April 30th		
2:00 – 4:00 PM	Fly Tying Class Learn the art of Fly Tying	Location TBD Small cost to cover materials
4:00 – 5:00 PM	District Raffle / Auction	TBD
Saturday April 30th Evening		
6:00-7:00 PM	Social Hour	
7:00 – 9:00 PM	District Banquet	
9:15 PM	Hospitality Room	Location TBD
Sunday May 1st		
7:30 – 8:30 AM	Breakfast Buffet	Vienna A/B
8:45-9:30 AM	Memorial Service	TBD
9:45 – 10:45 AM	Registration & Certification	Mountain Grand Lodge Lobby
9:45 – 10:45	State Project Presentations - One project presentation in each location	Graz Geneva
11 AM	Lions District Election	Vienna A/B
12 Noon	Convention Wrap UP and Adjournment	

CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

District 11E2 Convention
 Boyne Falls, MI
 April 29 – May 1, 2022

**Registrations are due March 31, 2022**

Circle all that apply: Lion Spouse Leo Guest

Club Name: _____

Attendee Name: _____

Name you want on your badge: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: () - _____ E-Mail: _____

Indicate each event you will attend:

	Friday Evening Mixer 7:30 pm – 10pm Hors' D'oeuvres and entertainment Hosted by: Boyne Valley & East Jordan Lions Clubs	Included	Included
	Fly Tying Class Saturday 2:00pm	\$10/person	\$
	Saturday Banquet 6:00 pm	\$40/person	\$
	Sunday Breakfast	\$24/person	\$
	Total Amount Due:		\$

Room Reservations (Mountain Grand Lodge and Clock Tower Lodge)

Rooms are on a first come first serve basis. Reservation Deadline: March 30, 2022

<https://Boynemountain.com/booklodging/?pid=16173&Group=13V30R&checkin=04/29/22&Checkout=05/01/22>

Please note that after the cut-off date of March 30, 2022, attendees will have to call Central Reservations at 800.462.6963 and ask for the Lions Club Regional Convention to book their reservations, based on availability.

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: BVLC Convention Account

Mail to: Jill Drury, 106 Hillcrest Dr, East Jordan, MI 49727

Enclosed is my check for meals and Activities as indicated above \$ _____.

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

Your convention hosts are: **The Boyne Valley & East Jordan Lions Clubs**. For information or answers to questions please contact: VDG Jill Drury, 231.920.9645 or drury.jill@yahoo.com

Activities for the Weekend

Suggestions

All things fun at Boyne Mountain – check their listing of activities including Avalanche Bay Waterpark (Waterpark Discounts available)

Local Breweries, Taprooms, Distillery Tasting Rooms, Wineries & Restaurants

Visit Downtown Boyne City, East Jordan, Petoskey, Charlevoix

Hike at a number of nature preserves in the area

Pedal (or walk) the Boyne Falls to Boyne City Bike Path

Visit Raven Hill Discovery Center <https://miravenhill.org/>

Saturday Morning Farmers Market in Boyne City (8am-Noon)

Jordan Valley Glassworks

Jordan Valley Arts Council

Castle Farms Tour

Charlevoix Mushroom House Tours
<https://www.mushroomhousetours.com/>

A fun weekend is planned for all ages, come enjoy the Boyne area!

The logo for the 11-E2 District Convention is a light blue oval with a drop shadow. Inside the oval, the text "11-E2 District Convention" is written in a bold, 3D-style font with a yellow-to-orange gradient and a dark outline.

11-E2 District Convention

**April 29-May 1
2022**

Room Rates at Boyne Mountain

Call or go on line for your convention room reservations, here is some additional information and room types available:

Clock Tower Lodge- \$119 for 2 Queen or 1 King

Mountain Grande Lodge- \$145 for 2 Queen or 1 King

The ones below have a two night minimum:

Condos

Disciples Ridge- \$361/night

3 bedroom log cabin- \$443/night

Mountain Villa 2 bedroom- \$321/night (sleeps 6)

Mountain Villa 3 bedroom- \$352/night (sleeps 8)

Suites

Saalbach and Arlberg- \$272/night

2 bedroom Zermatt Suite- \$599/night

3 bedroom Salzberg suite- \$599/night

So if you are getting a group together to come from your club, some of the multi-bedroom condos/suites might be an option for you.

Please pass this on to your club members.

- CST Barb Durlinger

Lions Mints

comdac@comdac.com

Apr 1, 2022, 2:18 PM

For those clubs participating in the Lion Mint program, there will be price increases and shipping increases coming, probably in the summer due to increased costs. Also the supply of fizzy mints is getting low, and due to the Covid shutdowns in Australia, they aren't sure when they are getting more. So, if you would like to get a supply in before they run out or the price goes up, I will be in Lansing on the 21st and can bring them back and deliver them at the district convention to save you the shipping charges. You can either let me know what you want, or contact Chad at the Foundation directly and let him know that I can pick them up on the 21st.

CST Barb

AID TO UKRAINE

https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/donate?utm_source=intruder-banner&utm_medium=link&utm_campaign=humanitarian-resettlement

If your club would like to do something to assist the refugees from Ukraine, I have attached a link to the fund at LCIF.

CST Barb Durflinger

Stepping Up to the Plate

As we proceed to the start of a new year, let's look at what we can do for the lions in our District.

We are in need of lions that have the talent and leadership skills, or lions that would be willing to get some training to step forward and assume some of the roles as ZC, and committee member or Chairman of District Committee's. You can start off by just being on the committee without assuming the role of Chair.

It used to be that you would have to drive down to Lansing to attend meetings the Multiple District committee chairs called, but now with new technology, you can call in to these meetings from the comfort of your own home.

If you want to discuss being on a committee, call that committee chair. If you want to talk about being a ZC, 2nd Vice District Governor, 1st Vice District Governor, give me a call and we can discuss all that it entails.

I will use myself as an example, there is no way I can do a great job having to be the chair of 6 committees. It's impossible to be able to put the time and effort into each one of those, so we do the best we can. We also have many vacant committees within our District that need to be filled and we are losing out on information due to these vacancies.

We need you to step up to the plate and hit a home run so that all the lions of our district benefit.

WE NEED YOUR HELP

Leadership Chair

PDG David Zeller

Scam Alert!

From: Rod Leathers

Sent: Saturday, April 2, 2022 9:41 AM

To: ComDaC

Subject: Gordon Harris email

Hello Barb,

There is an email going around from Gordon Harris needing help. It is a scam. I talked to Gordon last night. If you could put this out to everyone I would appreciate it.

Thanks

Rod

Actual copy of scam script:

Gordon Harris [via](#) mchsi.com

Apr 1, 2022, 6:04 PM (2 days ago)

To:

I really need a great favor from you, can you help me ?

Gordon

It doesn't sound that ominous

Don't be fooled!

Be Careful. Be Vigilant. Be Aware!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL 2022

District Convention and Cabinet Meeting — April 29, 2022-May 1, 2022 — Boyne Mountain Lodge. More details to follow

Earth Day — April 22, 2022

MAY 2022

Lions of Michigan MD 11 Convention 2022 — May 20-21, 2022 — Auburn Hills Marriott Pontiac

JUNE 2022

The 104th Lions Clubs International Convention in Montréal — June 24-28, 2022.. LCIcon 2022 Montréal, Canada ...



PASSINGS



Beaverton Lions lost Lions RICHARD ROEHRS on March 23, 2022

We honor those who have passed; with sympathies & condolences to family & friends

NEW MEMBERS — MARCH

Alpena Lions: PAMELA A BRUNN joined the club March 8, 2022 - Sponsor: Jill Busha

Boyne Valley Lions: MICHELLE CORTRIGHT joined on March 23, 2022 - Sponsor: Lawrence Taylor

East Jordan Lions: FAYE E MILLER joined on March 7, 2022 - Sponsor: Daniel Miller

Harrisville Lions: CAROLYN K MERKEL & JUDY C PYNE joined on March 14, 2022 - Sponsor: Arthur Laatz / KATHERINE M NELSON joined on March 14, 2022 - Sponsor: James Potter

Indian River Lions: GARNET ELLIS joined on March 15 / EMMERSON T. PENFOLD JR joined on March 15, 2022 - Sponsor Arthur Clark

On the Mend

DG William Gaines is reuperating from a triple by-pass on Friday, March 11.

Boyne Valley Lions

MARCH 2022

(From Boyne Valley meeting notes)

The Feb/Mar pasty sale concluded last week. The Lions made \$2,134 although the club will donate \$300 to the Hospitality Class for the use of their kitchen, ingredients, and Chef Cole's time. This means the club will have raised \$1,834 for the event. As a comparison, the Lions trailer made the same amount for 6 football games last year! Also, the Lions Club did wind up donating 71 pasties to Litzenburger Place and Deer Meadows

Michelle Cortright was inducted into our club March 23, 2022.

East Jordan Lions

MARCH 2022

East Jordan president Terry Graham welcomes new member, Faye Miller,



Hillman Lions

MARCH 2022

Newspaper coverage on one of our generous contributors!

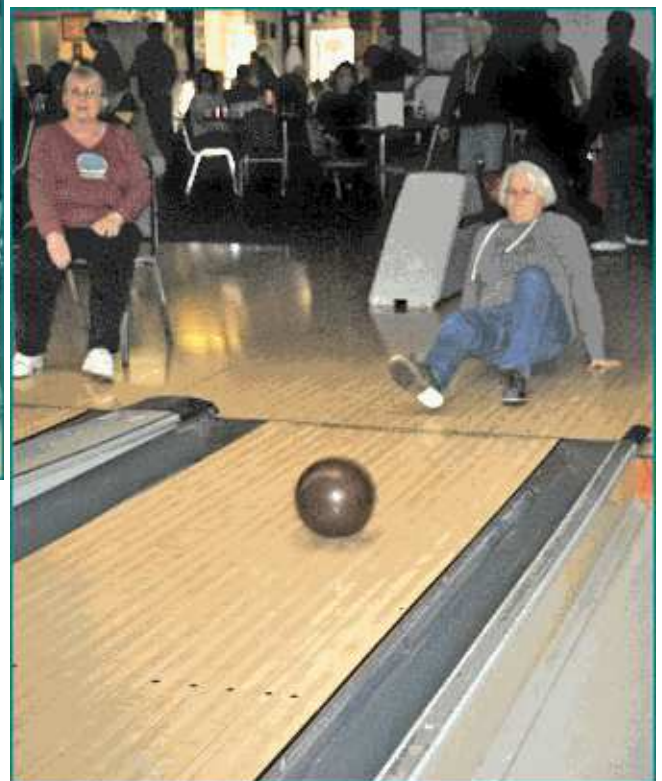


ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN (Hillman) Ladies Aid Vice President, Sue Schlak presents Hillman Lions Club Treasurer Barb Durlinger a check for \$2,300 to help support the Hillman Area Schools weekend food back-pack program and the monthly Pop Up Pantries.

Oscoda Lions

MARCH 2022

Bowling is back!! Oscoda Lions held their 14th annual bowling tournament Saturday. We had 96 bowlers , Everyone that participated received a prize thanks to all the businesses in Oscoda. The Lions Club thanks all the bowlers and bowlers and bowlers and businesses for their generosity. We could not serve the community without your support.




CORONAVIRUS UPDATES April 01, 2022

This is a snapshot of the World, Nation, and State of Michigan statistics on **April 01, 2022**. Numbers may be significantly higher by the time you read this as the COVID-19 **Delta & Omicron Variants** continue to infect more.
(Info from WHO, CDC & michigan.gov. NY Times & other health websites)

World Statistics**Cases: 486,761,597 ♦ Deaths: 6,142,735****U. S. Statistics****Cases: 79,342,899 ❖ Deaths: 972,830****Michigan Statistics****Cases: 2,389,506 ❖ Deaths: 35,706****Vaccinations (1 or more doses) Summary:** Age: 5+: 1 or + Dose**World: 66.1% — United States: 77% — Michigan: 66.83%**

(Statistics may vary monthly as new information and corrections are applied)

DISTRICT 11-E2 STATISTICS = Highest No. = Lowest No.

11-E2 Counties	Cases Reported	Deaths	% Vaccinated
Alcona:	1,725	71	60.81%
Alpena:	5,585	136	59.11%
Antrim:	4,303	64	63.78%
Arenac:	3,195	67	56.47%
Charlevoix:	4,896	54	68.56%
Cheboygan:	4,383	102	60.26%
Crawford:	2,555	30	58.02%
Emmet:	6,356	85	72.58%
Gladwin:	5,561	113	53.28%
Iosco:	4,788	140	61.79%
Kalkaska:	3,543	60	51.95%
Montmorency:	1,715	46	59.06%
Ogemaw:	4,303	105	49.35%
Oscoda:	1,433	55	47.87%
Otsego:	5,609	99	59.48%
Presque Isle:	2,062	57	65.02%
Roscommon:	4,610	113	60.32%
Totals	66,622	1,397	Total Avg: 59.28%

Confirmed cases include individuals with a positive NAAT/RT-PCR test for COVID-19. Probable cases include individuals with either a positive rapid antigen detection test OR COVID-19 symptoms and an epidemiologic link to a confirmed COVID-19 case, but no diagnostic test.

Vaccination % = number of county residents vaccinated (1 or 2 doses) divided by the total county resident population 5+

COVID Update: Where We Are

"The emergence of a new variant is just a matter of time, scientists say.

After the Omicron variant brought a fresh wave of SARS-CoV-2 infections and anxiety at the start of 2022, some nations are starting to record a decline in case numbers. But after two years of oscillating between pandemic surges and retreats, even people in these countries cannot help but wonder when the next blow will come — and what form it will take.

There is no way to know for sure when a variant will become dominant, or whether it will rise to the status of a 'variant of concern' — meaning that there are signs that it has picked up worrying new properties, such as spreading more rapidly, causing more-severe disease or evading immune responses.

The history of these viral dynamics suggests that a new variant will sweep through every few months.

The 54 mutations in Omicron's genome — and particularly the 34 clustered in a key viral protein called spike — severely weakens the ability of COVID-19 vaccines to prevent SARS-CoV-2 infection. But protection against severe disease seems to have remained high, and probably contributed to the perceived mild disease caused by Omicron.

Although Omicron's spike mutations seem to weaken antibody defenses, scientists have detected only slight declines in the ability of immune cells called T cells to recognize the virus. These cells are thought to be particularly important in limiting the scope of a viral infection, killing off infected cells and limiting the virus's spread.

Ultimately, the data continue to point to the importance of vaccination. Vaccines shore up our immunity and that immunity will be cross-reactive, when it comes to T cells, with another variant."

— Excerpts from an article in *Nature* magazine

Truth, or Consequences

April begins with the slightly odd day of pranks and tricks, supposedly all in "fun" — April Fools' Day. While many historians have postulated several different origin possibilities, from the Middle Ages to ancient Roman festivals, nobody really knows for sure when or where this practice first originated.

April Fools' Day may be entertaining, but the lack of truth in the reality of our society is more than disturbing. In a time of countless conspiracy theories, "fake news", "alternative facts", Ponzi schemes and other scams, and downright disinformation, factual truth seems a rare commodity. Some people need to lie for reasons of greed, lust, ego, and other vices. Many people have been hurt by lies, financially, health wise, or psychologically.

So how can we tell what is true or not? Every thing we think we know, what we believe, comes from what we've learned from others, and what we learn from own experiences. Often times, what we've been taught or learned from parents, friends, teachers, or from TV, social media, or other sources turns out to be untrue — or blatant lies.

Sometimes an untruth is merely a mistake, a human error, thought to be true at the time — especially found in science, where what is considered as true often is revised when newer data is available. Today's feathered dinosaurs are much different than the lumbering reptiles that I learned about as a child.

The worst untruths are those knowingly used to perpetuate some financial or social advantage to the liars. A good example: slavery and the resulting racism that we know so well. Slavery of black Africans thrived in a supposedly civilized nation on the premise that the Africans were a less than human race, little more than animals that could be trained to do human tasks. Because the entire economy of some states depended on the labor of slaves, the whole society, churches included, backed the not-quite-human dogma, even though many people who were around slaves may have had their doubts as to this inferiority. How could anyone see these black people every day, working, talking, doing human things, with human emotions, and yet not realize they share our humanity? After the abolishment of slavery black people were legally free citizens, but the "big lie" dogma of inferiority continued as racism. Modern science has long proved all the so-called races, black, red, white, yellow, are are one race, Homo Sapiens, the Human Race. Racism, as we Lions know, is as pointless and senseless as the "Flat Earth" theory.

Truth is a cornerstone of any human endeavor. There can be little progress if untruth becomes dominant among fractious groups. While we are all capable of knowing right from wrong, some just choose to ignore it. So if you seek Truth, keep an open mind, question everything, confirm source reliability, and feel it in your heart, where Truth dwells..

Note: I recently wrote about DNA discoveries proving our ancestors' interbreeding with Neanderthals and Denisovans leaving Neanderthal DNA in most every European and Denisovan DNA in Asians. Neanderthals and Denisovans didn't move back into Africa, so native black Africans who haven't interbred recently with Caucasians or Asians have no outside DNA — meanings only native black Africans are the branch of modern humans that have pure Homo Sapiens DNA. Nazis and other racists' dogma portrays blacks as "impure" while theirs is a "pure race" — it turns out they just got it backwards.

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

Picture(s) of the Month

White Peaks - White Sands



These Pictures were taken this March at the White Sands National Park, just west of Alamogordo, New Mexico.

I'd heard of White Sands many years ago, and I've seen pictures of the area. Still, I was totally blown away by the experience of actually being there at one of the world's great natural wonders, rising from the heart of the Tularosa Basin. The white sands are not the same as the silica beach sand we're familiar with. It reflects rather than absorbing the sun's rays as regular sand does., Even on the hottest day it feels cool to the skin, no hot blisters on bare feet. It is also easier to walk on, you don't sink into it.

White Sands is unique, the largest gypsum dune field in the world, covering 275 square miles (the 2nd largest in Cuatro Ciénegas, Mexico, covers 8 square miles). The mineral that forms the White Sands dunes is about 98 percent pure gypsum sand. Gypsum is a common mineral that dissolves in water, so it is very rare in the form of sand granules, and it is even rarer to find gypsum sand in the form of large dunes piled up by wind.

White Sands National Park on one of the largest military bases in the U.S., White Sands Missile Range, which uses most of White Sands' 275 square miles as a missile testing site, leaving only a small section for park-goers.

The gypsum dunes are home to a unique ecosystem of plants and wildlife, many of which only exist here. White Sands also has the largest concentration of Age of Mammals, (Cenozoic Era), footprints (mammoths, saber-toothed cats, giant ground sloths, etc.) in the United States. If you have the chance, experience this unique place that has no equal.

You Make the News – We Publish It!

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

Send your information to: dlzim47@gmail.com

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

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

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

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

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

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

Don't be left out!!



Racism has no place in our world.

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

#kindnessmatters

