

DISTRICT 11-E2 NEWSLETTER



MAY 2020



Notable Quote: "We cannot become what we need to be by remaining what we are."

— Max de Pree



**Dave Zeller,
District Governor**

District Governor's Message

Let me start off by saying I hope everybody is staying safe and have not gone completely stir crazy from having to stay put in your homes. The Governor has extended the Stay at home order till May 28th which means we have to get real creative in holding meetings and fundraisers. Zoom is an excellent way to have a meeting. The Alpena Lions holds theirs each and every Tuesday with Zoom. Give 1st Lady-to-be Marie Leathers a shout if you want to try a meeting.

This would have been the Newsletter following our District Convention, but as you know, it was canceled. I would however like to thank the Rose City Lions for coming forth to hold what would have been an awesome Convention. Great Job Rose City and thanks for all you efforts.

Congratulations are now in order as we have held our elections in a different manner this year and DGE Rod Leathers of the Central Lake Lions has been elected to serve as our Governor for the next year. Also Congratulations go out to 1st Vice District Governor William Gaines from the Oscoda Lions as he was elected to serve. Oh yes, and I was elected to serve as the District representative to the LMF Board.

Since there is no Multiple District Convention, there will be no dues increase for the coming year, but the new council will look at it again and move forward with a recommendation.

Keep our Multiple District Project in mind also when you are making your donations, they also are suffering during this trying time.

Keep in mind, our motto is "We Serve", so continue to try to do that in the communities we serve Feeding the Hungry, Eye Glasses, Diabetes Awareness and Hearing are our core projects so help out where you can. The LMF ticket drawing is May 16th, so there is still time to make some dollars selling those tickets.

— DG Dave Zeller



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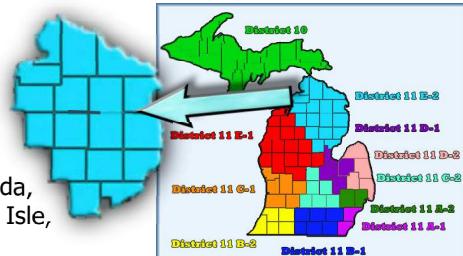
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District 11-E2 Website: lionsdistrict11e2.org

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Crawford, Emmet,
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LCI President's Message

SERVING SAFELY TOGETHER

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

Dear Lion,

I have always believed that the world is a better place because of Lions. It is you who accomplish the extraordinary in your community, and in the lives of the people you serve. You believe that kindness matters. And in this challenging time, I want you to know that you matter more than ever.

As you continue to serve safely during this global health crisis, know that Lions Clubs International is here to support you. Together, we will restore hope. Together, we will comfort our communities and ensure their health and safety.

Together, we will get through this.

Regards,

Dr. Jung-Yul Choi
International President



We Serve

Info from LCI

April 7, 2020


Joint Statement from Kiwanis International, Lions Clubs International, Optimist International, and Rotary International

Woven through the fabric of virtually every community on earth, service clubs of Kiwanis International, Lions Clubs International, Optimist International, and Rotary International are working safely and diligently to maintain connections with each other and our neighbors so that we can cope with and overcome the effects of COVID-19. We are leveraging the strength of our combined networks of 3.2 million members to provide comfort and hope to those feeling the effects of isolation and fear. And we are focusing our collective skills, resources and ideas to support frontline health workers and first responders as they battle this disease and save lives.

In these times of uncertainty, your local service clubs remain committed to meeting the challenge of finding innovative ways to take action together to help communities around the globe heal and thrive – and become more united than ever.

“The global effort against COVID-19 depends on actions taken in every country. As people of action, this is our time to connect with each other to offer immediate help to people in need.” – Mark Daniel Maloney, Rotary International President, 2019-2020.

“The scale and magnitude of this global pandemic requires our world's citizenry to heed the advice and cautions of the experts. The work and plans of our collective members and volunteers must not cease! Our immediate response after the crisis will be necessary to support local governments responding to the many social and economic challenges that will ensue in its aftermath.” – Adrian Elcock, Optimist International President, 2019-2020.

“Great challenges test us, but they also bring us together. Lions are finding new ways to safely serve. Our Lions Clubs International Foundation has granted over one million dollars to help communities facing extreme rates of COVID-19, and additional grant requests are being received daily. Our communities depend on service clubs, and we will be there, supporting and strengthening them together.” – Dr. Jung-Yul Choi, Lions Clubs International President, 2019-2020.

“During these difficult times, we’re seeing everyday heroism across the globe. I encourage us all to recognize the health and safety professionals who are putting their own health at risk for the greater good. To the educators, grocery workers, delivery drivers and the countless professionals who can’t stay home, the Kiwanis family thanks you. We all play an important role in keeping our friends and neighbors safe. Please follow the advice of the World Health Organization, your local health agencies and the instructions given by your Government. Please, stay safe.” – Daniel Vigneron, Kiwanis International President, 2019-2020.

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April 6, 2020


A message from:

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



As a club officer, we have all been stressed by the COVID-19. I am right there with you. This is the week of the month that I usually send out a newsletter dealing with membership, service and leadership benchmarks. To be honest, while important, their priority has taken a backseat to just coping.

At age 19, my father passed away. I dropped out of college (temporarily) and, I went to work for RTM, which operated Arby's franchises across the southeast USA. It was during the next 18 months that I would learn life lessons that would serve me well. In fact, in the past three weeks, many of them have echoed in my mind.

1. Profits are important. People are most important. An area supervisor would remind me of this weekly. How you treat your customers today will determine your sales next week.
2. If we want to retain our Lions, we must treat them well today. A call, an email, a text could make all the difference in the world. Let's be sociable, while keeping our distance.
3. Be aware of the needs of others. It was one Friday evening that Jane came to work. I could tell by the look on her face that something was not right. Customers were lined up to place their orders. Every team member was important to maintaining quality service and product. As she washed her hands to start her shift, I asked, "Jane is everything ok?" She broke down in tears. A family crisis was going on at home. However, she could not afford to take off work to deal with it. I insisted we change the schedule to keep her hours, while allowing her to go home immediately. The team understood, we all pitched in and our customers never knew. But Jane did.

As a leader in a crisis, we must be mindful of the needs of our club and cabinet members. They may have the heart of a servant but are distracted by personal situations – loss of a job, loss of a family member, or simply distracted by the wall-to-wall coverage of COVID-19. Leaders rearrange the schedule and assignments to allow others to take care of themselves first.

The vision of the team is most important. One Friday night, in Tucker Georgia, I stood at the front counter. Four school buses loaded with football players, cheerleaders and a high school band pulled into the parking lot. While they were parking, I called the six employees together and ask for their input as to how we would get through the next hour, as we served almost 200 people, most of whom ordered individually. When asked, each employee volunteered to do what they felt most equipped to do. With a common vision of success, we set out to methodically meet the needs of those before us. Ninety minutes later, everyone was served, the group had left the premises and the dining room was a disaster. However, we got it back in order quickly.

One day in March 2020, out of nowhere, came COVID-19. Quickly following on its heels were "instructions to self-quarantine." Then instructions to social distance were broadcast. And finally, governors from most states began to implement "Shelter in Place" orders. The way Lions clubs had served, met and lead was disrupted.

As a leader, it's time we rally the troops, get their input and communicate there is a better day ahead. Lions Clubs International will still be the largest service organization, providing more smiles to the world than any other group. We will emerge on the other side of this darkness a stronger club and district if we take steps to develop a common vision of a better tomorrow.

Thank you for your service and leadership during this crisis. Flexibility is the key to survival. This is a distraction. In a few weeks, maybe a few months, we will begin to get traction and plow ahead. For now, let's remember the three lessons that I picked up from managing Arby's at the age 19.

You are not alone. Your Global Action Team, area leaders and I are only a phone call or email away.

Sincerely,

**H. Jerome Thompson
PID Jerome Thompson, Global Action Team - CA 1 Leader**

April 14, 2020



2020 Lions Bear Lake Summer Camp Status and Updates

I'm positive that our summer camp staff, campers and families are wondering if Lions Bear Lake Camp will be having Summer Camp 2020, amongst the COVID-19 Crisis. While we do not have a solid answer at the moment, **we are monitoring the situation closely; any decisions about programming will be based on recommendations from federal and state government, health organizations and what is best for our Lions Bear Lake Camp family.**

If we are unable to have 2020 Summer Camp season, we will reimburse fees that have been previously paid.

We will continue to provide updates as they transpire in regards to the 2020 Summer Camp season. **PLEASE STAY TUNED!**

Together We Serve,

**Shelly O'Henley
Executive Director**

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**AS A REMINDER WE ARE WORKING REMOTELY THROUGH MAY 31, 2020.
PLEASE CALL (810) 837-0119 FOR INQUIRIES.**

**April 29, 2020****UPDATE**

Dear Lion,

The Illinois State government in the USA announced that its stay-at-home order will be extended until at least May 30 to slow the spread of the coronavirus. The measures included the requirement to cease all nonessential services in the state. Lions Clubs International is identified as "nonessential." To comply with the state mandate, the Lions Clubs International Headquarters in Oak Brook will be closed at least until May 30, 2020.

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

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

More details will be provided as the situation evolves, but here is some preliminary guidance:

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

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

In kindness,

PIP Frank Moore
Executive Administrator and Secretary





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Dear Lion,

As the world collectively works to manage the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19), communities throughout the world have been greatly affected. Although this pandemic connects us, so does something else – being part of a global community of Lions. We recognize these are challenging times for many. For those who need to take care of their health or the health of loved ones, this is your number one priority. For those who are doing their part by staying close to home through quarantine or social distancing, this can create its own set of challenges.

Take solace knowing that during this time, LCIF is there. LCIF is giving priority consideration to support regions with extreme rates of confirmed COVID-19 cases with emergency grants. The focus of these grants is on addressing the needs that exist within local medical and emergency management systems that are coordinating efforts with the World Health Organization (WHO) and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines. LCIF donations for our COVID-19 response are being accepted through LCIF's General Disaster Fund.

With all of this happening in our world, for this edition of my eNewsletter, I wanted to provide you with some respite from all the news stories and bring us together. It is a collection of stories from LCIF that feature people who may have felt helpless or frustrated, having troubles without solutions...like many of us are feeling today . However, as a result of LCIF, your foundation, the stories provide one thing: hope. And my hope is that you find these stories as uplifting as I do and they motivate you to serve when it is time.

As chairperson of LCIF, I would like to take this opportunity to encourage all of you to remain connected with your fellow Lions. Stay safe, and I look forward to connecting again with you and the Lion community through service.

In friendship,

Gudrun Yngvadottir

Chairperson,
Lions Clubs International Foundation





LIONS VIRTUAL SYMPOSIUM

THE NEXT GENERATION



SATURDAY, JUNE 6TH

Date



1PM - 5PM EST

Time

Join Lions from around the world in a day of virtual learning featuring presentations and discussions about how to empower and create partnerships with the next generation of Lion leaders in our communities.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

3rd International Vice President
Dr. Patti Hill



GUEST SPEAKERS

PID Tom Gordon, PDG Chris Lewis, Kyle Boutilier & Nikhil Patil, the Young Lions Task Force

Moderated by PDG Wendy Cain

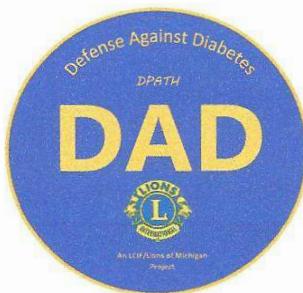


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Hello All,

April 8, 2020

I hope you and your families are all safe and healthy. The State of Michigan is just starting to explode with C-19 infections, with 18,970 cases and 845 deaths as of this date and we are 3rd. in the entire country! As of recent I have been in communication with our providers from MSU regarding development of a D-PATH diabetes management online classes. I am happy to say we are ready to start recruiting participants.

You will be able to participate in the classes in the convenience and safety of your own homes so you won't have to travel. We are looking at start up dates sometime in May for the classes which are 2-1/2 hours long once a week for 6 weeks. All related costs are provided by our LCIF grant and includes 2 instructors from MSU and a training manual which is yours to keep. Since the crisis has started it has become common knowledge that people with diabetes are in more danger of becoming ill than those who are not diabetics and your immune system is not as strong to fight this terrible disease. This is the main reason why we have been working behind the scenes to develop this very necessary training class which does not propose any health threat to those who become involved. With most of our people being self-quarantined it is an ideal time for people with diabetes, Lions and the Public to take advantage of these classes and family members can also participate. Our trusted professionals from MSU always do an excellent job as I have completed the class myself and can assure you that you will be pleased with the results.

There is no cost, no travel time, you have the time, you won't be exposed to the public, so now is the most ideal time to sign up! I have attached a contact list for all Districts. What you need to do first is contact your District Chairperson and sign up. You will be placed on a waiting list. You will be called for our classes that will start in May.

The D.A.D. Fund Administrator Barry Allen has been very helpful to me in developing this innovative idea that can help a lot of people during these trying times.

AS Lions "We Serve" but occasionally "Lions need to be Served" We are here to "Serve You"
Stay Safe, Stay Home.
On behalf of the D.A.D. Board of Directors,

In Lionism,

Bill Bradfield

Bill Bradfield, State Chairperson D.A.D.

420 million people world wide have diabetes;
1.3 million of those people are in Michigan





September 17-19, 2020

Louisville, Kentucky

www.lionsforum.org

April 2020 Newsletter

From our General Chairperson, PID Harvey Whitley

The world around us has truly changed since our last newsletter. As I wrote to you just a few weeks ago, the COVID19 virus had just started to make an impact on North America. Our LCI International Convention in Singapore has now been canceled as well as numerous District and Multiple District functions. Training sessions, club meetings and cabinet meetings have been canceled or held electronically. Listening to the latest reports, it seems that we may now be able to see the other side of this pandemic as conditions are now trending in a more positive direction.

I have been asked more times than I can count—is the Forum still on? **Yes!** Your Planning and Host Committees are continuing to work hard to have the September Forum in Louisville. By the time September rolls around, we are optimistic that we will all be able to get together once again to renew friendships, meet new friends and hone our leadership skills.

To the 2020-2021 District Governors, I know you are very disappointed that you were not able to be together in Singapore as a Council to celebrate your induction. The Forum is planning something special for you to recognize you as new District Governors. It won't be the same as being in Singapore, but you don't want to miss it.

Registration continues to go well and early bird registration rates are still good through May 31.

See y'all in Louisville!!

And We're Off...To Winning Leadership!

PID Harvey Whitley, General Chairperson



PID Harvey Whitley
General Chairperson, Louisville 2020

Exhibits...Exhibits...Exhibits

One opportunity that comes to Lions attending a USA Canada Lions Leadership Forum is the chance to visit the exhibits. The exhibit booths are open the same time as the Forum Store. Exhibits can be local vendors, clubs with a story to tell, Lions' services, various Foundations and support services and much more. Currently, LCIF, KidSight USA and the NC Lions Visually Impaired Persons Fishing Tournament have already committed to an exhibit booth. The latest information on the 2021 Forum in Des Moines will also be available. Those interested in details on how to arrange an exhibit booth can contact the Exhibits Chair: PID Ed Lecius at lioncommish@hotmail.com



USA/CANADA LEO LEADERSHIP FOUNDATION
PRESENTS



VIRTUAL **LEO LEADERSHIP** CONFERENCE

MAY 30-31, 2020

2:00 PM EST

REGISTER NOW
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Dear Lions Club Leader:

The USA/Canada Leo Leadership Foundation is happy to invite you to our Virtual Leo Leadership Conference that will be conducted via Zoom on May 30-31, 2020 at 2:00 PM (EST). This online FREE event is open to Leos, Lions, Leo Advisors, and Faculty Advisors. We have scheduled awesome facilitators from throughout the United States and Caribbean. Among our facilitators is Lions International First Vice President Douglas Alexander. See below the list of webinars that will be offered during our Virtual Leo Leadership Conference.

Registration for the Virtual Leo Leadership Conference is NOW OPEN.

REGISTER TODAY
leoconference.leosforum.org

If you have any questions feel free to email us at
info@leosforum.org

Sincerely,

LION PABLO ROMANO
 President
 USA/Canada Leo Leadership Foundation

LEO FABIAN MAXWELL
 Chairperson
 USA/Canada Leo Forum Advisory Council

2 DAYS 6 AMAZING WEBINARS For All Leos, Leo Advisors, Faculty Advisors and Lions	
SATURDAY, MAY 30	SUNDAY, MAY 31
 PUBLIC SPEAKING 2:10 PM ET Lion Douglas Alexander <small>INTERNATIONAL FIRST VICE PRESIDENT</small>	 MENTORSHIP FOR LEOS 2:10 PM ET Lion Anwar Hollingsworth <small>DISTRICT GOVERNOR, 60-A</small>
 LEO CLUB OFFICER ROLES 2:45 PM ET PDG Barbara Moody <small>DISTRICT LCIF COORDINATOR, 20-K1</small>	 SOCIAL MEDIA BEST PRACTICES 2:45 PM ET Leo Dereck Rodriguez <small>DESAMPARADOS LEO CLUB, COSTA RICA, D-4</small>
 E-LEOCLUBHOUSE 3:00 PM ET Leo Zanir Narvaez <small>WILLEMSTAD LEO CLUB, CURAÇAO, 35-N</small>	 LEOS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS 3:00 PM ET PCC Pamela Longo Graney <small>MULTIPLE DISTRICT LEO CHAIRPERSON, MD 1</small>
	



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Lions

Please continue to sell your tickets if you can do so safely, and be sure and send them back. Remember that with sales of 100 tickets, your club will receive \$5 back from each ticket sold. I am sure right now that many clubs can use a few extra \$. If you need more tickets, let Chad know. If you want to be in the seller's drawing, stubs need to be returned prior to 5/2, and for the regular prize drawings they need to be sent in prior to 5/16. Let me know if you have any questions.

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

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am continuing to receive numerous email messages and telephone calls regarding the status of this year's Sight and Hearing Sweepstakes. As I noted in my message on March 23, this year's Sight and Hearing Sweepstakes Drawings will be held as scheduled. The only change may be the location of the May 16 drawing from Holland to the Lions State Office in Lansing.

It is looking like this is going to be a very difficult year for the Sight and Hearing Sweepstakes and for donations to our Michigan Lions Foundation and our other Lions projects, so it would make things even more difficult if our Lions and Lioness Clubs did not return their sold tickets in time for the final Sight and Hearing Sweepstakes Drawing on May 16.

Please forward this information to your District contacts as soon as possible, and please ask them to forward the information along to their Lions contacts.

Thanks!

Chad McCann
Chad McCann <cmccann@lmsf.net>

UPDATE

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Based on the Michigan Lottery's requirement that we notify all ticket purchasers' of a location change for the May 16 Sight and Hearing Sweepstakes Drawing, **we will hold the drawing as scheduled at the Doubletree by Hilton in Holland.**

Please remind the clubs in your district to mail their tickets to the Lions State Office several days prior to the **May 16 drawing** to make sure we receive the tickets in time for the drawing. Also, if clubs wish to participate in the **Ticket Sellers' Drawing on May 2**, they should begin mailing their sold tickets to the Lions State Office very soon.

We appreciate those of you who are continuing to try to sell tickets during the Stay at Home period. Your efforts have generated some new sales techniques. One sales technique that has been very successful in several areas of the state is posting on Facebook and other social media platforms that your club has raffle tickets available, and the money raised is used to help people suffering from vision and hearing loss. Many people are mailing checks to clubs to purchase Sight and Hearing Sweepstakes Tickets.

I hope everyone is doing well and staying safe. Thanks and best regards.

Chad McCann



making vision a reality

April 23, ____



To: Lions Clubs of District 11-E2

From: Lion Dennis Richardson
District 11-E2 Eversight Chair

Regarding: Challenging Times For Eversight

Greetings from your District 11-E2 Eversight Chair. As you well know things are far from normal during these trying times, and this is certainly true with Eversight. Non-essential surgeries are currently not allowed in Michigan, and for some reason, corneal transplant surgeries are considered to be non-essential. This has created a situation where Eversight has lost about 95% of its revenue stream. This obviously puts this great state project of ours in a serious financial situation. Leaders at Eversight are working very hard to line up what revenue they can to stay afloat, and most importantly, be prepared to continue their great service of providing the GIFT OF SIGHT when the surgery ban is lifted. There will undoubtedly be an unusually large group of Michigan citizens awaiting a corneal transplant at that time.

As you know Michigan Lions started Eversight and continues to be its largest support group. Eversight now needs our help more than ever. At this time I am requesting that each club contribute whatever your budget allows to Eversight, and thank you very much to those who have already done so. Thank you very much for your consideration of this request. Please take care and stay well.

Sincerely yours in Lionism

Lion Dennis Richardson
District 11-E2 Eversight Chair

Munson Masks & Needs Update

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

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

**Marie Leathers
11-E2 GST**

Accepting Gifts of Items or Services

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

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

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

More specialized items include:

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

Hand-sewn face masks:

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

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

We appreciate the communities' interest in making homemade masks to keep healthcare workers and patients safe.

Please know we are receiving a high-volume of inquiries regarding masks and response time may be delayed. Thank you for your patience.

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

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

2020/2021 District 11-E2 Elections

Update: Official District 11-E2 Elections Results

FOR THE OFFICE OF DISTRICT GOVERNOR
Rod Leathers

FOR THE OFFICE OF 1st VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR
William Gaines

FOR THE OFFICE OF 2nd VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR
"No Nominations Received"

**FOR THE OFFICE OF LIONS OF MICHIGAN
FOUNDATION TRUSTEE (two year term)**

Dave Zeller

Congratulations to Our New District Leaders

ZOOM, ZOOM, ZOOM!

Do your club members need to reconnect? Do you need to have meetings to discuss alternate ways your club will be fundraising and serving their communities? Connect with a Zoom meeting!

Contact Lion Marie Leathers to help you get set up. If you would like to have a meeting longer than the 40 minutes allowed on a free account you can use the state or district account on a first come first served basis.

If you're looking for an idea for a Zoom meeting topic, contact some of our state projects and have them do a presentation to your club.

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Calendar of Events

MAY 2020

Cabinet Meeting — May 09, 2020 — 10:00 a.m. — Zoom room will be open at 9:30
Zoom: To attend please contact Marie Leathers
 at **231-350-0286** or marie@centrallakerealty.com prior to the meeting and you will be emailed an invitation to join.

Mother's Day — May 10, 2020

Memorial Day — May 25, 2020

JUNE 2021: **LCI Convention** — June 25, 2021 – Montreal, Quebec, Canada



PASSINGS



Central Lake Lions: Lion Dick Hill passed away in early April
 Lion Jim Burns passed away on April 20, 2020

Oscoda Lions: Lion Craig Clarke passed away on March 29th

NEW MEMBERS

None Received

On the Mend
NONE RECEIVED

Central Lake Lions / Lioness

April 2020

Central Lake Lions Club received a generous donation from PDG Gordon Harris that will ensure that the school scholarships will still be given out even with the cancellation of the fundraiser dinner. Raffle ticket sales are also picking up to help fill the gaps of canceled fundraisers.

Some of the Central Lake Lionesses have switched gears from making eyeglass cases to making masks at home. Some are donating the masks to local merchants and community members, others have teamed up with "Seamstresses for Safety" for distribution to hospitals, medical personnel and offices, and first responders.

Central Lake Lioness masks —

Lion Jim Burns of Central Lake Lions Club passed away on April 20, 2020 at the age of 88. He faithfully served his community as a Lion since 2003. He is survived by his wife, Lioness Pat Burns. A Memorial Mass will be held at St Luke Catholic Church in Bellaire at a later date. At that time graveside services with Military Honors will take place.



East Jordan Lions

April 2020

Tom Breakey from the East Jordan Lion's Cub is helping put the trash cans and return containers out again on the East Jordan River at three locations. This is done in an effort to keep the Jordan River clean.

The cans are returned by the East Jordan Lions Club to help fund their projects.



Lions Of Michigan Foundation

"Bridging The Gap To Service"

I am pleased to announce that at our Lions of Michigan Foundation board meeting this morning that **Lion Bill Chase of East Jordan won the top prize of \$750** in the ticket seller's drawing. Congratulations to Lion Bill!

Please keep selling your tickets. The regular prizes will be drawn on 5/16, so you just need to get the ticket stubs into the state office prior to 5/15. Thanks everyone for your support.

Barb Durflinger
Trustee, Lions of Michigan Foundation

CORONAVIRUS UPDATES – MAY 1



This is a snapshot of what the World, Nation, and State of Michigan looked like on **MAY 1, 2020**. The numbers may be significantly higher by the time you read this as the COVID-19 pandemic continues.

World Statistics

Confirmed Cases: 3,394,006 ♦ **Deaths: 239,278**

United States Statistics

Confirmed Cases: 1,127,647
Deaths: 65,645

Michigan Statistics

❖ **Confirmed Cases: 42,356**
Deaths: 3,866

11-E2 Counties	Cases Confirmed	Deaths
Alcona:	4	1
Alpena:	82	6
Antrim:	10	0
Arenac:	26	1
Charlevoix:	13	1
Cheboygan:	19	1
Crawford:	53	4
Emmet:	21	2
Gladwin:	16	1
Iosco:	51	7
Kalkaska:	17	2
Montmorency:	5	0
Ogemaw:	14	0
Oscoda:	5	0
Otsego	92	8
Presque Isle:	11	0
Roscommon:	16	0
Totals	455	34



— 2020

CORONAVIRUS REDUX

As we find ourselves beginning the fifth month of the unprecedented worldwide Covid-19 pandemic, we continue to cope as best we can in this unwanted new reality. There is festering frustration, general hope, and the expectation that this Covid-19 Pandemic will end sooner – or later.

Scientists have learned much about this coronavirus, but still don't fully understand it. Early assessments reported Covid-19 to be a regular variety respiratory virus – a contagious and lethal virus, with no vaccine and no treatment. We now know Covid-19 not only attacks the lungs, but also kidneys, heart, intestines, liver and brain. A very worrisome development is the blood clots found in Covid-19 autopsies – hundreds of microclots filling the lungs, and other areas of the circulatory system. This coronavirus works the opposite way from Ebola and other hemorrhagic viruses that cause uncontrolled bleeding, and it's not clear yet why. Experts believe blood clots might cause a significant share of U.S. deaths, not far behind normal respiratory complications from Covid-19.

The pandemic continues to surge through many states in the U.S. and parts of the world. Early unscientific pronouncements that Covid-19 was a "hoax", or just another flu that would disappear rapidly, missed the mark totally – and helped set back U.S. responsive actions to fight the virus. Low death rate countries, such as New Zealand, South Korea, Australia, and Germany, were better prepared, took immediate action to limit contact infections, tested early and aggressively for the virus, and had stronger medical systems in place.

Covid-19 has killed more Americans than the entire Vietnam War's 58,220 dead. Michigan alone has passed the nearly 3,000 fatalities of the 2001 9/11 terrorist attacks. This virus still has no vaccine or effective drug to counter it, and the Pandemic hasn't peaked yet. The U.S. death total may surpass 100,000 before it's over. Add to that, the nation's economy is battered and fallen, stalled as millions of workers are laid off or terminated. So yes, this is still a real Crisis.

The highest priority of every government is to protect the well-being of the people it serves, and saving lives is at the top of the list. In times of crisis, evacuation orders in dangerous hurricane areas or flooding regions, and curfews for cities experiencing urban violence, have long been issued as States of Emergency to save and protect human lives.

"Stay-at-Home" edicts in Michigan and many states have been extremely difficult fiscally, mentally and emotionally, for many people. But it is our only option available for combating a new unknown virus with no vaccine that's infecting a population that has no immunity to it. The virus can spread only by contact with someone who is infected. The only way to prevent or at least limit personal contact sequester people. Limiting contact limits infections. Fewer infected cases means fewer deaths — and ultimately, an end to this Pandemic. It's a very simple concept.

Unfortunately, some people just don't get it. In Michigan and elsewhere we've seen recent protests against Stay-at-Home and business shutdown policies. Protestors openly congregate without masks, ignoring Social Distancing and brandishing guns, Confederate flags, and Nazi symbols — exposing these faux "patriotic citizens" to be political extremists using the Pandemic to spew their skewed ideologies. It's about health and saving lives, not politics.

Several pastors in other states have disregarded safety principals to pack their pews with Sunday worshippers. At least one has paid the ultimate price, meeting his Maker courtesy of Covid-19. The number of church goers who have been infected is unknown. The Wisconsin Legislature overturned the Governor's postponement of the state's primary election, resulting in long lines of voters standing close together for literally hours at a reduced number of polling places. At least 40 people (at last count) are confirmed infected directly from this election, and they may have infected many more. Deaths resulting from this virus-inflicting election fall squarely on the Legislators who orchestrated this ridiculously unwise decision.

These ignorant and flagrant acts of disrespect for the safety of others, and themselves, is both frightening and foolish. Reckless actions put us all at risk, and may lengthen the Pandemic's timeline.

"Only two things are infinite, the universe and human stupidity, and I'm not sure about the former." -- Albert Einstein (1879 - 1955)

Everyone wants the Pandemic and its restrictions to end. But the worst scenario is to prematurely remove safety restrictions and reopen social and economic systems before the coronavirus is sufficiently contained. If the reopened society creates increasing infections and deaths, we may have to bring back restrictions and start all over again. Nobody wants that... 



The Good News is that "Stay-At-Home", mask wearing, and "Social Distancing" strategies have proven effective worldwide and in the U.S. to slow or stop the transmission of Covid-19. We are seeing the shortage of medical supplies like ventilators and protective gear for health workers slowly becoming more available — boosted by donations from individual citizens, businesses, and service organizations like the Lions Clubs, including in our own District.

Feverish efforts to create a vaccine or find a helpful drug are beginning to look promising. While earlier hyped drugs that were supposed work against Covid-19 failed in testing, a drug used against the Ebola virus has surfaced as a possible effective medication for infected Covid-19 patients. If testing continues to have positive results, it may be available in a few months or sooner. Also, ongoing worldwide vaccine efforts may produce a breakthrough formula by next year.

A key element in the fight against Covid-19 is testing to determine whether or not a person has or had the virus. Knowing who is infected is critical to stopping the spread of Covid-19. Multiple tests are available, but some are more accurate than others, and some are outright scams. Many technologies are being evaluated to create more accurate tests with shorter analysis times. One interesting testing proposal is to train dogs to use their incredible sense of smell to detect the coronavirus. Dogs already have proven able to detect cancer and other conditions such as seizures. The human body has chemical changes to these diseases and conditions that canines can detect. Dogs could be the first line tests to indicate that a person may be infected and needs a medical test to confirm infection.

The Covid-19 Pandemic can have a positive aspect if we take the opportunity to examine and learn from its effects on human society. It has exposed our society's weaknesses and mistakes, what works, what doesn't, where we have succeeded and where we have failed. If we choose to, we can use the data to correct the social discrepancies and institutional inequities that stand out in this crisis — many poor people dying, unable to afford healthcare; African Americans dying at more than twice the rate of their percent in the population; the ignored early pandemic warnings that set back critical responsive action; the lack of needed tools and protective items that put health care workers, police and firemen, and essential workers (grocery/pharmacy), and ultimately all of us at risk. If we have the will, we can do better.

The brightest ray of sunshine in this gloomy Pandemic is the way so many people have come together by staying apart and supporting the healthcare community in many inventive ways. From donations of items and money to cheering and entertaining via internet, people have expressed their appreciation for the heroes battling Covid-19. They are heroes giving their all to saving the lives of infected patients and well deserving our appreciation.

There is another group of heroes who should be acknowledged; those millions of citizens heeding the scientific experts and wearing masks, keeping Social Distance from others, and staying home except to get essentials or walk the dog. While they suffer the woes of restricted activity, these American Patriots have kept themselves, and by extension many others, from getting infected. These heroes are the ones who, if we don't do something stupid, will beat this virus by shutting off its access to spreading. They are saving the lives of healthcare workers who will be exposed to fewer patients, and saving the rest of us as well. *Thank you for your contribution and commitment to bringing this Pandemic down.*

We look at the statistics daily as the numbers climb, wondering how long it will take. There is a growing impatience among some that enough is enough, that we need to begin restoring society and the economy now whether or not thousands more people get infected and die. At least one Congressman virtually uttered that same sentiment in a TV interview. Do we follow the path of moral decisions, or do we turn in the direction of political expediency?

Every statistic, every number, records a dead human being who is mourned and missed by family, friends, co-workers and scores or even hundreds of others. Few of us will come out of this without knowing at least one fatality, or a close relative of one. We can, and will, bring back the economy, but we can't bring back the dead.

We Northern Michiganders feel relatively safe in our environment with most dangerous Pandemic hot spots in urban areas. That may be true now, but tens of thousands of summer home owners and vacationers will soon be clogging our roads. Many will be coming from states with less strict polices or recent premature openings, unaware they are infected. Impatience may lead to more patients. Whatever happens, we all must have the will and the wisdom to persevere.

In the end, we will get back to normal, the new normal post-Covid-19. There will be changes and challenges to face, but that's life, just on a larger scale. We need to be smart in our actions, to exercise reasonable caution instead of irrational fear, and continue doing the right things. As Lions, we must do whatever we can to continue our compassionate mission of Kindness and Service, keeping in mind it's a new world, a new experience. We need to tread confidently, and carefully.

There is light at the end of the tunnel, but let's hope it's not coming from the tunnel following this one.

Stay Safe. Wear a mask. Keep Socially Distanced. Stay-At-Home. – We Serve Reasonably!

Did you miss the Lions Virtual Symposium?

You can still watch it! The symposium has been broken down by individual speakers and can be seen on the Lions Virtual Symposium YouTube page.

Be sure to register for the upcoming June 6th Lions Virtual Symposium -The Next Generation, which will feature 3rd International Vice President Dr. Patti Hill as the keynote speaker. Links to view the last symposium and to register for future symposiums can be found on the district website lionsdistrict11e2.org

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Notice:

There have been a few questions in regards to the ballot proposals to have been voted on at the MD 11 Convention. It was decided with the cancellation of the MD-11 Convention in early April that the **proposal for a dues increase has been withdrawn** by the Council of Governors.

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DON'T BE LEFT OUT!

Just ask!

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

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

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