

DISTRICT 11-E2 NEWSLETTER



MAY 2021

Notable Quotes: "Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the number of moments that take our breath away." — Anonymous

District Governor's Message

Hello District 11-E2 Lions,



Rod Leathers,
District Governor

I just want to thank everyone that participated in our Virtual District Convention. Especially all of you who participated in all of the practice sessions leading up to the Convention. Without your help we would not have been able to pull it off. We received a lot of kudos on how well planned and organized it was and that is a total reflection on all of you. It took all of your positive attitudes to make it happen. Thanks again for your support.

We are setting at a negative 16 members for the year with only 2 months left to turn it around. My offer to donate \$100 to LCIF in the name of the 1st club to induct 10 new members and \$300 in the name of the club that brings the most in above 10 and retain their membership in the following year is still there. Our District communities need our help more than ever and it takes new enthusiastic Lions to help us SERVE our communities needs.

Last but not least I would really like to thank the clubs that had money left in their diabetes matching grant and came together to use up the remaining money. This is what Lionism is all about. Lions coming together to serve a need. Lion Di working with our state project chair DGE Bill Bradfield were able to get approval through LCIF to fund a diabetes prevention program in the Ogemaw and Alpena schools. We are the 1st to use the grant for a school program and LCI is watching and hoping to put out a lot of publicity on the program and hopefully it will spread to more schools in our district and throughout the world. We were also able to negotiate a pre-diabetes program with Kalkaska Memorial Health Center. It took all of your support and you should all be very proud of making this happen.

It is hard to believe my year as Governor is almost over. We all have come a long way in SERVING our communities during COVID. Things are looking up but we are not out of it yet. So let's keep SERVING remaining safe and using our common sense.

DG Rod



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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
ZC John Cool Boyne Valley Lions Club jcool@csbchx.com	Boyne Valley, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, East Jordan, Indian River, Mackinaw City, Petoskey	ZC 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 Don McDonell Hale Lions Club cdmcdonell@gmail.com	Beaverton, Hale, Harrisville, Lincoln, Oscoda, Prescott- Skidway Lake, Rose City,



Dr. Jung-Yul Choi

LCI President's Message

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

LESSONS FROM THE PANDEMIC

Greetings Lions,

Out of all the diverse talents Lions possess, one in particular seems to be consistent across clubs and constitutional areas: the ability to turn difficult situations into opportunities.

Now that we are well into 2021, more than a year since the first lockdowns began, many clubs have adjusted to a new normal. The rules of the pandemic no longer seem strange, they are simply a part of our life.

While we know it won't be this way forever, some of the adaptations clubs have made in the past year have been truly innovative. And it's worth looking at whether they just may have a place in our service beyond the pandemic.

For instance, we now have meetings without being in the same room. Virtual meetings have enabled Lions to serve safely during the pandemic, and they've also opened the door to new possibilities. I often hear parents or young people just starting out in their careers tell me that they would love to serve, but they can't find the time to attend meetings. But what if those meetings were in their home? And all it required was an internet connection and an hour of their time? No rushing in traffic and no babysitter required.

We have the potential to radically change how we serve. This doesn't mean every club should move to virtual meetings. But it does mean that every club should examine what changes it has made over the past year that may be worth keeping.

Traditions are wonderful. Lions, especially, love keeping the familiar close at hand. But traditions can and do evolve, just as we do. Let's take this month, in which we focus on strengthening our membership, to discover how we can evolve and use the lessons of the past year as a guide for the future.

Sincerely,

Jung-Yul Choi

Dr. Jung-Yul Choi
International President



JUNE 25-29 | LCICON.LIONSCLUBS.ORG



The stage is set. We will see you there!



LCICon 2021 lineup has it all. World-class speakers, awe-inspiring networking opportunities and more. What it doesn't have yet is you!

Register today to ensure you're part of our biggest Lions convention to date. We extended our early bird rate to give you one final chance to save, so don't miss this opportunity to be a part of it all June 25-29.



We proudly welcome Malala Yousafzai to Virtual LCICon 2021!

Malala Yousafzai— Keynote Speaker

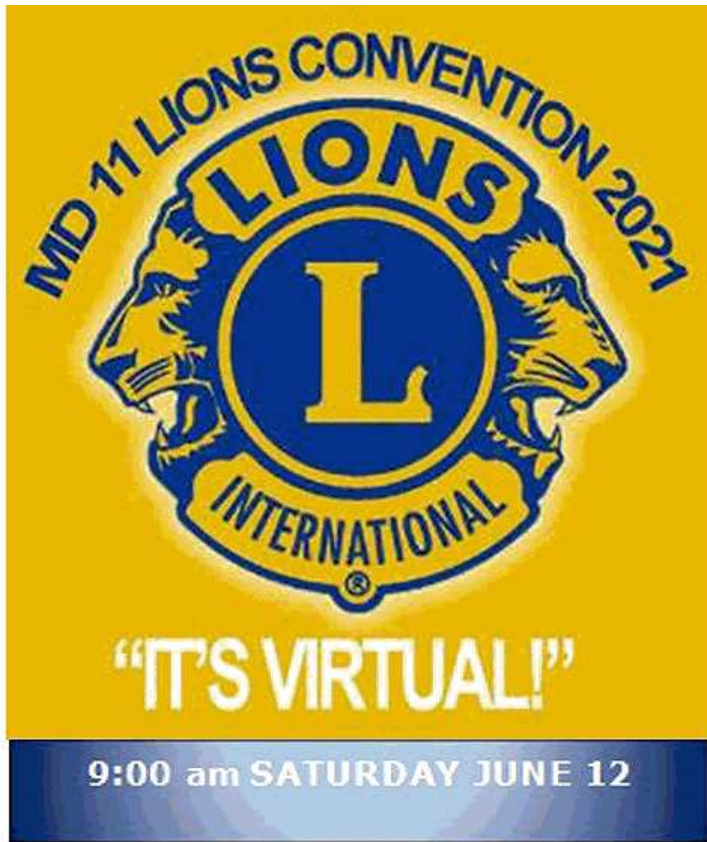
Monday, June 28

Top 3 reasons to attend the Lions event of the year

Virtual LCICon 2021 is gearing up to be the most exciting Lions Clubs International convention yet. There are many reasons you will not want to miss this premier Lions event taking place June 25-29. Here are the top three.

1. **A next-level celebration of service.** LCICon 2021 is the first convention to be entirely hosted online, which means more Lions than ever before will be able to attend. And more Lions means more opportunities to connect and learn.
2. **Unique opportunities to engage with Lions.** There will be numerous ways to share your club's story, interact with members from around the world, soak in the knowledge from seasoned Lions and be inspired by the next generation of leaders. In fact, you can even submit your story via video prior to the event. Some videos will be shared during convention!
3. **Content scheduling catered to your time zone.** The mix of live and easy-access programming coupled with virtual exhibit booths and interactive opportunities gives you the freedom and flexibility to enjoy LCICon how and when you want.

Register now



101 YEARS: HOW OUR PAST HAS SHAPED OUR FUTURE

Join us for a Virtual MD 11 Lions Convention June 12 as we highlight Service, Hunger, Environment and History, along with a special message from LCI President Choi.

Conventions may look a little different this year, but the need to celebrate our success has not changed. Journey with us as we tour the Hunger for Christ Foodbank freezer, purchased with the assistance of a \$45,000.00 LCIF Grant totaled over \$100,000.00. In honor of President Choi, a tree planting ceremony will take place at Paws With a Cause, recognizing his leadership and passion for the environment.

Registrations details will be sent soon and can be found on the Lions of Michigan website, as well. Reserve your spot for **June 12, 2021!** Once you have registered, you will be able to have full access to the Convention Webinar on the day of the event as well as after it airs on the Lions YouTube Channel.



Lions Bear Lake Camp - Banner Patch Program

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Upcoming Dates: www.bearlakecamp.org

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Lion Shelly

Shelly O'Henley, Executive Director —
Lions Visually Impaired Youth Camp, Inc.

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LIONS OF MICHIGAN FOUNDATION—2022 GROUP CRUISE

ROYAL CARIBBEAN - JEWEL OF THE SEAS

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

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

PRICING: 2 PEOPLE, INCLUDING TAXES AND FEES

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

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

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

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

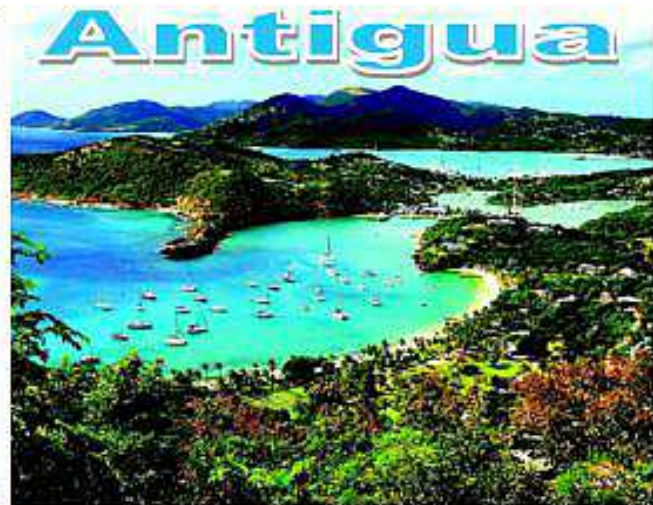
4D Balcony Stateroom: \$2,355.48 + \$116 Per Person Gratuity

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



Jewel of the Seas

90k tonnage	962 feet long	2004 year built	1,072 cabins	2,110 passengers	859 crew
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- ☐ I would like an Interior Stateroom for ____ Adults and ____ Children (Age 12 or under).
- ☐ I would like an Oceanview Stateroom for ____ Adults and ____ Children (Age 12 or under).
- ☐ I would like a Balcony Stateroom for ____ Adults and ____ Children (Age 12 or Under).

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

Credit/Debit Card Number: _____

Expiration Date: _____ CVV Code: _____ Zip Code: _____

Signature: _____

Names: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City/State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

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GOLF FOR GOOD!

The Eversight 2021 Vision Classic

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

Register, Sponsor or Donate!

Not Golfing?

You can still participate in the auction!

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

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

For competitive golfers

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

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

For non-competitive golfers

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

For everyone-non-golfers, too!

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

Special rates at these featured courses!

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

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

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

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

Lions of Michigan Foundation Dr. Robert Mathog Lions Hearing Centers Cookbook Fundraiser



Lions Clubs are well known throughout the world for the services we provide to help people with hearing and vision loss. Nearly a century ago, Helen Keller challenged Lions Clubs to be "Knights of the Blind," and she declared that "the problems of deafness are deeper and more complex, if not more important, than those of blindness. Deafness is a much worse misfortune, for it means the loss of the most vital stimulus - the sound of the voice that brings language, sets thoughts astir and keeps us in the intellectual company of man."

Our new Lions Hearing Centers Cookbook was developed to create awareness for the treatment of hearing loss and to provide funding for our Michigan Lions Affordable Hearing Aid and Hearing Screening Programs, which offer affordable hearing care options for Michigan residents.

With your help, we can continue to change the lives of thousands of Michigan residents who need and depend on the Lions Clubs of Michigan and our partners, sponsors and friends for the treatment of their hearing loss. As a Public Charity, all contributions to the Lions of Michigan Foundation are tax deductible to the full extent allowed by law. We appreciate your support!

Order and Recipe Submission Form

- ☐ I would like to purchase _____ cookbook(s) for \$20 each for a total of \$_____
- ☐ I have enclosed/attached a copy of my personal or family recipe that you may use in the cookbook.
- ☐ I would like to make a donation to the Lions Hearing Centers in the amount of \$_____

Payment Method: ___ Check ___ Credit Card ___ Pay Pal (info@lmsf.net)

Card Number: _____ - _____ - _____ - _____

Expiration Date: _____ CVV Code: _____

Signature: _____

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City/State/Zip Code: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

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Lions of Michigan HALL OF FAME

The Lions of Michigan Foundation officially opened the **LIONS OF MICHIGAN HALL OF FAME** on July 25, 2009 to begin celebrating the rich history that Michigan Lions have at all levels of our association - local, state, district and international. The goal of the Hall of Fame is to keep alive the memory of our great leaders and to document their service so that Lions in the present and future can share a sense of the service that our great state has given to our association. Nominations for the Hall of Fame must be submitted to the Lions of Michigan State Office no later than March 1 of each year.

The 2021 Lions of Michigan Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony, the 12th Annual, will be held on August 7, 2021 at 6:00 PM at the Comfort Inn and Suites located at 2424 South Mission - Mt. Pleasant, Michigan. Lodging is \$100.00 plus tax per night for a standard guest room. Lodging reservations can be made by contacting the Lions of Michigan State Office at 517-887-6640 - info@lmsf.net or by calling the Comfort Inn at 989-772-4000 and requesting the Lions of Michigan Foundation group rate.

CONGRATULATIONS 2021 INDUCTEES

PDG NANCY DINGS - 11-B2
 PDG JIM MAYNARD - 11-C1
 PDG LLOYD KILBREATH - 11-C2
 PDG WES WAGESTER - 11-D2
 PDG PETE CONARTY - 11-E1
 PDG ANDY WATSON - 11-E1
 PDG DAVE ZELLER - 11-E2

2021 Hall of Fame - Registration Form

Name(s): _____
 Registrant(s): \$25.00 Each = \$ _____
 Choice of Entrée: Shrimp Alfredo - #: _____ Roasted Pork Loin - #: _____ Eggplant Parmesan - #: _____
 Lions or Lioness Club: _____
 Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____
 Telephone: _____ Email: _____

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DEADLINE: Monday, July 12, 2021

Lions of Michigan**District 11 E-2****Cabinet Meeting Minutes, April 16, 2021, via Zoom**

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

Cabinet Members Absent - GMT Tasior, ZC's McDonell and Broome

Lions in Attendance PDG's Dennis Richardson, Lew Moeller, and Bob Gingerich and Lion Bob Nelden

Guests- PID Jenny Ware

The meeting was called to order at 4:04 PM by DG Leathers. The invocation was offered by 1VDG Gaines. A special Pledge of Allegiance video was played.

Secretary's Report - Minutes of the 3/6/21 cabinet meeting were presented by CST Durflinger. 1VDG Gaines moved approval with support from ZC Murch, motion carried. There was no correspondence.

Treasurer's Report- The financials for YTD 2020-21 were presented showing a beginning balance in the administrative account of \$31,972.92, income of \$16,841.91, expenses of \$12,853.59 leaving an ending balance as of 4/12/21 of \$35,961.24. This is made up of \$27,127.05 in administration and \$8,834.19 in convention funds. The projects account had a beginning balance of \$40,314.52, income of \$4,718.51 and expenses of \$3,852.95 leaving an ending balance of \$41,180.08. It was moved by ZC Murch, supported by 2VDG Drury that the financial report be accepted as presented. Motion carried. The dues collection report was presented, showing there is one club with a past due balance. It was moved by 1VDG Gaines, supported by IPDG Zeller that our financial depository for next year be left at TCF Bank. Motion carried.

Old Business- None

New Business-None

GMT Report- GMT Tasior turned in a written report.

GLT Report- IPDG Zeller turned in a written report.

GST Report- GST Marie Leathers had no report.

Zone Chair Reports —ZC Broome and ZC Murch turned in written reports. ZC McDonell had no report.

Committee Reports Written Reports were provided by these Committees: **Diabetes Awareness-** Lion Diane LaBeau, **District Editor-**Lion Zimmer, **Environmental-** PDG Bodem, **Eversight-** PDG Richardson, **LCIF-** PDG Durflinger, **Lions of Michigan Foundation-** IPDG Zeller, **Nominations-** Lion Arnie Engster, and **USA/Canada Forum-** IPDG Zeller

Oral Reports- Lion Bob Nelden reported that 12 clubs have registered delegates for the convention, with a total of 31 delegates. PDG Richardson reported that the election would be virtual this year, with delegates going into a separate breakout room to vote.

Audience Comments- It was announced that PDG's Zeller, Harris and Gingerich have been appointed to the Bear Lake Camp board.

VDG Comments- 1VDG Gaines commented that he is still looking for members for a membership committee. He would like to see us add two new clubs this year. 2VDG Drury noted that the convention committee for next year has begun work. She will be taking note of what works well in the virtual convention to see what can be added to an in-person convention to enable more people to participate.

DG Comments- DG Leathers thanked everyone for their support during this difficult year.

PID Comments- PID Jenny Ware said it was great to see everyone again, and it looks like a great convention lined up.

With no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 4:26 PM. The next meeting date will be announced later.

Respectfully submitted,

PDG Barb Durflinger, Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer

Cabinet Meeting Report 4/16/2021**Strategic Planning**

No Report, no meeting and no meetings scheduled for this term unless by direction of Council

Constitution and By-Laws

No changes being reported

USA/Canada Forum

Make you plans early and save on registration fee.

Sept 9 - 112021 Des Moines, Iowa, Get your registrations in Early

Lions of Michigan Foundation

Continue to send in Hearing Aid request via the District Chairs, Lions Chuck Brew and PDG Dave Zeller

Next Foundation Meeting is 5/1/2021 10 — 2 at State Office.

GLT Report

Still in great need of leadership in the District, Zone Chairs, Committee Chairs and Members. Please let Vice Bill Gaines know if your interested.

Respectfully Submitted

IPDG David Zeller

comdac@comdac.com

From: "Robert Tasior" .<rtaz01@gmail.com>

Date: Monday, April 12, 2021 10:28 AM

To: "ComDaC" <:comdac@comdac.co,ii>

Subject: Re: Cabinet reports

Hello Lions, as of March 2021 District 11E2 has 717 members, we are down 16 members on the year.

The past year has been a very trying time for many of us as we have all felt the effects of the Covid pandemic. In person gathering have been scarce and with our aging Lions populations zooms have also been limited.

Our Governor has done a wonderful job and staying on top of things during these trying times. But I have to say I have not done so well, and I apologize for my lack of input during the last few months. I am hoping that 2021 will see a brighter future for the Lions club and our District. The pandemic has shown the need to get educated on new methods to attract members. Thinking outside of the box as they say has never been a more correct statement than now!

As this Lions calendar year ends, I want to thank our District Governors and cabinets for the job they have done. I have been fortunate to have been serving in my present position for the last three years and have learned a lot.

Because of some personal issues and the belief that new idea's needs to be implemented I have decided to step down as GMT for the District and hope that my predecessor will step up and succeed in areas that I have struggled with.

Thank you all Robert A. Tasior

comdac@comdac.com

From: jrbroome@charternet>
Date: Monday, April 12, 2021 05:14 PM
To: <corndac@comdac.com>
Subject: RE: Cabinet reports

Central Lake Lions have been meeting by zoom. Fund raising projects for Central Lake High School Senior Scholarships, (on going) other fund raisers, July 4 chicken BBQ, annual wood cutting, tent rentals, white cane, sight/hearing sweepstake. Services providing lunches for Davis Family Pin Shoot, 3 MDOT road cleanups.

Elk Rapids Lions I believe they are still meeting in person. the only reply was plan on attending the Convention.

Graying Lions just started meeting in person. Planning a project in May to refurbish & improve a gazebo they built years ago, on city property. across the Street from the hospital. Planning a golf tournament fundraiser to be held at the Grayling Country Club on June 19. More info to follow. Working with the Grayling Primary School about doing a Project Kidsight screening.

Houghton Lake Lions are thinking of getting together possibly May. Not sure yet. No activities planned yet.

Lewiston Lioness Lions Board met April 21. Missed a March meeting due to freezing rain. The president communicates with the membership via email. Have not been able to have social/dinner meetings as yet, as no area restaurant can manage our group and still follow health/distancing guidelines. Plans to meet May 5th at Garland Resort for a dinner meeting and May 19th at Albert Township Hall for Board meeting. Will vote on slate of officers at the May 5th meeting and believe will remain the same. Continue to contribute to regular budgeted items and causes. Scholarship apps are due April 15th awarded in June. Hoping to have annual rummage sale in June. Continue selling quilt raffle tickets.

No response from Lewiston lions or Roscommon Higgins Lake Lions.

comdac@comdac.com

From: "Steve Murch" <stevemurch49707gmail.com>
Date: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 12:19 PM
To: "ComDaC" <barb@corndac.com>
Subject: Zone report

I reached out to my clubs one last time to remind them of the convention and all they need to do, i.e. certification of delegates. I encouraged them to take part in some way.

One club, Glennie, hasn't yet returned to meeting since last fall as not all of their members have returned from wintering elsewhere. Alpena Evening Lions, is going to be removing another member from its roll and that would bring its total to 5.

I also told all the clubs that there is a need for a zone chair for our Zone as I will (likely) be moving up to 2nd Vice District Governor. I will continue to ask the clubs to find someone to step up until we have someone do that. IPDG Dave Zeller echoed my email to my club members as we try to find someone.

As a side note, I want to thank all the people who have served the district this year during unprecedented times. Through it all, we have continued to serve.

District 11 E-2 Diabetes Report
April 13, 2021

DAD GRANT UPDATE:

Background information regarding the DAD grant: it was originally set to end in May of 2020, but was extended due to COVID. We received communication this month that the deadline was extended one year to the end of May 2021. We are now one and half months from the end of the grant cycle. Project Chair, VDG Bill Bradfield and Fund Manager FCC Barry Allen have asked the Cabinet for a final decision regarding programs to be funded by May 2.

Grant money has covered copying and distribution of 1,000 copies of "Navigating the Food Pantry with Diabetes" and 500 copies of "PreDiabetes Risk Test" to food pantries in Antrim, Kalkaska, Roscommon, and Montmorency counties. This was done to reach those who may not have access to internet to take advantage of the virtual classes on diabetes education funded by the DAD grant. We will be distributing donated posters from MSU Extension to those pantries who have requested them as soon as the MSUE offices open back up.

Copies of the MSU Veteran Diabetes tip sheets and resource guide have been distributed to these same areas as well as the Bellaire Veteran Affairs office and the Central Lake AmVets Center. These were donated by MSUE at no cost to the grant.

MSUE Pamela Daniels, MA, Diabetes Educator, presented a short virtual program to the Central Lake Lions Club in March to summarize the Diabetes Programs covered by the DAD Grant that they offer.

District Governor Rod Leathers has sent a letter to all clubs with information about one new ground-breaking diabetes education program (healthy food choices and activity) for school aged youth from MidMichigan Health Systems for Alpena and Ogemaw schools. Their Diabetes Center Manager, Erin White, RN CDCES, worked with DAD Project Chair, Bill Bradfield and the grant request now meets grant qualifications. MidMichigan Health Systems Diabetes Centers service area includes Alpena, Cheboygan, Presque Isle, Montmorency, Oscoda, Roscommon, Ogemaw, Alcona, Crawford, Iosco, Arenac and Gladwin counties. Future potential to expand this program into more schools over the next few years.

Munson Kalkaska Health Center initially requested grant funds for a prediabetes program January 7 and Project Chair Bradfield's requests for further information have now been met.

Funding of printing and distribution of diabetes educational materials and the two programs above, listed in order of request (if approved by the cabinet), will use up this year's grant funds from District 11 E-2.

Draft of a grant request form providing a list of the elements covered by the grant as well as information requirements of agencies requesting grant money has been compiled. If approved by the project chair and fund manager, this will hopefully assist all clubs in promotion and implementation of the grant in the future.

Respectfully Submitted,

Di LaBeau
District II E-2 Diabetes Chair



Di LaBeau, Central Lake Lions Club District 11 E-2 Diabetes Chair

DAD LCIF Grant

Kalkaska Memorial Health Center is dedicated to assisting our community members in achieving their best health. Prediabetes and diabetes are devastating diseases when left undetected and unmanaged. With the DAD LCIF grant, KMHC will create a prediabetes educational program for community members to learn how to improve their health through nutrition, physical activity, and healthy coping skills.

KMHCs prediabetes program will consist of a hybrid format; telehealth, telephone, or face-to-face (per current guidelines) where a Registered Nurse and Registered Dietitian, both Certified Diabetes Care and Education Specialists provide education and support to create healthier habits. The program will consist of two. 1-hour sessions provided during the same week (example Tuesday and Thursday from 1-2 pm). The first session will be provided by the Registered Nurse educating on basic understanding of pre diabetes, diabetes, lab values, monitoring blood sugar, physical activity and healthy coping. The second session will be provided by the Registered Dietitian covering nutrition education, weight loss, and reinforcement of physical activity. Participants will be given handouts that pertain to the information covered in each session. Materials and handouts for the program will have minimal charge due to free educational material provided by drug company representatives.

Projected attendance of the prediabetes class will be 8 participants per month, 96 participants per year. If the demand of the program exceeds the above attendance rate a second class will be considered. KMHC would like to offer this class free of charge to participants for the first 6 months utilizing the DAD LCIF grant money equaling \$1200.00. KMHC's prediabetes program will have an anticipated start date 3 months after receiving the grant. When grant funding ends the program will continue as long as there is a demand for it.

With the DAD LCIF grant, KMHC will be able to provide this program free of charge. The grant money will cover the \$25.00 registration fee and the educational material provided. When the grant is completed, participants will be charged the \$25.00 fee. If a community member is unable to afford the fee, KMHC will work with the patient to ensure they are receiving the education they are seeking.

Katie Daman MSN. RN. CDCES
kdarnan@mhc.net
231-258-3091

3/30/2021

Mail - Bill Bradfield - Outlook

RE: Ogemaw and Alpena School Programs

Erin.White@midmichigan.org <ErinWhite@midmichiganorg>

Thu 3/18/2021 4:24 PM

To: hoxeyvillain@hotmail.com <hoxeyvillain@hotmailcom>

1 attachments (15 KB)

Project8udget Alpena and Ogemaw 2021-22 school year.docx;

Hello Bill,

I have attached the budget for how the monies for the diabetes prevention school programs for Alpena and Ogemaw Counties would be spent. Please let me know if you have any additional questions.

Thank you,

Erin White

Erin White, RN, CDCES
Diabetes Center Manager
MidMichigan Medical Center - Midland
(989) 839-3123
erin.white@midmichigan.org

MidMichigan Health
UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN HEALTH SYSTEM

Project Budget for Alpena and Ogemaw County's Diabetes Prevention School Program - 2021/2022 S

Number of students	Ogemaw approximate students	250
	Alpena approximate students	400
	Total students	650
Supplies	Notebooks	\$1,700.00
	Water bottles	\$1380.00
	Stickers	\$170.00
	Graph paper	\$70.00
	Award certificates	\$160.00
	Flip chart	\$72.00
	Binder	\$24.00
	Total	\$3,576.00
	Food	\$4,900.00
	Serving cups	\$100.00
In school hours per month 8 hours x 4 schools x 6 months = 192 hours		
192 x 35.00/hr. = \$6,720		
Prep time 6 hours per month = 36 hours x \$35.00 = \$1260.00 per location		
Total for two locations= \$9,240.00		
Mileage	Alpena 6 miles round trip per week x 6 months =	\$20.88
	Ogemaw West Branch Middle School 30 miles x 6 months =	\$104.40
	Rose City Middle School 30 miles x 6 months =	\$104.40
	Sacred Heart 2 miles =	\$6.96
	(x 0.58 per mile) =	\$236.64
Misc, office supplies—copies etc.		\$200.00
	Total	\$18,252.64

comdac@comdac.com

From: "arnie engster" aengster@yahoo.com>
Date: Wednesday, April 7, 2021 02:15 PM
To: <corndac@corndac.coim>: "Dennis Richardson" <den7rich@grmail.com>
Subject: Re: Cabinet reports

Dear Barb,

My report for the cabinet meeting and the election is:

I received the following nominations for the District 11 E2 election:

PDG Barb Durlinger for Lions of MI Foundation Trustee
 Lion Steve Murch for Second Vice District Governor
 Vice District Governor Bill Gaines for District Governor
 Second Vice District Governor Jill Drury for First Vice District Governor

Submitted April 7, 2021

Arnold Engster, Nominations Chair

District 1 1-E2 Newsletter Editor Report: April 16, 2021 Cabinet Meeting -

Lion Barb:

As the Pandemic spikes in Michigan instead of fading away, the road to "normal" Lions activities is still filled with detour signs.

The March 11-E2 and April newsletters both included information from 5 clubs (17.9%) of the 28 District clubs.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Months Participated</u>
• Alpena	1
• Boyne Valley	2
• Central Lake	2
• East Jordan	2
• Hillman	1
• Oscoda	1

In this last report I had a reminder that the cutoff day for data inclusion is the 4th of the month. Please note that one need not wait until the 4th to submit it. If you have something to submit you can send it in any time prior to the cutoff date so everything doesn't show up at once.

Still hoping to get letters/columns/notes from any District Lions Leaders who want to share something inspiring or informing. Any suggestions for enhancement are also welcome.

Thanks to all for your support. Stay Safe.

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

Eversight District 11-E2 Cabinet Report April 16, 2021

Thank you very much to those clubs who have donated to Eversight this year. It is greatly needed and appreciated. Let's be a 100% District this year.

Clubs are encouraged to utilize the Charles Weir and William 'Doc' Barr Fellowship Awards to honor a club member or someone from your community. Donations of \$500 over a three year period would qualify your club for a Weir Sight Conservation Fellowship Award and donations of \$1000 over a three year period would qualify your club for a Barr Knights for Vision Fellowship Award.

The core mission of Eversight is restoring vision through corneal transplantation. Corneal transplants have been on the rise for the past five months. In 2020, there were 1,682 eye donors in Michigan and 1,390 recipients received the Gift of Sight by receiving a corneal transplant.

The Eversight Staff is currently working from their homes and are in the process of receiving their Covid-19 vaccines.

Donate Life Day will not occur this year due to Covid-19 restrictions.

Work has started on the Memorial Garden at Eversight and should be completed in June or July. Payers were moved from the prior Eversight Garden and will be placed within the new site.

There are presently two fundraisers to provide income so the organization can better continue its important work. A Virtual Chocolate Tasting for Sight will be held on April 21 at 7:00 pm. The deadline for signing up was April 10, but hopefully several Lions from our District will be participating. Eversight's annual Golf for Good Classic will be held between May 28 and June 18. Golfers are asked to register by May 5 and may golf at any course they wish. Being a virtual event gives golfers from our District a convenient way to participate. Information has, or will, be sent to all clubs.

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

den7rich@gmail.com or (231) 944-0587

Respectfully submitted,
Dennis Richardson, District 11-E2 Eversight Committee Chair

Report submitted by Beverly Bodem, 121 E. White St., Alpena, MI 49707

Environmental Committee

The Michigan Department of Health & Human Services provides a long list of Environmental Health topics. The following are some of the topics, but not all.

Air Pollution: EGLE - Woodburning and Air Quality	Dioxin
EPA - Burn Wise Program	Disinfectants
Algae - Harmful Algal Blooms	Drinking Water Contaminants
Arsenic - which includes drinking water contaminants	Electric and Magnetic Fields
Asbestos	Food Contaminants
Asthma	Lead, Mercury
Benzene	Methamphetamine Labs
Bleach	Mold
Carbon Monoxide	Nitrate and Nitrite
Coliform Bacteria	

Again, these are just a few of the many environmental contaminants that affect our health. I will follow up with more in the future and also select one to give examples of how they affect our lives. Please feel free to suggest topics you would to see addressed.

Beverly Bodem
121 E. White St., Alpena, MI 49707 bodembd@charter.net 989-354-4656

District 11-E2 Cabinet meeting April 16, 2021

LCIF Report

We are entering the third year of the third major funding campaign since LCIF was founded 50 years ago, Campaign 100. Campaign 100 was originally a three year campaign, but has been extended for another year due to the Covid crisis. Through 4/9/21 the campaign has raised \$199,249,720 of the \$300,000,000 goal, but I don't have the figures from the 4/10 telethon yet, so hopefully it is now over \$200 million.

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

We started the campaign off well in the district. In the first year we raised \$13,363, and we raised \$11,844 in 2019-2020. This total should make us eligible for another community grant like the one received by the Hillman Club last year which we are using on our Community Walkable Trail project. 21 of our 28 clubs made contributions last year, so we reached 75% giving. It would be great if every club could make at least a token contribution this year so that DG Rod could have a 100% district. This year so far 14 clubs/individual Lion members have donated \$3,922, so I would encourage all clubs to review their budgets and try to make at least a token contribution to LCIF. We still need people or clubs to buy squares on the district Melvin Jones Fellowship raffle board so that we can do the drawing. The squares are \$20 each, with \$10 being credited as an individual contribution to LCIF, and the balance used to pay for the Fellowship. Let me know if you would like to help. The original plan was to complete the squares at the district convention so we could do the drawing then, but Covid disrupted them, so we have some more time now to fill up the board.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

PDG Barb Durflinger —
989-742-2790
lionbarb@comdac.com



May 3, 2021

To: District 11-E2 Club Presidents
From: Dennis Richardson. District 11-E2 Eversight Chair
Regarding: Update on Eversight

The core mission of Eversight is restoring vision through corneal transplantation. Corneal transplants have been on the rise for the past five months. In 2020, there were 1,682 eye donors in Michigan and 1,390 recipients received the Gift of Sight by receiving a corneal transplant. This means that each day, on average, about 4 Michigan residents have their sight restored because of Eversight.

Covid-19 has certainly had a significant effect on how Eversight operates. Except for those Eversight employees directly involved in the transplantation process, the rest of the staff is currently working from their homes and are by now should have received their Covid- 19 vaccines. Donate Life Day will not occur this year due to Covid-1 9 restrictions. Work has started on the Memorial Garden at Eversight and should be completed in June or July. Pavers were moved from the prior Eversight Garden and will be placed within the new site.

Eversight recently held its second Virtual Chocolate Tasting for Sight I am pleased to report that we reached our goal to provide 10 eye tissue recovery kits which will allow at least 20 individuals to receive the Gift of Sight. Eversight's annual Golf for Good Classic will be held between May 28 and June 18. Golfers may golf at any course they wish. Being a virtual event gives golfers from our District a convenient way to participate. Information has been sent to all clubs.

Hopefully by next year things will be back to near normal, but under the current circumstances the most effective way to assist in Eversight's Mission is through our financial support. I am asking that each club support this great Lions of Michigan State Project to whatever extent your budget allows. Thank you very much to those clubs who have already donated to Eversight this year. It is greatly needed and appreciated. Lets be a 100% District this year.

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den7rich@omail.com or (231) 944-0587

Respectfully submitted.

Dennis Richardson
District 1 1-E2 Eversight Committee Chair





GRAYLING LIONS CLUB
3rd ANNUAL DRIVING FOR DISABILITIES
GOLF TOURNAMENT
JUNE 19, 2021 - GRAYLING COUNTRY CLUB



SPONSORSHIP

SPONSORS: \$25.00 (Minimum)

NAME OF SPONSOR: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Checks Payable to Grayling Lions Club
Mail to 1923 Dansk Lane
Grayling, MI 49738

If you have any questions contact Craig Stewart (989) 745-3787

FRAUD ALERT!

There was another spoof email send out that says it is from Rod- **IT IS NOT!**

The one I got had a return address of c12416m@gmail.com. If you get anything from other than the email listed below, it is a scam.

CST Barb

-----Original Message-----

From: Marie Leathers
Sent: Friday, April 16, 2021 10:53 AM
To: ComDaC
Subject: Spoof emails

Please beware of any strange looking emails that appear to be coming from DG Rod. There seems to be one going around right now with the subject "Away!" If in doubt be sure to look at the actual email address and not just the name, if it's not from leathersrod@gmail.com then it is a scam, and **do not reply to it.**

From: Dave Zeller
Sent: Friday, April 16, 2021 12:58 PM
To: comdac
Subject: FW: www.e-district.org

Another Scam message I received.....Can you pass along please?

From: Bethany Gilford <bethanygilford0100@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 16, 2021 10:42 AM
To: dzeller...
Subject: www.e-district.org

I hope this message meets you well. Kindly confirm receipt of this message, so that I can explain things in detail to you.

Bethany Gilford
United Kingdom

District 11-E2 Elections Minutes, April 18, 2021 (Via Zoom)

The meeting was called to order by DG Rod Leathers at 10 AM.

Attendees: DG Leathers, IPDG Zeller, 1VDG Gaines, 2VDG Drury, PDG Richardson, CST Durflinger, Lion Bob Nelden and 29 delegates

Invocation: 1VDG Bill Gaines

Pledge: 2VDG Jill Drury

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve minutes of Elections Meeting of May 2, 2020 by 1VDG Gaines, with support from IPDG Zeller. Motion carried.

Elections: Presiding PDG Dennis Richardson

Credentials: Lion Bob Nelden reported 12 registered clubs, with 31 delegates registered.

Nominations: Lion Arnie Engster sent in a report of 4 qualified nominees:

For District Governor- 1st VDG Bill Gaines

For 1st Vice District Governor- 2nd VDG Jill Drury

For 2nd Vice District Governor- ZC Steve Murch

For 2 year term Lions of Michigan Foundation Trustee- PDG Barb Durflinger

Nomination Speeches: For PDG Barb Durflinger running for Lions of Michigan Foundation Trustee-

Nominated by IPDG Zeller, supported by Lion Carleen Klein. For ZC Steve Murch running for 2nd Vice

District Governor- IPDG Zeller, supported by PDG Gingerich. For 2nd VDG Jill Drury running for 1st Vice

District Governor- Lion Mike Cain, supported by IPDG Zeller. For 1st VDG Bill Gaines running for District

Governor- Lion Bill Palmer, supported by Lion Peggy Clarke.

<u>Seating of Delegates:</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Delegates Allowed</u>	<u>Delegates Present</u>
	Cheboygan	1	0
	Prescott/SL	2	2
	East Jordan	4	2
	Grayling	2	2
	Hillman	2	2
	Central Lake	5	5
	Oscoda	5	5
	Rose City	2	0
	Houghton Lake	2	2
	Elk Rapids	2	1
	Alpena	4	4
	Boyne Valley	4	3
	Indian River	2	1

Delegates seated- 29, 15 votes required for election

Delegates were sent to a breakout room where they received a ballot. The ballots were counted by PDG Richardson and Lion Bob Nelden. As no races were contested, once the ballot tallies reached 15, the officers were declared elected.

Comments: PDG Durflinger thanked everyone for their support and said she would work hard representing our district on the Foundation Board. 2VDGE Murch said he is looking forward to working with the cabinet next year. 1VDGE Drury said she is looking forward to working with DGE Gaines and in following him the next year. DGE Gaines announced his theme for next year is "Strength through Service." He has a few more committee chairs to fill. He said LCI is stressing membership, and he believes we can increase our membership through service.



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Thank you to everyone that attended the virtual district convention, made possible with Zoom. Would we rather have met in person? Absolutely! But if we had been in person we wouldn't have had members of our district able to join from Florida, and also guests from all around Michigan, Colorado, South Carolina and even Barbados! If something positive came out of this last year it's that we have found a way to overcome adversity and found new ways to meet and learn about this great worldwide organization we are all a part of. And now that we have this technology at our fingertips let's begin to think of more ways we can continue to use it for the good - cabinet meetings, zone meetings, training, committee meetings - all these can be done in person and with Zoom, so that we can include Lions that might not be able to travel. SALUTE to the Lions of District 11-E2!

— **Lion Marie Leathers**

GST

As we come to the end of the Lion year, if you have not been reporting your club's service be sure to start gathering the information on all the service your club members have done over the year. Even if your club was not able to meet and serve together, if your club members volunteered as an individual, that service can be reported also - volunteering at food pantries, offering transportation, road clean up, volunteering at schools or churches, and any other ways your members volunteer. Donations and fundraisers can also be reported in MyLion. The reporting process has been simplified, but if you are still having problems navigating the system don't hesitate to ask for assistance. WE SERVE! — **Lion Marie Leathers**

District 11 E-2 Diabetes Report

To give you some background information regarding the DAD grant: it was originally set to end in May of 2020, but was extended due to COVID. Once Michigan DAD (Defense Against Diabetes) funds have all been spent, there is a one year waiting period before the same group (in this case, the Lions of Michigan group) may apply for another grant. This will give clubs time to reach out to their communities to determine needs for services that a grant would support.

DAD Grant money has covered copying and distribution of 1,000 copies of "Navigating the Food Pantry with Diabetes" and 500 copies of "PreDiabetes Risk Test" to food pantries in Antrim, Kalkaska, Roscommon, and Montmorency counties. Each club's president and secretary (if they have an email address) were sent attachments of these documents. Although grant money for this has all been spent, individual club funds may be used to print and distribute these to their area food pantries. We will be distributing donated posters from MSU Extension to those pantries who have requested them as soon as the MSUE offices open back up.

Copies of the MSU Veteran Diabetes tip sheets and resource guide have been distributed to these same areas. These were donated by MSUE at no cost to the grant. Since then, MSUE has reached out to offer more Veteran support; if your club is interested in getting diabetes support tip sheets to veterans in your area, please contact **Kai N. Gritter, MS**, Extension Educator/ Program Coordinator ([SNAP Outreach for Veterans](#)). MSU Extension Saginaw County: 723 Emerson St., Saginaw, MI 48607 (989) 525-5777 (Cell); grittern@msu.edu

In the midst of the COVID pandemic, with many hurdles to navigate, our clubs were still able to continue to serve by providing diabetes education. Although this was via non-contact "virtual access" and did not seem like our usual way of rolling up our sleeves and getting out there to help those in need, we still achieved the LIONS Plan: "we see and feel the effects of diabetes and are doing something about it together." **Hats off to all of our clubs who donated to the DAD Grant this year.**

Grant requests for 2 proposed programs were approved by the District 11 E-2 Cabinet in a special May 2 zoom meeting, with DAD Project Chair, DG Elect, Bill Bradfield in attendance. The programs were considered in the order received, and cover 3 areas within the district. There is the potential to use these programs as models for other areas in our District in the future. Please refer to District Governor Rod's message in this newsletter.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lion Di LaBeau
District 11 E-2 Diabetes Chair

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY 2021:

Mothers Day — May 9, 2021

JUNE 2021:

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

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

JULY 2021:

Independence Day — July 4, 2021

AUGUST 2021:

Lions of Michigan Hall of Fame Banquet — August 07, 2021 — 6:00 pm — \$25 — Comfort Inn & Suites, 2424 South Mission, Mt Pleasant, MI — Lodging is \$99 plus tax per night for a standard guest room. Lodging reservations can be made by contacting the Lions of Michigan State Office at 517-887-6640 - info@lmsf.net or by calling the Comfort Inn at 989-772-4000 and requesting the Lions of Michigan Foundation group rate. Deadline to register for this event is July 12, 2021. See flyer for details.



PASSINGS



NONE REPORTED

NEW MEMBERS

NONE REPORTED

On the Mend

East Jordan Lions: 1. Lion **Bob Pursel** is on the mend for back surgery. 2. Healing prayers for **Denny Gocha**, recovering from falling off a delivery truck onto his shoulder and chest; improving each day, but still so sore.

Our wishes for a speedy and full recovery.

Alpena Lions

APRIL 2021

The annual Sytek Park Cleanup was held Tuesday April 21st at 5:30 pm. The event was well attended by the Alpena Lions Club members and a group of volunteers. All the debris was chipped up by Thunder Bay Tree Service.



Boyne Valley Lions

APRIL 2021

From Boyne Valley Lions Meeting Notes:

Upcoming Events

- Next regularly scheduled club meeting will be in person and via Zoom on May 12th
- Buff up Boyne, Saturday, May 1st (this Saturday)
- Lions Adopt a Highway coming.
 - ❑ Tentative date is May 15th 9AM. Meeting place to be determined

Central Lake Lions

APRIL 2021

Central Lake Lions have provided exams and eyeglasses for students and also medical assistance for someone in need through the Lions of Michigan Foundation.

Tent rental season has begun, one of the major fundraisers of the club. If your club is near Central Lake and you need to rent a tent for an event be sure to contact Lion Dennis Richardson at **231-944-0587** or den7rich@gmail.com.



East Jordan Lions

APRIL 2021

East Jordan Lions gave out bags of candy at a drive through in Sportsmen's Park on April 3rd. The kids enjoyed seeing the Easter bunny!

Pictured with the Easter bunny, (Linda Gocha) and Lion Brenda Chanda.



Others pictured are Sherry Pursel Bob Pursel, Linda Gocha, and Brenda Chanda.

Lions of Michigan Foundation

APRIL 2021

A grant from the **Lions of Michigan Foundation** to our District helped a family obtain a special swivel seat chair for their little girl with special needs. Below is a response from the mother and a picture of the girl on her new seat.

(Names are not shown to protect the family's privacy)

From: xxxxx xxxxxx

Sent: Monday, April 19, 2021 10:19 AM

To: lionbarb@comdac.com

Subject: xxxxx xxxxx

I want to thank you all again for the donation for my daughters swivel seat. It has made things so much easier and safer for her and our family.

This is her enjoying her first ride in her chair.



Hillman Lions APRIL 2021

Another successful Pop Up Pantry on Saturday. We served 189 families, 158 from Montmorency County, 5 from Presque Isle County and 26 from Alpena County. And the weather even cooperated- the rain held off until after we were done!



If you are also working the Atlanta event, don't forget that their date for May is the first Saturday, 5/1, due to a truck not being available on the 2nd Saturday.

And the Hillman events are moved to Patchwood Plaza for the summer.



Below: Newspaper coverage of the Lions Club's events
— from Barb Durlfanger

THE ALPENA NEWS

Hillman pop-up pantry a success More planned for May in Atlanta, Hillman

HILLMAN — A pop-up food pantry held Saturday in Hillman served 189 families — 158 from Montmorency County, five from Presque Isle County, and 26 from Alpena County.

The pop-up pantry, held at Thunder Bay Resort, was successful, thanks to volunteers from the Hillman Lions Club, TCF Bank, community members, Jack Matthias of Thunder Bay Resort, and the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan.

The pop-up pantry has been held at Thunder Bay Resort since January, but now that golf has picked up and the resort is busier, upcoming pantries will be held at Patchwood Plaza for the summer. An indoor drive-thru is available there, so the events will not be weather-dependent.

Upcoming pantry events will be held on May 1 in Atlanta, and May 22 at Patchwood Plaza in Hillman.

The May 1 event will be

held from noon until food is gone at Atlanta Eagles Club, 10982 M-32, Atlanta.

The May 22 event will be held from noon until food is gone. Patchwood Plaza is located at 14797 State St.

For your safety and the safety of others, this will be a drive-up distribution. Please remain in your vehicle. Food will be distributed on a first come, first served basis. Distribution may start early if necessary for traffic control.



Oscoda Lions

MARCH-APRIL 2021

Ramp Builders on Wednesday March 31st Lions Tony Preibe, Bill Gaines, John Novak and Ann Bovan worked on the ramp. They started with a 6x6 platform over a set of concrete steps that were in rough shape. Next they built a 4X4 platform and connected it with a 16ft ramp. On Sunday April 4th Tony Preibe, Bill Gaines, John Novak and friend Jeff Moldovan finished it with a 28ft. ramp to the ground and railings. The home owner was very pleased with it. We Serve

Picture: Tony Preibe, Bill Gaines, John Novak and friend Jeff Moldovan



Oscoda Lions ramp builders Lions Tony Priebe, Bill Gaines and John Novak have been busy. They built two more ramps in the last two weeks. One on 4/7/21 where they removed a set of steps and reinforced the deck where they were attaching the ramp. The ramp was 21' long.



Also, a week later the crew built a ramp for Alice Mixer. They built a 5x6 platform and attached it to a 4x4 platform. Then they ran a 11' ramp to the sidewalk.

Both homeowners were very pleased with the work and donated monies toward the projects. Of course, we can't forget Lion Kay, the lunch Lady, who provides the lunches for the crew. WE SERVE!

CORONAVIRUS UPDATES – May 1

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

World Statistics

Confirmed Cases: 151,522,831 ♦ **Deaths: 3,182,962**

United States Statistics

Total Cases: 32,351,728 ❖

Deaths: 576,291 ❖

Michigan Statistics

Total Cases: 936,467

Deaths: 18,753

DISTRICT 11-E2 STATISTICS

≡ Highest Numbers

11-E2 Counties	Cases Confirmed	Deaths
Alcona:	701	27
Alpena:	2,070	58
Antrim:	1,527	27
Arenac:	1,070	28
Charlevoix:	1,568	20
Cheboygan:	1,808	41
Crawford:	931	11
Emmet:	2,234	41
Gladwin:	2,181	50
Iosco:	1,854	69
Kalkaska:	1,047	21
Montmorency:	543	19
Ogemaw:	1,557	36
Oscoda:	587	24
Otsego:	2,195	36
Presque Isle:	967	31
Roscommon:	1,803	47
Totals	24,643	586

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

COVID Update: Vaccine Safety Concerns

Due to rare blood clotting complications linked to the Johnson & Johnson COVID vaccine, many people are wondering about the risk of getting a blood clot, and some are worried enough to pass on any of the vaccines. As I write this there have been 15 confirmed cases of blood clots, all female under 60 years of age, showing symptoms 6 to 13 days after their Johnson & Johnson vaccination. There is a new reported case of a man also having a blood clot after the J & J shot. As expected, misinformation and fear are muddying the picture.

There are many factors (age, medications taken, pregnancy, etc) that play a part in how a vaccine may react, including developing blood clots. A new study out of Lund University in Sweden, published in the journal *eLife* on April 27, found that people with type A blood are more likely to experience certain blood clots. Researchers' examination of health registries of more than five million people to find potential links between blood type and more than 1,000 diseases found that people with type A blood are more likely to develop a blood clot, specifically pulmonary embolisms (*a blockage in one of the pulmonary arteries in the lungs; in most cases, caused by blood clots that travel to the lungs from deep veins in the legs or, rarely, from veins in other parts of the body*) and portal vein thrombosis (*a blood clot in the portal vein, which carries blood from the intestines to the liver*).

An earlier study from the American Heart Association (AHA) published in Jan. 2020, found that those with type A and type B blood were 51% more likely to develop deep vein thrombosis and 47% more likely to develop a pulmonary embolism compared to people with type O blood. However, the more recent Swedish study found that people with type A blood are specifically more at risk.

However, the kinds of blood clots, linked to the Johnson & Johnson vaccine are different, instances of thrombosis with thrombocytopenia syndrome (TTS) – blood clots (thrombosis) along with low platelet counts (thrombocytopenia). Platelets are cells in our blood that bind together (clot) when they detect damaged blood vessels, stopping the bleeding. Many of the 15 blood clot instances resulting from the Johnson & Johnson vaccine were specifically cases of cerebral venous sinus thrombosis (CVST), a rare and severe blood clot in the brain.

On April 13, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) recommended pausing use of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine after 6 reports of rare blood clots. Since then, reported blood clot numbers grew to 15, all of which were investigated by the agencies. On April 23, the FDA and CDC recommended lifting the pause on the Johnson & Johnson vaccine, determining “*the known and potential benefits ... outweigh its known and potential risks.*” The Johnson & Johnson vaccine now comes with a warning, specifically for a certain group that had one significant thing in common: They were all women under 60. Two days after the FDA authorized J & J vaccine general use, April 25, the University of California San Francisco (UCSF) reported the first known case of a man, in his early 30s in the U.S., who was hospitalized with a clot in his leg after receiving the J & J vaccine. Depending upon how this case turns out, that warning could change.

Blood types may be a major factor, or no in the J & J post-vaccination blood clots, but it is too early to know the definitive cause(s). Of over 8 million J & J vaccinations given in April, less than 20 people are known to have developed blood clots, so there is a risk, but it's a very low one. A new study from Oxford University found a COVID-19 diagnosis is associated with a **39-in-1-million** chance of developing a rare blood clot condition, compared with about a **4-in-1-million** chance after receiving the Pfizer or Moderna mRNA vaccines. Another new study used a database of electronic medical records of patients based primarily in the US to determine the risk of blood clots after vaccination versus infection. Of the 513,284 COVID-19 patients identified in the database, 20 developed cerebral venous sinus thrombosis (CVST) within two weeks after their diagnosis. Two out of 489,871 patients who received an mRNA vaccine developed CVST. Bottom line: *Research data shows the COVID virus is much more likely to create blood clots than any vaccine – vaccines are much safer than getting a COVID infection.*

When you think about it, every medication or drug on the market is a risk to certain people who react detrimentally to it – side affects that can cause death. Vaccine safety is no better or worse than most medications people take.

A vaccine trains your immune system to recognize a virus signature and generate antibodies to counter its spread if later you become infected. Depending on the robust nature of your immune system, you may have a mild or moderate sickness, but barring other factors, you won't die. Like any medication, it works for most people, but not for all. Without vaccination, your immune system can be overwhelmed by the virus infection, unable to respond quickly enough to repel the unfamiliar viral onslaught. Again, depending on their immune systems and other factors, some will barely notice any symptoms, while others will get sick, some of whom (“long haulers”) will have adverse symptoms that last weeks, months, or even years – and some will die from the virus. Which risk are you willing to take: COVID infection or Vaccine? Which risk would you want your Mother, or your child, to take?

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

Pictures of the Month: May 2021

The Angel Oak Tree on St. Johns Island, South Carolina

Angel Oak is a Southern live oak (*Quercus virginiana*) located in Angel Oak Park on Johns Island near Charleston, South Carolina. The tree is estimated to be 400–500 years old.



The fairytale-esque Angel Oak tree is thought to be one of the oldest living oak trees east of the Mississippi River. It stands 65 feet (20m or 6 stories) tall, is 28 ft (8.5 m) in circumference, and an area of 17,000 square feet is shaded by its tentacular crown. The largest branch reaches 187 feet. Live oaks derive their name from the fact that they are evergreen and because lumbered or injured trees send up many sprouts, which also produce sprouts if cut themselves.

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

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

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

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

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