



JUNE 2020



Notable Quote: "The saddest aspect of life right now is that science gathers knowledge faster than society gathers wisdom." — Isaac Asimov



Dave Zeller,
District Governor

District Governor's Message

Final Newsletter Article

As things wind down on my last month as Governor, I want to express to the District how much I enjoyed all of what the clubs have done thru out the year in service to the communities they serve.

As we navigate through June, let us not forget the Motto "We Serve". So much has happened with Covid-19, the flooding in the Gladwin Area, the protest and so much more, this is why we have become Lions, to serve our fellow man. It does not matter what Political Party you belong to, our party is the one of service.

Please make sure you donate to LCIF, we have received two grants totally more than \$20,000 for the area we serve, more money comes back to us than we give, so reach into your hearts and make a donation. CST Barb still has some squares left on her LCIF raffle sheet, get in contact with her to purchase some.

Please keep in mind the DGE Rod needs everyone's help to keep the district moving forward, we have lots of work to do as we try to reestablish clubs in our area. Think about stepping forward help out. I am also pleased to announce that Jill Drury of the Boyne City Lions has stepped up to serve as 2nd Vice District Governor pending approval from LCI.

Get your officer reporting done so DGE Rod can get his directory done.

I will not be having a DG appreciation event, but if you want to do something, send a donation to LCIF or LMF.

Yours in Lionism,

— DG Dave Zeller



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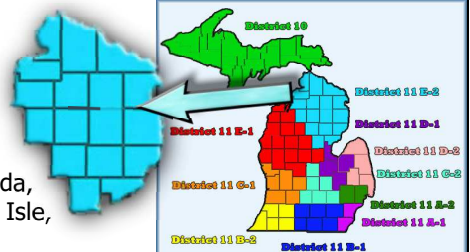
Note: This information is up to date at the time of this publication, but is subject to change as adjustments are needed.

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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



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Lions Clubs International

LCI President's Message

SERVING SAFELY TOGETHER

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

Our Kindness Has No Limits



Dear Lion,

I am always amazed by the perseverance of Lions everywhere. Even in these difficult times, you are finding new ways to stay connected with your club and innovative ways to safely make a difference in your community.

Your commitment to our mission of service in this crisis is inspiring. And exactly what our communities need. We are showing the world that there may be limits on what we can do in a time of social distancing, but there are no limits to the kindness of Lions.

Let us all continue to put health and safety first as we continue the important work we are doing as Lions.

Regards,

Dr. Jung-Yul Choi
International President



We Serve

May 1, 2020

SERVING SAFELY TOGETHER

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

This Is Why We Serve

Dear Lion,

In these challenging times, community has become even more important. We are relying on each other more than ever, which is why your safe service is making such a big difference in people's lives.

Let's keep focused on the health and safety of our families, friends and neighbors. Let's find ways to keep our communities strong. Let's continue to be who we are and what the world needs now—Lions.

Regards,

Dr. Jung-Yul Choi
International President



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May 23, 2020

Info from LCI



May 29, 2020

Board of Directors Take Steps to Help Our Clubs

Dear Club Leader,

The coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic has impacted the work of Lions around the world. In many cases, it has also created financial hardships for our Lions and the people for whom we care.

To support the incredible men and women serving with us, the International Board of Directors has passed a resolution to help our clubs.

Here is an overview of the resolution approved by the Board of Directors:

- Flexible payments – No clubs will be suspended or canceled through December 31, 2020 for late payment of dues.
- Charter and entrance fees waiver – We have waived all charter and entrance fees from July 1 – December 31, 2020.

These measures will help Lions facing financial hardships, and give our clubs hope, encouragement, and an opportunity to start the new Lion year with renewed energy and optimism.

This may be a time of great need, but we will overcome this together. For more than a century, Lions have taken on the greatest challenges facing humanity. That is who we are, and what we do.

So let us stand together. And let us remember just how important we are to our communities and the world.

Regards,

Dr. Jung-Yul Choi

International President



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Lions Clubs International

May 27, 2020

MyLCI Outage Update

Dear Lion Leader,

As you may be aware, Lions Clubs International experienced an outage in our data center on May 22, 2020, which impacted the availability of MyLCI and some other internal systems for a period of time.

Although MyLCI has largely been restored, the root cause of the outage and broader impact remains under investigation. Here's what we know:

- The outage appears to have only affected systems hosted at Lions International Headquarters in Oak Brook. Cloud-based services remain functional.
- Since Lions International does not store credit card information in our systems and these payments are processed by third-party vendors, there was no impact to credit cards that Lions may have used to shop or donate to LCIF.

We are utilizing all available resources to conduct a thorough investigation of the cause and impact of the outage, and will provide more information to you as it becomes available.

We thank you for your patience and understanding in this matter. Should you have additional questions, please email us at infosec@lionsclubs.org.

With kindness,
Bala Balachander
Chief of Technology





A special letter from your chairperson

Gudrun Yngvadottir

Dear Lion,

In these challenging times, we must respond to the realities we are facing as a global community and stay hopeful for the future. We are also determined to find the best way forward to ensure the long-term success of our efforts.

In this spirit, International President Choi, Campaign International Chairperson Dr. Yamada, Campaign International Vice Chairperson Moore and I are announcing that the timeline for *Campaign 100: LCIF Empowering Service* has been extended by one additional year, through June 30, 2022. We must give ourselves the time necessary to realize our full potential in this campaign, for the future of Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF).

We remain optimistic and action-oriented in the face of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. As of May 21, 2020, LCIF has granted US\$3,851,655 to provide immediate relief to communities severely impacted by COVID-19. We encourage you to stay connected to the work of your foundation. You can visit LCIF's dedicated COVID-19 response page to learn how our foundation is responding.

Many Lions have asked how they can help during these unprecedented times. If you are able, please consider joining LCIF in its support of Lions' relief efforts by donating at lionsclubs.org/donate. Your contributions are crucial to sustaining LCIF's ability to help Lions keep their communities safe and healthy. All donations are eligible for MJF and Campaign 100 recognition. If you have recently made a donation, we sincerely thank you for your generosity and appreciate your support of our foundation.

Sincerely,

Gudrun Yngvadottir

Chairperson, Lions Clubs International Foundation





Lions Clubs International
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To all:

I forgot one additional important fact. Please distribute to all your clubs the following address. Since LCI is closed and doing "Stay at Home" work, it is very important that LCIF donations and pledges should be mailed to:

Lions Club International Foundation (LCIF)
Department 4547
Carol Stream, IL 60122-4547

EMAIL address if any questions is: donorassistance@lionsclubs.org

Be sure your **check includes Donor name and Lions ID number** (whether personal or club donation). If it is part of your Campaign 100 pledge, please note that information in letter. Please note that it benefits more people if the donation goes to "**Empowering Service**" which still includes disasters along with the other initiatives.

Donations should be received by LCIF by June 15th in order for staff to record the information to this Lionistic year (2019-20).

Thanks for your help in getting the above information to those in your District. Feel free to copy & paste the above information to your own email.

Lion Connie
PDG Connie Shelton
MD 11 LCIF Coordinator
1360 Wrenwood Dr.
Troy, MI 48084
Cell #248-505-6842



Donations to LCIF Are Helping Lions Respond to COVID-19

Our foundation has already awarded more than US\$3.8 million in grants to support regions with extreme rates of confirmed COVID-19 cases. We support these projects out of the general disaster fund; however, if funding surpasses project needs, it may be used to support other disaster relief efforts. Your support of LCIF has never been more important. Please consider donating to the general disaster fund today.

GIVE TODAY



Summer Camp 2020 Updates

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<http://www.bearlakecamp.org>

AS A REMINDER WE ARE WORKING REMOTELY. PLEASE CALL (810) 837-0119 FOR INQUIRIES.

2020 Lions Bear Lake Summer Camp Status and Updates for Campers, Families and Counselors Time, Planning and Care

Lapeer, MI - May 10, 2020. Today's message is about Lions Bear Lake Camp's plan for the Summer of 2020. Since March, we have been watching and evaluating the impact of Covid-19 on Lions Bear Lake Camp's plan for the summer, while all along the way, preparing to receive staff and children as normal. As time has elapsed, we have intently listened to Governor Whitmer, Health, Regulatory and accrediting bodies, who have guided us to this point.

As I'm composing this message, I'm sitting next to the waterfront area at camp, as it is one of the original activity areas developed at Lions Bear Lake Camp, 28 years ago. When it was developed, the lake did not hold water properly. A water dam was built by hand, with bricks, as the stories go. Lots of sand needed to be added to make it a nice beach waterfront front area that it is today.

During the "4 Our Kids" Building Campaign, we were able to form a plan and raise the funds to make important alterations to the facility that has resulted in what you see today: a 20' deep lake that provides habitat for fish and game, opportunities for fishing, and universally accessible canoeing and paddle-boating for children across our State. This is in addition to our Universally accessible Low Ropes Challenge Course and Climbing Tower, Dining Hall, Pavilion, Art Center, Nature Center and our cabins. I am reminded that this facility did not start where it is today, rather, it matured and improved given time, planning, and care.

As the Board of Directors, staff, and I have evaluated the evolution of the Coronavirus, we have watched and realized that the systems that camp is dependent upon to keep children safe are not in place for the Summer of 2020. If we take a realistic assessment, given the short time-frame, they are not likely to be able to progress to the point they need to be by the time they are needed for Lions Bear Lake Camp. This deals with our capacity to safely house our staff, to accommodate children who have multiple health concerns from across the state of Michigan to co-habit in one place, to not becoming a restraint on local healthcare resources ourselves, should Covid-19 infections result here at Lions Bear Lake Camp.

Of greatest concern, is the fact that virtually all of Lions Bear Lake Camp counselors, campers, and even staff, have been listed by the CDC as having increased risk from contracting a Covid-19 infection. Clearly, the health and safety of our kiddos, their families, our Lions, volunteers, and staff are not something we are prepared to place at risk and certainly not at greater risk.

What does this Mean for Summer Camp 2020?

This means for the Summer of 2020, we are transitioning our operations to include summer activities, but we will NOT open our residential operations onsite this summer for check-in of campers.

The staff and I are working diligently to develop many new and exciting offerings for the summer that will be offered online via Facebook and/or other platforms to accommodate our audience. We are collaborating with many organizations across the United States, who are offering programming just like ours, in order to make sure our programs remain universally accessible and top notch.

Both The Visually Impaired Camp and Deaf and Hard of Hearing Camp will continue to be held during the same weeks in July that are already on the calendar. Visually Impaired camp will still be instructed by Stephanie Steffer and the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Camp will still be instructed by Melissa Behnan. There will also be camp counselors joining in on this virtual camp opportunity. Both Stephanie and Melissa will create Facebook Groups (or a more universally accessible platform) in which campers and their families can join. These ladies, and/or myself, will be reaching out to you and your families in order to share the information as soon as it is setup. Once the setup is completed, campers can start registering!! The registration will be done via Facebook (or a more universally accessible platform), in which



we will be asking for demographics and consent forms, which allow your child to participate. This camp is being offered for free, so if you've already paid for registration for the in-person camp, you will be refunded by June 1, 2020. Please look for all of this information to come around June 1st.

The hope is that sometime this fall we will be able to regroup in person, for a day event, to reconnect with our friends and staff! So please stay tuned for that opportunity. Also, the Open House is postponed and we are working to reschedule that in late August and/or combine it with our in-person day event that we are trying to host. Again, please stay tuned for more information.

For those individuals that applied for Camp Counselor positions, we appreciate your application and hope that you will apply again next year!! While we are having camp counselors assist with the Virtual Summer Camp 2020, it is minimal and we have made our selection.

I recognize that everyone is ready for things to return to normal. Given Time, Planning, and Care I expect exactly that, but we care too much about you, our camp family to signal all clear before we are in a position to do so.

My belief in Lions Bear Lake Camp's mission, and in fact the camping industry as a whole, is unshaken. Please understand that there will be other camps that are positioned to open and operate, and our decision is in no way a statement against their choices and ability to safely operate. Rather, it is an honest assessment of what we feel is right for Lions Bear Lake Camp and the children who depend upon us.

Given time, planning and care, Lions Bear Lake Camp will be positioned to be stronger than ever and operating at next-level proficiency as more becomes known and the systems needed to safeguard the lives in our care are not in such a condition of flux.

As we set about the work at hand, thank you for your continued support and belief in the mission of Lions Bear Lake Camp. Truly, we are in this together and will emerge stronger and ready for the next-level given Time, Planning, and Care.

From the Desk of the Executive Director

Again, thank you to everyone who continues to check in on us and send donations to assist during these hard fiscal times. We are beyond grateful and still continue to pray for the well-being and safety of you and your families.



As noted above, the Lions Bear Lake Camp Board of Directors has made the very sad and tough decision to cancel residential camp, with the new opportunity to host a Virtual Camp for all of our campers and their families.

As a reminder, we are still hosting our fundraisers throughout the year and are looking for your support!!

- Walk4Hearing, Michigan Walk is being held May 16th and is a virtual walk!
 - *This fundraiser supports our Deaf and Hard of Hearing Programming*
- The Buffalo and Wild Board dinner is being postponed again, with the hope of rescheduling right before hunting season (please stay tuned).
 - If you have a raffle basket that you could donate, please contact me directly and I'll work out the logistics to get them picked up and/or dropped off!
- The Work Bee is ON!
 - Clubs can sign up whenever it is convenient!!
 - ☐ We have it set up so everyone can be safe and follow the social distancing mandates.
 - ☐ We are seeking donations of mulch, sand, etc.
 - Check with us when you sign up for a date and time!
- Lions Bear Lake Camp Golf Outing Fundraiser is August 23rd
 - You can register your team, sponsorship, etc. online!
 - If you have a raffle basket that you could donate, please contact me directly and I'll work out the logistics to get them picked up and/or dropped off!
 - We are looking for Event Sponsors, Hole Sponsors and Cart Sponsors.

As a reminder:

- Lions Bear Lake Camp will remain closed to the public until further notice and working remotely.
 - However, we will still have staff in place to assist with Virtual Camp and maintaining camp grounds.
 - ☐ We are still scheduling camps and groups for August - December 2020.
- Keeping the safety of our employees in mind, we have intermittently laid them off.



- Due to travel restrictions, I will be working from my home and will do my best to continue the great relationship we have with our Lions Bear Lake Camp family.
- Please contact me in the following ways:
 - Shelly@bearlakecamp.org and 810-837-0119

Finally, as noted prior, the loss of revenue is and will continue to be determinantal. We ask that if you have the ability, please make a personal donation and we ask our clubs, that have supported us throughout the years, to continue your support as we need it now, more than ever before. We are doing everything we can to keep our folks safe and remain financially viable. We are pursuing many grants, loans and federal support during this time.

You can make an online donation

- Or via mail: (which is being forwarded to my home address and is taking some time, even being bounced back. Sorry for that inconvenience)
- Lions Bear Lake Camp, 3409 N. Five Lakes Road, Lapeer, MI. 48446

I know you share my sadness in regards to our operation of Summer Camp 2020. I also know that we all want to stop the spread of the Coronavirus. Ultimately, we want the Lions Bear Lake Camp experience to be a safe one for you, your family and our staff. Please continue to share our message with your family, friends and fellow Lions members.

We are actually excited to be offering a new opportunity that will reconnect us with our campers. While its very non-traditional, we are ready to do what it takes to not let COVID-19 completely win in 2020!!!!

Together We Serve,
Lion Shelly O'Henley

CAMP WISH LIST

The Camp Wish List contains items that we need throughout the year to keep running. If you have any leads or see something at a garage sale or auction, please think of us.

Office Furniture

8 Foot Tables
Camper Shirts
Art Center Supplies
Office Supplies and Copy Paper
Health Center Supplies Large & Small Totes w/ Lids

Maintenance Supplies

Drill Bits & Impact Hand Tools
Walk Behind Blower

Kitchen

Serving Bowls
Medium Size Refrigerator
Coffee Pot

Challenge Course Program

Materials to build addition to Climbing Wall
Supplies for Challenge Course

Nature Center Program

Monocular
Garden Bird Bath
Binoculars
Bird Houses
Case of Newsprint
Bird Feeders

Visually Impaired Program

Full Set of Bases (goal ball)
Magic Texture Paper

Deaf and Hard of Hearing Program

Books for DHH Camp
Go Pro Camera
Go Pro Head Strap
Karaoke Machine & CD's

Give to Bear Lake

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Fundraisers and Other Events:

Walk4Hearing, Michigan Walk – Virtual Walk – May 16, 2020 – *Fundraiser supports our Deaf & Hard of Hearing Programming*

Lions Bear Lake Camp Work Bee – Hosted at Lions Bear Lake Camp – *Look for e-mails about tasks that need to be completed! Bear Lake Camp. Once the mandates are lifted, please feel free to schedule to have your club complete a task.*

Lions Bear Lake Camp Buffalo & Boar Wild Game Dinner Fundraiser – Hosted at Bear Lake Camp – **POSTPONED - LOOKING AT right before Hunting Season unless the Governor's Mandate does not allow. If we cannot host this event in 2020 we will reimburse all ticket purchases.**

Lions Bear Lake Camp Golf Outing Fundraiser – Hosted at Metamora Golf & Country Club – August 23, 2020

Lions Bear Lake Camp Ultra-Marathon Fundraiser – Hosted at Bear Lake Camp – October 16 & 17, 2020

Lions Bear Lake Camp Wine Fundraiser – Hosted at Metamora Golf & Country Club – October 23, 2020



September 17-19, 2020

Louisville, Kentucky

www.lionsforum.org

May 2020 Newsletter

From our General Chairperson, PID Harvey Whitley

Since our last newsletter, it seems that the pandemic has started to flatten. As areas begin to open up, we pray that this trend will continue as we all hope to return soon to being able to perform our acts of service in a less stressful environment.

As we consider the Forum, those who have attended in the past know that it is not only a learning event but is equally just as important to us as a social event. It is a time when we get together to share and learn new ideas but also to renew old friendships and make new friends. Personally, I know that the Forum has been a highlight of my year. I have been able to attend 23 Forums and each one has its own special memories.

The Louisville Forum promises to be one of our best ever and the Lions of Kentucky are excited for us to visit their part of the world and enjoy all the things that are offered there. The Forum Planning Committee continues to evaluate the feasibility of whether we should hold the Forum due to the current pandemic situation. Consultation with the Convention Center, hotels and Louisville Tourism continues as we evaluate the situation. Will things be different should we decide to move forward? Yes, they most likely will. As we have reviewed current new procedures issued by the Convention Center and the hotels, we will be asked to perform social distancing in order to protect the safety of all attendees. In that respect, the Forum will be a little different when it comes to seating in the seminar rooms and meal events. However, the Forum will not be unique in that respect because we are already being faced with social distancing wherever we go even in our own communities.

Our Early Bird registration continues through May 31 and registrations are still coming in. As we continue to evaluate the situation, the next decision point will be mid-June as the Planning Committee will decide whether to move forward or cancel the event. ***As previously announced, should the decision be made to cancel the Forum, all who have already registered will be given the option of either a full refund or rolling over their registration to the 2021 Des Moines Forum.***

See y'all in Louisville!

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



PID Harvey Whitley

Planning Special Events

At each USA Canada Lions Leadership Forum, many groups gather to meet, greet and socialize outside of the organized events already planned. If your group wishes to host a breakfast, special event or meeting at any of the hotels or the Kentucky International Convention Center, KICC, please contact PID Randy Heitmann, Facilities Chair at byron@swnebr.net



Lions Of Michigan Foundation

"Bridging The Gap To Service"

LIONS OF MICHIGAN FOUNDATION WWW.LMSF.NET

34TH ANNUAL SIGHT & HEARING SWEEPSTAKES

MAY 2, 2020 – TICKET SELLERS DRAWING

Prize	Winners Name	City/State	Ticket No./Club Seller
1 st Prize - \$750.00	Bill Chase	East Jordan, MI	6944 – East Jordan Lions
2 nd Prize - \$500.00	Bill Walter	Ortonville, MI	3398 – Ortonville Lions
3 rd Prize - \$250.00	Coleman Lions Club	Coleman, MI	9950
4 th Prize - \$100.00	Millington Lions Club	Millington, MI	14754

MAY 16, 2020 – SWEEPSTAKES DRAWING

Prize	Winners Name	City/State	Ticket No./Seller
1 st Prize - \$5,000.00	Debbie Baker	Frankenmuth, MI	2965 – Frankenmuth Lions
2 nd Prize - \$2,500.00	Crystal Lions Club	Crystal, MI	10111
3 rd Prize - \$2,000.00	Sandy Van Tol	Bay City, MI	4613 – Auburn-Williams Lions
4 th Prize - \$1,500.00	Lennon Lions Club	Lennon, MI	13745
5 th Prize - \$1,000.00	P-G Inc.	Oscoda, MI	1200 – Oscoda Lions
6 th Prize - \$500.00	Kal Haven Trail Lions Club	Bloomington, MI	8700
7 th Prize - \$400.00	Sally Zoyiopoulos	Marion, MI	19018 – Ewart Lions
8 th Prize - \$300.00	P-G Inc.	Oscoda, MI	1192 – Oscoda Lions
9 th Prize - \$200.00	Wayne Willis	Ortonville, MI	3307 – Ortonville Lions
10 th Prize - \$100.00	Madeline Hiller	Houghton Lake, MI	798 – Oscoda Lions



Lions Of Michigan Foundation

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Lions of Michigan Raffle: Club Ticket Sellers Winners

*District 11-E2
in Bold Type

Tickets Ticket Seller	District	Returned
Oscoda Lions	E2	550
Alpena Lions	E2	528
Colon Lions	B2	359
Central Lake Lions	E2	255
Ortonville Lions	A2	194
Wells Lions	10	184
Detroit Mid-City Lions	A1	178
Bark River Lions Club	10	175
Frankenmuth Lions	D1	175
Lincoln Lions	E2	170
Homer Lions	B1	160
Hillman Area Lions	E2	146
Livonia Lions	A1	144
Detroit Westtown Hartford Lions	A1	130
Ewart Lions	E1	130
White Cloud Lions	E1	130
Auburn-Williams Lions	D1	118
Bangor Lions Club	B2	115
Ovid Lions	C2	115
Keweenaw Lions	10	113
Trenton Lions	A1	106
Kalamazoo Westside Lions	B2	105
DeWitt Lions	C2	105
Mason Lions	C2	105
Big Rapids Lions	E1	105
Marshall Lions	B1	100
Edwardsburg Lions	B2	100
Flushing Lions	D1	100
Central Montcalm Lions	E1	100
Grayling Lions	E2	100
Rose City Lions	E2	100

**Lions of Michigan****District 11 E-2****Cabinet Meeting Minutes, May 9, 2020 via ZOOM**

Cabinet Members in Attendance- DG Zeller, CST Durflinger, 1VDG Rod Leathers, 2 VDG Gaines, ZC's Murch, Gocha and Bob Gingerich, GMT Bob Tasior, GST Marie Leathers, IPDG Harris

Cabinet Members Absent - ZC's Smith and Brew

Lions in Attendance- PDG's Dennis Richardson and Lew Moeller, Lions Jill Drury, Cal Shooks, Julie Haase David Zimmer, Linda Gocha, Jan Kane, Larry Taylor, Lew Kunze and Bill Palmer

Guests- 2VDG Bill Bradfield from 11-EI, Mike Dengate from Leader Dog

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 AM by DG Zeller. The invocation was offered by 1VDG Leathers. The Pledge was led by 2VDG Gaines.

Secretary's Report - Minutes of the February 29, 2020 cabinet meeting were presented by CST Durflinger. 2VDG Gaines moved approval with support from 1VDG Leathers, motion carried.

Correspondence- None.

Treasurer's Report- The financials for 2019-20 were presented showing a beginning balance in the administrative account of \$30,498.24, income of \$18,556.69 and expenses of \$16,863.61 leaving an ending balance as of 5/7/20 of \$32,191.32. This is made up of \$24,484.08 in administration and \$7,707.24 in the convention account. The projects account had a beginning balance of \$37,280.07, income of \$8,559.76 expenses of \$5,105.31, leaving an ending balance of \$40,734.52. It was moved by ZC Murch, supported by 2VDG Gaines that the report be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

Old Business- Defense Against Diabetes Grant- 2VDG Bradfield, 11-EI, presented information on the D-Path classes, now available on line from the MSU extension. The deadline date has been extended to the end of the year, and maybe into 2021. The cost of the class is \$1000 and it can take 12 participants. Since it is via Zoom, clubs from all over the district can participate. A flier for the program is attached to the minutes. Note: The Central Lake Club is working on setting up a class right now, so if you want to contact them about joining with them for the first class (more can be set up later), contact CST Durflinger. The first class is tentatively scheduled to begin on 6/4. 2VDG Gaines questioned 2VDG Bradfield about the information he had forwarded about the American Diabetes Association summer program, but that question wasn't answered. 2VDG Gaines will follow up. There is also an on-line class available through the National Kidney Foundation (flier attached), but it is more expensive (\$2800 with a max of 20 participants). Contact CST Durflinger if you want more information on this class.

2020 District Convention- DG Zeller thanked the Rose City Lions for their hard work preparing for a convention that had to be canceled. He noted that the policy manual calls for profit sharing when the convention is successful, and the Rose City Lions had counted on a successful convention to help replace the roof on their clubhouse. After some discussion, it was moved by 2VDG Gaines, supported by ZC Gingerich that we donate \$1000 to the Rose City Lions from the convention funds. Motion carried.

New Business- Leader Dog Update- Lion Mike Dengate from Leader Dog reported that everything is currently shut down at Leader Dog. They are hopeful that classes can resume in July. On-site visits and summer programs have been canceled, but they will be scheduling virtual visits. Their revenue is down.

2021 Convention- The Boyne Valley Lions will be hosting the 2021 convention. They have a tentative contract for the location, and the tentative date is April 14-16, 2021. More details will follow.



GMT Report – GMT Tasior turned in a written report. He added that we have demonstrated that Zoom is a great way to hold meetings. This is a good way to get younger people involved that don't always have the time (or money) to attend a meeting in person.

GST Report – GST Marie Leathers turned in a written report. She added that we need to report our service, and encouraged clubs to contact her about holding Zoom meetings.

Zone Chair Reports – ZC's Smith and Gocha turned in written reports. ZC Murch reported that he has maintained contact with his clubs. Alpena is using Zoom to hold their weekly meetings. Unfortunately the Fairview/Comins Club will be disbanding, a loss of 14 members.

Committee Reports – Written Reports were provided by the following Committees: All State Band- Lion Les Jackson, Constitution and By-Laws- DG Zeller, District Convention- Lion Ray Shelley, District Editor- Lion Zimmer, Elections- PDG Richardson, Eversight- PDG Richardson, ICIF- PDG Durflinger, Liaison- DG Zeller, Lions of Michigan Foundation- PDG Durflinger, Michigan Forum- DG Zeller, Pediatric Cancer-1VDG Leathers, Strategic Planning- DG Zeller, USA/Canada Forum- DG Zeller, Website/IT- Lion Marie Leathers.

The following was added to the written reports- PDG Richardson congratulated our new District officers. He also reported that Eversight has been unable to do corneal transplants as they are considered nonessential, and this has hurt them financially. They will be holding a virtual golf outing the first two weeks of September. Go to your local golf course and play. The cost is \$50/golfer. Contact Lion Dennis for information. PDG Durflinger noted that the Lions of Michigan Foundation canceled Kidsight screenings until next year so we can work on putting in safeguards for both the volunteers and the children. Clubs are asked to look at their budgets, and please send in funds if you can afford it to help all of the state projects as they are all experiencing financial difficulties. Lion Marie Leathers reported that the virtual symposium was excellent and there will be another one soon. Information will be on the website. You can also see the symposium by video later.

Oral Reports – PDG Gingerich reported that since the MD-11 convention was canceled that the vote on the dues increase has been postponed. Next year's COG will take it up again.

VDG Comments – 1VDG Leathers thanked everyone for supporting him. It will be a rough start to the year, but clubs can do Zoom meetings. He asked if ZC's are not going to continue in their positions that they give him the name of someone else in their zone who might be interested, since they are more familiar with the Lions in their zone. He noted that either he or Marie can help set up Zoom meetings. 2VDG Gaines noted that we have had very positive responses from using Zoom. He has an account which is available for use any night except Thursday.

DG Comments – DG Zeller reported that a Fall Conference is in the planning stage. It will depend on when restrictions are lifted. It will include officer training and Zoom training. He thanked everyone on the cabinet for their hard work this year.

With no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30. The next meeting will be announced when the incoming DG has his schedule set up.

Respectfully submitted,

PDG Barb Durflinger, Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer



Lions District 11e2

GMT Report

Lion Robert Tasior

05/09/2020

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Hello everyone, I hope all are staying safe and healthy. During this lock down most actions have slowed because of social distancing. The Fairview/Cummings club has decided to turn in their Charter which is regretful but necessary in this instance.

Our rural clubs have suffered over the last decade with membership mainly because of low population and employment opportunities for younger members are limited.

We are currently at 798 members, our local activities have been impacted along with our membership meetings.

In the Oscoda/Tawas area the morning branch breakfast club has been put on hold but we are having positive responses from community members that have reached out.

I am confident this program is going to impact membership for the future of the district.

I am also reaching out to our membership for some to step up and help with the District GMT coordinators position. We are a large demographic area and it is difficult to service an area so large.

Thank you

District 11 E2 GST Report 5/7/20

Over 50% of the clubs have done at least one report in MyLion. I would like to see every club with at least one service activity reported for this fiscal year. The reporting system has been simplified, and I can work individually with any club that is having problems reporting. Service activities, Fundraisers, Meetings and Donations can all be input, and anything that took place from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020 can be reported up to July 15, 2020.

Why do we report service? Here are a few reasons:

- Reporting shines a light on how and where local clubs are making a difference. This elevates the profile of Lions Clubs International as a global service club organization.
- Service reports provide tangible evidence of our global engagement and impact to prospective partners of Lions Clubs International. These relationships strengthen the organization and yield benefits at the local level.
- People want to participate in real, visible change. Service reporting allows clubs to continually engage communities, tell stories more effectively and ultimately grow their member base.

GST Marie Leathers

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From: "William Gaines .wgainesIII@yahoo.com;
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 4:13 PM
To: ComDaC" <barb@comdac.com>
Subject: Re: Reports
Barb,

The remaining club meetings I was scheduled to attend have been canceled. I have communicated to all the clubs in my zone that I would be glad to host a virtual club meeting via Zoom either through MD-1 1's account or our family account. I would do that, on request, for any club in the district.

I hosted a Zoom Regional meeting on Apr 22 and invited all the clubs in the District. It was well received by those who attended. The number of attendees was disappointing, particularly with speakers from Leader Dog, Eversight and Defense Against Diabetes.

Respectfully Submitted
Bill Gaines Zone Chair Region 2, Zone 1

From: "Dennis Gocha" <dennygocha@gmail.com>
Date: Tuesday, May 5, 2020 7:30 PM
To: "ComDaC" <comdaccorndac.corn>
Subject: Zone Report 5/6/2020

East Jordan Lions are putting out Jordan River bottle/trash totes this week. We collect the cans to return. We have chosen our scholarship recipients. We are considering doing the highway cleanup soon. Since we canceled our mid-April Easter Fun and Games, we are considering having an event in July/August to give away the bikes, candy and toys already purchased.

Boyne Valley Lions – are considering doing their highway cleanup soon. They communicate via Zoom.

Petoskey Lions – are communicating via Zoom. They are working on their scholarships.

Charlevoix Lions – no response to my calls.

Dennis Gocha
Zone Chair 11-E2

May 9, 2020

District 11 -E2 Cabinet Meeting – Elections Report

The District 11 -E2 annual elections were held by way of a Zoom meeting on May 2, 2020.

The following Lions were virtually in attendance: DO Dave Zeller, 1st VDG Rod Leathers, 2nd VDG Bill Gaines, CST Barb Durlinger, PDG Dennis Richardson (elections chair), IPDG Gordon Harris, and Lion Bob Nelden (credentials chair).

Those nominations received from nominations chair Lion Arnie Engster were presented as follows: The Alpena Lions Club nominated DG Dave Zeller for the office of Trustee - Lions of Michigan Foundation. The Oscoda Lions Club nominated 2nd VDG Bill Gaines for the office of 1st VDG. The Central Lake Lions Club nominated St VDG Rod Leathers for the office of DO. No nominations were received for the office of 2nd VDG.

Completed Certification of Delegate Forms were received from nine (9) clubs. (Alpena, Central Lake, East Jordan, Elk Rapids, Grayling, Houghton Lake, Oscoda, Petoskey and Prescott/Skidway Lake) A total of thirty (30) delegates voted by written ballot. Each of the three candidates received the necessary 16 votes and there-by were duly elected to their respective office.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Richardson – District 11 -E2 Elections Chair



District Committee Reports

May 9th – 2020 Online Meeting

Constitution, By-laws & Rules

No changes have been made to date, need to approve the rules of the convention

District Convention

The Convention was canceled

Liaison

Nothing to report at this time.

Michigan Forum

Planning has started, next year's forum will be held February 26th -27th Holiday Inn Gateway Center, Grand Blanc

Strategic Planning

Nothing to report at this time.

USA/CANADA Forum

Next Forum will be in Louisville KY 9/17-9-19 2020, District Directory is incorrect and the years should be moved up. This forum will be real close and a great opportunity to attend. Don't forget about the Lions University and the great classes on Lions you can take

From: Ray Shelley
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2020 12:23 PM
To: comdac@comdac.com
Subject: Convention

Hi Barb. Here is final report from convention. All money from individuals, groups and businesses for registration or advertising has been returned. We received our down payment back from hotel. Once all checks have cleared we will close the convention account and forward check back to district. We will work to get signage and other materials to the Boyne club for next year. Thanks.

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)



May 9, 2020

District 1 1-E2 Cabinet Meeting Eversight Report

I would like to start by outlining the information from our May 5th state committee meeting on how COVID-19 is impacting Eversight.

- ES usually places an average of 160 transplants per week - right now is averaging 20 for emergency surgeries only.
- Corneal transplants fall under "elective surgery".
- Operating on about 4% of normal budget now.
- 95% of revenue comes from corneal transplant surgeries.
- Predicting that for the first time in years there will be a waiting list for a transplant once corneal transplants start again.
- ES not recovering tissue from COVID-19 positive donors right now: No research that definitely says COVID-19 can't be passed through corneas.
- ES will start implementing testing on all tissues that they receive.
- Good news: Ohio starting to open for elective surgeries.

Eversight's Response

- Eversight's Leadership Team is forming a taskforce to model how 'onramp' could play out once corneal transplants resume.

The three possibilities:

1. Could be a huge demand for tissue right away.
 2. Could be a slower opening, with a gradual increase in demand.
 3. Could be a "rollercoaster" effect.
- Operating on 4% budget.
 - Placed hiring and expense freeze.
 - Introduced decreased work weeks and 25% pay deduction for all ES employees.
 - Applied for paycheck protection and received supporting wages for May.
 - Applying for loans and grants in every service area.

As you can see these are challenging times for Eversight. Please note that Eversight's other service areas are affected also. Organ donor programs, donor family gathering, fund raisers (see following), research, etc. are all being negatively effected by COVID-19.

Eversight's largest fundraiser each year is their golf tournament. Because of it having been held in the Ann Arbor area very few if any of our Lions attend. One positive thing from this Virus is that the Lions of District 11 -E2 will be able to participate very easily. A virtual golf tournament is being planned so golfers can participate from their home golf course and they can play on any date from September 1 to September 15. The entry fee will be lowered to \$50 per golfer and more information will be coming soon. Hopefully our District will be well represented at this year's tournament.

In conclusion, as you know, Michigan Lions started Eversight and continue to be its largest support group. Eversight now needs our help more ever. If your club has already donated, thank you very much. If not, please consider donating whatever your budget allows. Thank you for your support of Eversight and stay well.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Richardson, District 11 -E2 Eversight Chair



District 11-E2 Cabinet meeting

May 9, 2020

LCIF Report

We are entering the second year of the third major funding campaign since LCIF was founded 50 years ago, Campaign 100. Campaign 100 is a three year campaign with a goal of \$300 million worldwide. This time the program will cover all of our humanitarian programs, vision, youth, disaster relief, diabetes, and will expand our global causes, hunger, childhood cancer and the environment. The goal is to serve 200 million people over the next 10 years.

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.

Special thanks to the Alpena Lions Club for applying for an emergency grant to benefit the east side of the district. We received \$10,000 which will be used to partner with Austin Bros. Of Alpena to produce hand sanitizer to be distributed to local first responders and to nursing and group homes throughout the counties in the east side of the district. In addition this year the Hillman Lions Club received a community grant of \$1933 which will be used to improve a local walking trail. LCIF stands ready to help with projects and disasters- we just have to ask!

We started the campaign off well in the district. Between club and individual Lion contributions we raised \$13,363 last year, an increase of \$4,623 or +53% from last year. It would be great to continue this pace. 29 of the then 32 clubs made contributions last year, so we almost got to 100% giving. Our giving this year-to-date is \$8,997.37 with 21 clubs giving so far. This figure included personal contributions from 70 individuals. My visits to clubs that I did not get to last year had to be curtailed during the emergency, but I will be getting back to them when travel restrictions are lifted. I emailed club Presidents and Secretaries to ask them to request that their club members buy a square in our district Melvin Jones Fellowship raffle board, so hopefully we can get it filled up soon to increase our district's contributions to LCIF in a fun way, so if you haven't seen it emailed out to your club members, please contact your club Secretary and ask that it be distributed.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

PDG Barb Durflinger



Leader Dogs for the Blind Report

May 2020

\$50,000 Matching Challenge to train twice the Leader Dogs
Make a donation and have your dollars go twice as far!

COVID-19 Impact on Leader Dogs for the Blind

- **All on-campus group events and public tours are canceled/postponed through the end of May.** The campus gift shop is closed until further notice: however, the online store is still available.
- **All non-essential personnel are working from home.** Communications and fulfillment of donor recognition items may be delayed. Team members continue to come to campus to care for all dogs while maintaining social distancing guidelines and increased cleaning/sanitizing requirements.
- **The veterinary clinic is not holding elective appointments until further notice.** The vet clinic remains staffed for emergency and urgent care only for puppy raisers and breeding hosts. The clinic continues service all dogs in training.
- **March, April and May classes have been postponed for all clients.**

All of the dogs at the training center are being cared for and the mobility teams are still training.

Donations for this fiscal year so far are \$8,850 for District 11-E2. If your club has not sent a donation for this fiscal year, please send it soon!

Thank you!

Lion Julie Haase
Leader Dog Chair



Lions of Michigan Foundation Report- 5/9/20

The drawing for the Sight and Hearing sweepstakes tickets seller's drawing was done at the Board meeting on 5/2, and Lion Bill Chase of East Jordan won the top prize of \$750. Congratulations Lion Bill! The ticket sales as of right now are at about \$85,000, compared to our budget of \$105,000. There is still another week, so sell a few more to add to the funds that your club will share. If your club sells between 30 and 99 tickets you receive \$3.50 per ticket, for sales from 100-249 you receive \$5.00 per ticket, and for sales over 250 you receive \$5.50 per ticket.

The Kidsight program has been put on hold until after the first of the year when things will hopefully be close to normal, and procedures can be put into place to be sure that both screeners and the children screened are safe. The trailer is still available in the event that your community has a parade or festival that hasn't been canceled, so let me know if you would like to use it.

The tax year ended 12/31/18 was the first year that people were able to donate to the Lions of Michigan Foundation on their Michigan tax returns. We collected \$14,000 for that period, with only part of the year to promote it, so this year should be better. In order to stay on the form, we need to collect \$50,000 per year, so be sure that every Lion and Lion family member knows that this program is available. In addition to providing funds for the Foundation, it greatly increases our visibility statewide. If you use a tax preparer to do your taxes, be sure they know to check the box for you, and talk to them about mentioning it to their other clients. Now that the filing deadline has been extended, we have more time to spread the word about the program.

Our district contributions to the Foundation this year so far total \$7,900 compared to \$12,500 last year, so if your club has not yet made a contribution, please consider it.

There will be a new raffle calendar for the 2021 year that is available for purchase now. If your club is interested in selling calendars, contact the state office and they will be sent to you. The calendars are \$20 each, and if your club sells at least 10, you will receive \$5 per calendar sold. This might help raise funds for clubs who have had other fundraisers canceled.

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

Pediatric Cancer Report

Because of the pandemic there hasn't been much going on. The 3 projects the state is supporting are

1. Maggie's wigs
2. Camp Quality
3. Kids kicking cancer

All 3 like everyone else can always use monetary support. Camp Quality is having virtual camps this summer. You can contact me for information where to send support.

I am looking for someone to take this position for the next year. It's a great project and not too demanding for someone who would like to get involved in the district. We meet with all of the district chairs once a quarter by zoom to talk over ideas.

DOE Rod Leathers
Pediatric Cancer Chair
leathersrod@gmail.com
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District 11 E2 : IT Committee Report

5/7/20

All cabinet meetings are now available to join remotely via Zoom. Even after we are allowed to meet in person the Zoom option will still be available for those who prefer not to travel.

Clubs and Zones can use the Zoom paid state account to hold their meetings, which allows up to 100 people with unlimited time. Contact me to schedule a meeting. So far only a few clubs have used it, plus one region meeting. As of yet there have been no conflicts with the Lions of Michigan state calendar, so we have not needed to purchase a district account yet. Many of our state projects, such as Leader Dog and Eversight, would love to do virtual presentations to clubs as they did at the regional meeting, especially since we didn't have the chance to meet with them at the district convention. If you're looking for an idea for a meeting be sure to reach out to them.

Lions Club International has been reaching out to all Lions through Virtual Symposiums. The first one was April 25 and featured 2nd International Vice President Brian Sheehan as keynote speaker. The next one is June 6 with 3' International Vice President Patti Hill as keynote speaker.

To stay up on what's happening in the district be sure to visit the district website at lionsdistrict11e2.org. You can download the district newsletter, view upcoming events and more. There are also links to register for upcoming symposiums and links to view recorded past symposiums. You can also join the Lions of District 11 E-2 Facebook group. Please let me know if there is anything you would like to be added to the website.

Lion Marie Leathers
IT Chair
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Beaverton Area Flood Disaster

Thursday, May 21, 2020 2:27 PM

Subject: Beaverton Area

I have contacted Bill Gaines and he will set up a quick zoom meeting so that we can vote to send some of the emergency funds from the District Account.

For those that would like to help our Lions and neighbors from the Gladwin Area, the Beaverton Lions are in the area affected by this terrible disaster along with clubs from 11 E1 and 11D1. The Districts have applied for a **\$10,000 Emergency Grant from LCIF** and expect word on it within the next few days. If you would like to help out, the District also has an emergency fund and I suggest you send funds to PDG Barb with a check designated Flood relief and we will make sure that gets in the hands of the Beaverton Lions, or send direct to them: Attn: Anthony Smith, 5211 Dale, Midland MI 48642. More to follow.

I am pretty sure we will get the LCIF grant.....

I have talked to Tony Smith and he says it is bad.....

Stay safe in Gods country.

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

May 22, 2020 **UPDATE**

We have just received word that our Grant request has been approved, we also at a quick cabinet meeting voted to send \$1500 from our emergency grant funds with an add \$1500 should it be needed. Please discuss with your club about sending in donations to this fund we have in the District, you can see how they will be put to use. It may be your area next.

Have a safe Memorial Weekend and remember those who have lost their lives defending our country. Rest in peace comrades.

DG David L Zeller

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.

Marie Leathers, IT Chair

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Calendar of Events

JUNE 2020

Flag Day — June 14, 2020

Summer Solstice — June 20, 2020 — Official Beginning of Summer & Longest Day of the Year

Father's Day — June 21, 2020

JUNE 2021:

LCI Convention — June 25, 2021 — Montreal, Quebec, Canada



PASSINGS



NONE RECEIVED

NEW MEMBERS

None Received

On the Mend

NONE RECEIVED



Boyne Valley Lions

MAY 2020

Boyne Valley Lions chose their new officers for 2020-2021 with a 40% voter turnout for this year's electronic ballot. The nominated candidates are overwhelming winners. Thanks to all those Lions who cast their votes.

Candidate	Position
James Richman	President
Kim Akin	1st VP
Lisa Lubke	2nd VP
OPEN	3rd VP
Larry Taylor	Secretary
Robert Prebble	Treas
Ralph Gillett	Asst. Treas.
John Cool	Tail Twister
Jim Felton	Lion Tamer
LeeAnn Lindahl	1 yr Director
John Drury	1 yr Director
Yolanda Pethers	2 yr Director
Mike Cain	2 yr Director
Eleanor Sutliff/ Elise Freed	Membership Chair
John Cool	IPP

Central Lake Lions / Lioness

May 2020

Central Lake Lions Club reached the milestone of 70 years of service on May 23, 2020. Since they couldn't have a traditional celebration the Lion mascot did some dancing in the streets! They also provided cupcakes with every take out meal on that night at Touch of Class, who is the caterer for their regular meetings.



Mike Dengate from Leader Dog did a Zoom presentation to 20 members, including Hall of Famer Don Seifried who has to spend this summer in Florida. Don has never used a computer before, but with a little help from some friends he's now able to see and stay in touch with his club. He shared what things were like in the club when he joined in the 60's and also shared a picture of him pinning a White Cane onto then Governor Bill Milliken at the Capital building in Lansing in 1974. He had just declared White Cane week for the Lions Club.



Cheboygan Lions

May 2020

Recognized 3 Cheboygan graduates with \$500.00 scholarships. Covid-19 has placed everything in a holding pattern as a club.



East Jordan Lions

May 2020

Since there was a shortage of gloves, East Jordan donated 400 pairs of vinyl gloves to Charlevoix Hospital. They were extra gloves from our river trash and pop can pick up events.

Petoskey Lions

May 2020

Petoskey Lions evaluated 8 High School Senior's scholarship applications, with several exceptional candidates to choose from. Lions finally chose senior Tiffany Fettig as winner of the \$500 2020 Wallace C. Glasscock Memorial Scholarship. We congratulate Tiffany, and wish her great success.

IT News:

With the increased usage of Zoom the district has purchased a Zoom Pro account. If your club, zone or committee would like to use the Pro account in order to have unlimited time for a meeting (instead of a 40 minute time limit on a free account), please email marie@centrallakerealty.com with the time and date needed. It's available on a first come first serve basis.

Marie Leathers, IT Chair

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GST News:

Reminder to input your club activities, fundraisers and donations in MyLion for the 2019-20 year. Inputting has been simplified to one easy page.

Visit the district website lionsdistrict11e2.org and click on MyLion Resources for directions on how to report. If you need assistance please contact Marie Leathers.

If your club is looking for new and innovative ways to be able to serve be sure to register for the next Lions Symposium June 6, 2020, 1-5 pm. If you're unable to watch it live or would like to watch the last symposium you can visit the Lions Virtual Symposium YouTube page. There are links on the district website lionsdistrict11e2.org.

Marie Leathers, District Global Service Team Coordinator

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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

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GUEST SPEAKERS

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

Moderated by PDG Wendy Cain



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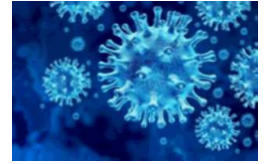
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CORONAVIRUS UPDATES – JUNE 1



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

World Statistics

Confirmed Cases: 6,374,287 ♦ Deaths: 377,605

United States Statistics



Michigan Statistics

Confirmed Cases: 1,787,680 ♦ Confirmed Cases: 57,532

Deaths: 104,396

Deaths: 5,516

DISTRICT 11-E2 STATISTICS

11-E2 Counties	Cases Confirmed	Deaths
Alcona:	17	1
Alpena:	95	9
Antrim:	12	0
Arenac:	34	1
Charlevoix:	15	1
Cheboygan:	21	1
Crawford:	58	5
Emmet:	21	2
Gladwin:	18	1
Iosco:	95	9
Kalkaska:	19	2
Montmorency:	5	0
Ogemaw:	22	1
Oscoda:	5	1
Otsego	102	10
Presque Isle:	11	0
Roscommon:	21	0
Totals	571	44



— 2020

The Nature of Balance

The COVID-19 Pandemic continues to impact human life throughout the world. In this unique moment of history, nearly every person on this planet is experiencing the same reality of social disruption in the face of a new highly contagious and lethal virus for which there is no vaccine or natural immunity. Science continues to learn more about this virus, but still doesn't fully understand everything about it. Recent interesting facts I found:

- Most dangerous pathogens, such as Ebola or SARS, are “usually either highly lethal or contagious, not both.” “It is very unusual. I haven't seen it in my lifetime, one that is both highly contagious and lethal.” — Renowned medical expert Sanjay Gupta, M.D.
- Fatality rates for COVID-19 are presently shown to be substantially higher than that of most strains of flu.
- Research shows asymptomatic individuals – “silent spreaders” – are usually female adults (nearly 67 percent were women) between the ages of 26 and 45; typically contagious for only three to 12 days, compared to 16 to 24 days among the patients with symptoms. (Why this is so is unknown.)
- Statement by University of California, San Francisco, researchers published in New England Journal of Medicine:
 - “Asymptomatic transmission of [COVID-19] is the Achilles' heel” of America's current public health strategy surrounding symptom-based screenings. This supports “the importance of population-wide testing – particularly as states start to reopen – in order to determine exactly how many people may be unknowingly spreading coronavirus and where outbreaks may be lurking undetected.” It also emphasizes how essential it is to wear face masks and practice social distancing.
- Researchers believe asymptomatic carriers to be up to 50% or more of COVID-19 cases, and that up to 80% of infected people don't know they have the virus.

Unsurprisingly, people are tired of the economic and social consequences this deadly Coronavirus created. The urge to get back to “normal” is overwhelmingly irresistible for many, resulting in increasing acts of unsafe behaviors. As I heard someone say, *“the American people are done with this COVID-19, but the Virus is not done with us.”*

The rush to reopen society carries the risk of abandoning the protective actions that have kept most people virus free. While numbers of new virus cases are decreasing in Michigan and many other states, COVID-19 cases are still increasing on a daily or weekly basis in other areas. This virus is not yet contained. At this time, we have no idea of how many asymptomatic “COVID-19 Marys” are unknowingly spreading the virus. As the lifting of quarantines spreads, we still need to be conscious of the ongoing threat and cautious in social contact situations.

Pandemic lockdowns have also impacted the Earth in unexpected ways, generating some positive effects on the natural environment. A study compiled by NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) and ESA (European Space Agency) verified environmental data before and after the COVID-19 Pandemic began. It shows that pollution in some of the epicenters of COVID-19 such as Wuhan, Italy, Spain and USA, etc. was reduced up to 30% – an amazing improvement in just a few months. Many areas have also seen more wildlife activity on human-devoid streets in towns and cities. It's as if the planet has taken the opportunity to heal itself.

We tend enjoy Nature's pleasures – beautiful sunsets, gardens in bloom, green forests and blue skies – and curse its annoyances and cruelties – mosquitos, hurricanes, floods, and pandemics. Somewhere along the road to modern civilization we've lost our spiritual connection to the natural world. Indigenous cultures and our own ancient ancestors perceived themselves as part of Nature, learning from and understanding natural forces that helped them, or harmed them. Human efforts to “control” Nature have mostly proven futile.

There is a natural balance, a specific range in which all life exists. Earth revolves around the sun in a “Goldilocks Zone” where it's not too hot or too cold for life as we know it to exist. An ever-changing cycle between predators and prey determines who will thrive, and who will perish. The optimum balance is when there are not too many predators or too few prey. When the ratio between them is out of balance, one or both may suffer, or go extinct.

Predatory viruses mutate to infect new hosts, killing some, but not all their hosts as they spread. Nature's balance response to pathogens is the host immune system. An inevitable vaccine for COVID-19 won't kill the virus, but will boost the host immune system enough to fight off the virus. That, and the cessation of unsafe physical contact, should create the balance that will finally end the Pandemic.

Ironically, just as we seem to be emerging from the shadow of COVID-19, we are faced with a “social pandemic” of critically damaged social systems. Hundreds of protests, tens of thousands of protesters, nationwide and in some other countries, continue to respond to yet another unarmed black man, George Floyd, murdered by police, in Minneapolis, Minnesota. When social justice is not shared equally, racism and bigotry are openly apparent, and the forces of division are degrading a society that desperately needs unity, things are seriously out of balance.

We are going to need to **Serve a LOT of Kindness...**

STAY SAFE!

Info from medical & news websites



Message From DGE Rod Leathers



Hello Lions,

First I would like to thank all of you for supporting me to be your next Governor. I don't take this lightly and I will do everything I can to support and to promote Lionism in our district this coming year.

Due to what has been happening with COVID 19, people in our district are going to need Lion's help more than ever. We need to start thinking outside of the box on ways to SERVE our communities. Now that we are starting to come out of lock down we need to hit the pavement hard looking for ways to help. One Lion, One Idea can make a huge impact in someone's lives and with the help of all Lions together we can make it happen.

It looks like we can start having club meetings again so let's be safe and get out there and get things going again. If you are still hesitant in having formal meetings Zoom is a great alternative. Lion Marie Leathers can assist you in setting up a Zoom meeting. You can email her at marie@centrallakerealty.com or call her at 231-350-0286. It's easy to use. If I can do it anyone can.

I would like to have a Zoom Virtual Cocktail Hour with each of the district clubs just to spend an hour or so talking about Lionism and hearing things you are doing to make your communities better. This isn't to take the place of club visits, but it gives me another chance to meet all the Lions in our district. It also gives us a chance to practice using Zoom. Online meetings are the way of the future in Lions it saves money and cuts down on a lot of traveling, especially in bad weather. COVID 19 has been a eyeopener and has forced us into the future. Not only to do business, but it has helped us stay in touch with our families and friends by using things like Zoom. So don't be afraid. A 92 year old Lion stuck in Florida went and bought his first computer and now stays in touch with us through Zoom. So let's set up a night and have cocktails and tell stories about Lions on Zoom.

I am looking forward to working with everyone,

DGE Rod