DISTRICT 11-E2 NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2021

Notable Quotes: "A hero is someone who understands the responsibility that comes with his freedom." — Bob Dylan

District Governor's Message

Rod Leathers, District Governor

Hello District Lions,

This is my last message as your Governor. It has been an honor to SERVE as your Governor this past year. It has been a tough year for all of us SERVING during COVID. We didn't let that stop us and we continue to meet the needs in our communities and organization. We advanced in our technical abilities to have safe meetings through zoom. We even had a full convention via zoom when everyone said it couldn't be done. Thank you all that continued to SERVE through these rough times.

Now it is time to start looking forward to our next Lion Year. Governor Elect Bill is going to need all of our help and support. We can see a light at the end of the tunnel. Let's safely get back to SERVING and spreading our stories about LIONS. As we continue to SERVE our communities, let's get our communities involved in LIONS. Only you can make our clubs grow and really does boil down to telling our stories about LIONS and JUST ASKING. If you don't ask we will continue to lose members so I challenge everyone to each month ask someone to visit your club. Let us all get behind Governor Elect Bill and make this the best District Lion year ever. We can do this.

Thanks again to all that supported me and best wishes to Governor Elect Bill. We are all there for you.

DG Rod

Message from District Governor Elect William Gaines

Welcome to Spring, Lions of 11E2

Spring is the time of rebirth and new beginnings and we're looking forward to a renaissance of service for all our District Clubs. I have talked to several club officers whose clubs have started meeting in person in some combination of socially distanced and/or outdoor gatherings that comply with the current government restrictions. Several of our clubs have continued service activities where they could be done safely throughout he pandemic while other clubs have been on hold. I think most fund raising activities have been limited, many online only, and we're all hoping to get those back on track also. I hope to hear from more leaders as we get back to our meetings and Service mission.

Lions Club International is asking all incoming District Governors to bring in new members and clubs, retain our existing members and Support LCIF Campaign 100. Our strength in Lionism is service and we need to add members at the club level to support that service locally, at the district level, nationally and internationally.

In planning for the new Lions Year, there are several areas where club members need to step forward to help our district be successful. We need a Global Membership hair and three zone chairs. These are all opportunities to meet more Lions, get fresh ideas and learn new skills in leadership. For those interested in specific Lions projects, the following district committees need chair persons: Diabetes, Eversight, Leo Clubs, Peace Poster Contest and White Cane. Anyone interested in expanding their service experience can contact myself or DG Rod for more information. Thanks to each of you for your willingness to serve as Lions in so many roles

Those who attended the District Convention seemed to enjoy it – I've heard many positive comments about the quality of the event hosted by our District Governor Rod and his able IT support person. My hat is off to DG Leathers and spouse Marie for an outstanding job as Convention hosts.

Yours in service,

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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**
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Dr. Jung-Yul Choi

LCI President's Message

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

Showing Up

Greetings Lions,

The two years that I have had the great honor of serving as your international president have been some of the most memorable and meaningful of my life. It's inevitable that one goes into this role with a set of expectations about how it will be, but I can surely say that my tenure in this role was nothing like I expected and far exceeded all my expectations.

While I never anticipated I would serve two full terms as your international president, the past sixteen months have been different than we all imagined.

This year has changed me. And I know it's changed you, too. We head into the 2021-2022 Lion year as new Lions, ready to take on anything. Because we have shown that we can take on anything. I have been amazed every day by the ingenuity and dedication I see from Lions. But even more, I've been astonished at how your kindness has always shone so brightly.

My experiences as your president have shown me that I, too, have so much still to learn about life. And I learned those lessons from you. From you, I learned what perseverance really looks like. From you, I learned what kindness really means. And from you I learned what service truly is – it's giving even when you have nothing. It's finding something in yourself to be of service to another no matter how hard your own life is. Because no matter how hard our circumstances, Lions know there is always someone whose circumstances are more dire. There is always someone who needs us. And you, Lions, have shown me what it means to show up, truly, when everything is at stake.

I am humbled, as ever, to have served as your president. I thank you profusely for the honor.

Sincerely,

Jung-Yul Choi

Dr. Jung-Yul Choi
International President

LCIF.ORG | A letter from your chairperson

Dear Lion,

As Lions, we are used to rolling up our sleeves and giving our time to a community project. However, with the pandemic continuing, it remains difficult for us to gather in person. This means that many projects are on hold. During this time, please keep in mind that doing and giving are both forms of service. If you're still unable to safely serve in public, consider giving a gift to LCIF today, either individually or as a club. In fact, you can even do both! LCIF is still supporting you and other Lions and Leos worldwide through grant funding for projects that can be completed safely and that are helping keep frontline workers healthy. Please give today so you can serve today, even if not in person.

In friendship,

Gudrun Yngvadottir, Chairperson

Lions Clubs International Foundation

CAMPAIGN | 100

LCIF • EMPOWERING SERVICE

Campaign 100's Final Phase

LCIF's largest fundraising campaign is soon entering its final phase. How will we make our goal? With your help! Find out more about how you can support your fellow Lions as they transform lives and communities at home and around the world.

CONTRIBUTE

LIONSCLUBS.ORG/CAMPAIGN100 | Campaign 100 eNewsletter

Topics Below:

Major Milestone | Stories of Pride | Disaster Preparedness Grants | Text-to-Donate | Facebook Fundraisers | Support | International Convention | News You Can Use

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

So much of our lives has shifted to the online, or virtual, environment. With determination, we have adapted. With creativity, we have continued progressing to our goals. Campaign fundraising stands at US$205,566,421. Thank you for reading and sharing information below on leveraging the power and reach of the virtual environment.

US$200 Million Milestone Achieved

Congratulations! We have raised more than US$200 million toward our campaign goal, a remarkable achievement, especially amid a global pandemic. Thank you for leading the way to this important milestone and continuing the momentum among Lions and clubs. Scroll down to access Lions' stories of pride you helped create through your Campaign 100 support.

Support Real Progress

We share stories online, attend conventions in a virtual environment, fundraise online through social media, and transfer funds effortlessly through phones and tablets. Our world is virtual; our world in need is reality. Please support LCIF and Campaign 100 to ensure grant funding for our real-world service.

GIVE REAL HOPE

Go online to LCIF website to learn more

Jerome Thompson Message:

My Grandmother, the queen of odd sayings, reminded me often not to water the dead plants. Not knowing what she meant, I would water all the flowers. As I have gotten older, I have found that some situations just are not producing the fruit that I desire. Hence, it is time to turn my attention to more fruitful pursuits. If we are going to finish this Lion year strong, it is time for us to stop, evaluate our progress, regroup, and possibly look for a new path to success.

The most important activity of a club is meeting the needs of the community. Then if there are resources left, a club should turn its attention to the Global Causes identified by Lions Clubs International. As a leader in your Club, please take a moment and make sure that your service impact has been reported using MyLION. Together, we the Lions of the United States and affiliated countries can impact more than 30 million lives. Currently, we have reported impacting 20.4 million lives.

The second most important thing we can do is keep the members we have. Clubs that have engaging hands on service projects, which engage all members, find that retention is best. Adding to their success is engaging meetings, which follow an agenda, allow for fellowship, fun, and family. Your club can gauge Membership Satisfaction by using the "Just Ask" guide New Member Survey for all members.

And finally, a club which is Visible, Vibrant and Vital within its community is engaging other members. New Members bring new ideas, new contacts, and new enthusiasm to our clubs. Additionally, they bring time, talent and treasure which assist us in expanding our ability to serve.

Where will we water in the next 50 days? May I suggest that we use our human resources to retain the members we have, add members to our existing clubs, and as time permits, extend our footprint of service within our communities.

Thank you for your service to your club and Lions International. We could not do it without you.

Sincerely,
Jerome Thompson

We're bringing the inspiration to you

When you register for Virtual LCICon, you'll hear from Malala Yousafzai, the youngest Nobel Peace Prize laureate and a world-renowned activist for female education. But it doesn't stop there — the convention lineup is full of amazing musical acts and entertainers as well as plenty of opportunities to learn from and connect with your fellow Lions and Leos.

Check out our event schedule to find out what's in store each day of the convention.

Register now

***(Note*: REGISTRATION FEES INCREASED AFTER MAY 31, FROM $285 TO $320.)**

- Hotel preferences are also assigned on a first-come, first-served basis.
- As a reminder, there are no plans for a hybrid or virtual component to the Forum at this time. However, the Forum's Executive Committee is evaluating options as a contingency plan if border restrictions prevent members from Constitutional Areas 1 and 2 and Multiple District 60 from attending the Forum. A decision regarding contingency plans will not be made by the Executive Committee until Summer (July meeting), to allow more time for progress in pandemic responses and potential adjustments to restrictions.

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.

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35TH ANNUAL SIGHT & HEARING SWEEPSTAKES

MAY 1, 2021 – TICKET SELLERS DRAWING

Prize	Winners Name	City/State	Ticket No./Club Seller
1st Prize - $750.00	Otisville Lions Club	Otisville, MI	12711 – Otisville Lions
2nd Prize - $500.00	Herb Zeilinger	Frankenmuth, MI	19909 – Frankenmuth Lions
3rd Prize - $250.00	Vickie Kisser	Rose City, MI	7363 – Rose City Lions
4th Prize - $100.00	Ross Streu	Coloma, MI	20142 – Coloma Lions

MAY 22, 2021 – SWEEPSTAKES DRAWING

Prize	Winners Name	City/State	Ticket No./Seller
1st Prize - $5,000.00	Larry Ciofu	Milford, MI	8363 – Hartland Lions Club
2nd Prize - $2,500.00	Zilwaukee Lions Club	Zilwaukee, MI	9876 – Zilwaukee Lions Club
3rd Prize - $2,000.00	North Jackson Lions Club	Jackson, MI	9226 – North Jackson Lions
4th Prize - $1,500.00	Thomas Dunlap	Wells, MI	1716 – Wells Lions Club
5th Prize - $1,000.00	Rudolph Wade	Detroit MI	6706 – Detroit Westown-Hartford Lions Club
6th Prize - $500.00	Margo Martin	Ovid, MI	6856 – Ovid Lions Club
7th Prize - $400.00	Lori Zeller	Alpena, MI	3446 – Alpena Lions Club
8th Prize - $300.00	Anne Phillips	Macomb, MI	19907 – Frankenmuth Lions
9th Prize - $200.00	Gordon Sparks	Mason, MI	7478 – Mason Lions Club
10th Prize - $100.00	Jane Meyer	Oscoda, MI	3689 – Oscoda Lions Club

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 the 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:_____

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

Lion Mark likes to walk. Walking is good for you. Walking to Florida is Better!!! From White Cloud, Michigan to Homestead, Florida!

Mark, AKA Pie Man, is raising money for the Lions of Michigan, White Cloud Lions Club and St Jude's Hospital.

Lions are asking for donations to support his effort. None too big and none to small!!!!!! 98 % of all donations will go to Lions and St Jude's Hospital. Announcements will follow!!!!!!!!!! When he starts and Where is he at????

Help PIE MAN RAISE MONEY on THIS LONG WALK
GO PIE MAN GO

All donations should be sent to:

Lions of Michigan Foundation
5730 Executive Drive - Lansing, Michigan 48911

Memo Line: *Pie Man Walk*

Website:
http://www.lmsf.net/index.php/donate-to-lions-of-michigan-foundaton
Pay Pal: Info@lmsf.net
Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/LionsofMIFoundation

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

From: Terry Walters <twalters02@comcast.net>

Leo Committee Members- At the last Leo Zoom Committee meeting ,we decided to do a Poster Contest since we have money in the budget that will not be there next year. The Contest is attached. We need everyone to help get this out to Leo Clubs and promote it as quickly as possible since schools will be out and we only have a month to get it done. Thank you for any help you can provide.

Thanks,
Lion Terry

MD-11 LEO POSTER CONTEST-2021

Purpose: To develop a poster to be used by all Leo Clubs in Michigan to promote Leos and to provide information for others to join Leos or learn about what Leos do. This would be a promotional tool for all Leo Clubs to use. Each Leo Club would receive 5 posters in the Fall.

Theme: Leos- Leadership-Experience-Opportunity

Eligibility : Any Leo member who is a member of a Leo Club in Michigan.

Size of Poster: The size of the poster must be 8 1/2" X 11" or 11" X 17 "

Judging Criteria would include: 1. Color 2. Message 3. Neatness 4.Eye-Catching 5.Creativity 6. Meets the Theme 7. Draws Interest about Leos 8. Informative

Deadline for submission: June 24, 2021 Need to have at least three submissions for the Contest.

All Entries need to be emailed to: twalters02@comcast.net or mailed to :Terry Walters , 6847 Wellington Drive , Dexter, Mi. 48130 and received by June 24,2021.

Prize Award for winning poster-$50.00 to Leo who designed the poster and $50.00 to the Leo's Club.

Poster Contest sponsored by MD-11 Leo Committee

Questions? – Call

Terry Walters, MD-11 Leo Chair at 734-426-4983

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

Eversight
making vision a reality

Dear fellow Lions and Lionesses,

Do you know why I am proud to be a Lion? I am proud because every year, despite the challenges, we Lions work tirelessly for what we believe in. We contribute to our communities in meaningful ways and live out our mission in our everyday lives.

As a member of my local Lions Club, I saw firsthand the challenges many Clubs faced in fundraising in 2020. In my own Club, we had to change our main fundraiser to a virtual event that brought in a fraction of what we normally raise. The pandemic had a profound effect on our ability to raise support, and I am sure many of you experienced the same challenges.

I have hope for a better year in 2021. As the Interim President/CEO at Eversight, I am constantly inspired by Lions Clubs' dedication to fulfilling their mission to prevent avoidable blindness and improve quality of life for the blind and visually impaired.

Carry on the Lions' legacy.

Make a gift to Eversight today.

Please consider giving what you can before the fiscal year end on June 30. There are many ways to give:

- Your club can give **online** or mail a check to your local Eversight office.
- Make a **special gift** as your situation allows: for example, through a donor-advised fund or IRA.
- Become a **Sustainer for Sight**, committing monthly support at any level.

Please contact philanthropy@eversightvision.org or (800) 247-7250, ext. 2616 if you have questions

Thank you for supporting increasing access to the gift of sight for those who need it most.

Sincerely,
Diane Hollingsworth — President/CEO

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

Cabinet Members in Attendance- DG Leathers, VDGE Gaines, 1VDGE Drury, 2VDGE Murch, CST Durflinger, GST Marie Leathers, GLT/IPDG Zeller, and ZC McDonell
Cabinet Members Absent – GMT Tasior, ZC Broome
Other attendees- DGE Bill Bradfield, 11-E1, and Diabetes Chair Di LaBeau

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM by DG Leathers.

New Business- Review of DAD plans- The two proposed DAD projects had been emailed out for review. If both plans are adopted, we will have a shortfall in the grant funds of $157.15. In addition, the Boyne Valley Lions and the Mackinaw City Lions have requested their contributions be returned to them. All other clubs who have not spent their DAD funds agreed to have them redirected to the two projects. It was moved by CST Durflinger, supported by DGE Bill Gaines that we cover the shortfall and refund the contributions to the two clubs from the District Diabetes and Medical Assistance Fund. Motion carried.

General discussion followed of the steps necessary to get the plans implemented. DGE Bradfield noted that LCIF is very interested in our proposed "Diabetes Prevention School Program." This is a pilot program that will likely be recorded for an upcoming video and used as a model for global school programs. He noted that once this grant is completed that we will have to wait a year before applying for a new Diabetes grant on the state level. He urged everyone to submit their ideas for things that weren't covered in this grant so that they could be included in future grants, so be sure and send in your ideas to Chair LaBeau. It was moved by 2VDGE Murch, supported by 1VDGE Drury that we approve the two projects. Motion carried.

Other Business- Handicapped Ramp-The Hale Lions have a local person that needs a handicapped ramp, and the club doesn't have the funds due to Covid fundraiser cancellations. Oscoda will build it for them, and the materials will be between $6-700. The Hale Lions can provide ½ of the funds. It was moved by ZC McDonell, supported by 1VDGE Drury that we provide matching funds up to $400 to the Hale Club for the ramp. Motion carried. CST Durflinger was instructed to forward $300 to the Hale Club to get them started.

Pediatric Cancer- DG Leathers reported that Camp Quality has asked for financial assistance to do their virtual summer camp. They need $1400 overall, but have asked all Michigan districts to help. It was moved by IPDG Zeller, supported by DGE Gaines that we donate $200. Motion carried.

Lions of Michigan Foundation Cookbook- CST Durflinger reported that we have been asked to consider a sponsorship for the upcoming fundraising cookbook. After discussion of the various sponsorship types, it was moved by IPDG Zeller, supported by DGE Gaines that we do a $500 sponsorship, which includes a half page in full color and a featured recipe. Motion carried. The proceeds from the cookbook support the Lions of Michigan Foundation hearing projects.

Food Drive at State Convention- DG Leathers reported that we have been asked to provide funds or food for the service project at the state convention. It was moved by DGE Gaines, supported by ZC McDonell that we donate $200. Motion carried.

Membership Grant- DGE Gaines reported that there is a 3:1 grant available for membership activities. We can use it for advertising membership or providing refreshments for club formation meetings. The district would need to provide $250, which would give us $1,000 to use for these purposes. DGE Gaines will be targeting Gaylord, Tawas, and a virtual Kidsight Club next year. It was moved by IPDG Zeller, supported by 1DGE Drury that we provide the $250 funding and apply for the grant. Motion carried.

With no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 4:52 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
PDG Barb Durflinger, Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer\

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

GST News

We are coming to the end of a very difficult year for service. Some clubs have been serving and reporting their service all year. Some clubs are not reporting service because they haven't done any service. And some clubs are not reporting service because the reporting system is too difficult. If you're one of the clubs that has done service during the last year and just don't have anyone that knows how to report it please contact me and I will be sure your service gets reported for you. Especially in this last year please remember that any service done by Lions in your club can be reported, not just service done as a club service project. Did you have Lions that volunteered at food pantries? Lions that delivered Meal on Wheels? Lions that volunteered in the schools? Lions that sewed masks? Lions that provided transportation for those in need? Be sure to report all your Lion's service in MyLion, and if you aren't able please be sure to contact me before the end of June for assistance.

Thank you for your SERVICE!
Lion Marie Leathers
District 11-E2 GST
231-350-0286
marie@centrallakerealty.com

comdac@comdac.com Mon, May 24, 10:18 AM

Some of you may have gotten the message below that is supposed to have come from DG Rod. **It did not, so don't reply!!**

CST Barb

(**Bogus Email:** Sent: Sunday, May 23, 2021 12:04 PM —
From: Rod Leathers ("ppresident162@gmail.com") —
To: lionbarb@comdac.com

Hi Barb,

I need you to get something sorted out as soon as possible, Let me know if you are available now? I will be going into a meeting now with limited access to phone calls, so just reply to my email.

Regards,

Rod Leathers (**NOT ROD!! BOGUS!**)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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://lcicon.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

Michael Burr was sworn in by Lion Denny Gocha into the East Jordan Lions Club.

On the Mend

NONE REPORTED

Boyne Valley Lions

MAY 2021

From Boyne Valley Lions Meeting Notes:

Boyne City Mushroom Festival Carnival wrap up:

- Lions received a check in the amount of $11,500 for their share of sponsoring the Mushroom Festival!
- There are still dumpster bills to reconcile, but the amount should be $500
- Lions should net $11,000 for the event!
- In cooperation with Schmidt Amusements, and the Northern Michigan Health Department, a pop up vaccine tent happened at the festival and vaccinated 50 people!

The Boyne Valley Lions Adopt-A-Highway program was very successful and yielded 17 bags of trash off our stretch of M-75.

Central Lake Lions

MAY 2021

Central Lake Lions road cleanup:

Lions Mike Ring, Malcolm Shore, Terry Wilson, Di LaBeau, Kris Roberts, Doug Gamble and Brian Graff.

East Jordan Lions

MAY 2021

East Jordan Lions weeded and will mulch a large berm in their Community Park near the disc golf course entrance.

In the first picture:
Sherry Pursel, Linda Gocha and Linda Chase.

In the second picture:
Bill Chase, Sue and Don Folsom, Bob Noll, Pam Crick and Linda Chase.

Oscoda Lions
MAY 2021

Oscoda Lions ramp builders were at it again this time in Hale building a ramp for a resident there. This ramp was completed on May 5 for a resident in Hale
Our crew of Lions Tony Priebe, John Novak, Bill Gaines and Hale Lion Cheryl McDonnell provided the labor. The cost of material was share by the Hale Lions club and the Lions District 11-E2. Working together We Serve.

Lions John Novak & Tony Priebe work on the ramp

Lion John Novak nailing

Lion Bill Gaines nailing

Another Ramp Mission accomplished

Hale Lion Cheryl McDonnell also nails it

Petoskey Lions
MAY 2021

The Petoskey Lions annual Camp Daggett Cabin Cleanup was scheduled for Saturday, May 22nd, but the predictions of rain canceled that date. However, the weather was much more cooperative on the following Saturday, May 29 – the backup date for the Cabin Cleanup event. Petoskey Lion Jim Rummer worked on Tuesday, May 26, at the Lions cabin with another group of volunteers.

Pictured are Lions Ray Johnson removing leaves and debris with a gas powered leaf blower, and David Zimmer sweeping dirt and debris from inside and from the outside entryway.

CORONAVIRUS UPDATES – JUNE 2

*This is a snapshot of what the World, Nation, and State of Michigan looked like on **June 2, 2021.** The numbers may be significantly higher by the time you read this as the COVID-19 pandemic continues.* (Info from Worldometers.info & michigan.gov.)

World Statistics

Confirmed Cases: 172,680,078 ◆ Deaths: 3,711,792

United States Statistics ❖ Michigan Statistics

Total Cases: 34,156,112 ❖ Total Cases: 993,952

Deaths: 611,067 ❖ Deaths: 20,485

DISTRICT 11-E2 STATISTICS

= Highest Numbers

11-E2 Counties	Cases Reported	Deaths
Alcona:	738	32
Alpena:	2,260	61
Antrim:	1,628	29
Arenac:	1,204	29
Charlevoix:	1,668	21
Cheboygan:	1,924	45
Crawford:	992	14
Emmet:	**2,368**	43
Gladwin:	2,299	59
Iosco:	1,997	**74**
Kalkaska:	1,120	23
Montmorency:	613	20
Ogemaw:	1,736	43
Oscoda:	682	30
Otsego:	2,332	41
Presque Isle:	1,053	34
Roscommon:	1,890	51
Totals	**26,504**	**649**

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

Editor's Notes — 2021 : Data from media websites by Lion David J. Zimmer

COVID & Beyond: Pandemic Data & Concerns

The COVID-19 Pandemic numbers for new cases and deaths are going down, but it is still with us.

The concept of "herd immunity" -- *the endgame point when enough Americans would be vaccinated and protected from the virus, leaving too few hosts for the pathogen to continue spreading, ending the Pandemic, and allowing us to reclaim our lives* -- may be an unattainable goal. While more than 50% of adults in the United States have received at least one dose of a vaccine, daily vaccination rates are falling, and are not enough to vanquish the virus. With mounting variants that spread too easily and the persistent reluctance of numbers of people to refuse vaccinations, scientists and public health experts are tending to the conclusion that herd immunity will not be reached in the near future, or maybe ever. Instead of going away, "the virus will likely become a manageable threat that will continue to circulate in the United States for years to come, still causing hospitalizations and deaths, but in much smaller numbers." -- Data from *New York TImes, Update May 11, 2021*

Other Data: The United States has suffered nearly one-fifth of the world's COVID-19 deaths, even as it accounts for just over 4 percent of the world's population. – *The Washington Post, April 12, 2021*

U.S. Vaccinations as of June 2	Number of People	% of Population
1 Dose:	168,489,729	51.30%
Fully Vaccinated	135,867,425	41.40%

The pace of new coronavirus infections in the U.S. fell by nearly 20% over the past week — the fifth straight week of double-digit declines. -- *May 27, 2021*

Top 10 Vaccinated States (as of June 2, 2021) (*Plus Michigan)

1. ***Vermont:*** Number of people fully vaccinated: **352,977** Percentage of population fully vaccinated: **56.57%**
2. ***Maine:*** Number of people fully vaccinated: **738,946** Percentage of population fully vaccinated: **54.97%**
3. ***Massachusetts:*** Number of people fully vaccinated: **3,718,511** Percentage of population fully vaccinated: **53.95%**
4. ***Connecticut:*** Number of people fully vaccinated: **1,915,836** Percentage of population fully vaccinated: **53.74%**
5. ***Rhode Island:*** Number of people fully vaccinated: **549,970** Percentage of population fully vaccinated: **51.92%**
6. ***New Hampshire:*** Number of people fully vaccinated: **674,993** Percentage of population fully vaccinated: **49.64%**
7. ***New Jersey:*** Number of people fully vaccinated: **4,362,434** Percentage of population fully vaccinated: **49.11%**
8. ***Maryland:*** Number of people fully vaccinated: **2,915,393** Percentage of population fully vaccinated: **48.22%**
9. ***New Mexico:*** Number of people fully vaccinated: **1,006,019** Percentage of population fully vaccinated: **47.98%**
10. ***Hawaii:*** Number of people fully vaccinated: **676,500** Percentage of population fully vaccinated: **47.78%**

*25. ***Michigan:*** Number of people fully vaccinated: **4,220,506** Percentage of population fully vaccinated: **42.26%**

***Michigan Fully Vaccinated Rate of 42.26% is slightly higher than the U.S. Rate of 41.40%**

Closer To Home:

Despite things opening up and restrictions being canceled, the toll continues to rise. A little more than 2 weeks ago, a friend and former classmate of my wife was informed that her sister had passed away from COVID. The sister and her husband had hosted a big party for family and friends a week or so earlier. Neither had been vaccinated, and neither planned to get vaccinated. The party goers weren't wearing masks or using social distancing for safety. It was getting back to normal, without weighing the consequences lurking in the shadows.

Someone attending had the virus, and the party was an open door for COVID to spread to others. Unfortunately, the sister also had a heart condition, and the the COVID infection overwhelmed her. She died, and her husband was very sick the last we heard. We don't know if any other party attendees were infected, but the probabllity is high given the circumstances.

Another statistic added to the list. Behind the statistics are the family and friends greiving the loss of a human life taken too early. Another sad void where a person once was, and who will never get "back to normal." Please spread hope, resolve, facts and awareness, not COVID.

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

The *OTHER* Pandemic: TICKS

Note: The following data contains descriptions of ticks and information that may be upsetting to some, or all. You've been warned...

There is a 'tick explosion' underway in Michigan (and in other midwestern states). It was hard to find a tick in Michigan's Lower Peninsula 20 years ago, but over the past two decades there's been a dramatic increase in **wood ticks**, also called *dog ticks*, and **black-legged ticks**, a.k.a. *deer ticks*. A combination of wetter and warmer weather, and milder winters have brought conditions that help ticks thrive.

TIcks are are blood feeding arachnids, eight-leggged cousins of the spider family. When the tick finds a feeding spot on a animal or human host, it grasps the skin and cuts into the surface, and then inserts its feeding tube. Many species also secrete a cement-like substance that keeps them firmly attached during the meal. The feeding tube can have barbs which help keep the tick in place. The length of time a tick stays attached depends on the tick species, tick life stage and host response to the bite. Generally if undisturbed, larvae remain attached and feeding for about 3 days, nymphs for 3-4 days, and adult females for 7-10 days. One female tick can also lay thousands of eggs.

Most tick bites are painless and cause only minor signs and symptoms, such as redness, swelling or a sore on the skin. Ticks burrow part way into the skin, bite, draw blood, and then drop off. The feeding tick's mouth will be under the skin, but the back parts will be sticking out. When they are full of blood, an engorged tick, they are usually blue-grey in colour. If you don't find the tick and remove it first, it will fall off on its own once it is full, usually after a few days -- but it can sometimes take up to two weeks. People have found ticks in the most unlikely locations, such as inside the ears, in the hair, inside the vagina, and in the eyelids. You must examine every possible part of your skin if you want to avoid becoming a tick host.

While these creepy crawly pests are disgusting enough just chewing on us and sucking our blood, the real danger is that some ticks transmit bacteria and other pathogens to the host that cause illnesses, including Lyme disease and Rocky Mountain spotted fever. The black-legged tick in particular spreads Lyme disease, a bacterial infection caused by the tick bite carrying the bacterium *Borrelia Burgdorferi*(BB) -- a bacterial cousin to the spirochete bacterium responsible for syphilis. Ticks can transmit several pathogens (especially viruses) in as little as 15 minutes. The longer a tick is attached, the more likely it is able to transfer Lyme bacteria, but no one really knows how long a tick needs, no known minimum attachment time to transmit infection.

Lyme disease causes a range of health problems. An early diagnosis can result in complete recovery without long-term effects, but undiagnosed Lyme disease can have severe complications: Intermittent pain in tendons, muscles, joints, and bones. Heart palpitations or an irregular heart beat (Lyme carditis). Eepisodes of dizziness or shortness of breath. Inflammation of the brain and spinal cord. Cognitive defects, such as impaired memory. Nerve pain, shooting pains, numbness. Or tingling in the hands or feet. Aging is bad enough without having a tick-bourne Lyme disease infection in your life.

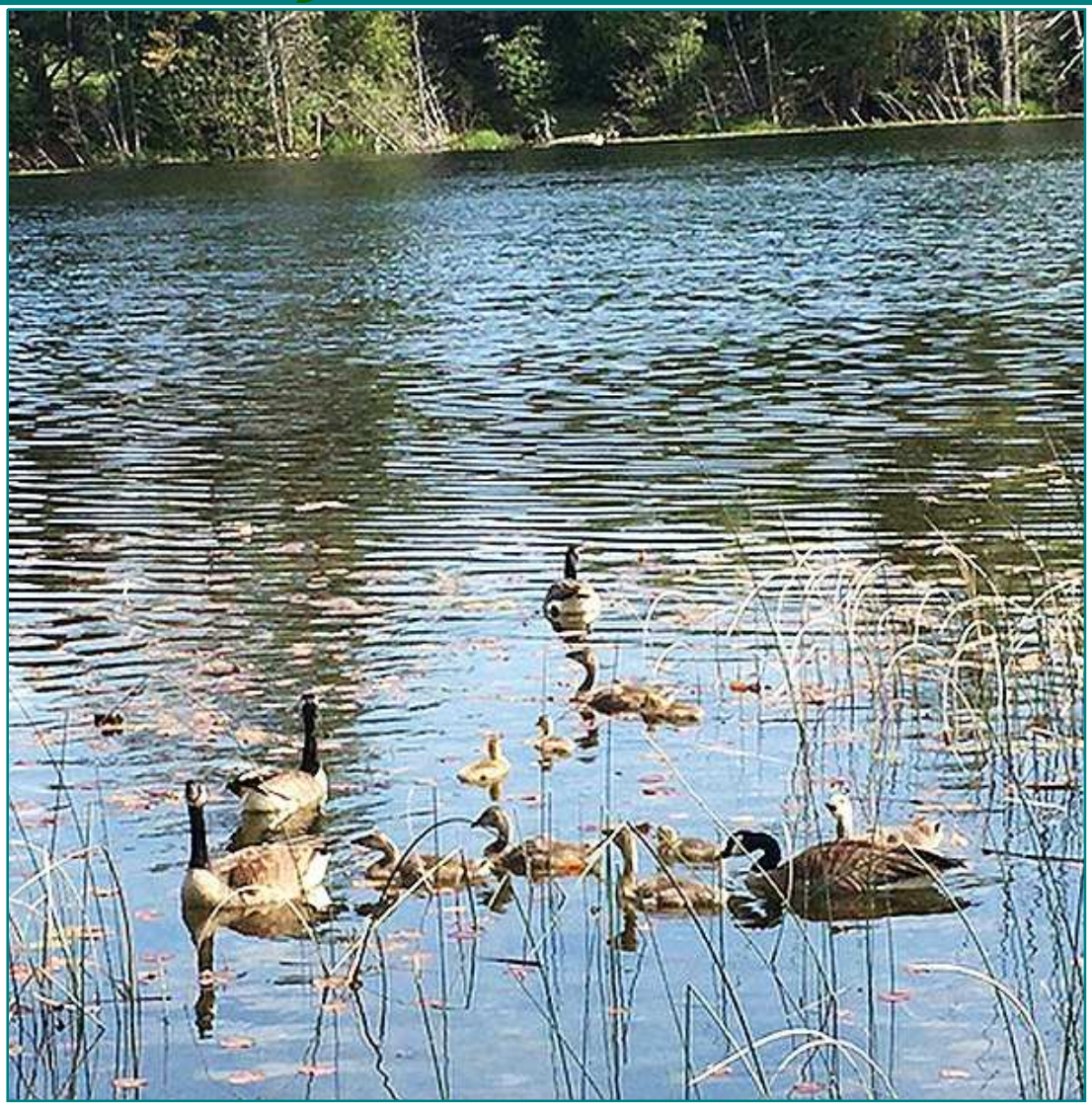
If you think you are safe if you stay out of wooded areas, think again. Many tick infestations have come from lawns, trees, and shrubs in people's yards. They are potentially everywhere there is some moisture — they need moisture to keep from dehydrating. One suggestion for tick-proofing yourself and your home is to put the clothes you were wearing outside while hiking or working in the yard in the clothes dryer for several minutes. The drying heat will kill any ticks in your clothing you may have acquired. (Ticks can survive a washing machine cycle!)

Many fragrances that smell wonderful to humans are highly repellent to ticks. Lavender, peppermint, citronella, lemongrass, cedar, rose, geranium and citrus fragrances, in soap, shampoo, and essential oils, have all been shown to keep ticks away.

I've never had any tick encounters until this spring — I've had 4 ticks in the last month, one of which buried itself where my earlobe attaches to my head. My wife has had 5 ticks. Our dog gets a flea and tick squeeze tube of anti-bug liquid administered monthly from his neck to his tail. A recent trip to the groomer found 2 ticks on him, so I'm wondering how effective his monthly flea-tick treatment is. Pets -- dogs and cats -- can be major carriers for bringing ticks into the house, so be vigilant for that eventuality.

When we found the 1st tick buried in my wife's head and couldn't pull it out, I grabbed a bottle of hand sanitizer and covered the tick with it. Shortly after, it backed out ,and we could remove it. We've used that on the other ticks and it worked each time. TIp: Keep that sanitizer nearby. Like a horror movie, the tick invasion is here.

Picture of the Month: June 2021



The migration is over, the eggs have been laid and incubated, and the young hatchlings are learning the ways of their new world. A couple of goose families, with goslings that appear to have hatched a few weeks apart, inhabit the waters and shoreline of Spring Lake just east of M-119 near the US-31 intersection. Animals of all types are caring for their young in the season of new life that nature has provided. They remind us that we share a big wide world on this finite planet, and as humans we have the power to protect, or to destroy, the environment that allows existence for all living things.

DG Pins

I am trying to gather as many of the pins from our Past District Governors as possible so that we can retain them to have a record of the District's history. We are going to pin them on the District Governor's banner that is passed from one DG to the next. I have pins for the year's listed below, and if you can donate a pin from any of the many missing years, that would be appreciated. Let me know what years you have, and I will let you know which ones we still need. Thanks in advance for your generosity in donating pins. Let me know if you have any questions. Please pass this on to your club members.

CST Barb Durflinger

989-742-2790

Pins I have:						
1986-87	1997-98	2000-01	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
2006-07	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
2013-14	2014-15	2021-21			

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Didn't find any mention of YOUR Lions Club in this issue?
Send your information to: dlzim47@gmail.com

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

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

* Photos: Should be 300 pixels for good quality.
Include names of individuals in photos, and/or describe what the photo is showing.
Text: Include dates and names (if applicable) for all events submitted.
Text will be edited as needed for space, spelling, corrections, etc.

Don't be left out!!