

DISTRICT 11-E2 NEWSLETTER



JUNE 2022

Notable Quotes: "What you think about day and night forms your character and personality."

— Masami Saionji

District Governor's Message

Greetings, fellow Lions:



District Governor
William Gaines

June marks the end of the Lions year and end of my term as District governor. District membership growth remains positive with a net growth of twelve, although there will certainly be some members drop as we come to the end of June and semi-annual dues payments come due. MD-11 has added 200 plus net members at this time with positive membership growth and several new clubs. I'm looking forward to the new year and the possibilities of adding members and clubs in our district in support of District Governor Elect Rod Leather's district goals.

We all face the challenges of keeping our existing clubs active and growing in service. Clubs with less than fifteen members are particularly vulnerable to events which make it difficult to continue to do service activities successfully. Part of the responsibility of our district leadership team is to assist clubs with membership growth and service vitality. Please ask if you need help.

The recent tornado in Gaylord was a tragic event and our district is reaching out to help. We've received a Lions of Michigan Foundation grant which has been distributed as gift cards through Gaylord's United Way to help families with household needs. We'll be working with their emergency management office to determine further needs for help from our district and district clubs. We are also working on a possible Lions Club International Foundation Reconstruction grant.

The Special Olympics Unified Cup will be held in Detroit July 31st to August 6th. Our state Lions have agreed to help with volunteers for this event in coordination with other organizations. This emulates the soccer World Cup for special Olympians with 24 teams from 20+ nations participating. District 11A2 is coordinating support for this event, including hosting a picnic on Aug 3. Our district has been asked for financial support so any clubs that can offer a modest (50-100 dollars) donation to cover expenses would be appreciated. Opportunities to volunteer can be coordinated through myself or District Governor elect Leathers.



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

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Lions Of Michigan Multiple District 11-E2 Counties

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



ZONE 1	CLUBS	ZONE 3	CLUBS
N/A	Boyne Valley, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, East Jordan, Indian River, Mackinaw City, Petoskey	ZC/2VDG Steven Murch Alpena Lions Club stevenmurch49707@gmail.com	Alpena, Alpena Evening, Atlanta, Glennie, Hillman, Hubbard Lake, Mio
ZONE 2	CLUBS	ZONE 4	CLUBS
ZC Jim Broome Central Lake Lions Club jrbroome@charter.net	Central Lake, Elk Rapids, Grayling, Houghton Lake, Lewiston/ Lewiston Lioness Lions, Roscommon- Higgins Lake	ZC Sean Clarke Oscoda Lions Club seanclarke123@gmail.com	Beaverton, Hale, Harrisville, Lincoln, Oscoda, Prescott- Skidway Lake, Rose City,



District Governor Elect's Message

Hello Fellow District Lions,

I am very proud to be representing you and our district as District Governor again for 2022-2023. I would like to thank DG Bill for his dedication over the past year. With one month to go we as a district are +12 in members. It has been a long time since we finished positive. Let's all work hard to keep it and continue to grow our membership. Our major focus this coming year along with membership is Leadership. Without club and district leaders we can't maintain our district. If you have never been a club president it might be time to think about it. If you have been a president then it is time to think about being a zone chairperson. If you're not ready for one of those positions, think about leading or joining a district committee. If you might be interested in helping at one of these please contact me at leathersrod@gmail.com or call me at 231-350-0567.

Remember there is not a special Lions Club named District. You are the District. First VDG Steve Murch, Second VDG Jill Drury, and I are looking forward to this coming Lion Year. We will do everything we can to make you proud of your District.

Always remember to tell yourselves - Yes I Can and Together We Will.
Thank you for the opportunity to SERVE again,
DGE Rod



**Lions Clubs International****PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

**Service from the heart with
International President,
Douglas X. Alexander**

Dear Lion,

The greatest impact of your service goes far beyond what can be seen today. Your kindness is inspiring and influencing the hearts and minds of those who will continue the work you began. And by creating the right opportunities for Leos and young people in your community, you ensure that the leaders of tomorrow are getting started today.

Leos bring enthusiasm and energy to every project they serve. And that's great news for your club. So get your Leos involved and give them the benefit of your skills and experience. Though the challenges they face in the future may be different, kindness never changes. And neither does the heart of service. So let's give them the support they need to be ready for the work ahead.

Yours in service,

**Douglas X. Alexander
International President**



LCIF.ORG



From LCIF Chairperson Dr. Jung-Yul Choi

The generosity of Lions and Leos, through individual and club support, make it possible for LCIF to magnify our service around the world – especially in times of crisis. For those who have made individual donations to the foundation, I thank you. Is your club a Campaign 100 Model Club? If so, thank you for continuously supporting Lions efforts and collectively supporting those in need. Your donations to LCIF help make so much of our service possible, as the needs continue to increase around the world. As humanitarians, our organization continues to grieve for those impacted by the crisis in Ukraine and surrounding countries in Europe. In our first story below, you will see how Lions are responding to the crisis, empowered by LCIF funding made possible by your support. As Campaign 100 enters its final two months, and we strive to meet our US\$300 million goal, we ask you to continue to commit your participation as we help build bridges across borders and our differences.



Responding to the Humanitarian Crisis in Ukraine

Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) and Lions around the world are working to make sure that we are there to help families who are struggling to meet their most basic needs. Find out how LCIF is supporting, how Lions are serving and how you can make a difference.

► [LEARN MORE](#)

CAMPAIGN | 100



LCIF • EMPOWERING SERVICE™

Be Part of History

Only two months remain in the largest fundraising campaign in Lions history. Giving makes you a part of Lions history and helps you earn limited-edition Campaign 100 recognition! To all those who have already made a contribution to the campaign, we thank you for your continued support.

Learn how you can help, and more, by going to the LCIF website



A message from:

Jerome Thompson

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



Thank you for leading your club in a mighty way. Join with other 11,000 clubs across Constitutional Area 1, USA and Affiliated Countries, as we complete our six week journey to success. Together we will change the course of history, impact more lives, and engage more members.

Week 1 – Invite former Lions to rejoin in our service journey

Week 2 – Utilize the Membership Growth Event Toolbox

Week 3 – Report one service project. June 30th Goal – Report impacting 30 million lives

Week 4 – Report 2022-23 officers in MyLCI

Week 5 – Make a \$100 donation to LCIF from your club

Week 6 – Host a Membership Growth Event and report the new members

Together, while serving from the heart, we can make IP Doug Alexander proud. With your help we can finish strong and build momentum to carry us into the coming year. You and your team are rock stars. I hope to see you in Montreal as we celebrate a great year together.

Results through April 30, 2022

Membership Growth - + 1233 YTD (we need about 2000 more by June 20th to survive the June drops)

Service Impact – 24,499,459 lives with only 53 % of our clubs reporting. Goal 30,000,000 with 60% of clubs reporting

Leadership - We need every district to report just one learning/training event in Learn reporting system

LCIF - CA 1 contributions \$ 8.9 Million, with 56% of clubs participating

Resources

Global Service Team Toolbox ➤


Global Membership Team Toolbox ➤

Global Leadership Team Toolbox ➤

LCIF Donations ➤



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104th Annual Convention

LCICon 2022 Montréal

Countdown to LCICon 2022 Montréal

The 104th Lions Clubs International Convention will be in Montréal, June 24-28, 2022.

[Register now](#)

[Learn More on LCI Website](#)

Canada is open! Montréal is ready to host LCICon 2022, so confirm the latest travel details and [register today!](#)

We're excited for you to join us in beautiful Montréal at LCICon 2022! Lions and Leos can reunite with each other and experience the plenary sessions, service activities, entertainment and much more.

- Enjoy music and live entertainment acts featuring top performers from all over the world.
- Celebrate cultural diversity by marching in the Parade of Nations with fellow Lions and Leos.
- Learn and grow your skills in expert-lead seminars.
- Hear from world-renowned speakers.
- Meet and chat with Lion Clubs International staff about how to enhance your service, create new opportunities, access key resources and more.
- Participate in the exciting conclusion of Campaign 100, our Foundation's historic effort to ensure our future of service.
- If you're a delegate for your Lions club, and your club is in good standing, you'll be able to cast a vote in the International Election.



Check back later for more information on what's going on at LCICon 2022 Montréal!

[Register now](#)

Dear Lion:

The Lions 104th International Convention is fast approaching!

This email will serve as a reminder that the Official Convention Call has been published in the LION Magazine in compliance with Article VI, Section 2 of the International By-Laws.

All Lions can review the [2022 Official Call](#) and [Notice of Amendments](#) on the Lions' website or the 2022 Official Convention Call and Notice of Amendments in LION Magazine.

We look forward to seeing you in Montréal!

Sincerely,

The Legal Division

[\(Find more information online \)](#)

Lions of Michigan
District 11 E-2
Cabinet Meeting Minutes, April 29, 2022

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

Cabinet Members Absent – ZC Broome, ZC Clarke

Lions in Attendance – Shirley Hill, Dennis Gocha, Linda Gocha, PDG Dennis Richardson and via Zoom- Dave Zimmer

Guests- ID Allen Snider, CC Dave Hill

The meeting was called to order at 4 PM by DG Gaines. The invocation was offered by 1VDG Drury. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by 2VDG Murch. DG Gaines introduced our special guests, ID Snider and Council Chair Dave Hill.

Secretary's Report - Minutes of the 3/5/22 cabinet meeting were presented by CST Durflinger. It was moved by 2VDG Murch, supported by 1VDG Drury that they be accepted as presented. Motion carried. There was no correspondence.

Treasurer's Report- The financial report for YTD 2021-22 was presented showing a beginning balance in the administrative account of \$35,054.74, income of \$16,375.70, expenses of \$12,441.56 leaving an ending balance as of 4/26/22 of \$38,988.88. This consists of \$29,975.50 in admin and \$9,013.38 in convention funds. The projects account had a beginning balance of \$36,104.07, income of \$6,849.79 and expenses of \$5,121.63 leaving an ending balance of \$37,833.23. It was moved by GLT Zeller, supported by IPDG Leathers that the financial report be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

Old Business- None

New Business- DG Gaines discussed the 60/60 project (60 new members in 60 days). He wants to use a targeted social media blitz to work on new clubs in two areas. It was moved by 2VDG Murch, supported by 1VDG Drury that we spend up to \$600 on this project. Motion carried.

GLT Report- PDG Zeller supplemented his written report by noting that we should think about a Fall Conference this year to train new officers, in addition to sessions on other topics.

GMT Report- DG Gaines noted that as of today we are at +12 in members. Statewide we are up by 145. If we end up positive this year, it will be the first time in decades.

GST Report- In addition to her written report, GST Marie Leathers reported that are doing KidSight screening during the convention.

Zone Chair Reports- 2VDG Murch turned in a written report. ZC Clarke and ZC Broome had no report.

Committee Reports Written Reports were provided by: **Constitution and By-Laws-** PDG Zeller, **District Editor-** Lion Zimmer, **District Peace Poster-** Lion Jean Manning, **Environmental-** PDG Bodem, **Eversight-** PDG Richardson, **Hunger-** Lion Kris Roberts, **Leader Dog-** Lion Julie Haase, **LCIF-** PDG Durflinger, **Clubs-, Lions of Michigan Foundation-** PDG Zeller, **Pediatric Cancer-** IPDG Leathers, **Project KidSight-** Lion Slezak and Lion Harris, **USA/Canada Forum-** PDG Zeller, **Website/IT-** GST Leathers.

Oral Reports- District Convention- 1VDG Drury reported that about 70 people are registered. Thanks to the Boyne Valley Lions and the East Jordan Lions for their help. She would like us to consider a one day convention. **Elections-** PDG Richardson reported that 3 of the 4 open positions have candidates. **Honorary Committee-** IPDG Leathers noted that we will be packing goodie bags to be passed out to children after their KidSight screenings tonight during the mixer. The Honorary Committee will be meeting immediately following the elections on Sunday. **LCIF-** PDG Durflinger reported that we are doing a district raffle board for a Melvin Jones Fellowship. A few squares need to be filled, and we will draw the winner during the banquet on Saturday. **NOTE:** The drawing took place, and Lion Jim Paczkowski of Hillman won the Fellowship. In addition the state committee is holding a raffle with some great prizes each district is being asked to sell at least 100 of the \$20 tickets. Information has been sent out to the clubs. There are currently 30 remaining to sell.

Audience Comments- Lion Shirley Hill noted that many Lions are not back from the South yet, and we should consider holding the convention later. PDG Zeller noted that we are required to have it at least 30 days before the International Convention, so we can't move it much.

VDG Comments- 1VDG Drury said it had been a pleasure working with everyone this year. 2VDG Murch agreed with this, and also noted that he was looking forward to working on making the district grow next year.

DG Comments- DG Gaines thanked everyone for working so hard to make the convention happen during the time he couldn't participate, and offered his heartfelt thanks to everyone for their support during his illness.

ID Comments- ID Snider said he and Susan were happy to be here with us. He told us not to feel too bad about the attendance being down, as all of the conventions he had attended were down. People are still not ready to go back into larger group events. He will be around all weekend to talk to anyone about their concerns.

With no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 4:50PM. The next meeting date will be announced later.

Respectfully submitted,
PDG Barb Durflinger, Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer

Pediatric Cancer

I am looking for someone with a passion to serve to chair the district pediatric cancer committee. If this is something you might be interested in please contact IPDG Rod Leathers at leathersrod@gmail.com or call 231-350-0567.

Thank you for all you do,
Pediatric Cancer Chair
IPDG Rod Leathers

District 11-E2 GST Report

April 2022

As we enter the final quarter of the Lion year, almost half of the clubs in our district have reported a service activity. Here are some examples of what your fellow Lions are doing to serve their communities. Maybe you'll get an idea of something your club can do:

- Highway cleanup
- Eyeglass recycling
- 5th grade craft project
- Easter Fun and Games
- Feed the Need
- Pop up Pantry
- Ramp build
- Blood drive
- Gifts at Tendercare
- Salvation Army bell ringing
- Holiday meal for seniors
- 5th grade Christmas party
- Commemorative tree
- Christmas parade and Santa gifts for children
- Backpacks for school kids
- KidSight screening
- Eye exams
- Provide wood to tourist park
- Chair pick up and delivery
- Community service
- Save a Life Day at farmer's market

In addition to club service activities we have had the following district service projects:

- Filling goodie bags during district convention to be given out at KidSight screenings.
- KidSight trailer at district convention for tours and screenings.
- Donating 1,000 packets of lettuce seed to the MD11 convention service project to be combined with other seed packets and gardening instructions and donated to food pantries throughout the state.

Training on how to report will be available at the district convention during the secretary training and is also available on an individual basis. The attached form can be helpful to give to committee chairs to collect the needed information to report in MyLion, and if no one is able to report in your club the form can be turned in to me and as the District Service Chair I can report your activities.

Marie Leathers

11E2 GST

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"Service to others is the rent we pay for the space we occupy here on Earth."

-International President Douglas X Alexander -

Activity Reporting Form

Activity Name

Date(s)

Activity Type ☐ Service Project ☐ Fundraiser ☐ Meeting ☐ Donation

Cause ☐ Hunger ☐ Environment ☐ Childhood Cancer ☐ Diabetes ☐ Vision ☐ Other

Number of people served

Number of Volunteers

Number of volunteer hours

Funds donated

Funds raised

Description:

Other information:

From: "Steve Murch" <stevemurch49707@gmail.com>
Date: Wednesday, April 27, 2022 10:23 AM
To: "ComDaC" <barb@comdac.com>
Subject: Zone report

Alpena Lions Club is at 56 members, having lost its longest-serving member recently. The club has begun its responsibilities at city-owned McRae Park, as the club has adopted it as a project. The club also adopted a stretch of highway for cleanup as part of the state's Adopt-A-Highway. Reviewing of scholarship applications will begin for the club's eight scholarships it awards annually to students at Alpena Community College. And, the club will be hosting a bowling fundraiser in May for a family whose daughter is battling cancer and recently had brain surgery to remove tumors.

Alpena Evening Lions Club is at 5 members and continues to meet, though no service or fundraisers are planned. The club awards an annual scholarship.

Glennie Lions Club is at 14 members. The club returns to meeting the first week of May. Due to members who winter elsewhere the club doesn't meet during the winter months.

Hillman Lions Club is at 18 members. The club continues its pop-up pantry and backpack program and has received donations to help with those programs. The club held its annual onion sale and delivery of the onions will be in early May. The club awarded its scholarship to a Hillman High School student and sponsored a fifth-grade craft project for Earth Day. The club also purchased school yearbooks for two graduating seniors who didn't have the resources to purchase the yearbooks.

Hubbard Lake Lions Club is at 15 members. The club has been meeting once a month due to having members who winter elsewhere. However, the club returns to regularly meeting twice a month in May.

Mio Lions Club is at 22 members. No other news about the club was available as efforts to contact Mio club were unsuccessful.

Leader Dogs for the Blind April 2022 Report

District 11-E2 donations through March 31, 2022 total \$6,147.62. If your club has not made a donation this fiscal year, please send your donations soon. **Donate by May 25th in order to have your gift matched by the Pearland Silverlake Lions Club of Texas.** Let's get 100% club participation this year!!!

During the period of July 1, 2021 - March 31, 2022, Leader Dogs for the Blind issued 81 guide dogs, served 68 O&M clients (cane travel), and 14 individuals during Summer Camp and TOM Talks.

In Person Summer Camp for 16 or 17-year-olds is June 26-July 2 this year (the deadline to apply was April 1). Virtual Camp for 14 to 17-year-olds is June 20-24, 2022. The deadline to apply for the virtual camp is May 16, 2022.

Please submit any forms for bricks, sponsorships, and awards & recognition with your donation check.

Lastly, don't forget, "Dollars for Dogs" is a great way to raise awareness of Leaders Dogs in your community and the donations count toward your club's total contribution to Leader Dogs.
<https://www.leaderdog.org/lions-club/resources/order-promotional-items/>

Cabinet Meeting Report 4/29/2022**LMF**

Don't forget to get your tickets turned in for the Sellers Drawing May 7th, The final drawing will be 5/21/2022 at the Multiple District Convention.

Also we still have cookbooks for sale and they are available at our Convention.

GLT – Leadership

We will have training at the District Convention for President, Secretary, Treasurer and Membership. Also available with be MYLION training.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS / RULES

No upcoming changes at this time. It is recommended that club adopt the International Club Constitution and then make necessary changes.

USA CANAD FORUM

Dates for this years Forum are September 15 – 17 2022 in Calgary, Alberta Canada. Make plans to attend, register early and get a discount.

DDG David Zeller

District 11-E2 IT Report**April 2022**

The District Zoom account continues to be a useful tool for the district and clubs. It has been used for club meetings, board meetings, committee meetings, cabinet meetings, convention planning, honorary committee meetings and could easily be used for zone meetings. After a full Virtual Convention last year, this year some portions of the in person District convention will also be available for Lions to join on Zoom. With practice and the proper equipment the feedback from participants on the hybrid format (some in person and some on zoom) is that it is getting better with each meeting. The subscription expires on May 17, 2022 and I recommend automatically extending the subscription each year that it is actively being used.

Marie Leathers
District IT
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ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE REPORT FOR DIST. 11 E-2 CABINET MEETING,
April 29 & 30, 2022 Beverly Bodem, Environmental Committee

SPRING BRINGS WARM WEATHER FOLLOWED BY SPRING FLOWERS, SUMMER PLANTS AND FALL COLORS! Followed by Allergies.

- How do these events impact us? A few weeks ago, someone mentioned that they were experiencing the worst allergies they have ever dealt with. (never end a sentence with a preposition) I just checked with Merriam-Webster and found that “There is nothing wrong with ending sentence in a preposition “like” “to”, “ with”, “for”, or “at”. The people who claim that a terminal preposition is wrong are clinging to an idea born in the 17th century & largely abandoned by grammar & usage experts in the early 20th century. I must have been born in the 17th Century, or my English teachers were born then.

I have been reading articles about climate change and how it is affecting allergies. Early warmer weather causes the allergy season to begin earlier and keeps the blooms lasting longer. The EPA indicates that these warm temperatures could increase concentrations of unhealthy air and water pollutants. Also, heat waves, changes in precipitation including flooding and drought and worsening air quality can impact higher numbers of people contracting allergies. People, including children, with asthma, pre-existing respiratory diseases are more vulnerable to ground level ozone which comes from chemical reactions between nitrogen oxide and organic compounds when exposed to sunlight. Emissions can come from industrial facilities, motor vehicle exhaust and gasoline fumes. This is likely to occur during hot sunny days in urban areas. High winds can cause allergen producing plants to move to new areas by carrying pollen and mold, even from outside of the United States.

The University of Michigan did a climate change study and found that from 1990 to 2018 the pollen season is starting earlier than usual. It used to start around St. Patrick’s Day and now it can begin around Valentine’s Day. It is predicted that by the end of the century pollen season could start 20 days earlier and in more extreme conditions could start 40 days earlier.

*Info taken from “aafa.org/climate-and-health” and Seth Borenstein, AP writer

April 29, 2022

To: Lions of District 11-E2.

From: Dennis Richardson, District 11-E2 Eversight Chair

Regarding: Eversight Report

The core mission of Eversight is restoring vision through corneal transplantation. I am pleased to report that in 2021 Eversight had a record year in providing the Gift of Sight through corneal transplantation. In Michigan 2060 donors made it possible for 1393 people to receive the Gift of Sight. In our district there were 46 donors and 29 recipients. In the first three (3) months of 2022 there were 510 donors and 326 recipients in Michigan, with 13 donors and 4 recipients in our District. Sixty-one (61) tissues were placed for research and twelve (12) for surgeon education.

Eversight continues to be very active in Organ Donor Awareness. April has been National Donate Life Month. This celebration was created to raise awareness about donation, encourage Americans to register as organ, eye and tissue donors and to honor donors who have saved lives and improved lives through the gift of donation. Thank you Lions for the many ways you have supported the organ, tissue and eye donation programs and the transplantation community..

District 11-E2 has always been very generous in support of Eversight. Thus far this Lions's year 14 of our 28 clubs have donated \$5450. I am asking that each club support this great Lions of Michigan State Project to whatever extent your budget allows. Thank you very much to those clubs who have already donated to Eversight this year. It is greatly needed and appreciated. Let's be a 100% District this year.

GOLF FOR GOOD! THE EVERSIGHT VISION CLASSIC. Golf anywhere, anytime and support the Gift of Sight! Eversight's annual Golf for Good! Event allows you to pick your course and the day that you golf during the three week event run time (May 26 - June 16). No more being locked into one date and being subjected to the mercy of Mother Nature. This "golf where you are" event allows you the flexibility to pick the date that works best for your schedule, at the course of your choice, while supporting a great cause. Registration is only \$50 per golfer and includes: welcome package with special Eversight gear, golf ball sleeve, instructions and a scorecard. If you are going to golf, why not Golf for Good!

Link to register: <https://EversightGolf.givesmart.com>

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

Thank you very much for your support of Eversight and if you have any questions please feel free to contact me: den7rich@gmail.com or (231) 944-0587

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Richardson, District 11-E2 Eversight Committee Chair

Lion District 11 E-2 Hunger Chair Report April, 2022

This report catalogs District 11 E-2 Lions Clubs Hunger Program related activities.

Alpena Lions – donated \$1,200 to Feed the Need, and Lions helped to distribute food to 415 families, helping 845 community members.

Boyne Valley Lions – partnering with the Boyne City High School Hospitality class, delivered 88 Christmas dinners to assisted living homes in December. In November and February, Lions made and sold 1,110 pasties to raise \$4,700 to apply to Lion Core Programs including Hunger, as well as delivering 90 of the pasties to assisted living homes. In March, the Lions donated \$600 to the BC High School Hospitality class to help fund activities to feed the community. The Lions use their Food Service Trailer to serve at community events, which raised \$2,600 which was used to support Lion Core Programs, including Hunger. \$500 was donated to Eta Nu, an organization fighting hunger.

Central Lake Lions – donated \$6,900 to food pantries in Bellaire, Central Lake, and Ellsworth. The club also carried out 2 Bell Ringing events to raise funds for the Petoskey Salvation Army community and hunger support programs. Several Lions also regularly volunteer at the local food pantries.

Charlevoix Lions – Their main fundraisers involve cooking chicken in the community for events, and donating surplus to local law enforcement. They donate to Joppa House, which helps women and children get on a better start, and to the Charlevoix Community Christmas Project. Lions volunteer with the Charlevoix Food Pantry, Meals on Wheels, the local Men's Homeless Shelter, BASES (substance addiction), and a weekly community free breakfast. As the Ukrainian crisis continues, members have made substantial contributions to aid the Ukrainian people.

East Jordan Lions – donated \$1,155 to the Care and Share Food Pantry in East Jordan

Elk Rapids Lions – donated \$1,500 to their local food pantry over the last two years.

Glennie Lions – have for the last 4 years organized a community holiday food basket donation program. They provide two food gift baskets to each of the six area churches on the Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter Holidays. They partner with Rogers Family Foods to purchase the baskets at a discounted price. For three years Glennie Lions have also partnered with the Alcona County Veterans Affairs Department to purchase a number of additional food baskets to distribute to area veterans.

Hillman Lions – along with community volunteers staff the Pop-Up Pantry every 3rd Wednesday to box and distribute food in a drive-through building provided by a club member. An average of 170 families are served monthly in this project. Club members also pack 40 meal bags with food for the weekend (many donated by Lions and community members). The bags are delivered to the Hillman Elementary and High School for distribution by teachers to students in need. Funds for these projects are from area grants applied for by the Lions, local donations, and club fundraisers. Additional funding over the last couple years also came through COVID relief funds.

Houghton Lake Lions – donated \$426 to their local food pantry, and volunteer time there.

Indian River Lions – donated \$200 to \$400 per year to their local food pantry, as well as holding benefits and then donate the surplus items to the food pantry.

Oscoda Lions – volunteered their time to an organization that provides services to their community.

Respectfully submitted,
Lion Kris Roberts, Hunger Chair

District 11-E2 Cabinet meeting
April 29, 2022

LCIF Report

\$281,669,421 as of 4/22

We are in the final months of the last year of the third major campaign since LCIF was founded 50 years ago, Campaign 100. Campaign 100 was originally a three year campaign, but was extended due to the Covid crisis. Through 4/15/22, the campaign has raised \$279,826,912 of the \$300,000,000 goal, (93.3%) so please consider what your club can do to help us reach the goal.

We started the campaign off well in the district. In the first year we raised \$13,363, we raised \$11,844 in 19-20 and \$12,547 in 20-21. 18 of our 28 clubs made contributions in 20-21, so we reached 64% giving, a decrease from 19-20 where 21 clubs participated. It would be great if every club could make at least a token contribution this year so that DG Bill could have a 100% district. This year so far 17 clubs have made contributions totaling \$10,159, so we have reached the \$10,000 we need as a district to receive our 15% Community Impact Grant for the year. This year the Alpena Lions Club project of park equipment was selected to apply for the CIG. The only other club who has submitted a grant request was the Hillman Lions, who received a grant from LCIF several years ago to improve the Hillman Walkable Trail. All you need to do is apply to the district in order to be selected to receive the grant to assist in your community so think about applying for the funds available next year. Contact me for more information.

We still need people or clubs to buy squares on the district Melvin Jones Fellowship raffle board so that we can do the drawing. The squares are \$20 each, with \$10 being credited as an individual contribution to LCIF, and the balance used to pay for the Fellowship. Let me know if you would like to help. We will be filling the remaining squares (7 left as of the date I wrote this report) at the district convention, and drawing the winner then, so if you want a square, time is running out! All clubs were recently sent a list of what they have accumulated towards Melvin Jones Fellowships, and how much they have to go to get one. If there are any questions about this, please let me know.

I am delighted to report that the Elk Rapids Lions and the Rose City Lions have become Model Clubs in Campaign 100, joining the Hillman Club, which means they have made a commitment to contribute at least \$500/member to LCIF for Campaign 100. These contributions include club and personal contributions. Hillman is also currently the only club in the district that has 100% of members making a personal contribution, so we challenge other clubs to join us in the effort.

At the state level, we have kicked off a statewide raffle in an effort to raise funds for Campaign 100. The tickets are \$20 each, and each district has been asked to sell at least 100. As of the date of this report, we have sold 54, so if your club/club members have not yet purchased tickets, please consider supporting this project. Thanks for your help in getting these sold. The goal is to raise at least \$20,000 to present to PIP Joe Preston at the MD convention.

PDG Barb Durflinger

From: "Linda Harris" <lindish72@hotmail.com>
Date: Sunday, April 24, 2022 1:37 PM
To: "Barb Durflinger" <comdac@comdac.com>
Subject: LIONS Kidsight Report for 4-30-2022

11E-2 District KidSight screenings have been enjoyed by 380 children so far this fiscal year. KidSights goals are to prevent permanent vision loss through early detection and treatment.

380 Screened
335 Passed
35 Referrals
10 Unreadable

Please contact Dr. Nate Slezak or Linda Harris to schedule a screening in your area.
Please keep this in mind when you have community activities in your area.
The KidSight trailer is also available for upcoming events.
School screenings are also a wonderful way to work towards the goal of the KidSight Program.

Upcoming screenings include:
District Convention on 4-30-2022.
Elk Rapids on 5-6-2022
Rogers City Nautical Festival on 8-6-2022.

CONTACT DR. Nate Slezak at Bignate34@gmail.com or Linda Harris @ lindish72@hotmail.com to schedule a KIDSIGHT SCREENING.

Sincerely,
Linda Harris
KidSight Co-Coordinator

From: "Nathan Slezak" <bignate34@gmail.com>
Date: Monday, April 18, 2022 1:00 PM
To: "comdac@comdac.com" <Barb@comdac.com>
Subject: Re: Cabinet meeting reports

Kidsight Report
Central Lake Elementary Screening 4/11
130 Screened
115 Passed
15 Referrals

Upcoming Screenings
4/30 Boyne Mountain at the Lion's District Convention
5/6 Elk Rapids School

Year to date totals
screened 380
passed 335
referred 35
unreadable 10

9.21% Referral Rate

District 11-E2 Newsletter Editor Report: APRIL 29, 2022 Cabinet Meeting

Lion Barb:

The number of club newsletter submissions for the April newsletter:

April Clubs 14.8% (All May submissions are not in yet, so not counted.)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Months Participated</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Months Participated</u>
➤ Boyne Valley	1	➤	
➤ East Jordan	1	➤	
➤ Hillman	1	➤	
➤ Oscoda	1	➤	

As there is only one month for reporting, April, the participation for submissions is considerably lower. Any District Lions Leaders who want to share something inspiring or informing to submit letters/columns/notes/ or photos are welcome to do so.

Any suggestions for enhancement are also welcome.

Thanks to all for your support. Stay Safe.

Lion David J. Zimmer

District 11-E2 Newsletter Editor

dlzim47@gmail.com

Peace Poster Report for April 2022

The final event for the Peace Poster Contest of 2021 is the presentation of the check and certificate to the winner of the District Competition. The winner was Harlie Chester of Hillman. Her family was notified in December that the \$300 check from the district would be awarded at our Spring Convention. Upon speaking to Bill Gaines, he suggested two time periods for the presentation to take place since the luncheon isn't taking place this year per usual. He suggested that we either present it to her during the District Mixer (Friday, April 29 in the evening), or at the conclusion to the Lions District Business Meeting (Saturday, April 30 at 10:00am). I have given these options to Harlie and her family, but I have yet to hear back from them. I'm now working with a member of the school staff to try to get an answer from her (or her Mom). If she is not available during the weekend of the convention, then the check will be presented to her during an assembly at the school.

It's my understanding that materials for next year's poster contest are being printed. Clubs in our District will be notified in early August if they'd like a poster packet for the 2022 contest.

Jean Manning, 2021 Poster Chairperson

Lions of Michigan Foundation Sweepstakes

Once again our district is the champion for Sight & Hearing Sweepstakes tickets, led by the Oscoda and Alpena Clubs. We sold almost 22% of the total tickets in the state, and had 4 of the top ten clubs in the state! It's a great fundraiser, so next year, let's have more than 17 clubs participating!

- Barb

LIONS OF MICHIGAN FOUNDATION WWW.LMSF.NET

36TH ANNUAL SIGHT & HEARING SWEEPSTAKES

MAY 7, 2022 – TICKET SELLERS DRAWING

Prize	Winners Name	City/State	Ticket No./Club Seller
1 st Prize - \$750.00	Otisville Lions Club	Otisville, MI	16715 – Otisville Lions
2 nd Prize - \$500.00	Muskegon Northside Lions Cub	Muskegon, MI	16306 – Muskegon NS Lions
3 rd Prize - \$250.00	Brighton Lions Club	Brighton, MI	7783 – Brighton Lions
4 th Prize - \$100.00	Lisa Gregory	Big Rapids, MI	11008 – Chippewa Lake-Mecosta Lions Club

MAY 21 - 2022 – SWEEPSTAKES DRAWING

Prize	Winners Name	City/State	Ticket No./Seller
1 st Prize - \$5,000.00	Mary Heyart	Barryton, MI	11021 – Chippewa Lake-Mecosta Lions Club
2 nd Prize - \$2,500.00	Ally Boes	Fayetteville, AR	8451 – East Lansing-Meridian Lions Club
3 rd Prize - \$2,000.00	Julie Shedd	Marshall, MI	7282 – Marshall Lions Club
4 th Prize - \$1,500.00	Laingsburg Lions Club	Laingsburg, MI	14627 – Laingsburg Lions
5 th Prize - \$1,000.00	Phyllis Turner	Southfield, MI	3607 – Detroit Westtown Hartford Lions Club
6 th Prize - \$500.00	Sharon Studley	East Tawas, MI	2133 – Oscoda Lions Club
7 th Prize - \$400.00	Darwin McConnell	Alpena, MI	20675 – Alpena Lions Club
8 th Prize - \$300.00	Fruitport Lions Club	Fruitport, MI	12825 – Fruitport Lions Club
9 th Prize - \$200.00	Kathy Letts	Jackson, MI	7560 – Quest Southeast Jackson Lions Club
10 th Prize - \$100.00	Freeland Lions Club	Freeland, MI	12751 – Freeland Lions Club

**LIONS OF MICHIGAN FOUNDATION
36TH ANNUAL SIGHT & HEARING SWEEPSTAKES - MAY 2022**

District Totals

<u>District</u>	<u>2022 Participants</u>	<u>2022 Tickets Sold</u>	<u>2021 Participants</u>	<u>2021 Tickets Sold</u>
Miscellaneous	2	5	2	9
District 10	20	1,095	15	1,029
District 11-A1	11	861	11	866
District 11-A2	17	484	8	431
District 11-B1	19	1,151	18	1,054
District 11-B2	22	1,011	16	979
District 11-C1	12	379	8	199
District 11-C2	23	1,184	15	801
District 11-D1	18	1,315	16	1,394
District 11-D2	25	879	25	721
District 11-E1	24	1,343	19	880
District 11-E2	<u>20</u>	<u>2,725</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>2,478</u>
	213	12,432	170	10,841

100 Ticket Club

Oscoda Lions Club	E2	839
Alpena Lions Club	E2	604
Wells Lions Club	10	387
Edmore Lions Club	E1	330
Flushing Lions Club	D1	320
Lincoln Lions Club	E2	299
Frankenmuth Lions Club	D1	280
Central Lake Lions Club	E2	269
Homer Lions Club	B1	240
Detroit Mid City Lions Club	A1	235
Uby Lions Club	D2	234
Livonia Lions Club	A1	227
Bark River Lions Club	10	200
Cereal City Lions Club	B1	200
Detroit West Town Lions Club	A1	200
Hillman Lions Club	E2	200
Ovid Lions Club	C2	160
Colon Lions Club	B2	156
Quest SE Jackson Lions Club	B1	135
Evart Lions Club	E1	130
Hartland Lions Club	C2	130
Fenton Lions Club	D1	125
Auburn Williams Lions Club	D1	121
DeWitt Lions Breakfast Club	C2	120
Ortonville Lions Club	A2	119
Grayling Lions Club	E2	105
Marshall Lions Club	B1	105
Mason Lions Club	C2	105
St Joesph Lions Club	B2	105
Howard City Lions Club	E1	104
Bangor Lions Club	B2	100
Bay City Lions Club	D1	100
Big Rapids Lions Club	E1	100
Central Montcalm Lions Club	E1	100
Charlotte Lions Club	C2	100
Deckerville Lions Club	D2	100
Kalamazoo Westside Lions Club	B2	100
Marquette Lions Club	10	100
Portage Lions Club	B2	100

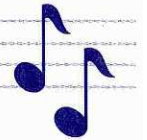


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LIONS OF MICHIGAN ALL STATE BAND

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May 12, 22

Dear Fellow Lions:

After the disappointment of not being able to travel to Singapore, Beijing and Montreal, the Lions of Michigan All State Band is preparing for our tour to Boston in 2023. LMASB is preparing for its 42nd year of representing Michigan Lions at the International Convention. As Lions, we can be very proud of these young men and women who represent our state and our association with pride!

The Board of Directors and the students who have participated in this previous tours want to thank you for your support and for making the All State Band one of the most acclaimed youth programs in the state and in our International Association.

Our 2023 Tour to Boston will once again provide students with exposure to the Lions' motto, "We Serve," as well as opportunities for new and exciting travel experiences.

Tryouts will be online and we will only be accepting electronic auditions (CDs, DVDs, .wmv, .wav or .mp3 files via email and can be sent to Jason Russell, LMASB Director, at trumpetfan_01@yahoo.com.

Online application will be the only way to register, and details can be found on the Lions of Michigan website at www.lionsofmi.com.

The cost of the Boston trip is to be determined it is anticipated to be around \$2500 per student.

If your club has recently made a donation to the LMASB, thank you for your generosity and your support. If your club has not yet contributed, or if you would consider increasing your donation by \$10, \$25 or more to help us cover the operating expenses of the band, your support would be greatly appreciated.

Please consider making a donation. We understand that this year has been a very difficult and financially strained year however, now, more than ever, it is imperative that we support our young people as they strive for normalcy. Individuals can also make tax-deductible contributions. Each donation helps the band continue to represent the Lions of Michigan at Lions International Conventions throughout the world.

Please send all donations to the Lions of Michigan State Office.

On behalf of the 2023 Lions of Michigan All State Band, thank you for your continued support!

Sincerely,

Tom MacNaughton

Chair LMASB

tomacnaughton@gmail.com

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May 26, 2022

Barbara Durflinger, CST
District 11-E2 Lions Clubs
14946 Royston Road
Hillman, Michigan 49746

Dear Mrs. Durflinger:

I am pleased to inform you that the District 11-E2 Lions Clubs' Emergency Disaster Relief Application for the destruction caused by the recent tornado in the Gaylord area was approved in the amount of \$7,500.00. Please note the enclosed check in that amount.

These funds may only be used for the purpose outlined in your Emergency Disaster Relief Application. Any unused funds must be returned to our office in a timely manner.

Our Lions foundation is funded with proceeds from our Sight and Hearing Sweepstakes, the Lion Mints Program and donations. The District 11-E2 Lions Clubs' support of these programs is appreciated.

We are pleased we could be of assistance with this case. By working together as "*Partners in Service*," we can better address the needs that exist in our state, and we can meet the challenges that lie ahead.

Together in service,

Chad A. McCann
Executive Director

Enclosure

cc: Bill Gaines, District Governor
District 11-E2 Lions Clubs

A Public Charity

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

Gaylord Tornado

A number of you have inquired about how your club, or you individually, can help the victims of the Gaylord tornado, so here is some information on what is being done, and what more will be done.

The County Emergency Management in Gaylord has turned over assistance to displaced people to the United Way. We are coordinating the Lions response with United Way. They have been flooded with donations of food and supplies, and their immediate need is for gift cards. As a district, we applied for a Lions of Michigan Foundation emergency grant of \$7500 with which we will purchase Wal-Mart or Meijer gift cards. These will be distributed to the displaced so they can buy clothing, pot, pans, etc.

We have district funds available as well. The United Way director has requested that we wait about 2 weeks to disburse those when they can see what the needs are then. If your club would like to make a contribution to help with this effort, you can either wait a couple weeks when I will send out more information, or if you would like to do something now, you can send a check made out to Lions District 11-E2, and we will add that to the funds we will be disbursing in a few weeks for the ongoing needs.

In about a month, we will be applying for an LCIF Community Recovery Grant. We can get up to \$20,000 (if approved, of course!) from LCIF which can be used for repairs and refurbishment and other longer term needs.

Let me know if you have any questions, and thanks in advance to your help for the Gaylord community.

CST Barb — 989-742-2790 — lionbarb@comdac.com



Update:
May 27, 2022

Here are a couple of pictures from the gift card presentation today.

Barb



comdac@comdac.com

Sat, May 7, 2:50 PM

At the Lions of Michigan Foundation board meeting today, Chad let us know that he has 250 of the VSP certificates available for free eye exams and glasses for children (I think they can be used through age 18). They don't expire until 1/4/2023, so there is time to use them. Please contact your local school systems to see if they have students who could benefit from this. If they identify anyone, contact Chad at the Foundation with their name and he will get the certificate issued.

He is working on getting some for adults, but isn't sure when those will be available. Let me know if you have any questions.

Barb Durlinger — 11-E2 Foundation Trustee — 989-742-2790 — lionbarb@comdac.com

VSP® Eyes of Hope® Sight for Students® GIFT CERTIFICATE



Patient Name:	GC1223502		
Address:			
Phone:	Date of Birth:		
Patient ID: 122003502	Gift Certificate Expiration Date:	2023-01-04	
Client Name:	Lions Clubs International Foundation		
Client Number: 30090575	Div:	2375	
Partner Contact:	Nicole Kural (630) 468-7054		
Covered Services: Elements-C	Exam: Yes	Lens: Yes	Frame: Yes

Partner Instructions

- Please distribute a unique certificate for each individual, even if members of the same family.
- Before distributing, fill in the recipient's name, address, phone, and date of birth above, and review the Patient Instructions that follow with them.

Patient Instructions

1. Find a participating VSP® network doctor by calling 800.877.7195 or by visiting vsp.com.
 - Select **Find A Doctor**, and enter your ZIP code.
 - For **Select Location Type**, choose **Premier Private Practice**.
 - Select **Advanced Search +** on the top right.
 - Under **Doctor Network**, ensure **Choice is selected**.
 - Under **Frame Brands**, select **Otis & Piper™** and **Kilter®**, and apply filters.
2. Call the VSP network doctor and make an appointment. Let them know you have a VSP gift certificate for an exam, lenses, and Otis & Piper or Kilter frame.
3. Bring the gift certificate with you to the appointment.

Important Information

- You may use one gift certificate every 12 months.
- This gift certificate must be redeemed before the expiration date above.
- You must obtain your eye exam and eyewear from the same location.
- Lost, stolen, or broken glasses received through a gift certificate will not be covered or replaced.

Patient Questions?

Call 800.877.7195 or send us an email at giftcertificates@vsp.com.

COVERED IN FULL

Comprehensive eye exam

Otis & Piper brand frame with up to \$115 off lenses

Single-vision contact lenses for up to \$115 off

Ortho-K contact lenses

Frame, lens or eyewear may be available as an additional benefit

Calendar of Events

JUNE 2022

Summer Solstice — First Day of Summer — June 21, 2022

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



PASSINGS REPORTED



NONE REPORTED

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

NEW MEMBERS REPORTED — MAY

Lewiston Lions: **BRIAN T. OHARA** — Joined: 05/08/2022 — Sponsor: JOHN RIGHI

On the Mend Reported

NONE REPORTED

Beaverton Lions

MAY 2022

The Beaverton High School Leo Club recently volunteered time to do landscaping at the Clare VFW. The Club is sponsored by the Beaverton Lions Club and with 30 members, serves the community through various civic and volunteer projects. Club members have logged over 150 hours of community service to various projects this year.

To learn more about the Beaverton Lions visit
<https://www.beavertonlionscommunitycenter.com/about/>



Boyne Valley Lions

MAY 2022

Boyne Valley Lions sponsored the Mushroom Festival May 12th - May 15th. Lions raised \$11,500 from Mushroom Festival. Mushroom Festival Committee also gave the Lions \$1,000.

Adopt-a-Highway cleanup May 21st: 8 Lions including Gow, James, Bethany, Larry, Mike, Ward, Britt & Zack Wagner were out cleaning up M-75.

Pictures of the Lions Open Space in Boyne City. Boyne Valley Lions supplied the fountain, benches, and trees for this park on the edge of Lake Charlevoix.



Central Lake Lions

MAY 2022



Central Lake High School scholarship recipients Sydney Fernandez (left) and Alexis Cain (right) presented by Club President Marie Leathers (center). —

— Lion Mark Lewis emceed the Court of Honor for two Eagle Scouts in the local troop sponsored by the Central Lake Lions.



Central Lake Lions held a KidSight screening at the Petoskey Stone Festival. They also assisted the organizers with parking, selling buttons and t-shirts and clean up. —



East Jordan Lions

MAY 2022

Twelve East Jordan Lions helped with the maintenance of the Boys Chippewa cabin at Camp Daggett. They are co-sponsoring this cabin with the Petoskey Lions. They cleared a fallen tree and branches, cleaned the cabin inside as well as cleaning 2 staff cabins outside.



Lewiston Lioness Lions

MAY 2022

President Berta Reinhart (r) installed Denise Baker (l) into the Lewiston Lioness Lions Club on April 6th. Diane Bissonette (c) is Denise's sponsor.



President Berta Reinhart (r) installed Marilyn Messina (c) into the Lewiston Lioness Lions Club on May 4th. Nancy White (l) is Marilyn's sponsor.

Petoskey Lions

MAY 2022

Petoskey Lions went through 14 Petoskey High School scholarship submissions before choosing Senior student Faith Bailey as the winner of the 2022 Wallace C. Glasscock Memorial Scholarship.

Pictured: Scholarship winner Faith Bailey receives a \$500 check from Petoskey Lions Treasurer Dave Carlson at the Petoskey Waterfront.

The Petoskey Lions THANK the East Jordan Lions for their great maintenance work at the Camp Daggett Chippewa Cabin. Camp Daggett didn't contact us, or somehow it didn't get through, about the scheduled cleanup date. Had we been aware of the date, there would have been some Petoskey Lions out there with you. So, EJ Lions, THANKS again for getting it done!



CORONAVIRUS UPDATES June 01, 2022

This is a snapshot of the World, Nation, and State of Michigan statistics on **June 1, 2022**. Numbers may be different by the time you read this as the COVID-19 **Variants** continue to infect more more, or less.

(Info from [worldometer.info](https://www.worldometer.info), ourworldindata.org, WHO, CDC & michigan.gov. & other health websites)

World Statistics

Cases: 530,007,375 □ **Deaths:** 6,289,201

U. S. Statistics

Cases: 83,949,036 ❖ **Deaths:** 1,002,067

Michigan Statistics

Cases: 2,257,831 ❖ **Deaths:** 36,357

Vaccinations (1 or more doses) Summary: Age: 5+: 1 or + Dose

World: 66.5% — United States: 82.8% — Michigan: 67.2%

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

District 11-E2 Statistics

□ Highest No.



= Lowest No.

11-E2 Counties	Cases Reported	Deaths	% Vaccinated
Alcona:	1,764	71	62.76%
Alpena:	5,881	139	61.46%
Antrim:	4,536	68	65.66%
Arenac:	3,302	68	58.19%
Charlevoix:	5,081	60	70.56%
Cheboygan:	4,912	105	62.14%
Crawford:	2,693	31	59.25%
Emmet:	6,696	87	74.88%
Gladwin:	5,697	115	55.15%
Iosco:	4,967	145	64.07%
Kalkaska:	3,721	61	54.07%
Montmorency:	1,764	48	61.15%
Ogemaw:	4,430	106	51.73%
Oscoda:	1,477	56	49.59%
Otsego:	5,856	101	61.59%
Presque Isle:	2,141	59	67.37%
Roscommon:	4,769	116	62.25%
Totals	69,687	1,436	Total Avg: 61.29%

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

COVID Update: State of COVID

- More than 100,000 cases are currently announced each day in the United States, a figure that captures only a portion of the true toll. In addition to the fact that many cases go uncounted in official reports, current figures are further depressed by reporting delays brought on by the Memorial Day weekend.
- Cases are increasing in more than half of all states, but there are signs of improvement in the Northeast and Midwest. Reports of new cases have fallen by more than 20 percent since mid-May in Michigan, New Jersey and New York.
- The United States recently surpassed one million total coronavirus deaths. New reported deaths remain at some of their lowest levels of the pandemic, with fewer than 300 announced each day. (*NY Times data as of June 2*)

COVID seems to be in a roller coaster up-and-down phase in the U.S., with flare ups in many locations periodically. It's just enough to be a consistent threat to people with impaired immune systems and unvaccinated individuals, who make up most of the hospitalized people and the death cases, and keep COVID active.

The COVID statistics are almost always different on every website I go to, due to different ways of determining the data, and the time data is received, as figures are changing every minute. Also, many places, especially rural communities, don't always report deaths as COVID related because they may not test for it, labeling it a fatal heart condition or pneumonia, etc. We may never know how many more COVID-caused deaths were not counted. What is now a sure fact is that the U.S. death count has passed the 1 million mark, something many thought could never happen.

We can only hope that the COVID experience has been a lesson learned, one enough to avoid the misunderstandings and mistakes made, and enough to prevent another million deaths when the next terrible virus hits. Even now, 2/3 of U.S. States, including Michigan, reported outbreaks of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza, or Bird Flu, with several millions of wild birds and domestic poultry killed by this virus. Also, 2 genetically distinct variants of Monkeypox are circulating in the U.S., with 22 confirmed cases. So far, neither virus is a major threat to humans, but only time knows what the future will bring.



The picture (*left*) shows a plaque on a wall in a place we stayed in New Mexico in April. The message it conveys really connected with me. I've tried for years to live with those very concepts, among others. We are born, live, and die. The living part is the time we have to experience the world around us, to do good (or bad) things, and to succeed (or fail) to rise to the potentials within us.

We live in a world of hectic motion, a culture where people want it and they want it now. We all have experienced the fast-lane life and its result – stress. The American Psychological Association's *Stress in America Survey 2022* found the stress and mental health U.S. statistics are worsening, mostly due to the COVID-19 pandemic, rising inflation, and the Russia-Ukraine crisis. Participating Americans were stressed out due to supply chain issues (81%), rising inflation in the country (87%), possible Russian cyber attacks or nuclear threats to the U.S. (80%), fear that a World War III could break out any moment (69%), about money and the economy (65%), and the fact that the COVID -19 pandemic might never end if new variants keep mutating (66%). Add in work situations and family strains of daily life, and we're drowning in stress. Living a simple life is difficult today—IF people let circumstances control their lives. There are things we can't do anything about as individuals, but we all have the ability to control our own actions and to form our thoughts in more positive directions. Living more "simply" doesn't mean we must become Amish - it's creating a state of mind, of calm and focus, that we can achieve IF we want to.

"Loving generously" isn't living a shallow amorous existence like Casanova. It's having compassion, acceptance, and a sense of connection to all the diversity of our fellow human beings. It's being open to Nature, a feeling of belonging with everyone and everything else. Love in the greatest sense is about forgiveness, for others and for oneself, gratitude for all the good things, and the desire to enjoy life with others. Service is love in action.

Humans are designed to learn, for survival, and for pure curiosity. We learn, change and grow throughout our lives—except when people close their minds and huddle in their current narrow nooks of beliefs. Reality is what we think it is, and so much more. What we know, or think we know, is a grain of sand in a vast desert of the Unknown. As long as humans continue to learn, we will begin to understand, and ultimately, perhaps, reach the level of Wisdom.

Living Simply, Loving Generously, and Learning Constantly are concepts worth pursuing, and a good fit with Lions' principles in the line of Service.

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

You Make the News – We Publish It!

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

Send your information to: dlzim47@gmail.com

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

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

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

This District is complex, with a variety of things going on throughout. We can learn much from each other, and I'd like to see more communication among Clubs for the growth and benefit of all.

DON'T BE LEFT OUT!!



Racism has no place in our world.

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

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