

# DISTRICT 11-E2 NEWSLETTER



*Notable Quote: "The future ain't what it used to be." — Yogi Berra*

**JULY 2020**



## District Governor's Message



**Rod Leathers,  
District Governor**

Hello Lions of 11-E2,

It is an honor for me to be representing you as your District Governor. I am looking forward to a great and exciting year. Once again we have 1st VDG William Gaines and we added 2nd VDG Jill Drury to the team.

I am still looking for Zone chairs in the following zones:

Region 1, Zone 1, (Atlanta, Cheboygan, Hillman, Indian River, Mackinaw City).

Region 2, Zone 2, (Beaverton, Grayling, Houghton Lake, Lewiston, Lewiston Lioness Lions, Roscommon/Higgins Lake).

Requirements are that you have to be a past club president and you have to have served on a club board for at least 2 years. You can't be a PDG, and you can't hold the Zone position for more than 3 years. This is a great place to get involved in district leadership and learn how the district operates. If

you are in one of these clubs and would like to add some excitement to your service in Lionism give me a call 231-350-0567 or email me at [leathersrod@gmail.com](mailto:leathersrod@gmail.com).

As always Membership is our high goal. I am offering as an incentive a club competition. I will donate \$100 to LCIF in the name of the first existing club to install 10 new members. I will donate \$300 to LCIF at the end of the year in the name of the club that installed and retained the most new members of 10 or more. If there is a tie the money will be split between the clubs. We all know someone who would make a good Lion so let's get out there and "JUST ASK".

Developing club and district leadership sets there alongside membership. Without leaders we can't maintain membership. If you have already served several club positions consider serving at district level. We need your help. Remember we are you. There is no magic group called district Lions. We are all part of Lions District 11-E2, Lions of Michigan, and yes even Lions International. There are a lot of programs, money, grants and support at all these levels that can help us in our local communities.

Our 1st Cabinet meeting will be August 15th at 10:00 am at the St. John Lutheran Church, 710 Spruce St., Grayling, and also available to join through Zoom. Zone Chair training will be held at 9:00 am prior to the cabinet meeting. In addition to the District Cabinet, District Committee Chairs, Club Presidents and Secretaries, all Lions are welcome to attend.

Looking forward to seeing everyone. Let's have an exciting year!

**"WE SERVE"**

**— DG Rod Leathers**



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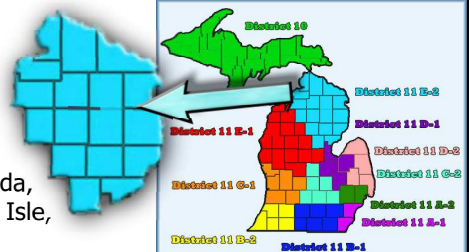
# Stay Safe!

**District 11-E2 Website:**  
[lionsdistrict11e2.org](http://lionsdistrict11e2.org)

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

### 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



### REGION 1, ZONE 1 ZC

**VACANT**

*Atlanta, Cheboygan/Cheboygan  
Lioness, Hillman, Indian River,  
Mackinaw City*

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### REGION 2, ZONE 2 ZC

**VACANT**

*Beaverton, Grayling, Houghton  
Lake, Lewiston/Lewiston Lioness  
Lions, Roscommon-Higgins Lake*

### REGION 3, ZONE 2 ZC John Cool

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East Jordan, Petoskey*



## Lions Clubs International



### LCI President's Message

### **SERVING SAFELY TOGETHER**

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

## **In Times of Darkness, Be the Light**

**Dear Lion,**

Sometimes, it's hard to find our way.

In the dawn of 2020, our world has been thrust into a great trial. The past few months have seen countries – including my own – tested to their limits. Many people are facing new realities that challenge their ability to make ends meet and provide enough food and essentials to keep their families safe. And many first responders – doctors, nurses, police officers, grocery store clerks, among the many others – are putting themselves on the line every day to save lives.

It is a dark time. It is easy to give in to fear. But we cannot.

This is the time to act.

What that action looks like in the face of lockdowns, quarantines, and social distancing may look very different from service as we've known it. We have to put health and safety first. But now is not the time to shrink away from the new and different. Now is the time to tap into the innovation that Lions are known for so we can find new ways to help.

There is so much uncertainty in the world right now. In these extraordinary times, let's rededicate ourselves to service. Let's become the lights that guide our world through this period of darkness.

In my dark moments – and there have been some for me, too, these past months – I like to imagine every Lion as a candle in a window. I see Lions serving meals to low-income children because schools are closed, making sure they don't miss a meal. I see Lions delivering groceries to elderly neighbors who are most vulnerable to the virus. I see clubs hosting meetings online so they can stay connected and continue to find ways to give back. Every Day, I see Lions putting their kindness in action.

And I am lifted.

Now imagine how bright the world would be with all our candles flickering together, shining brightly, helping the world to find its way.

Be the Light, Lions. Show the way.

Sincerely

*Jung-Yul Choi*

**Dr. Jung-Yul Choi, International President, LCI**



## **We Serve**

Info from LCI



## Lions Clubs International

### LCI Board Announcement

**June 1, 2020**

## Board of Directors take steps to help our clubs

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

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

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

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

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

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

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





## A special letter from your chairperson

**Gudrun Yngvadottir**

Dear Lion,

The need for Lions has never been greater. In these times of uncertainty, Lions are coming together to provide stability and hope. As they continue to serve communities hit hard by the coronavirus (COVID-19), Lions are looking forward to the future.

By now, I hope you have heard about Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF)'s response to COVID-19 and stories of inspiration as Lions throughout the world safely serve their communities in this time of need. If not, I encourage you to read the featured stories here in this newsletter. Lions are delivering much-needed medical supplies, protective equipment, and support to communities in need. With grant funding from LCIF, Lions are able to help on a large scale.

Lions are called to serve, but if your club or district is currently limited due to necessary social distancing, please consider donating those unused project funds to Campaign 100. It is the generosity of Lions around the world which has made it possible for LCIF to award more than 280 grants totaling US\$4,668,432 for COVID-19 relief efforts.

### DONATE NOW

As we look forward to a new Lion year, I want you to know that these efforts will continue, along with continued support of projects in all of LCIF's cause areas. When it is safe to do so, Lions will move forward with plans that serve the areas of vision, youth, disaster relief, humanitarian, diabetes, childhood cancer, hunger, and the environment.

As I continue in my role as LCIF Chairperson in the 2020-2021 Lion year, I look forward to another year working with the foundation to serve our Lions, who are serving the world.

In friendship,  
Gudrun Yngvadottir  
Chairperson, Lions Clubs International Foundation





September 17-19, 2020

Louisville, Kentucky

[www.lionsforum.org](http://www.lionsforum.org)

June 2020 Newsletter

## From our General Chairperson, PID Harvey Whitley

The disappointment of having to cancel our 2020 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Louisville will not soon go away. Since our announcement, I have received numerous calls, cards, and e-mails from Lions who support our decision. I have also been monitoring social media and once again the response has been one of disappointment but understanding that the safety of our attendees is the number one concern. One of the things that stood out to me as I looked at responses was the number of first-timers who had registered and were excited about coming to their first ever Forum.

There was also a lot of response from our attendees who were looking forward to receiving their recognition for completion of various certificate levels of Lions University. Included as a separate article in this newsletter is a word from PCC Gary Steele, Dean of Lions University, as to the plans regarding receipt of your certificate.

Many have asked if we can return to Louisville. The short answer to that is YES. The Forum would love to return to the beautiful city of Louisville as soon as we can. We have enjoyed working with the Louisville Host Committee in planning the 2020 Forum. Under the leadership of Host Committee Chairperson PCC Chuck Carlson, they have worked hard to make what was going to be one of the best Forums ever. As General Chairperson of the Forum, I could not have asked for a better Host Committee than these Kentucky Lions.

For those who had already registered for 2020 Louisville, it was previously announced that we would offer a choice of a full refund or a rollover of your registration fees to the 2021 Forum. Many have already exercised your choice but if you have not already done so, you must make your choice in writing by e-mailing our Registrar at [registrar@lionsforum.org](mailto:registrar@lionsforum.org) or by mailing your choice request to PO Box 723, Rapid City, SD 57709. Please do not call the Forum office to request a refund or transfer of funds to 2021. We will process any refund requests through July 10, 2020 and any registrations for Louisville remaining after that date will automatically be rolled over to the 2021 Forum.

Thank you to everyone for your kind words and encouragement to me as the 2020 General Chairperson. I was honored to have been selected to serve in this capacity and look forward to working to continue to make the Forum an event we all look forward to attending, for not only the educational opportunities, but also the camaraderie of being together with other Lions from near and far.

PID Harvey Whitley

2020 Forum General Chairperson

PID Harvey Whitley



The Forum Planning Committee met virtually to provide input to the Executive Committee prior to the decision to cancel the Louisville Forum. Thank you, Planning Committee, for your dedication and, Executive Committee, for making such a difficult decision.

**LIONS UNIVERSITY**

# Lions University

Year-Round Training Provided by the  
USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum



The Lions University team met recently and started making plans for how to address the cancellation of the Louisville Forum. After some discussion the following decisions were made. This information will also be sent via emails to prospective graduates.

All Lions who have attended enough Forums to qualify for graduation from their respective programs will be able to graduate this year if applications requesting and documenting credit are submitted from the member's Lions University account by **July 15, 2020**. We will send a PDF copy of the certificate to the graduate and maintain the hardcopy certificates and the pins and make them available at next year's Forum. If you are unable to attend the 2021 Forum you can have someone from your state/district pick them up for you. You will be considered a 2020 graduate of the appropriate Program and will not be included in the 2021 graduation.

Some of you are taking courses in the different Programs with the intention of using this year's Forum for graduation requirements. We are working on a plan that may permit graduation on a one-time basis due to the extenuating circumstances of 2020. We haven't finalized these plans yet as we are waiting to see about other opportunities that the Forum Planning Committee is exploring. As soon as the Forum Planning Committee finalizes these plans, we will make another announcement that will clarify this approach.

Gary Steele  
PCC, MD31  
Lions University Coordinator

## Roll Over or Refund?

The Forum will offer a choice of a full refund or a rollover of your registration fees to the 2021 Forum.

You **must** make this choice by **July 10, 2020** in writing by e-mailing our Registrar at [registrar@lionsforum.org](mailto:registrar@lionsforum.org) or by mailing your choice request to PO Box 723, Rapid City, SD 57709-0723.

Please do not call the Forum office to request a refund or transfer of funds to 2021.



Keep Up With the Latest News on



# Lions Bear Lake Camp Golf Classic

Sunday, August 23, 2020

At

Metamora Golf & Country Club



## Please join us for the 15th Annual Lions Bear Lake Camp Golf Classic

Metamora CC offers 18 holes of championship golf. The course's scenic layout features rolling terrain, tree lined fairways, and strategically placed bunkers that will make for a fun and challenging event.

**Proceeds from this event will support blind and visually impaired Children at Bear Lake Camp. Together, we can make this a**

### ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS

Use of Driving Range  
18 Holes of Golf with Cart  
Course Contests  
Buffet-Style Awards Dinner

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Registration 11:30 am  
Shotgun Start 1:00 pm  
Awards Dinner 6:00 pm

### EVENT FEES

Registration- \$100 per golfer/  
\$400 per foursome  
Dinner-Only Guest- \$30

If you'd like to learn more about Bear Lake Camp, visit [www.bearlakecamp.org](http://www.bearlakecamp.org)  
To learn more about Metamora Golf & Country Club, visit [www.metamoragolf.com](http://www.metamoragolf.com)  
For additional information, please contact: Rick Fleming 248.342.1702

### Event Sponsorship Opportunities

A great way for your group or business to do a bit more!

#### Event Sponsorship \$2,000

Sponsor's name will be part of the official title of the golf event and all aspects of the event's activities, such as course signage and recognition on event materials.  
Includes golf for eight players and awards dinner.

#### Dinner Sponsorship \$1,500

Sponsor's name will be featured at the awards dinner, on course signage, and on event materials. Includes golf for four players and awards dinner.

#### Platinum Sponsorship \$1,000

Sponsor's name will be featured on event materials and hole signage. Includes golf for four players and awards dinner.

#### Beverage Cart or Special Event Sponsorship \$500

Sponsor's name will be featured on multiple beverage carts or special event hole signage throughout the day.

#### Hole Sponsorship \$100

Sponsor's name will be featured on signage at one hole.

Donations Welcome!!!

### Registration Information

Captain \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Player 2 \_\_\_\_\_  
Player 3 \_\_\_\_\_  
Player 4 \_\_\_\_\_  
Sponsorship Level \_\_\_\_\_  
Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Method of Payment:  
Cash      Check      Credit Card  
Number \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to: Bear Lake Camp  
Mail registrations and payments to:  
Metamora Golf & Country Club  
C/O Rick Fleming  
1600 Club Drive Metamora, MI 48455





These are extraordinary times, creating extraordinary need.

**You are responding in an extraordinary way**

**Keep Hope in Sight with a gift today**

Lions, Lioness, Leos and individuals have rallied to help Eversight raise more than \$66,000 so far to maintain operations and readiness during this COVID-19 crisis. Your support is enabling our busy teams to meet demand for sight-restoring transplants as they begin to resume. Your support is making a difference now more than ever before!

We still need your help as we navigate this crisis.

Remember the opportunity for your club to receive 2020 Sight Leader recognition with a fiscal year gift of \$3,000 or more before June 30. We would love to celebrate your support in this way.

Sight Leaders are clubs that contribute \$3,000 or more during the fiscal year to help offset Eversight's cost of recovering and preparing one donated cornea for sight-restoring transplant. Clubs that contribute between \$500 and \$2,999 are recognized as our Sight Supporters.

**Your club can give online or mail a check to your local Eversight office. Please contact us at [philanthropy@eversightvision.org](mailto:philanthropy@eversightvision.org) or (800) 247-7250, ext. 2616 any time you may have questions or we can be of service.**

We can't thank you enough for your dedicated support! Thank you, Lions, for your trust, involvement and inspiration.

Wishing you all the best, in gratitude and service,

Your Eversight Family

**Making vision a reality**



# GOLF FOR GOOD!

## The Eversight 2020

**All ages and skill levels | Foursomes  
or on your own**

**1. Register by July 27 to receive your  
welcome package**

including instructions, scorecard,  
golf ball sleeve

and exclusive Eversight 2020 gear.  
Registration is \$50

donation per golfer to benefit  
Eversight charitable  
programs and vision research.

**2. Golf anywhere, anytime between  
Aug. 18-Sept. 8**

**For competitive golfers**

Register and golf as a foursome.  
Foursome golfers

do not have to golf at the same  
time or even the  
same course.

**For non-competitive  
golfers**

## For Lions!

Consider sponsoring a Leo golfer! Or, support the gift of sight through a  
sponsorship. Sponsorship at the Visionary



## GST News:

—GST Marie Leathers

The July 15, 2020 deadline to input service for the 2019-20 Lions year ending June 30 is fast approaching. Club secretaries or Service Chairs please be sure to accurately input your club's service for the year. The reporting system in MyLion has been simplified, and you can report activities, donations and fundraisers dating back to July 1, 2019. Visit the district website [lionsdistrict11e2.org](https://lionsdistrict11e2.org) for instructions or contact GST Marie Leathers 231-350-0286 if you need help reporting.

Did your club create a high-impact service project within one of the global cause areas, including diabetes, childhood cancer, environment, hunger or vision? Be sure to nominate your club for the Kindness Matters Service Award! More details can be found on the district website: [lionsdistrict11e2.org](https://lionsdistrict11e2.org).



## Lions Clubs International – Service Activities Kindness Matters Awards Program Overview

### Kindness Matters Service Award

This service award is designed for clubs who create high-impact service projects within one of the global cause areas, including diabetes, childhood cancer, environment, hunger or vision. Overall objectives include:

- ▶ Encouraging creativity and recognizing high-impact service projects
- ▶ Rewarding clubs for high-caliber service activities within each of Lions Clubs International's global causes
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#### Step 1: Eligibility

A total 20 awards this year will be awarded to 18 Lions clubs and, at minimum, two Leo clubs that:

- ▶ Are in active status
- ▶ Reported their project(s) in MyLion® or regional reporting system
- ▶ Did not receive the award within the last three fiscal years

*Please note: During the test year (FY20-21) we will launch with 20 awards, with potential to expand in the future.*

#### Step 2: Criteria

Award consideration will be given to clubs performing service that:

- ▶ Addresses the mission of the global cause
- ▶ Demonstrates creativity and innovation
- ▶ Achieves impact of scale and long-term sustainability
- ▶ Develops local partnerships

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- ▶ Uses local Lions/Leo or Lions Clubs International resources
- ▶ Is reported in MyLion® for the '19-20 fiscal year
- ▶ Meets the following nomination deadlines:
  - **July 1 to October 31:** Nominations are open
  - **August 15:** Deadline for club service chairpersons and Leo club presidents to electronically send one nomination to the district global service team (D GST) coordinator
  - **September 15:** Deadline for D GST coordinator to electronically send one nomination to the multiple district (MD) GST coordinator
  - **October 31:** Deadline for MD GST coordinator to electronically send one nomination to Lions Clubs International
  - **January:** Winners are selected by the Lions Clubs International Board of Directors Service Activities Committee
  - **January 15:** Winning clubs notified by this date
  - **March 1:** Winning clubs to receive their award from Lions Clubs International

### Step 3: Recognize winners!

- ▶ Winning clubs will be notified by January
- ▶ Recognize the winner in your local Lions' or Leos' publications and social media outlets
  - This will help promote your club and create community support of your service events!
- ▶ Prepare a press release announcing the winner.
  - Include a picture of the club in action at their service project!
  - Note the specific successes of the project.
- ▶ Ensure that the award is presented to the winning club at a prestigious event by the highest-ranking officer.
  - Invite the media to attend this event!
- ▶ Lions Clubs International will recognize winners through the following mediums:
  - Lions Clubs International Blog
  - Lion Magazine
  - Lions Clubs International social media
  - Lions Clubs International Convention booklet

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## Program nomination process

Below, you'll find the program process for both Lions and Leo clubs, from nomination guidelines to expectations of various Lions and Leos at each step.

### Lions and Leo awards

- ▶ The Lions club service chairperson will nominate their club for the Kindness Matters Service Award, which will need to be endorsed by the immediate past club president. The Leo club president will nominate their club for the Kindness Matters Service Award, which must be endorsed by the immediate past Leo club advisor.
- ▶ Nominations from the club level are sent to the District GST coordinator, which will then send one nomination to the Multiple District GST coordinator.
- ▶ The Coordinating Lion will submit nominations to Lions Clubs International if the nominated club is in an undistricted area.
- ▶ The Multiple District GST coordinator can recommend a Lions or Leo club for the award each year.
- ▶ Lions Clubs International staff will review the Multiple District GST coordinator nominations to recommend the approval by the Lions Clubs International Board of Directors Service Activities Committee.
- ▶ It is recommended that the award be given to the club at a prestigious gathering.

*Please note that all nominations should be submitted electronically. Lions Clubs International will not accept physical applications. A minimum of two awards will be awarded to Leo clubs. Please take all Leo club nominations into consideration when deciding which nomination advances to the next level.*

### Considerations

If your club does not have a club service chairperson to nominate your club, please have your club president or club secretary submit the nomination with the immediate past club president's endorsement. If the district or multiple districts do not have the GST coordinator position, the district governor and/or council chairperson would be the appropriate officer for advancing nominations to the next level.

## Expectations for Lions and Leos involved in the nomination process

### Lions club service chairperson/Leo club president:

- ▶ Begin the nomination process by downloading the nomination form and filling out the necessary information where applicable.
- ▶ Fill out the "Service Project Description" section of this form.
- ▶ Seek out an endorsement from your immediate past club president.

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- ▶ Electronically advance nomination form to the District GST coordinator once endorsement is received.
  - Be sure to follow up with the District GST coordinator to ensure they received your nomination.

**District GST coordinator:**

- ▶ Provide reasoning in the "Report" section of the nomination form as to why you believe that this club deserves to be nominated for this award.
- ▶ Endorse your nomination for the Multiple District GST coordinator.
- ▶ Electronically send nomination to the Multiple District GST coordinator.
  - Be sure to follow up with the Multiple District GST coordinator to ensure they received your nomination.

**Multiple district GST coordinator:**

- ▶ Provide reporting data for this service project and indicate that it was reported in MyLion® or regional reporting system.
- ▶ Endorse your nomination for Lions Clubs International.
  - Electronically send nomination to Lions Clubs International.

## 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.

#kindnessmatters





# Calendar of Events

## **AUGUST 2020:**

**District Cabinet Meeting** — August 15, 2020 — 10:00 a.m. — St John Lutheran Church, 710 Spruce St, Grayling, MI  
will also be available via Zoom. Contact Marie Leathers  
marie@centrallakerealty.com or 231-350-0286 for Zoom invitation

## **OCTOBER 2020:**

**District Cabinet Meeting** — October 10, 2020 — 10:00 a.m. — Veterans Center, Central Lake, MI  
Cabinet meeting will also be available via Zoom. Contact Marie Leathers  
marie@centrallakerealty.com or 231-350-0286 for Zoom invitation.

## **DECEMBER 2020:**

**District Cabinet Meeting** — December 12, 2020 — 10:00 a.m. — Zoom - actual site TBD  
Cabinet meeting via Zoom. Contact Marie Leathers  
marie@centrallakerealty.com or 231-350-0286 for Zoom invitation.

## **MARCH 2021:**

**District Cabinet Meeting** — March 06, 2021 — 10:00 a.m. — Oscoda  
Will also be available via Zoom. Contact Marie Leathers  
marie@centrallakerealty.com or 231-350-0286 for Zoom invitation.

## **APRIL 2021:**

**District Convention** — April 16-18, 2021 — Boyne Mountain.

## **JUNE 2021:**

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



# PASSINGS

NONE RECEIVED



# NEW MEMBERS

## June

Central Lake Lions welcomed New Lion Brian Graff (Sponsor - Marie Leathers)  
and New Lion Becca Jordan (Sponsor - Malcom Shore)

## *On the Mend*

NONE RECEIVED





## Boyne Valley Lions

### MAY 2020

Boyne Valley Lions held an "in person" meeting in Veterans Park on Wednesday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, starting at 6 PM. The agenda was to install the 2020-2021 Lions officers. Attending members enjoyed hamburgers, brats, hot dogs, chips, and water during the meeting opportunity to get together "(although we will be practicing social distancing) and congratulate the new Lion board for the coming year."

DGE Rod Leathers, *on right*, installs new BV Lions President James Richman, *at left*, as social distancing Lions look on. >>>



## Central Lake Lions / Lioness

### June 2020

Central Lake Lions Club welcomed new Lion Brian Graff, with sponsor Marie Leathers (left), inducted by DGE Rod Leathers (right). Brian and his wife Susan have recently retired and are now happy to be full time residents of Central Lake. Brian is already active in the outdoor activities the club is able to do and is looking forward to serving the community through Lions Club. >>>



New member Becca Jordan, inducted by Past District Governor Gordon Harris (left), sponsored by Malcom Shore (right). Becca's experience working with non-profit organizations will be a great asset to the club. <<<

PDG Gordon Harris installed the 2020-21 officers at the Thurston Park pavilion (*below*).

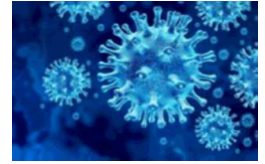


### Other news:

- A \$500 donation was made to Eversight in memory of Lion Jim Burns.
- Four Lions donated their time to do spring yard cleanup for a sight impaired member of the community.



## CORONAVIRUS UPDATES – JULY 1



This is a snapshot of what the World, Nation, and State of Michigan looked like on **JULY 1, 2020**. The numbers may be significantly higher by the time you read this as the COVID-19 pandemic continues. (Info from CDC & MI gov. Websites)

### World Statistics

**Confirmed Cases: 10,803,599 ♦ Deaths: 518,968**

### United States Statistics



### Michigan Statistics

**Confirmed Cases: 2,624,873 ♦ Confirmed Cases: 64,132**  
**Deaths: 127,299 Deaths (9.3%): 5,951**

### DISTRICT 11-E2 STATISTICS

11-E2 Counties	Cases Confirmed	Deaths
Alcona:	21	1
Alpena:	122	11
Antrim:	19	0
Arenac:	39	2
Charlevoix:	27	2
Cheboygan:	27	2
Crawford:	70	5
Emmet:	29	2
Gladwin:	27	1
Iosco:	114	11
Kalkaska:	34	2
Montmorency:	5	0
Ogemaw:	33	2
Oscoda:	20	1
Otsego	122	10
Presque Isle:	13	0
Roscommon:	28	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>750</b>	<b>52</b>





— 2020

## Social Distancing — Social Justice

The last month has seen the Covid-19 Pandemic graphic curve start to flatten as preventive measures in our nation continue to slow the spread of the Coronavirus. Oh, wait, that's what was supposed to happen...

What actually happened was a rush to open social and economic safety restrictions before Covid-19 was successfully contained. Encouraged, many people assumed they could "get back to normal", resulting in non-safe behavior – forgoing social distancing, gathering together into crowded situations, filling streets, beaches, and opened business establishments, mingling closely without masks with breathing – and some virus-infected breathing – human beings. Not what the doctor ordered, but what the virus needed.

Not surprisingly, the infectious illness experts' warnings of what would happen is exactly what is occurring now. Nearly every state has seen its Covid-19 numbers rise in the last few weeks. Some states have set records for the number of new cases for this Pandemic, far surpassing the April numbers that were supposed to be the peak amounts before the daily or weekly numbers started to drop. The U.S. daily numbers of confirmed cases hit a peak of 32,964 on April 24<sup>th</sup>. That remained the highest national daily number until June 24 when the day's total reached 37,945 new cases, trending higher than that every following day except one. On July 1<sup>st</sup> the daily total hit 52,609 cases confirmed, and was higher on July 2<sup>nd</sup> at 54,689. If the national increase continues to rise daily above 50,000, within 10 days a half million fellow citizens will be confirmed infected, reaching a million new cases in the next 10 days. Add another million 20 days after that. The dreaded scenario of overwhelmed medical facilities may yet occur.

This Pandemic spike has prompted most states to reinstate some safety restrictions and/or curtail plans to remove current restrictions. Many experts fear the genie is out of the bottle – it's only going to get worse until it gets better. Projected deaths may be much higher than originally thought. New York, California, Texas, New Jersey and Florida are the top 5 states for total cases, with many southern and western states right behind them.

Hard hit early on Michigan was 3<sup>rd</sup> in Covid-19 cases nationally. It is now number 13, with an average death rate currently at 9.3%. We've been lucky to be in Michigan, in the northern half of the state, where numbers may be rising now, but are still remarkably low. Good scientific guidance resulting in practical and necessary policies from state authority, and most importantly, the cooperative compliance of most citizens to do the right thing, like it or not, have curtailed the spread of Covid-19 until now. The influx of our summer residents and visitors, from less safety-restrictive southern states, many unaware they are virus carriers, threatens to set us back a step or two. Here in Emmet County, the confirmed cases reached 21 in April, and stayed there until a week ago. We now have 29 cases, and deaths still at 2.

Covid-19 is still confounding medical experts: New symptoms are being reported. Younger adults, children, and even infants are increasingly being infected. A baby was born and confirmed to have the virus, but the parents tested negative..? A woman contracted Covid-19 symptoms over 90 days ago, and is still sick. Earlier victims recovered, but got infected again. Survivors live, but with organ damage they didn't have before. So much we still don't know or understand. Individuals disregarding intelligent options toward safety are not only risking their lives, but the lives of everyone else, including us. Doubters dismiss Covid-19 is a "hoax" or "just the flu", but there are over a quarter million dead Americans who would dispute those fallacies. There is no vaccine for Covid-19, nor is there a vaccine for human foolishness. How this all turns out will depend on what we do and how well we do it. If we aren't patient now, we will have more patients later.

As Lions, we still help others, but we also need to be models of good practices, especially in this new reality of now. As if the Covid-19 Pandemic isn't enough, an even greater centuries-old "Pandemic" continues to show it's ugly face racism. The past few years have seen an increase in hate crimes and police killings of unarmed black men. The unconscionable killing of George Floyd may be the straw that broke the camel's back. For 8 minutes and 46 seconds a police officer knelt on the neck of the handcuffed man lying face down on the pavement – filmed by several eyewitnesses. Universal outrage from white and black people alike poured out into the streets, spawning protests in cities and towns across the nation. Most have been peaceful, a few were not. The scope and strength of this movement indicates Americans are fed up with racial injustice, prompting city, state and national governments to address and actually do something to change the flawed policies that lead to so many unnecessary deaths. Black people make up 28% of those killed by police since 2013 despite being only 13% of the population. All lives matter, but the point of "Black Lives Matter" is to enlighten us to the fact that too many black lives violently stop mattering.

The frustration in the black community is eloquently voiced by Christopher Harris, one of George Floyd's closest friends: **"When you try so hard to put faith in this system, a system that you know isn't designed for you, when you constantly seek justice by lawful means and you can't get it, you begin to take the law into your own hands."**

It's time to end the systemic sickness of racism through acts of simple human compassion.

The Lions' creed of Kindness & Diversity stands against racism in any form. As Lions, and as human beings, we must act for equality and social justice for all.

**STAY SAFE!**

Info from medical &amp; news websites

*Picture Of The Month***Patriotic Prius Picture**

In an unusual coincidence, 3 Prius vehicles were spotted parked at the spring fountain in Conway, Michigan, near the bike trail. The colors (from right to left) of red, white and blue seemed patriotically appropriate for the Independence Day holiday in July.

On July 4<sup>th</sup>, Independence Day, Americans celebrate their liberty from Great Britain, won in the Revolutionary War. Thirteen separate colonies managed to overcome their differences, and with aid from ally France worked together to bring about a new nation, a new democracy never before attempted. It took great sacrifice and hardship, but in the end they succeeded against the most powerful Empire of the time. The United States of America, an enduring work in progress, is an example of what can be accomplished through persistence and cooperation. Without a strong determination and ability to work together we'd be singing "God Save the Queen" before every football (i.e., soccer) game every weekend! (Note: Britain is cool now.)

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## 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.

#kindnessmatters



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## Beaverton Area Flood Disaster

### **ZOOM, ZOOM, ZOOM!**

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

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

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

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