

# DISTRICT 11-E2 NEWSLETTER



*Notable Quotes: "May we think of freedom, not as the right to do as we please, but as the opportunity to do what is right."— Peter Marshall*

## JULY 2021

## District Governor's Message



District Governor  
William Gaines

Greetings, Lions of 11-E2,

I am proud to be representing you as your District Governor this year and am looking forward to a year where we can all serve well. Our new 1st VDG is Jill Drury of Boyne Valley Lions and we've added 2nd VDG Steve Murch from Alpena Lions Club to the team. I am still searching for a membership chairperson as well as Zone chairs in the following zones: Zone 1, (Boyne Valley, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, East Jordan, Indian River, Mackinaw City, Petoskey), Zone 3 (Alpena, Alpena Evening, Atlanta, Glennie, Hillman, Hubbard Lake, Mio) and Zone 4, (Beaverton, Hale, Harrisville, Lincoln, Oscoda, Prescott/Skidway Lake, Rose City). Prerequisites are that you must be a past club president and have served on a club board for at least 2 years. You cannot be a PDG, nor can you 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. There are also several District committee chair vacancies (Diabetes, Eversight,

LEO Clubs, Peace Poster and White Cane). If you would like to extend your service in Lionism give me a call at (253) 219-8590 or email me at [wgaines1111@yahoo.com](mailto:wgaines1111@yahoo.com) to discuss these positions and their duties.

Lions International asked Districts to set goals in four areas this year, 1. Increase Membership, 2. Support LCIF Campaign 100 with increased donations, 3. Improve Service Reporting and 4. Facilitate Leadership Development. Each of these goals will help our District to increase, improve and extend our community service this year and in years to come.

Lions' membership can grow in several ways. We need to ask new members to join, add new clubs in areas that are not currently served and help our current members to stay active and engaged in community service. Recruiting and training new leaders is also critical to the continuation of Lionism. There are many opportunities at the local, District and state levels. If you have worked to lead in your club, think about serving at district or higher level. Accurate service reporting helps to tell the world what great servants Lions are and Lions Club International Foundation makes money available for large needs that cannot be met with local resources.

Our 1st Cabinet meeting will be August 14th at 10:00 am at St. John Lutheran Church, 710 Spruce St., Grayling and will be available through Zoom. Zone Chair training is planned in conjunction with the cabinet meeting. The District Cabinet, District Committee Chairs, Club Officers and all Lions are welcome to attend. Hope to see you there.



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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 Steven Murch Alpena Lions Club <a href="mailto:stevemurch49707@gmail.com">stevemurch49707@gmail.com</a>	Alpena, Alpena Evening, Atlanta, Glennie, Hillman, Hubbard Lake, Mio
ZONE 2	CLUBS	ZONE 4	CLUBS
ZC Jim Broome Central Lake Lions Club <a href="mailto:jrbroome@charter.net">jrbroome@charter.net</a>	Central Lake, Elk Rapids, Grayling, Houghton Lake, Lewiston/ Lewiston Lioness Lions, Roscommon- Higgins Lake	ZC Don McDonell Hale Lions Club <a href="mailto:cdmcdonell@gmail.com">cdmcdonell@gmail.com</a>	Beaverton, Hale, Harrisville, Lincoln, Oscoda, Prescott-Skidway Lake, Rose City,



# Lions Clubs International



Dr. Jung-Yul Choi

## LCI President's Message

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

# Your Courage Has Been the Difference

**Dear Lion,**

This is a year that we will never forget. Because more than any other, this is the year that you showed the world the true depth of a Lion's courage. Your conviction to stand for others, to inspire hope and to serve has been the difference for so many people in your community and around the world.

I'm so proud to have been a part of this extraordinary year of kindness, innovation and safe service. As we move forward, we will continue to meet this global challenge together. Because we are Lions. In good times or times of great need—at all times and in all places—where there is need, we will be there.

Thank you for your bravery and commitment to making our world a better place for all people. It has been the greatest honor of my life to serve you.

Sincerely,

*Jung-Yul Choi*

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



**LCIF.ORG | A letter from your chairperson**

**Dear Lion,**

My term as chairperson of LCIF is coming to an end. After two years in this role, I have so many wonderful memories to reflect on, from visiting LCIF-supported Lion projects before the pandemic, to witnessing Lions' creative online fundraising strategies, to participating in LCIF's Foundation Fridays webinar series. Together, we have accomplished so much. I look forward to continuing to watch LCIF succeed and will always be here for support. Thank you for the endless inspiration and motivation you give to me, Lions. I am grateful for having been on this journey with you. I encourage you to click through this newsletter to learn more about what is going on in our foundation.

In friendship,

**Gudrun Yngvadottir, Chairperson**

**Lions Clubs International Foundation**

CAMPAIGN | 100



LCIF • EMPOWERING SERVICE®

## **Campaign 100's Final Phase**

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

**CONTRIBUTE**





## Lions Clubs International

### Lions News from International President Jung-Yul Choi

**Dear Club Leader,**

Due to the ongoing challenges presented by the coronavirus (COVID-19), the board of directors has voted to relocate the 2022 Lions International Convention from New Delhi, India to Montréal, Canada.

The ongoing travel and health advisories, and the size and complexity of our convention, led to this difficult decision. The board of directors also agreed to host a future convention in the beautiful city of New Delhi in a mutually-agreed upon year.

Unfortunately, this is not the first time COVID-19 has required our organization to make adjustments for the health and safety of our Lions, staff, vendors and local communities. In 2020, the board of directors voted to cancel the Singapore convention due to the government of Singapore restricting entry to the country. In January 2021, the 103rd Lions Clubs International Convention was transformed from an in-person event in Montréal, Canada to the organization's first virtual convention in response to the ongoing global pandemic.

We would like to recognize our Lions in India who are such an important part of our Lion family. They have been dealing with a very challenging moment in their country, like so many others around the world. We know that Lions are working there to safely serve their communities, and everywhere we serve. While COVID-19 has forced us to change the way we live, work and serve, we will continue to meet this challenge together.

We will be working to move ahead with planning our 2022 international convention in Montréal, which will take place from June 24-28, 2022. As plans come together, we will be sure to communicate them to the Lions of the world.

I thank you all for your perseverance through these unprecedented times.

Regards,

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

**Dear Club Leader,**

The coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic continues to impact the work of Lions and communities around the world, creating financial hardships for Lions and the people we care for.

To support the incredible men and women serving with us, the International Board of Directors passed another resolution to help our clubs in the new Lion year.

**Here is an overview of the new resolution approved by the board of directors:**

- **Charter and entrance fees waiver** – We have waived all charter and entrance fees from July 1 through December 31, 2021. Charter and entrance fees are also currently waived through June 30, 2021.

These additional measures will help Lions facing financial hardships and give our clubs the support and encouragement they need during these challenging times. For more than a century, Lions have taken on the greatest challenges facing humanity, and together, we will overcome this.

The world needs Lions now more than ever, so thank you for your outstanding service and commitment to our communities and the world.

Regards,

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



*A message from:*

**Jerome Thompson**

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



## Jerome Thompson Message:

We are in the final stretch of this fiscal year. The Lions of North America have worked so hard to flatten the curve of membership loss. Stand by for the results on June 30. But I am excited to announce through May, 2021, your hard work is paying off.

The North America Membership Initiative, which has been re-branded as the **Global Membership Approach**, focused on three key areas.



**Through May 30, 2021 we have made progress over the first 11 months of the previous year.**

**Rejuvenating Districts with New Clubs** - New clubs are up 61% with 17 more charter applications pending! We will expand our footprint of service into more than 140 new communities by June 30. Remember, new club charter applications submitted by June 20, with all necessary information, will be approved before June 30.

**Revitalize Clubs with New Members** – Since the pandemic restrictions were loosened beginning in March, we have added more than 5300 members. Working together, we can finish the fiscal year strong and start the year out stronger. Our ultimate goal is to add 4 new members per club each year. However, today, we shall celebrate a small milestone. While knowing that we will record a net member loss for the year.

**Re-motivate Members with New Service and Fellowship** - As of today, dropped members are down 16% over last year. We will have some June Drops. However, it appears that our focus on service, fellowship and fun is beginning to slow the revolving door.

**What can you do to help in the next 20 days? I am glad you asked.**

**Sponsor one new member**

**Contact members in your club to check on them**

**Report all club service activities**

**Sincerely,  
Jerome Thompson**





## A Message from Our General Chair



The Planning and Host Committees continue to plan the finer details of the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum.

Thank you to all of you who have pre-registered. I know I'm not the only one looking forward to being with like-minded Lions for an inspirational weekend of leadership, friendship, and service!

It's not too late to register (the current fee is \$320), but some of the hotels have filled up, so don't stay on the fence too long.

There are many interesting things to do in Des Moines, and we are bringing some new features to the Forum this year to complement the many things you already enjoy. There will be something for everyone at #LionsForum2021!

Together in Service,

Wendy Cain

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## Planning a Special Event at the Forum?

In addition to fantastic seminars and fabulous meal programs, Lions also learn from other Lions through casual conversations. Often, these casual conversations take place at a breakfast or special gathering. If your group needs a room or space for such an event, now is the time to make those plans. Contact Jama Wahl, Facilities, at [jamawahl@yahoo.com](mailto:jamawahl@yahoo.com) to arrange and confirm your space.



## Lions Clubs International

Dear Lions Club Officer,

As the 2020-2021 Lions year comes to a close, Lions Clubs International wants to make sure that your club receives the recognition it deserves!

The **Club Excellence Award** serves as the club's roadmap to excellence, focusing on the key elements of a quality club: membership, service, organizational excellence and marketing/communications. This award is more than an award... it is proof that a Lions club is STRONG! Review the criteria outlined in the 2020-2021 award **application**. We encourage you to apply for this award today.

If you or your club have any questions regarding the Club Excellence Award, please contact us by email at [clubexcellenceaward@lionsclubs.org](mailto:clubexcellenceaward@lionsclubs.org) or by phone at (630) 468-6828.

Please note that all award applications should be submitted to the District and Club Administration Division no later than August 31, 2021.

We congratulate you on a great year as club officer!

Sincerely,

Your District & Club Administration Division Support Team

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## Lions International Virtual Convention



**If you missed the international virtual convention or would like to replay some of the segments, the links to the videos are on our district website [lionsdistrict11e2.org](http://lionsdistrict11e2.org) and click on the Conventions tab on the left. They will only be available for a limited time.**

— Note from Marie Leathers





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

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

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

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



**All donations should be sent to:**

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

**Memo Line: *Pie Man Walk***

Website:

<http://www.lmsf.net/index.php/donate-to-lions-of-michigan-foundaton>

Pay Pal: [Info@lmsf.net](mailto:Info@lmsf.net)

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/LionsofMIFoundation>

## MD 11 Convention Raffle Drawing Winners

Dear MD 11 Convention Committee,

I've attached the winners list from our raffle drawing. Those that are highlighted in green I have sent out. The leftovers should match up with the gift cards that you've held onto and will mail out directly. Feel free to use the attached letter, if needed.

Harold Stephens Best Buy-DG Kurt?	Ronald Meagher \$25 Visa -From?	Frank Giglio 4\$100 Meijer Card
John Spencer \$30 Gift Card-From?	Jack Brewer Cracker Barrel	Dave Hacker Target
Gordon Harris \$25 Gas Card-From?	Roger Spriggs Home Depot	<b>Bernard Hurchalla-SENT</b> Target
John Daoud Cracker Barrel From?	Ed Weessies 2022 Convention Registration	Terry Spindler \$50 Visa Gift Card
Duane Wilcox Speedway-From?	Frank Cunningham \$50 Gas Card	Julia Embury Olive Garden

# FRAUD ALERT!

### This got sent to me. More scams posing as Rod. – Steve Murch

"Hello Steven,

Are you available? I am currently in a meeting out of town, very busy this week and not with my phone here, I want you to handle this for me. DISTRICT 11-E2 needs some gift cards for donation to Community Welfare with patients and Veterans at Hospice Care, can you confirm if you can get some today? I will need you to get 8 pieces of \$100 denomination of Target or Walmart Cards which totals \$800:00 online or at any convenience store near you. You will scratch the back of the cards to reveal the pin, then take a snapshot of it showing the pin codes and have the image attached and email to me. Let me know if you can get this done today. You will be reimbursed guaranteed.

Thank You

Rod Leathers. "

**THIS IS A SCAM!** If you receive a request like this, check with the real person named & Don't do anything until you know for sure!

# DG Pins Collection Update

Special thanks to PDG Wayne Schultz who generously donated his amazing collection of DG pins for us to keep on the District Governor's Home Club Banner which is passed on from District Governor to District Governor every year.

We now have all except the following:

1980-81- Bud Arquilla- Oscoda

1984-85- Stuart Luzon- Alpena

1985-86- Harold Sabin- Oscoda

1988-89- Tom Shiemke- Alpena

1991-92- RW Kitchen- Elk Rapids

1993-94- John Karoly- Glennie

1994-95- Dave Andrews- Alpena

1998-99- Terry Bebee- Alpena (Wayne says he doesn't think Terry did a pin for his year).

We have two unidentified pins (see attached) that have no year on them, so if you know anything about either of them, please let me know. If you have any of the pins from the above years and would be willing to donate them to the district, we would be very grateful.

Wayne also donated a selection of club pins that we will be adding to the banner. We have pins from the following clubs:

Alpena Noon, Au Gres, Beaverton, Black River, Central Lake, Cheboyan, Elk Rapids, Ellsworth, Fairview/Comins, Gaylord, Gladwin, Glennie, Grayling, Harrisville, Hillman, Houghton Lake, Hubbard Lake, Kalkaska, Larks Lake, Levering, Lewiston, Lincoln, Mackinaw City, Mancelona, Mio, Ogemaw Valley, Oscoda, Ossineke, Presque Isle, Rogers City, Rose City, Skidway Lake, St. Helen, Standish, Tittabawassee Valley, and Whittemore.

If your club is not on this list and you have a club pin you would like to donate, it would be a welcome addition to our district history. It is sad when you look at the list of club names above how many are not around any more.

Please pass this request on to your club members and let's see if we can get a complete set! Thanks so much for your help. Let me know if you have any questions.

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

**Unknown Pins —**



# Membership Challenge

Hello all District 11-E2,

I put out a challenge at the beginning of the year for membership. I said I would donate \$100 to LCIF in the name of the first club that brought in 10 new members. Transfers don't count. I also said I would donate \$300 to LCIF at the end of the year in the name of the club that brought in and retained the most new members of 10 or more.

Congratulations to Central Lake Lions Club! They just brought in their 10th new member this year. I will be donating \$100 to LCIF in their club name.

It is still not too late to pass them by the end of the year for the most new members and have the \$300 donated in your club's name. I know a week is not much time but Central Lake just got 3 new members in one week by JUST ASKING. Just be sure to add your new members to MyLCI by June 30, 2021 before 11:59 p.m. for them to count.

Central Lake - don't stop now! Alpena is close behind!

It has been an honor SERVING our District this year,

DG Rod

## Thank You Letter to the District

Hello everyone from 11-E2,

I would just like to take a moment to thank everyone from the district for the support you gave me and the district last year. With COVID and all the shut downs we managed to continue Serving our communities. I would like to thank Central Lake Lions for meeting my membership challenge and bringing in 12 new members and retaining them. I will be making a \$100 donation to LCIF for being the first club to bring 10 new members and a \$300 donation for bringing in the most and retaining them. Our total district membership went from 733 down to 710 this past year. Now that we are able to really start doing things again let's get out there and support our new District Governor Bill and turn that number around. I know we can do it. Just think what it would be like if every member just brought in one new member. It only takes telling your Lion stories and JUST ASKING. A little enthusiasm can go a long way. Again thanks for your support. I was proud to SERVE as your District Governor last year.

“WE SERVE”

— IPDG Rod



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## JULY 2021:

**Independence Day** — July 4, 2021

## AUGUST 2021:

**Lions of Michigan Hall of Fame Banquet** — August 07, 2021 — 6:00 pm — \$25 —

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



## PASSINGS



PDG Robert Prause (2003-04) Passed Away on June 10, 2021.

William (Bill) Dunson of the East Jordan Lions passed away June 12th. He was a dedicated Lion for many years and we appreciate his service.

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

## NEW MEMBERS

**No New Member Info Reported In June**

## *On the Mend*

East Jordan Lion, Linda Reich, is recovering from hip replacement surgery.



## Boyne Valley Lions

**JUNE 2021**

### June Activities for the Boyne Valley Lions Club

The Boyne Valley Lions partnered with the Boyne City Housing Commission to feed all residents at the city-controlled properties at their annual residents meeting. Hot dogs, pulled pork, side dishes, dessert, beverages, and smiles were served by the Boyne Valley Lions.



(Below) The Boyne Valley Lions utilized their food service trailer and provided snacks and treats to all the elementary students in Boyne City during their annual Field Day!



(Left)

Boyne Valley Lions conducted their spring adopt-a-highway clean-up campaign. The two mile stretch of M-75 yielded 13 large trash bags of debris removed from our community!

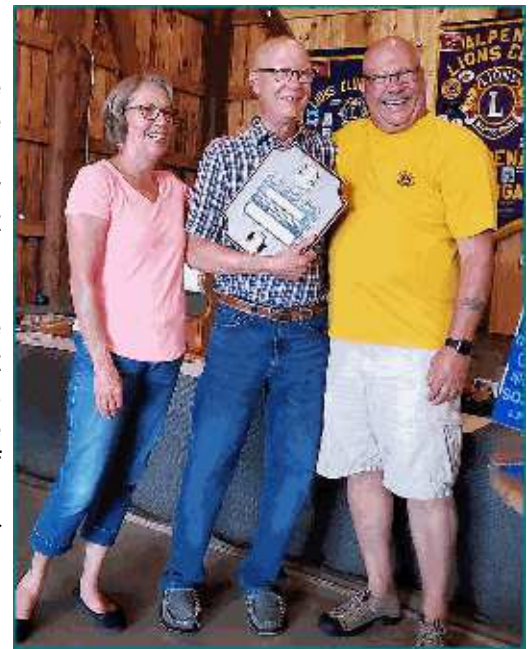


**Alpena Lions****JUNE 2021****95 Years of Service**

On Tuesday June 29<sup>th</sup>, the Alpena Lions Club gathered to observe the anniversary of "95 years of service" to Northeast Michigan and the Alpena Community. The event was emceed by Bernie Lamp III, President of the Alpena Lions Club. The event was well attended by Lions Club members and distinguished representatives from District Region 11E2 encompassing Northeast Michigan.

Retiring District Governor, Rod Leathers, Central Lake Lions Club, complimented the Alpena Lions for their continuous service to the Alpena Community and Northeast Michigan. Incoming District Governor, Bill Gaines, Oscoda Lions Club, thanked the Alpena Lions Club for their dedicated service. He also issued a challenge for the Alpena Lions to outsell the Oscoda Lions next year in the Lions of Michigan Service Foundation "Sight and Hearing Sweepstakes". Dave Zeller, former District Governor and Alpena Lions Member accepted the challenge on behalf of the Alpena Lions Club. Also in attendance lending her support to the Alpena Lions and representing Region 11E2 was Vice District Governor Jill Drury.

Concluding the nights event was a special presentation of the "Melvin Jones Fellowship Award" to retiring Lions member Mike Hamilton. Mike was recognized with this prestigious award for his many years of devoted service to the Alpena Lions Club.



Mary Hamilton, Mike Hamilton with award as presented by Dave Zeller.

**East Jordan Lions****JUNE 2021**

Lions Linda Chase, Bob Pursel, Bill Chase and Brenda Chanda helped give out candy as prizes to kids playing the corn hole game at the East Jordan Freedom Festival.



2nd picture —  
Lion Denny Gocha  
helping kids play the corn hole game.

## Central Lake Lions

### JUNE 2021

*Left to right:* President Randy Miller; PDG Dennis Richardson, sponsor; new Lion Ward Schanhals; Lioness bridged to Lion Debbie Patton; Lion Sarah Leathers, sponsor; Lion Sara Goldberg, sponsor; new Lion Carrie Schanhals; Lion DiAnn Roberts, sponsor; new Lion Pam Poyfair; Lion Kris Roberts, sponsor; new Lion Dennis Poyfair; new members inducted by DG Rod Leathers.



Central Lake Lions and other volunteers cooked and served lunches at the Richard Davis Pin Shoot in Central Lake.

## GST News

As we come to the end of the Lion year I want to be sure every club's service is accurately represented in Lions Club International. The deadline to report activities for the 2020-21 Lion year is July 15, 2021. At this time there are still several clubs who have not reported any service for the year.

If your club has not been able to meet and do any service activities due to the pandemic, think of ways that individual Lions in your club have served others throughout the year on an individual basis to report.

If you need assistance entering your service I can help walk you through it, or even report activities for you if you send me the details. Please contact me as soon as possible for assistance.

Thank you,  
Lion Marie Leathers  
District 11-E2 Service Chair  
[marie@centrallakerealty.com](mailto:marie@centrallakerealty.com) — 231-350-0286



## Oscoda Lions JUNE 2021

Oscoda Lions ramp crew , Lions Tony Priebe, Bill Gaines, John Novak, and Chuck Andrina worked on two ramps the last two weeks. One was a 4' x 12' new ramp. The Home owner was very pleased.

The other was a repair for a Veteran in Tawas City. The ramp was pulling away from the porch and the boards at the bottom of the ramp had come loose. The owner was afraid to use the Ramp in that condition. The stringers on the steps were broken and unsafe.



John Novak, Chuck Andrina



Bill Gaines and homeowners

We rebuilt the steps, put additional support under the ramp, and put new boards at the bottom of the ramp. The county Veterans assistance program is paying for the materials.

Oscoda Lions -- another ramp was constructed by our ramp crew, Lions Bill Gaines, John Novak, and Chuck Andrina for Tom and Ruth Grant. Tom is using a walker and need the ramp to be able to get out of the house. The crew built a 4' x 5' platform and a 8' ramp. Lion Kay Gaines provided lunch. Tom and Ruth paid for materials. We Serve



Bill Gaines, Ruth Grant, and John Novak —

Cont'd



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## Oscoda Lions

### JUNE 2021

Pictures taken at the Oscoda Lions installation of officer's and awards dinner:



Lion Julie Burrell received the Ken Lautzenheiser Fellowship Award from Lion Governor elect Bill Gaines



Lion Mary Jo Rehberg received the Lion of the Year Award from Lion Newana Visser



Lion Peggy Clarke presents the William "Doc" Barr Knights of Vision fellowship Award to Lion Jim Alexander



Lion Wayne Schultz presents the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award to Lion Bill Gaines



**Back Row:** Mary Jo Rehberg, Bill Gaines, Dirk Hunt. Sue Bovan, Dustin Clare, Andrea McCaffrey.

**Front Row:** Eleanor Hunt, Yvonne Mallak, Julie Burrell, Jane Meyer, Kay Gaines, Bob Visser, Marilyn Papworth, John Novak, Peggy Clarke

# CORONAVIRUS UPDATES – JULY 1

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

## World Statistics

**Confirmed Cases: 181,930,736** ♦ **Deaths: 3,945,832**

### United States Statistics



### Michigan Statistics

**Total Cases: 34,540,845**



**Total Cases: 1,000,241**

**Deaths: 620,249**



**Deaths: 21,013**

## DISTRICT 11-E2 STATISTICS

⇒ Highest Numbers

11-E2 Counties	Cases Reported	Deaths
Alcona:	739	33
Alpena:	2,272	63
Antrim:	1,635	30
Arenac:	1,209	29
Charlevoix:	1,676	22
Cheboygan:	1,931	46
Crawford:	996	14
Emmet:	<b>2,379</b>	43
Gladwin:	2,305	61
Iosco:	2,007	<b>74</b>
Kalkaska:	1,144	27
Montmorency:	618	20
Ogemaw:	1,747	43
Oscoda:	691	31
Otsego:	2,347	41
Presque Isle:	1,057	34
Roscommon:	1,900	54
<b>Totals</b>	<b>26,653</b>	<b>665</b>

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



## Pandemic Data Update – And More

While the COVID-19 Pandemic has not yet been pronounced over and done, its numbers are diminishing in many areas of the U.S. and the World. Restrictions are being canceled in many states, but some precautions, once known as “common sense”, are still suggested as prudent behavior in certain areas. Other updates:

- **Delta Variant:** The World Health Organization in May declared it a “variant of concern” with the increased evidence that the variant is more easily transmissible, causes more severe illness, and may reduce the effectiveness of vaccines or treatments.
- “We learned this virus, a variant of COVID is highly transmissible -- the most transmissible we've seen to date.” — US Surgeon General Dr. Vivek Murthy
- Dr. Fauci: The Delta variant is the “greatest threat” in the world's efforts to contain COVID-19.
- CDC: Delta Variant of the COVID-19 virus now accounts for 1 in 4 new cases nationwide.
- **Long Haulers:** At least 10% (with some estimates up to 30%) of COVID-19 sufferers are “long haulers”, those who still haven't fully recovered from COVID-19. “Post COVID-19 Syndrome” incapacitates people for weeks or even months after symptoms first arose. There is no definitive answer as to how long the symptoms will last — some last only 3 to 6 weeks, but others are still struggling to regain their health since the beginning of the Pandemic. Why some previously healthy, often young, adults 18 to 34 that suffered only mild or moderate symptoms still haven't recovered from the disease has stymied physicians and health experts. There's still a lot about COVID-19 we don't yet know.
- The 3 top countries in the world for COVID cases and deaths since the Pandemic began (*July 5*):  
U.S.A. — **34,592,377 / 621,293**    India — **30,585,229 / 402,758**    Brazil — **18,769,808 / 524,475**
- While the national COVID-19 new cases rate is dropping, there are some areas that are rising in numbers. Unsurprisingly, States with below-average vaccination rates have almost triple the rate of new COVID-19 cases compared to states with above-average vaccination rates, according to new data from Johns Hopkins University.
- **Vaccination Stats U.S.A. (*July 2*):**  
At Least 1 Dose — **181,339,416** — **55.2%**  
(*Vaccinations age 16+*)      Fully Vaccinated — **155,884,601** — **47.5%**
- **Vaccination Stats Michigan (*July 2*):**  
At Least 1 dose — **5,149,074** — **51.6%**  
(*Vaccinations age 16+*)      Fully Vaccinated — **4,719,220** — **47.3%**
- Only **3** Counties in District 11-E2 have more than **60%** of their residents vaccinated (*July 6*):  
Emmet County — **66.26%**    Charlevoix County — **63.48%**    Presque Isle County — **60.28%**
- If not enough people get vaccinated, health experts say, progress could be erased and COVID-19 could resurge in the winter. The COVID-19 virus will continue to spread as long as there are enough unvaccinated hosts to infect. The Pandemic will drag on, bringing sickness and death to the people of Earth. We have the knowledge, the science, to end the COVID-19 Pandemic; but the question that will determine our future is, will we take the actions needed to do so?

As we enter the new Lions fiscal year, we need to acknowledge and honor the outgoing leadership throughout the Lions organization that worked hard to adapt and overcome the immense difficulties brought by the COVID-19 Pandemic. They not only took measures to keep Lions members as safe as possible, but found some ways to continue the mission to Serve the communities that need our help. From the International President to the District level leadership, we appreciate the efforts, the determination, and the sacrifices you have made to preserve Lionsism in an unparalleled situation no one expected. **THANK YOU!**

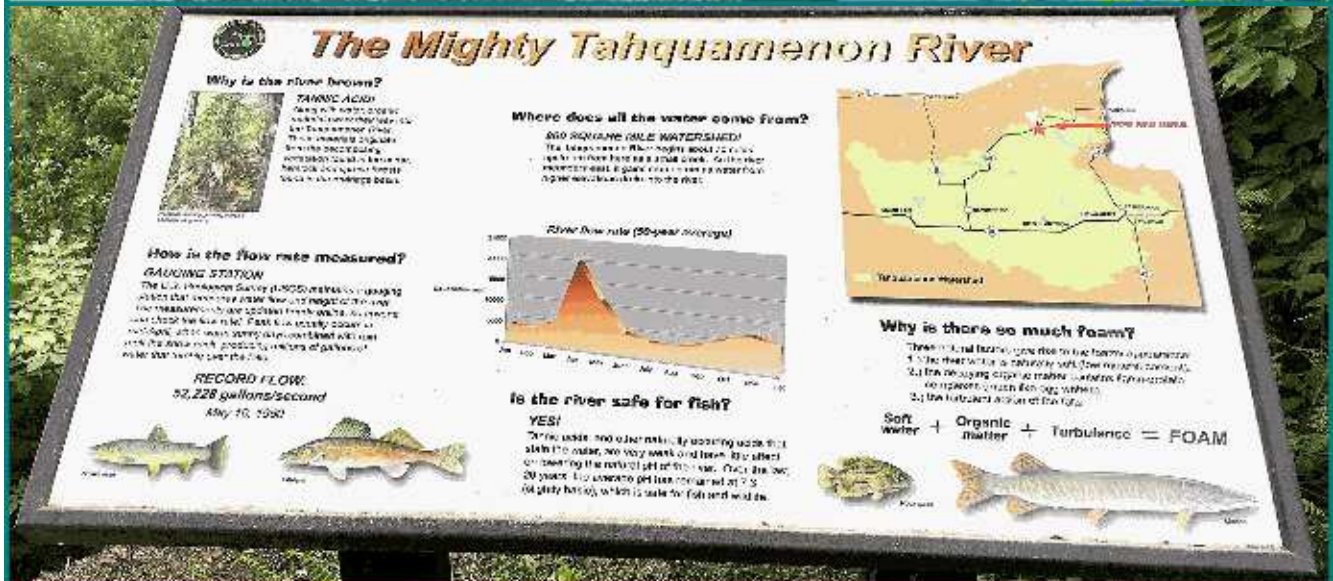
We also need to take a moment to congratulate our new leaders as of July 1. They face many many challenges and continuing difficulties, and we wish them the best in the new year. **THANK YOU for your Service!**

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



# Picture of the Month: July 2021

The Upper Peninsula harbors many of Michigan's natural treasures, including the State's largest waterfall, the thundering 50-foot Tahquamenon Falls near Lake Superior and the town of Paradise.



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

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

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

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

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## 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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