# DISTRICT 11-E2 NEWSLETTER



# SEPTEMBER 2019

Notable Quote: "Always remember that you are absolutely unique. Just like everyone else." — Margaret Mead

## **District Governor's Message**

As I sit here reflecting how different this year has been so far compared to the 2008 - 2009, I realized that what is happening is that in 2009, when my year ended, we had 1326 members to draw from, and most had many years of service to both the clubs and the District. We now have 807 members

and we are shrinking.

It is my feeling that right now leadership is one of the most important ways to stop our clubs from disbanding and our membership from shrinking, and I encourage clubs to think about sending members to both the Leadership Institutes held at Higgins Lake November 8th - 10th . This Institute will not only help you with Lions, but in all you do in your life.

Also think about sending a group to the Michigan Forum to be held at the Holiday Inn Grand Blanc on February 22nd 2020. There you will also have the opportunity to attend various sessions on Lions. This one day Forum is considered by LCI to be one of the best in the Country.

We need to stop losing members and we need to start asking others to join us so that we can serve our communities.

Please give me a call and schedule with me when you would like me to visit. I am looking forward to coming to each and every club.

Dave Zeller, District Governor

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<u>Note</u>: 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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**Barb Durflinger** 

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Alpena Evening/Alpena Host, Fairview-Commins, Hubbard Lake, Mio

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#### **VACANT**

AuGres Lioness, Hale, Harrisville, Lincoln, Oscoda/Oscoda Lioness, Prescott-Skidway Lake, Rose City, Whitmore Lioness

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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



# REGION 3, ZONE 1 ZC William Smith,

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### LCI President's Message

Dr. Jung-Yul Choi
And
LCIF Chairperson — Gudrun Yngvadottir



Dear Lions,

Disasters can devastate lives in an instant.

Hurricane Dorian struck the Bahamas this weekend with 130 mile-per-hour winds and heavy rain, destroying homes, flooding communities and impacting countless families. The threat continues as it heads towards the east coast of the United States. This is a time when many people have nowhere to turn. That's why we are Lions.

Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) is working with Lions to provide immediate relief to the families who are struggling get back on their feet as this devastating hurricane continues.

You can help them. Your generous donation to LCIF will help us respond to Hurricane Dorian and wherever we're needed around the world.

I want to help now

Together, we can rebuild lives when disaster strikes.

Regards,

Dr. Jung-Yul Choi, International President Gudrun Yngvadottir, LCIF Chairperson







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#### Dear Lions,

We may have not met personally, but I believe I know who you are: You are a motivated person who wants to make a difference in the lives of people who are less fortunate. This is who we are, it's what Lions do. But every now and then, we need something to spark our imagination. Inspiration!



This newsletter is packed with inspiration. I am especially excited for you to watch our new videos, showcasing stories about LCIF's real impact in communities. As you will see, Lions' service means both *doing* and *giving*. The power of a donation is palpable. You will see the pride children feel when they learn to manage diabetes on their own. You will see the relief of a hurricane victim receiving much-needed food and water. You will see children run and play, safe and worry-free, outside their newly renovated school.

As I watched these real-life beneficiaries embrace the changes LCIF has made possible, I found myself wanting to do more. I want to be a part of a project. I want to give. I want to motivate others to give. I am inspired!

This newsletter also brings you a new way to share stories. You know I believe in the power of storytelling. This is *your* opportunity to inspire others. Tell us about *your* projects that have been funded by an LCIF grant. Share how an LCIF-funded project has personally touched you or someone you know. Become a storyteller. All around the world, your fellow Lions and friends want to know about the incredible work Lions and LCIF are doing together.

Whatever captures your attention or stirs you to tell *your* story, I hope you feel inspired.

In friendship,

Gudrun Yngvadottir, Chairperson Lions Clubs International Foundation



## Lions Clubs International

#### We make a difference

August 22, 2019

Dear District Governor,

I am contacting you to inform you of the resources available to support your efforts in encouraging clubs to maintain a Good Standing.

Please review the information and resources online. We want to ensure the district team and club officers have the most up to date information that may assist in efforts to maintain a good standing. Your assistance is very important in reinforcing the importance of paying all club balances on a regular and timely basis, updating membership, and reviewing updates on line.

Please feel free to contact Accounts Receivable and Club Account Services for assistance.

Best regards, Melinda Plott

Accounts Receivable and Club Account Services Manager

Melinda.plott@lionsclubs.org

Payment receipt concerns: <a href="mailto:accountsreceivable@lionsclubs.org">accountsreceivable@lionsclubs.org</a> 630-203-3810

Billing and club account status: <a href="mailto:membershipbilling@lionsclubs.org">membershipbilling@lionsclubs.org</a> 630-203-3820

On line registration and payment: <a href="www.lionsclubsorg">www.lionsclubsorg</a> click MyLCI/Submit Reports

#### **DG Check list for Club Account Status Review**

- DG RECAPS are emailed to you at the beginning of each month, for your review of club balances and aging.
- Encourage club officers to register on line. Treasurers can pay online if the club approves.
- Club Treasurers can pay online by visiting <a href="www.lionsclubs.org">www.lionsclubs.org</a> Click the "MyLCI" link, after logging in, you may pay by Visa, MasterCard. Discover, American Express, or PayPal. Debit cards are accepted.
- Club balances should be paid according to the terms established by the association; however, to avoid suspension, balances should be paid no later than 90 days after billing.
- Club balances outstanding beyond 120 days can cause clubs to be placed on suspension if balances exceed US\$20/member or \$1,000, whichever is less.
- Anticipated high risk of suspension in November and May can be avoided with prompt club payments.
- High cancellation rates can be avoided in December and June if payments are received prior to the 29th of the month following suspension.
- Clubs can be reactivated within 12 months following cancellation, if eligible. Full paymentalong with a Reactivation Report is required, signed by you.
- Club Treasurers can view statements online and avoid mailing delays. Please encourage club treasurers to check the opt-out option on the association's website to discontinue receiving mailed club statements.
- District Governors and Cabinet Treasurers can now also view and pay Multiple District and District Statements online. District Governors may pay by PayPal.
- Clubs in Good Standing are eligible to participate in local elections. The current dues billing must be paid leaving no International dues and fees greater than US\$10.00 unpaid and balances over 90 days must not exceed US\$50.00. Payment must be received 15 days prior to the Local Convention.
- Contact us if you do not have your correct district account number when purchasing club supplies.



#### Lions Presidents/Secretaries:

As you can see from the letter below, our district is eligible for a Community Impact Grant, or Grants, totaling \$1,933.95 due to our contributions to Campaign 100 last year. Because the money is available to any club in the district, grant requests should be submitted to DG Zeller no later than 12/31/19 for consideration by the cabinet. You can follow the links below to review the criteria and to download an application form. Let me know if you have any questions.

— PDG Barb



Dear District Governor,

Congratulations! Your district has qualified to participate in the District and Club Community Impact Grant (DCG) program. DCGs are provided by Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) to clubs and districts to empower their service and extend the impact of their partnership with LCIF.

Your district qualifies for the program based on cumulative donations of US\$12,893 to LCIF during fiscal year, 2018-2019. This amount does not include any donations from qualifying clubs in your district that may have already opted to utilize their qualifying 15% at the club level. This means at any time during Lion year 2019-2020, you can apply for a DCG to support humanitarian activities in your community in an amount up to, but not exceeding, US\$1,933.95. This second figure includes funds that your club may have earned from previous years of eligible donations.

Your district's DCG funds achieved in a given fiscal year will be available for up to 15 years. After 15 years, the opportunity to apply for those funds will expire. To learn more about this exciting new grant program and to apply, visit our website: www.lionsclubs.org/DCG

Questions regarding donations or a district's balance of available funds should be directed to Donor Services at donorassistance@lionsclubs.org. Applications and grant inquiries should be submitted to New & Emerging Initiatives at LCIFdistrictandclub@lionsclubs.org. Frequently asked questions about the program are located on the LCIF website.

Thank you for your support of our Foundation. Together, we can empower Lions to make an impact in communities near and far.

Sincerely,

#### **Lions Clubs International Foundation**





# The Marquette Lions Club Cordially Invites You and Your Guest to Join Us In Celebration of Our Centennial Charter Night Saturday, October 12, 2019 5:30pm-10:30pm Cost for the evening is \$30

Northern Michigan University, Northern Center, Ontario Room, Marquette, MI

The evening begins with a social hour and cash bar at 5:30 pm. Followed by dinner service at 6:30pm. Our keynote speaker is Past International President Jimmy M. Ross. The evening's entertainment includes; harpist, Nancy Zimmerman and The Derrell Syria Project, good listening and dancing!

RSVP and make your meal choice by following this link to our digital sign up list, https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B044EAAA72AAAF58-marguette

Need a hotel? Go to: <u>www.travelmarquette.com</u>. Please note, due to a hockey tournament in town that weekend, hotel rooms are limited.

For more information or for help with your RSVP, contact: Lion Gretchen Preston at <a href="mailto:prestongretchen@qmail.com">prestongretchen@qmail.com</a> or call her at 906.249.1131

Marquette Lions Club Chartered October 14, 1919

# Grand Rapids Lions Club 100th Anniversary Celebration



**Business & Community Service Leaders Supporting Vision Since 1919** 

DATE: November 6, 2019
LOCATION: 20 Monroe Live

TIME: 5:30pm Reception

6:15pm Dinner/Program

8pm Concert

#### Helen Keller Sponsor - \$2,500

- · Priority Seating Table for 10
- VIP Reception
- · Name & Logo on Banner
- · Name & Logo on Video Banner
- Name & Logo on Program

#### Melvin Jones Sponsor - \$1,000

- Table for 10
- · Cocktail Hour, Dinner & Concert

Tickets - \$125 per person

· Dinner & Concert Only

Registration

- ☐ YES, I would like to register as a **Presenting Sponsor** for The Grand Rapids Lions Club 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration
- YES, I would like to register as a **Helen Keller Sponsor** for The Grand Rapids Lions Club 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration
- YES, I would like to register as a **Melvin Jones Sponsor** for The Grand Rapids Lions Club 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration
- YES, I would like to purchase \_\_\_\_\_tickets for The Grand Rapids Lions Club 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration
- I am unable to attend the Grand Rapids Lions Club 100<sup>th</sup>
  Anniversary Celebration but would like to make a contribution of
  \_\_\_\_\_ to the Grand Rapids Lions Club charities.

RSVP by mail to: Cheryl Anderson 1045 Lumina Drive Jenison, MI 49428 For more information, call Cheryl Anderson at 616-443-1995 or email at andersoc@gvsu.edu.

Make Checks Payable to the Grand Rapids Lions Club charities The Lions Leadership Institute is a unique opportunity for individuals to learn and develop lifelong leadership skills, which can be applied to their job, their Lions Club, and their life.



#### **EVENT INFORMATION**

Date: November 8-10, 2019 Friday morning through Sunday noon

Location: R.A. MacMullan Center 104 Conservation Drive Roscommon, MI 48653

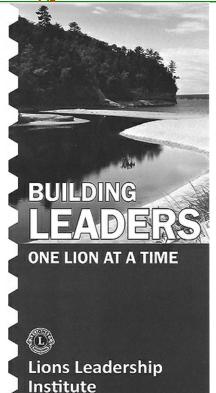
The center features a casual atmosphere on the north shore of beautiful Higgins Lake. It is easily accessed from US-127.

\$225/per person

Fee Includes registration, course materials, two night's lodging and six meals



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R.A. MacMullan Center Higgins Lake, MI

Last Name:

November 8-10, 2019

#### UNITING TALENT WITH OPPORTUNITY

The Leadership Institute is an opportunity for Lions to develop

Classes actively involve participants in the learning process and enable them to experience the concepts presented. The Institute features a variety of classes including..

- > team building
- > conflict resolution
- > personal effectiveness > personality styles
- > four R's of leadership
- > listening & speaking skills > managing change

#### > WHY ATTEND A LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE FOR LIONS?



Training equips Lions with the motivation, knowledge and skills to ensure that a high level of service is provided. It develops more leaders, and more leaders translates into greater service. Training makes Lions more effective.



Attending the Leadership Institute gives participants the tools and confidence to become more effective leaders. The skills learned can be applied to their job, their Lions Club and their everyday lives.



Participants learn key components of team building. By sharing ideas, success stories and humanitarian endeavors, Lions learn how to influence membership

influence membership and become more open-minded and receptive to change.

How will the institute improve Michigan Lionism?

The Leadership Institute provides each district with a pool of trained leaders. Lionism is also improved by creating more responsive and dynamic Lions Clubs throughout Michigan.

#### PARTICIPANT QUALIFICATIONS & SELECTION PROCESS

The Michigan Lions Leadership Institute focuses on building the skills of emerging Lion leaders at the club, zone, region and district levels.

All Lions in good standing who wish to develop or improve their leadership skills are eligible to apply. Club and district officers are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to learn life-long skills.

Applicants should demonstrate a desire to improve their leadership skills.

Applicants must be willing to commit to the entire program (Friday morning through Sunday noon), followed by life-long personal growth.

Because of space limitations and the anticipated high number of applications to be received, acceptance into the institute is not guaranteed. After screening the applications, the Institute Planning Committee will notify you of your acceptance.

> The Michigan Lions Institute Planning Committee maintains the quality of all aspects of the institute, including program, faculty, and the selection of participants.

> > How can all of this be

The Institute is partially funded through a grant from LCI's Leadership Division. Lions Clubs and Districts also provide a portion of the cost of the Institute. In addition, a registration fee is paid by participants.

#### APPLICATION FORM

DEADLINE: OCTOBER 7, 2019

First Name:	
Address:	
City:	
State:	Zip:
Phone:	
e-mail:	
Have you previously atte	ended a Michigan Lions
Leadership Institute?	☐ Yes ☐ No
Club Name:	
Lion Lioness Leo (cir	cle one)
District #yrs	s. a member
OFFICES YO	U HAVE HELD:
Club Level-	
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Multiple District Level-

PAYMENT OPTIONS

☐ Enclosed is my check for \$225.00

Position:

CREDIT CAR	RD:	
☐ Visa	☐ Master Card	☐ Discover
Card No.: _		
CID No.:	Exp Date:	
Signature:		
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Send to: Lions Leadership Institute 5730 Executive Drive, Lansing, MI 48911



#### **Event Information**

Date: November 8-10, 2019 Friday morning through

Location: R.A. MacMullan Center 104 Conservation Drive, Roscommon, MI 48653

The training center is located on the northern shore of pristine Higgins Lake. The MacMullan Conference Center provides a quiet, casual atmosphere where you can benefit from self-discovery and wander through a natural experience.

The MacMullan Center is easily accessed from US-127.

per person

#### Participant Qualifications

The purpose of the Lions Graduate Institute is to expand on skills learned at the Lions Leadership Institute. The curriculum focuses on techniques and concepts that will enhance the quality and overall effectiveness of Lion leaders. In order to attend, participants must have completed the Lions Leadership Institute.

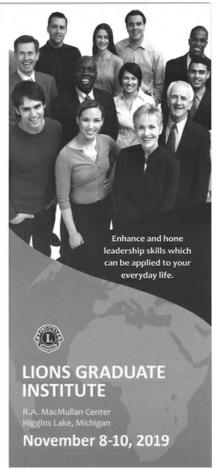
Qualified candidates are members who want to become effective leaders through advanced leadership training, presentation skills and project management.

Applicants must be willing to commit to the entire program (Friday morning -Sunday noon). Attendance at classroom sessions is mandatory.

Graduates of this Institute are expected to utilize their skills in training events at all levels of Lionism.



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Class activity directly involves participants in the learning process. Challenging activities encourage communication and problem solving, and enable participants to experience the concepts presented.



Training equips Lions with the motivation. knowledge and skills to ensure that a high level of service is provided.

It develops more leaders, and more leaders translates into greater service. Training makes Lions more effective.

"stand up" delivery skills, but important in conveying your delivery skills for effective trainers including:

- . Eye contact and movement
- . Tone, pace, and expression · Movement and posture
- · Appropriate language usage

#### Leadership Skills

Leadership is a key skill for all Lions. Being an effective leader means taking iniative, being open to diverse opinions and encouraging creativity and

Part of being an effective leader is knowing how to talk about the Lions organization. Learn how to communicate who Lions are, what they do and how their services enrich lives.

#### Training Benefits

Training is vital to the growth, health and future of the Lions organization. Yes, "We Serve," but the quality of our service depends upon the quality of training.

Training can also influence membership. Through sharing ideas, success stories, and humanitarian endeavors, training unites Lions and solidifies their commitment to service. Today's volunteers view opportunities for personal and professional growth as a primary motive for volunteering. Organizations that provide training enhance the volunteer experience by meeting the needs of the community and the member simultaneously. Training is just one more way Lions Clubs can enrich the lives of

Through training, individual Lions can grow personally and professionally, expand their knowledge and skill base, and enhance leadership and organizational skills.

#### Selection Process

Because of space limitations and the anticipated high number of and the anticipated nigh number of applications to be received, acceptance into the institute is not guaranteed. After screening the applications, the institute Planning Committee will notify you of your acceptance.

The Michigan Lions Institute Planning Committee maintains the quality of all aspects of the institute, including program, faculty, and the selection of participants.

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#### APPLICATION FORM

DEADLINE: OCTOBER 7, 2019

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(CUT ALONG DOTTED LINE)	Address:
3110	City:
DLIN	State: Zip:
0 -	Phone:
7	e-mail:
	What year did you attend the
	Leadership Institute?
	Club Name:
-	Lion Lioness Leo (circle one)
1	District #yrs. a member
and the	Highest Lions office held
OB.	
A	PAYMENT OPTIONS
111 11	☐ Enclosed is my check for \$225.00
70)	CREDIT CARD:
2	☐ Visa ☐ Master Card ☐ Discover
4	Card No.:
1	CID No.: Exp Date:
11	Signature:

Send application and check to: Lions Graduate Institute 5730 Executive Drive Lansing, MI 48911



Thank you to the more than 105 Lions & Lioness Clubs that raised more than \$50,000 to honor Michigan Lions at Eversight in Ann Arbor!



Eversight has a new headquarters at 3985 Research Park Drive, Ann Arbor. Our new community boardroom will honor and recognize Michigan Lions' contributions to sight.

Thanks to your support, this special space in our new home will provide a beautiful venue for both Eversight and Lions Clubs meetings whenever you need a place to call your own.

"I am overwhelmed by the generosity of the many Lions and Lionesses who raised funds for the facility." -David Bosch, Eversight President/CEO

The community boardroom recognition and dedication will be unveiled in 2020. In the meantime, all Lion and Lioness clubs are invited to reserve the space for meetings. Contact Philanthropy Director Alex Teska for details.

Be sure to follow Eversight on all social media channels to stay connected, share our mission and help make vision a reality. Together, Lions and Eversight continue to serve those in need of sight-restoring therapies.





Making vision a reality





Dear 2019-2020 Lion and Lioness Leaders:

We would like to invite you out to Ann Arbor for an evening of all things Eversight!

We will be sharing up-to-date information, ways to get involved, the future of eye banking and of course, tours of our new facility!

Joining us will allow you to keep your district informed and help us continue to advance the gift of sight....

When: October 11th 4:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Where: Our BRAND NEW headquarters: 3985 Research Park Dr. Ann Arbor, MI 48108

What: A fun evening of learning and sharing about the gift of sight, tours of our new building and a delicious BBQ dinner!

RSVP: to ateska@eversightivision.org by Friday, September 27th

\*\*For those that are interested in accommodations, we have a discounted rate available at the **Kensington Hotel** (3500 South State St. Ann Arbor, MI 48108). Please call: (734) 761-7800 and mention "Eversight" – all rooms must be booked by **Monday, Sept. 30th.** 

Please let me know if you have any questions – we look forward to a great year!

Warmly

Alex

#### Alex Teska

Director of Philanthropy

Eversight | eversightvision.org | (734) 780-2675

Please note: We're moving! As of August 19, 2019, our address is 3985 Research Park Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48108. Please update your records accordingly. On Monday, August 12, and Tuesday, August 13, direct (734) telephone numbers to Eversight staff will be disabled due to our office relocation. During that time, you can reach me by cell phone or email. As of August 14, you can once again reach me at my office number above.

#### **Lions District 11-E2**



#### Request to Sponsor Project KidSight Vision Screening

Any Lions Club in District 11-E2 can sponsor a Project Kid Sight Screening, to be conducted with or without the KidSight Vision screening trailer. To sponsor a screening, please provide the following information to:

#### **KidSight District Coordinator:**

Dr. Nate Slezak

Phone: 989-657-1995

E-mail: bignate34@gmail.com

Date of Screening:

Event: (county fair, health fair, Head Start, Early Head Start, Schools)

**Event Location:** Street Address\_

\_\_\_\_Zip:\_\_\_\_\_County\_\_

Site Contact: Name

Email

Club Contact: Name:

Email The KidSight Trailer will \_\_\_will not\_\_\_\_be required.

Lion Dr. Nate Slezak will assign a project number for the screening and schedule a technician to conduct the screening. Club members can assist at the screening by passing out brochures and assisting parents to complete the consent forms.

This is your opportunity to serve your community and perhaps be part of correcting a young person's vision so that they can see and read better, enhancing their ability to learn.

# MyLion **Training** Scheduled for District 11-E2

Central Lake Lion Marie Leathers, who also is the District Committee Chair for Website/Information Technology, has scheduled a training for the new MyLion program directly after the October Cabinet meeting. MyLion is supposed to make things easier, but like anything new, it is "easy" only when you know how to do it. If you've had issues with MyLion, you need this training. Marie's email said:

"Following the October 19 cabinet meeting at the Central Lake Veterans Center there will be MyLion for training the smartphone and desktop versions MyLion. Please bring smartphone, tablet and/or laptop. RSVP to

Lion Marie Leathers marie@centrallakerealty.com or **231-350-0286** so we can plan accordingly."

#### 2020-2021 COUNCIL CHAIR APPLICATIONS NOW ACCECPTED!

Attention all eligible Multiple District 11 Past District Governors, Immediate PDG's, District Governors and 1st VDG's: The search is on!

In accordance with the MD 11 Constitution and By-Laws, the Council Chairperson shall be a Past District Governor, Immediate Past District Governor or a seated District Governors. 1<sup>st</sup> VDGs are eligible to submit an application for consideration, as they will be a seated Governor 2020-2021. He/she shall serve for a one-year term and may not serve in that capacity again.

Notice to all eligible candidates is required and published in the Lion Pride at least 40 days prior to the application deadline. To be considered for the position, please submit a cover letter, the application form included in this publication and your resume to the Lions of Michigan State Office no later than November 8, 2019. Late applications will not be accepted.

Interviews will be conducted by the 2019-2020 MD 11- 1st Vice District Governors on Friday, **December 6**, at the Wyndham Garden Hotel, Ann Arbor. Selection of the 2020-2021 Council Chair will be made at the conclusion of the

Thank you for taking the time to consider serving the Lions of Michigan, MD 11, in this very important capacity.

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Please type or print:



#### MD 11 Council Chairperson – 2020-2021 Application Form

Last Name	First Name	Middle Initial
Spouse's Name (if applicable)		
Address	City and State	Zip/Postal Code
Residence Phone (Include Area C	Code)	Business Phone (Include Area Code)
Fax (Include Area Code)		Cell Phone (Include Area Code)
E-Mail Address		
Your Lions Club	District #	Year Served as a DG
Offices held at the club level:		
Offices held at the zone, region	, and district level (includ	ling committee assignments):
Offices held at the multiple dist	trict level (including com	mittee assignments):
Special awards, honors, and re	cognitions you have rece	ived:
Skills or talents you bring to th	e position:	



# Lions of Michigan District 11 E-2 Cabinet Meeting Minutes. August 17, 2019

<u>Cabinet Members in Attendance-</u> DG Dave Zeller, IPDG Gordon Harris, CST Barb Durflinger, IVDG Rod Leathers, 2 VDG Bill Gaines, ZC's Dennis Gocha, Chuck Brew and Steve Murch, GMT Bob Tasior <u>Cabinet Members Absent-</u> ZC William Smith

<u>Lions in Attendance-PDG's</u> Dennis Richardson and Bob Gingerich, Lions David Zimmer, CarlaJean Gingerich, Kris Roberts, Marie Leathers, Mike Smydra, Laura Smydra, Julie Haase, Les Jackson, Laure Jackson, Leslie Drury, Jerry Archer, Cal Shooks, Angie Morthland, Dave Morthland

Prior to the meeting, DG Zeller installed Laura Smyrna as a new member in the Mackinaw City Lions. Welcome Lion Laura.

The meeting was called to order at 10:07 AM by DG Zeller. The invocation was offered by 1VDG Leathers. The Pledge was led by 2VDG Gaines.

**Swearing** in of new cabinet- DG Zeller swore the 2019-20 cabinet into their new positions for the year.

<u>Secretary's Report</u> - Minutes of the May 3 1019 cabinet meeting were presented by CST Durflinger. ZC Brew moved approval with support from GMT Tasior, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report\_CST Durflinger reported the administrative account for 2018-19 had a beginning balance on 7/1/18 of \$26,428.19. Income for the fiscal year totaled \$20,791.80 and expenses were \$16,721.75, leaving an ending balance on 6/30/19 of \$30,498.24. This total is made up of \$21,197.58 of administrative funds and \$9,300.66 of convention funds. The projects account had a beginning balance of \$35,748.97, income of \$12,753.25 and expenses of \$11,222.15, leaving an ending balance of \$37,280.07 as of 6/30/19. It was moved by 1VDG Leathers, supported by 2VDG Gaines that the reports be accepted. Motion carried. The books will be delivered to the auditor for review and tax prep shortly. The proposed budget for next year was then presented. It showed income of \$18,301, expenses of \$19,092, with a projected decrease in fund balance of \$791. It was moved by ZC Brew, supported by 1VDG Leathers that the budget be adopted. Motion carried.

The financials for 2019-20 were presented showing a beginning balance in the administrative account of \$30.498.24, income of \$5,338.50 and expenses of \$8,517.97,leaving an ending balance as of 8/16/19 of \$27,318.77. There were no transactions in the projects account. It was moved by GLT Tasior, supported by 2VDG Gaines that the report be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

The dues summary was included in the packets for the cabinet. As a today 1 clubs have not paid their 1st half dues. Second requests have been sent out. In another week or so CST Durflinger will let ZC's know if there are still outstanding dues so they can contact clubs.

Old Business- Defense Against Diabetes Grant- IPDG Harris reported that 17 clubs made contributions toward the grant, but only two have expended funds. Any clubs who wish to participate may still send in a contribution toward the 3:1 matching grant. Clubs should begin working on their projects as we only have until 5/1/20 to complete activities. IPDG Harris noted that the state chair has scheduled several events in our area without contacting the local clubs or asking for their support. He will be contacting him to discuss this problem. We have several banners to display at your club events for this program. IPDG Harris has the one for the west side of the district, and CST Durflinger for the east side. Let us know when you have an event scheduled and we will get them to you.



New Business- Adoption of Policy Manual- The executive committee met previously to discuss needed updates to the policy manual. Proposed changes were sent out to cabinet, members for their review. They primarily consist of removal of reference to the Lionesses in the convention section, with a few other housekeeping items. It was moved by 2VDG Gaines, supported by 1VDG Leathers that the policy manual as revised by adopted. Motion carried. Up-to-date copies will be sen out to the cabinet and to club Presidents and Secretaries for their records.

<u>Memorial for PDG Shiemke-</u> It is customary for the district to make a contribution to a state project in memory of deceased PDG's. It was moved by GLT Tasior, supported by ZC Gocha that we make a contribution of \$100 in memory to PDG Shiemke to the Lions of MI All State Band. Motion carried.

**Recap from Council of Governor's Meeting-DG** Zeller reported that PCC Justin Farber was elected as International Director at the Intl convention in Milan, joining a distinguished group of Michigan ID's.

He reported that financially the state is in good shape, but the state level is also dependent on dues, and the decreasing Michigan membership may lead to a future problem.

The state IT chair, Ray Robbins, has helped make arrangements for most neetings now to be able to take place using Zoom so that we don't always have to travel to Lansing for meetings.

He reminded everyone that the Leadership Institute is coming up at Higgins Lake on Nov 8-10. He encouraged clubs to consider paying for one of their members to attend.

There are students who wish to come to the US, but have no place to stay. If you are interested in participating in Youth Exchange, let DG Zeller know.

The MD-11 convention will be held in Holland at the Doubletree on May 15-16

The Michigan Forum will be held on 2/21 in Grand Blanc. There will be a service project on Friday night. It is a great opportunity for learning and camaraderie with fellow Lions.

<u>GMT Report-</u> GMT Tasior turned in a written report. He added that clubs should go to the Intl website and do an annual survey to make sure they are serving their members and their community. Mike Smydra of the MC Lions commented that dues are often a barrier to membership and wondered if the district could pay a member's first year dues. ZC Brew noted that their club already pays the initiation fee, and that the district does not have the funds to pay member dues. It was also pointed out that in the past a Lion paid the dues for members of 6 new clubs, and within two years all of them had failed.

**Zone Chair Reports** - ZC Gocha turned in a written report. ZC Brew reported that he had visited two clubs so far. ZC Murch has been in touch with clubs and is scheduling visits. 2VDG (acting R2,Z1 chair) Gaines has visited two clubs. PDG Gingerich volunteered to fill the vacant chair for Region 2, Zone 2...

#### Committee Reports

Written Reports were provided by the following Committees:

All State Band - Lion Les Jackson, Bear Lake Camp - IPDG Harris, Constitution and By-Laws - DG Zeller, District Editor - Lion Zimmer, District Peace Poster - PDG Stenback, Environmental - PDG Bodem, Eversight - PDG Richardson, LCIF - PDG Durflinger, Liaison - DG Zeller, Lioness Liaison - Lion Carole Schultz, Lions of Michigan Foundation - PDG Durflinger, Medical Assistance - Lion Clairene Jorella, Michigan Forum - DG Zeller. Pediatric Cancer - 1VDG Leathers, Project Kidsight - Lion Slezak, Strategic Planning - DG Zeller, USA/Canada Forum - DG Zeller, Website/IT - Lion Marie Leathers

<u>Oral Reports- District Convention- 2019 - DG</u> Zeller reported that the 2019 convention was a success. There were 130 attendees, and a profit of \$1435.42 was returned to the convention fund. Next year's convention will be held in West Branch from 4/24-4/26, hosted by the Rose City Lions Club. DG Zeller commented that hosting the convention is a tremendous amount of work for a club, and he feels that they should be rewarded with a portion of the profits from the convention.



After some discussion it was moved by ZC Brew, supported by ZC Gingerich that profits over \$500 be returned to the host club, but only if the convention fund has a balance of over \$5000. Motion carried CST Durflinger will make the necessary changes to the policy manual and send the revised copy to the Cabinet for review prior to releasing it to club presidents and secretaries.

**Eversight -** PDG Richardson reported that this year there were 37 corneal transplants in our district. We were the second highest district in giving to Eversight, with a total of \$15,550. Eversight's new headquarters building is now open. Donate Life Day is in April. Clubs are encouraged to participate in the effort to raise our donor base from 70% to 80%. DG Zeller commented that clubs can set up tables at other community events to pass out information. It is not necessary to wait until April. PDG Richardson is available to make presentations at zone or club meetings.

<u>Kidsight trailer - PDG</u> Durflinger reported that the trailer would be more usable at screening events with an attached awning, and it could use some storage cabinets. We have almost \$4,600 in the Kidsight fund, so there is plenty of money available. It was moved by ZC Brew supported by IPDG Harris that we spend up to \$2,000 for a canopy and cabinets. Motion carried. PDG Durflinger ill get quotes for the canopy, and Kidsight Co-Chair Linda Harris will investigate cabinets.

<u>Website/IT -</u> Lion Marie Leathers reported that she is working on getting more information on the district website. She would like us to purchase the domain name lionsdistrict11e2.org. It can be set up to forward users to the existing website. The current cost is \$11.80/year. It was moved by ZC Brew, supported by ZC Gingerich that we purchase the domain name. Motion carried. She reminded everyone that we also have a Facebook page.

**Announcements/Audience Comments** - Central Lake Lion Cal Shooks announced their golf scramble on 9/30. All golfers are welcome. For those participating in the Labor Day Bridge Walk, the Mackinaw City Lions will again be parking cars. PDG Durflinger announced she has Hillman Lions Club rifle raffle tickets for sale.

**VDG Comments** - VDG Leathers reported on his recent trip to Leader Dog. He noted that it costs \$42,000 to raise and train each dog. Currently Leader Dog serves 1000 active clients. There are 1.2 million visually impaired people, with 75,000 more added to this number every year. There was a great testimonial during his visit, which reminded him that all it takes is one Lion to make a life changing difference for someone. We should all remember that we might be that one person.

**2VDG Gaines** noted that the letter requesting nominations for the District Melvin Jones Fellowship will be going out by the 1st of November. He encouraged clubs to look at their members and nominate someone with DISTRICT LEVEL service for the Fellowship.

**DG Comments** - DG Zeller reminded clubs to turn in their activities to Lion Zimmer for the newsletter. Event dates, zone meetings, etc. should all be going into the newsletter. He also noted that if anyone has comments or complaints they should contact him.

With no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at noon. The next meeting will be at 10 AM October 19 at the Central Lake Veterans Center.

Respectfully submitted, PDG Barb Durflinger Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer

<u>Note</u>: Due to space limitations only the Cabinet Minutes are printed here. Future issues will contain some of the reports from the meeting.



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<sup>+</sup> P Priority Club. Cancellation Reasons: 1-Objectives/conduct, 2-Non-active club, 5-Non-existing club, 5-Disbanding, 7-Merger, 8-Financial Suspension, 9-Disbrict/Multiple Disbrict Dues.

<sup>\*\* -</sup> Abbrevision: P-President, 8-Becretary, T-Treasurer, M-Member Chairperson, VP-First Vice President, MC-Communications Chairperson, 8C-Bervice Chairperson

<sup>\*\*\* -</sup> Abbreviation: NR - Never reported using the Lions Clubs website, N/A - Not applicable, No password registered for the Lions Clubs website.

<sup>\*\*\* -</sup> Abbreviation: N - New, IP - Immediate Past, R - Repeat.



# Calendar of Events

SEPTEMBER 2019

Autumnal Equinox — Fall begins on September 23, 2019

OCTOBER 2019

**District Cabinet Meeting/MyLion Training**— October 19, 2019 — Central Lake Veterans Center — 10:00 am — Cabinet meeting, and MyLion app & desktop training: Bring smart phone, tablet and/or laptop. RSVP to Lion Marie Leathers at marie@centrallakerealty.com or 231-350-0286 to register.

NOVEMBER 2019

**Lions Leadership Institute** — November 08-10, 2019 — R.A. MacMillan Center, Higgins Lake, MI — \$225 — Registration deadline October 7, 2019

Lions Graduate Institute —November 08-10, 2019 — R.A. MacMillan Center, Higgins Lake, MI — \$225 — Registration deadline October 7, 2019

JANUARY 2020

District Cabinet Meeting — January 18, 2020 — Cabinet Meeting. Details to follow.

FEBRUARY 2020

Michigan Forum — February 21, 2020 — Holiday Inn, Grand Blanc — Details to follow.

APRIL 2020

**District Convention** — April 24-26, 2020 — Quality Inn, West Branch — Details to follow.

**District Cabinet Meeting** — April 25, 2020 — Quality Inn, West Branch — Details to follow.

TUNE 2020: LCI Convention - June 26, 2020 - Singapore



# PASSINGS None Reported



# NEW MEMBERS

**None Reported** 

On the Mend

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# Boyne Valley Lions July

Membership: 34 Members as of 07/31/2019

#### <u>August</u>

#### Don't Pollute Decals in Place

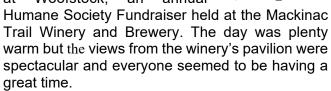
Boyne Valley Lions and partner(s) chose a beautiful day to get out and get decals placed by the city sewers. All decals should have been placed by the end of August.

There are some decals that still need placing. Anyone having trouble getting out and getting it done, let King Lion John or Secretary Larry know and we'll find some helpers. Leftover decals or glue are to be returned to King Lion John Cool so it can be returned or used by those who were short.

Thanks to all who participated and great job Lions!

#### **Rallying Around Woofstock**

This was BVLs first time serving at Woofstock, an annual



From furry friends digging through sandy pools to kids on hay rides and adults sampling sips of the winery's fruity best there was something for everyone, and when man or beast was tired and hungry the Boyne Valley Lions were there to serve. While business wasn't as brisk as we would have hoped, it was a positive experience and the well oiled and organized group had a chance to try out some new best practices for future use.



Lions Ralph, LeAnn, James, Larry, Clare, Julie, John Cool, and Jim Served at the event

**Boyne Valley Lions Club August Donations**United Way - \$211.00 toward support of the 211 number.

#### **Central Lake Lions**

#### **August**

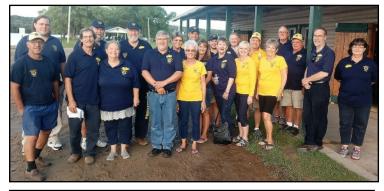
Central Lake Lions and Lioness clubs had a successful Barn Sale raising \$7,124. The next Lions fundraiser is the annual Golf Scramble, and the next Lioness fundraiser is the annual Fashion Show. See attached flyer below and the golf registration form on the next page for details.



#### **East Jordan Lions**

#### **August**

The East Jordan Lions Club served 600 chicken dinners to seniors at the annual Lions/Rotary Club Senior picnic at Tourist Park, which the Rotary hosted. A program was presented on the Depot, a teen center in East Jordan.







# 19<sup>TH</sup> Annual Central Lake Lions Club Golf Scramble

(AKA, Jerry Simowski Golf Scramble)

When: Monday, September 30, 2019
Where: Antrim Dells Golf Course
Times: Registration at 10:30 AM
Tee Time: 12:00 Noon Shotgun Start

Fee: \$60.00 Per Player /\$240.00 Team

Fee includes 18 holes of golf, cart and buffet dinner (**Tip is not included**; **we will pass a hat**). Non-golfers are invited for dinner at \$20.00 a person; however, Antrim Dells can accommodate only 150 dinners. Golfers have guaranteed dinner tickets, but only a small number of non-golfer dinner tickets are available on a "first come first serve" basis.

This scramble is **limited to 128 persons /32 Teams**. **Register** now to ensure your team's place in this event. Complete the following registration form and mail it in by Wednesday, September 25, 2019, along with \$60.00 per player (cash or check payable to the Central Lake Lions Club **for the entire team**) to

Bill Stenback Central Lake Lions Club PO Box 242 Central Lake MI 49622-0242 231-544-6522

List your team below. Only the captains may register their team.

	PRINT Player's Name	Phone	Am't. Paid
Captain 1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			

#### Dinners only:

	PRINT Name	Am't. Paid
1.		
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Registration form must be accompanied by check/cash for the entire team.

No refunds will be issued.

Golf proceeds benefit Central Lake Lions Club projects.
\*\*Lunch, available at the Club House, is not included in the fee.



# Hubbard Lake Lions August



Hubbard Lake Lion Ken Lobert is presented the William "Doc" Barr Knights for Vision Fellowship by President Ray Marshke at the Hubbard Lake Lion's Park.



Hubbard Lake Lion Herb Kitzman is presented the Charles Weir Sight Conservation Fellowship by President Ray Marshke

#### Oscoda Lions

#### **August**

Oscoda Lions Club built another ramp today. Lions Tony and Chuck and Barb Brinkman are in the pictures

Lions Tony, Bill Gaines. and Chuck built a 10' ramp and platform for Barb Brinkman today. She tried it out a couple of times and seems real happy with it. They started at 8 am and finished by 1 pm. The reward was the satisfaction of a iob well done and helping someone in need, plus a lunch provided by Barb.



WE SERVE!!

#### **Petoskey Lions**

#### <u>August</u>

The Petoskey Lions, borrowing the District Trailer, screened young children for vision and hearing problems on Friday, August 16, at the Petoskey Festival By the Bay.

Despite a few glitches with the technical instruments, starting with setup problems and a wireless keyboard that failed to work, we managed to screen a range of young children. Lion Julie Haase brought hearing equipment to evaluate young children, and some parents who asked to have their hearing checked.

Results from the Screenings:

- 31 children Vision Screened, 2 referrals.
- 32 children Hearing Screened, 8 referrals
- 6 adult Hearing Screened, 6 referrals

Thanks to Lions Julie Haase, Ray Johnson, Hubert Hayes, and David Zimmer, and to volunteering family members Aaliyah (Julie's niece), Rose Ross, and Lynne Zimmer, and to Don Haase for driving his truck to pull the District Trailer to and from the event.



#### **Editor's Notes**

by Lion David J. Zimmer

September — Summer slipped by like a meteor, a momentary streak of light, a blink of the eye. And now September brings us to the end of Summer and the beginning of Autumn, a.k.a. Fall. (In fact, Autumn is the only season with <u>2</u> designations - Winter is Winter, Spring is Spring, and Summer is Summer, but Autumn is called "Autumn" or "Fall" in the U.S. and some other countries.)

The term "Fall" accurately describes the leaves that, after turning their brilliant colors, fall from their branches to the ground. Fall is also when: students go back to school, Nature's bounty is harvested, football returns, many bird species (and human "snowbirds") congregate to begin their migration south

to warmer locations, shorts are replaced with long pants, and the Autumnal Equinox shifts us into months when nights are longer than days

The annual season of transition from Summer to Winter, begins as typical Summer weather and ends with the first arrival of Winter's snow and ice. Some may lament this transition, but it is not without its good points. Besides the aforementioned leaf colors on display, there are fewer insects to bug us on our outdoor forays, and nearly zero sweltering hot days that require air conditioning for survival. In Northern Michigan, at least, we don't have a "peak Hurricane" season. Many cite September as their favorite month of the year. Hopefully we'll have pleasant September weather patterns of mild temperatures and rain less than half of the days of the month. Like every good thing, enjoy it while we can!

**Newsletter** — I'm closing in on reaching my first year doing this newsletter for District 11-E2. It's been a year of learning and struggling to get past the glitches and technical obstacles that inevitably pop up.

Perhaps the most important thing I've learned is the wide scope of Lionism. Since I became a Lion in 2002, I only experienced Lions from the perspective of my local Petoskey Lions Club. I was aware of the Lions Clubs International, the LCI Foundation and other Lion organizations from reading about them, but they were just concepts, not "real" factors in my Lion life. We had visits from District Governors and other leaders over the years, but that didn't really connect me to the awareness of all that was out in the world of Lionism. I participated if possible, in all our local events and fundraisers, did the Petoskey Club newsletter, volunteered, helping people in our community and beyond - that was what I knew about being a Lion.

Since I accepted the post of District 11-E2 Newsletter Editor I've been exposed to a much wider view of the Lions world. I am totally blown away by the incredible scope of Lionism, the creativity, the hard work, and the commitment to volunteerism for helping others shown by the Clubs that exist in this District and around the world. I see Clubs in our District doing wonderful things, building things, donating large sums to people and groups that need help. I see how committed our District and International Leaders are to carrying out the Lions Mission despite all obstacles. I had no inkling of what was going on "out there" a year ago, but boy, have my eyes been opened!

Which brings me to this point. The purpose of this newsletter is <u>communication</u>, to <u>connect all of us to each other</u>. I include articles from the LCI, the higher organizations and their leadership at the International level, from our District leadership, and from Clubs, to provide a spectrum of ideas and events that make up Lionism. You've heard from the leadership, but Communication is a 2-way process. I'd like to hear from <u>ANY</u> Lions Club members, no matter at what level - your ideas, your stories of something special you've experienced as a Lion, ways to do better, anything inspiring or significant. There is so much out there that needs to be shared for the awareness of all. You are doing marvelous and important things for others, share this with the rest of us.

— David Zimmer, District 11-E2 Newsletter Editor

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

\* <u>Photos:</u> Should be 300 pixels for good quality. <u>Include names of individuals in photos</u>, and/or describe <u>what the photo is showing. Text:</u> Include dates and names (if applicable) for all events submitted.

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