DISTRICT 11-E2 NEWSLETTER



Notable Quote: "In our work and in our living, we must recognize that difference is a reason for celebration and growth, rather than a reason for destruction."

SEPTEMBER 2020

- Audre Lorde"



Rod Leathers,
District Governor

District Governor's Message

Hello Lions of 11-E2,

I can't believe it is time for another newsletter already. I hope everyone is well and roaring. I hope we are all meeting safely and doing what we Lions do. "We Serve". I would like to hear what your club is doing and your ideas on ways to Serve during COVID. The more we learn from each other the better we can Serve our communities. A good way to share your ideas is right here in the newsletter. Have someone in your club submit a letter each month on what your club has done.

We still need to be working on increasing our membership. So far we have added 7 members but we also have dropped 5

members. During our last Council of Governors meeting our district was recognized as one of only 3 districts with a positive growth in membership. Let's keep our numbers increasing and stay positive. In our membership challenge Central Lake and Hale are leading with 2 new members. Atlanta, Charlevoix, and Oscoda have 1. Lets every club try to bring at least 1 new member this month and get our numbers well into the positive range. Remember the first club to add 10 new members (transfers only count if they are from a club out of our district) I will donate \$100 to LCIF in your club name.

Don't forget our next Cabinet meeting will be on October 10th at 10 am in Central Lake. At 10:10 I will have my hair, beard, and mustache cut off in support of Pediatric Cancer programs. We are halfway to our goal of \$7,500. Let's take it the rest of the way. You can donate by going to our district website lionsdistrict11e2.org or centrallakelions.org.

We rezoned our zones. You can check it out on the district web page to see who your ZC is.

"WE SERVE"

— DG Rod Leathers



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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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LCI President's Message

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

Dear Lion,

Our service has the power to achieve a greater good for all—and great service begins with you. You are the innovators who keep your community strong, and that's why it's so important to continue to learn and develop new ways to enhance your service.

Your compassion and experience are your best resources, and we have the tools and training to help you transform your knowledge into action. And as you continue to serve safely within your community, we will continue to do everything we can to help you accomplish the extraordinary.

Regards,

Dr. Jung-Yul Choi International President





A New Adventure in Learning Join Us!



You can experience the Forum this year in a new way! Join us for the USA/Canada Lions Virtual Leadership Experience. Although we aren't able to facilitate the 80 wonderful seminars that were planned for Louisville, the Forum Planning Committee is excited to present 19 sessions you can attend virtually. It's easy and affordable.

If you have never attended a USA/Canada Lions
Leadership Forum, our Virtual Leadership
Experience will give an opportunity to
understand what we do for your leadership
growth in a scaled down version. Our mission
is to develop leaders, motivate and educate
attendees, provide an open exchange of ideas,
and support programs and goals of Lions Clubs
International. We have created a virtual
experience filled with seminars that enhance
your leadership skills and knowledge. The
Virtual Leadership Experience is for every Lion.

Choose from 19 sessions that will educate you on programs and services like a Childhood Cancer Symposium, Faces of Diabetes Innovation, how to approach the younger generation about Lions, projects for women and families, learning more with NAMI and so much more.

Complete Event Registration Fee 3 Days - 2 Hour Sessions

General Sessions Keynotes



Katherine Greenland Katherine is a cultural innovator and inclusion strategist with over 20 years of experience as a public speaker, team builder and advisor.



Dr. Jung-Yul Choi, President LCI Dr. Choi will speak on the services and programs of LCI and give us insight on being United with Kindness and Diversity.



Striker Corbin As a motivational speaker, certified hypnotist, and success coach, Striker Corbin focuses on personal development.

Learn More - Register Now!

https://members.lionsforum.org/event-3925061





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FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 25, 2020

8:00-9:15 PM Eastern Time GENERAL SESSION

Welcome by General Chair Harvey Whitley - Tribute to VP Haynes Townsend - KEYNOTE Katherine Greenland

9:15-10:15 PM Eastern time PLEASE CHOOSE ONE

NAMI-What's All the Buzz about Kindness and Diversity?

LCI Digital Programs

Diverse Projects and Activities to Engage Women and Families

How to Successfully Sponsor Clubs on Campus

Jerome Thompson, PID Jayaram Balachander Sangeeta Jatia, PID Paul Baker and Brett Rosenblum

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 26, 2020

11:00-Noon Eastern Time GENERAL SESSION

International President Dr. Jung-Yul Choi - International Director Justin Faber - LCIF Chairperson Gudrun Yngvadottir and KaSondra Byrd

12:15-2:00 PM Childhood Cancer Symposium with Four Diamonds and Penn State Health Children's Hospital

For those not participating in the Symposium, there are two one-hour sessions.

12:15-1:15 PM Eastern Time PLEASE CHOOSE ONE

NAMI-Individual District Enhancement Plans

Dealing Kindly with Contentious Members

Campaign 100

How to Start a Leo Club Where Diversity and Kindness Matter

VPs Doug Alexander, Brian Sheehan, and Dr. Patti Hill

Ed Farrington, PID

Joe Preston and Judge Brian Stevenson, PIPs Mahesh Chitnis, PCC and Leo Ojas Chitnis

1:15-2:15 PM Eastern Time PLEASE CHOOSE ONE

NAMI-Building Success through Kindness

Reflections from Our Founding Fathers

Zone Meetings: Secrets of Success

How Do We Approach the Younger Generation?

Ron Seybold

Joe Wroblewski and Judge Brian Stevenson, PIPs,

and Lacy Presnell, PID Barbara Thompson

Daniel Marney Elkins, VDG

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 27, 2020

2:30-3:00 PM Eastern Time GENERAL SESSION

Recognition of Sponsors and NAMI Pilot Districts

3:00-4:00 PM Eastern Time PLEASE CHOOSE ONE

Faces of Diabetes Innovation: Racing Toward a Cure

Young Lions—Diverse Leadership Skills Contribute to a Successful Future

Attracting and Retaining Great Lions through Diversity

Debunking the Membership Myths

Legal Issues

City of Hope Kyle Boutilier A.P. Singh, PID Malcolm Kirwan, PCC Sarah Levy

4:00-5:30 PM Eastern Time CLOSING SESSION

KEYNOTE with Striker Corbin

Thank you - General Chairperson Harvey Whitley

Racing Ahead to Des Moines with Wendy Cain, PDG and Jerry Inman, PCC AND the Catch Des Moines Team

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Fundraising Figures

Thank you for a great year! Even with the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, Lions continued supporting LCIF and Campaign 100, and for that, we say thanks. As of June 30, 2020, here's where we stood:

Total Funds Raised Globally Since 2017 \$155.6 Million

Total Funds Raised FY 19-20, CA I **\$6,472,314**

Club Participation FY 19-20, CA I **54%**

Note: Total as of June 30, 2020

From PIP Joe and PID Jenny

Greetings Faithful LCIF Coordinator.

With July's arrival, we turned the page and began a new Lions year. We'd like to extend a special welcome to those who are new to their critical position of LCIF coordinator and express our tremendous gratitude to the coordinators who have committed to staying the course through Campaign 100's conclusion, June 30, 2022.

We are now more than halfway to our campaign goal of raising \$300 million. It's an exciting milestone that bodes well for our ultimate goal of serving hundreds of millions of people around the globe each year.

We would like to thank everyone for their patience during the system outage in Oak Brook. When Campaign 100 reporting resumed, we began operating in our "new normal." We realize many clubs are not able to meet in person, and know that many have pivoted to gather virtually. For those whose clubs meet online, now is the time to get on the agenda and speak about LCIF and *Campaign 100: LCIF Empowering Service*. Educating Lions about our foundation and the power it has to exponentially increase our service impact is critical to our success.

Many clubs have had to cancel their major fundraisers or have experienced diminished results. However, clubs are still finding ways to raise campaign funds, partner with LCIF, and provide meaningful service to their communities. Share their strategies and successes, and help us assess what's going on in your district or multiple district by reporting back to us.

So much changed since our Model Club Challenge began. When the challenge concluded, the results were remarkable. Drumroll, please... We surpassed our goal of 100 additional Model Clubs! This is amazing considering the coronavirus (COVID-19) hit halfway through our effort. We were the only constitutional area to reach its goal! New Model Clubs brought in more than \$1.9 million in cash and pledges. Congratulations, you ROCK! Thanks to everyone who put in the additional effort to reach our goal and help us assume the leadership position among all constitutional areas!

Thank you for all you do. for serving safely, and for making the most of Lions year 2020-2021.

In kindness,

Joe Preston. Past International President Campaign 100 Chairperson, CA I

Jenny Ware. Past International Director Campaign 100 Vice Chairperson, CA I



*LCIF Info from website





(From an email sent to Club Presidents, Club First Vice Presidents, Club Secretaries, Club Treasurers)

Dear Lions Club Officer,

Congratulations on your term as a club officer of your Lions club! You hold a unique position to empower your Lions club and guide it to success during your term.

Here are some helpful tools as you begin your term.

Webpages and e-Books

Take a minute to visit the webpage designed for your position. Each page provides materials and resources as well as e-Books to assist you as you begin to serve in your new role.

- Club President/First Vice President
- Club Secretary
- Club Treasurer
- Club Membership Chairperson
- Club Service Chairperson
- Club Marketing Communications Chairperson
- Club LCIF Coordinator

<u>MyLCI</u> – Register on MyLCI today! As an officer, you will receive important information such as updated billing statements, as well as access to your club's roster to make updates. It also allows you to keep your meeting information current.

<u>MyLion</u> – Connect. Serve. Report! Use this site to report club service, plan service projects, connect with other Lions and create personal profiles.

<u>Standard Club Constitution & By-Laws</u> – Provides key club responsibilities, policies, guidelines and other helpful information to guide your club. This document may be amended and customized to meet your club's needs.

<u>Standard Club Structure</u> – Help your club officers understand their roles and responsibilities in the new Standard Club Structure. The sample structure includes the officers, board of directors and standing committees. This provides guidance to the overview of your club's layout.

If you are a Facebook user, visit us at <u>Improving Lions Club Quality</u> where you will find helpful information from Lions around the world. You can post questions, comments, stories and share new ideas to improve your club's quality.

We look forward to supporting you and your club. Please contact us if you have any questions by phone at (630) 468-7084 or (630) 468-6890 or email us at clubofficers@lionsclubs.org.

Sincerely,

Your District and Club Administration Division Support Team



Lions of Michigan

District 11 E-2

Cabinet Meeting Minutes, August 15, 2020, Grayling, MI

<u>Cabinet Members in Attendance</u>- DG Leathers, CST Durflinger, 1VDG Gaines, 2VDG Drury (via Zoom), ZC Murch, GST Marie Leathers, IPDG Zeller (via Zoom)

Cabinet Members Absent - GMT Tasior, ZC's McDonell, Broome and Cool

<u>Lions in Attendance via Zoom</u> - PDG's Dennis Richardson, Bev Bodem, Gordon Harris and Lew Moeller, Lions Julie Haase, David Zimmer, Chuck Brew, Diane LeBeau, Leslie Drury, Diane Skop and Bernie Lamp. PDG Gingerich in person

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM by DG Leathers. The invocation was offered by 1VDG Gaines. The Pledge was led by DG Leathers. DG Leathers then installed the cabinet officers.

<u>Secretary's Report</u> - Minutes of the May 9, 2020 cabinet meeting were presented by CST Durflinger. ZC Murch moved approval with support from 1VDG Gaines, motion carried. There was no correspondence.

Treasurer's Report - The financials for FYE 2019-20 were presented showing a beginning balance in the administrative account of \$30,498.24, income of \$18,556.69, expenses of \$17,082.01 leaving an ending balance as of 6/30/20 of \$31,972.92. This is made up of \$22,867.73 in administration and \$9,105.19 in convention funds. The projects account had a beginning balance of \$37,280.07, income of \$29,889.76 expenses of \$26,855.31, leaving an ending balance of \$40,314.52. It was moved by ZC Murch, seconded by 1VDG Gaines that the report be accepted as presented. Motion carried. The budget for 2021 was presented, showing income of \$16,160, expenses of \$17,674, and a projected deficit of \$1,514. It was moved by 1VDG Gaines, supported by ZC Murch that the budget be accepted as presented. Motion carried. The financials for YTD 2020-21 were presented showing a beginning balance in the administrative account of \$31,972.92, income of \$6,136.14, expenses of \$5,637.46 leaving an ending balance as of 8/14/20 of \$32,471.60. This is made up of \$23,101.41 in administration and \$9,370.19 in convention funds. The projects account had a beginning balance of \$40,314.52, income of \$57.59 and expenses of \$1,000, leaving an ending balance of \$39,372.11. It was moved by ZC Murch, supported by 1VDG Gaines that the financial report be accepted as presented. Motion carried. The dues collection summary for the first half year showed 6 clubs have not yet paid their first half dues.

<u>Old Business - Fairview/Comins dues</u> - DG Leathers reported he received a dues bill for the past due balance the Fariview/Comins Club owed to International when they disbanded. ZC Murch and IPDG Zeller have been trying to contact them to see if they have funds that can be applied to their deficit, but haven't received a response. The consensus was for the cabinet to take no further action at this time.

<u>New Business - Rezoning</u> - The cabinet needs to discuss what to do about rezoning since we now have two zones without ZC's. A proposal was made for a temporary solution which will be discussed by the cabinet at a Zoom meeting that DG Leathers will call next week.

<u>COVID Guidelines</u> - DG Leathers presented the guidelines suggested by the state office for safe meetings. They will be sent to all clubs. He noted they are guidelines only, and clubs should set up their own procedures for safety when their in-person meetings resume.

GMT Report - None.

GLT Report - IPDG Zeller commented that he is working on a Zoom format for officer training. 11 -E2



<u>GST Report</u> - GST Marie Leathers turned in a written report. She added that we should begin reaching out now to our communities to determine needs for when we return to more normal activities.

Zone Chair Reports - ZC Murch reported he has reached out to his clubs. All are meeting, most in person, but some by Zoom. He is scheduling visits and a Zone meeting.

<u>Committee Reports</u> Written Reports were provided by these Committees: <u>Diabetes Awareness</u> - Lion Diane LeBeau, <u>District Editor</u> - Lion Zimmer, <u>Eversight</u> - PDG Richardson, <u>Hunger</u> - Lion Kris Roberts, <u>LCIF</u> - PDG Durflinger, <u>Lioness Liaison</u> - Lion Carole Schultz, <u>Lions of Michigan Foundation</u> - PDG Durflinger, <u>Michigan Forum</u> - DG Leathers, <u>Pediatric Cancer</u> - DG Leathers, and <u>Website/IT</u> - Lion Marie Leathers.

The following was added to the written reports- PDG Richardson reported that Eversight is finally able to do corneal transplants again. 24 Clubs in our District donated \$12,225 to Eversight last year. He asked ZC's as they hold Zoom meetings to let him make a brief presentation to their clubs . DG Leathers noted that the Lioness are holding their final meeting right now to formally disband and distribute their funds. He reminded us that they have until 6/30/21 to become Lions with waived fees. They can join an existing Lions Club or form a Lioness/Lions Club. PDG Durflinger noted that the Lions of Michigan Foundation canceled Kidsight screenings until spring so we can work on putting in safeguards for both the volunteers and the children. She has the raffle calendars now. They are \$20, and when a club sells 10-50 they get back \$5/calendar, and for over 50 they get back \$10/calendar. This is a good fundraiser if your club needs one. You can contact PDG Durflinger, or trustees PDG Zeller and Lion Chuck Brew, or call the state office about getting calendars to sell. DG Leathers reported that his fundraiser for Pediatric Cancer has raised over \$3000, so he increased the goal to \$7500 so that each of the three projects, Camp Quality, Maggie's Wigs for Kids, and Kids Kicking Cancer can all receive \$2500.

<u>Oral Reports</u> - DG Leathers reported the USA/Canada Forum will be held via Zoom from 9/17-9/19. There is a \$20 registration fee. More information will follow. 2VDG Drury announced that the 2021 District Convention will be at Boyne Mountain from 4/16-4/18, so save the date. 1VDG Gaines said we should be contacting schools now about the Peace Poster contest. Kits have been purchased for all clubs. Contact PDG Stenback or DG Leathers to get your kit. Lion Julie Haase reported the Leader Dog was the first guide dog school to graduate a class since the Covid began. They are now holding their second class. There is a new fundraising kit coming out. Lion Mike Dengate from Leader Dog would love to Zoom into your club or zone meetings to make a presentation on Leader Dog.

<u>VDG Comments</u> - 2VDG Drury requested clubs to let the DG and VDG's know what they are doing for meetings so they can begin scheduling visits, either in person or via Zoom.

<u>DG Comments</u> - DG Leathers noted that our membership on 7/1 was 733. We were +1 in July. He reminded clubs that he will be donating \$100 to LCIF in the name of the club that is the first to add 10 new members, and \$300 to LCIF in the name of the club that adds and retains the most members. He is planning on visiting every club. He noted we need to work together and find new ways to do things.

With no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00. The next meeting will be on October 10 in Central Lake.

Respectfully submitted,

PDG Barb Durflinger

Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer



11-E2 GST Report August 2020

With many clubs having to cancel fundraisers this year, this is a good time for our clubs to shift our focus to how we can serve our communities, not only with monetary contributions, but with actual service. Reach out to your schools and your community leaders to see if they have needs that Lions can help with. Contact our district chairpersons for Diabetes. Hunger, Environmental, Kidsight, Peace Poster, Pediatric Cancer and All State Band if you need help getting started (the contact list is on the website). Some projects can be done now, and some may need to be delayed, but start making plans now in this time of need. if your club doesn't have a Service Chairperson consider asking someone in your club that is service minded and has good connections with your community to step up and take on that position in your club. To learn more about the position visit the Helpful Links on the district website.

The first MD GST meeting is August 15. We will be discussing club, district and statewide service projects. Watch the newsletter for updates.

The deadline for clubs to submit their nomination for the Kindness Matters Service Award

electronically to the district GST is August 15, 2020. To qualify the service activity must have been performed during 2019-20 year and reported in MyLion. The information was in the July and August newsletters, posted on the website and also an email was sent to clubs that qualify to submit a service project for consideration. Each club can submit one project, and the district can submit one of those projects to the state. More information and links to the award criteria and forms are on the district website.

Marie Leathers - 11-E2 GST

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"WE SERVE"

CABINET MEETING

AUGUST 15, 2020

DIABETES

Contacts have been made with Munson Hospital's Community Health Coordinator and Area Agency on Aging to explore educational opportunities for our district as well as seek suggestions for group screening, etc during the COVID restrictions.

If I am interpreting the DAD Dist 11 E-2 Budget correctly, we have \$19,879.51 left to spend on education, testing and supplies. This grant is open-ended since the COVID restrictions were imposed. So far, it appears that two clubs have presented the Dining With Diabetes Program (Petoskey & Central Lake) and Charlevoix has carried out Nutritional Education, which, I believe, may have been taught by the Wellness Workshop staff, and East Jordan completed a Diabetes Testing and Awareness event.

Plan moving forward:

- 1. Determine what programs/opportunities may be available through the major hospitals and clinics within District 11 E-2
- 2. Contact each club to determine their area needs regarding education and testing and advise of monies available for programs
- 3. Inform each club of the MSUE educational opportunity—Diabetes Path via Zoom in October
- 4. Encourage 5 members within the District to take the Diabetes Educator Class
- 5. Explore the possibility of expanding the educational component of Type II Diabetes prevention to school aged children.

As I am new to this position, I will be seeking input from Lions Bill Bradfield and Barry Allen to make sure the plans above are in compliance with the conditions of the grant.

Respectfully submitted,

Lion Diane LaBeau District 11 E-2 Diabetes Chairperson

11-E2 IT Report August 2020

The district website <u>lionsdistrict11e2.org</u> is a resource for your district information. There's a calendar of district events and a contact list of district leadership. The district newsletter is also uploaded the first week of every month with lots of information. Renewal of the domain is due this month.

Zoom Pro account is available for club and district use which allows meetings with no time limit. This is a great tool to use especially for committee and zone meetings. Contact me at 231-350-0286 or marie@centrallakerealty.com to schedule your meeting or if you need help setting it up on your device.

Marie Leathers II-E2 IT

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Hunger Chair District 11 E-2 Cabinet Report August 15, 2020

I am beginning as the Hunger Program Chair for our District. I am also Secretary of the Central Lake Lions Club. In reviewing the 2017-18 MyLCI Service Activity Campaign Summary for our District, I noted that Hunger activities ranked second, just behind Vision activities, with 19 of our clubs reporting Hunger activities. That speaks very well for our clubs. I look forward to visiting with our district clubs to see what kind of activities they have done in the past, and what they are looking forward to doing in the coming years. I will be documenting this for the Cabinet, and use it in working with clubs and the district to enhance this area and bring forward new ideas and areas where Lions can be of assistance.

One district project that DG Rod and I have discussed would be to coordinate a one day food drive among our district clubs. This project should work best in the month preceding a holiday, such as Thanksgiving Each club would hold their own drive, and deliver the collected food to their local food pantry or food bank. The club would report the volume of food collected to the District. A recognition from the District could then be sent to the top 2 or 3 clubs, or to all taking part.

I am also planning on contacting local food banks, such as Manna in Harbor Springs to see what possibilities there might be for our clubs to assist them. Also, I would like to do a poling of needs of our District food pantries, and food banks, as it appears that it may be possible to apply in the longer term for LCIF Grants, under the Hunger Pilot Grant Program. A lot of preparation work would be needed to apply for such a grant, but if there are specific needs we could assist with, the process seems to have value in our area.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact me. krobdi®gmail.com or (701) 400-9160 Respectfully submitted,

Kris Roberts, District 11 E-2 Hunger Program Chair

District 11-E2 Cabinet meeting August 15, 2020

LCIF Report

We are entering the third year of the third major funding campaign since LCIF was founded 50 years ago, Campaign 100. Campaign 100 was originally a three year campaign, but has been extended for another year due to the Covid crisis.

The goal for every club is to donate \$250/member over three years (only \$80/member/year), with club, individual member and local community donations all included toward this goal. Right now only 6% of Lions donate individually to OUR foundation and International would like to increase this percentage. Our district's percentage is currently 8.65%, led by the Hillman Club at 100%. Individual contributions can be made on a recurring basis via credit card on the LCIF website to make it easier.

Special thanks to the Alpena Lions Club for applying for an emergency grant to benefit the east side of the district. We received \$10,000 which was used to partner with Austin Bros. of Alpena to produce hand sanitizer to be distributed to local first responders and to nursing and group homes throughout the counties in the east side of the district. We also received a \$10,000 emergency grant to help with the flooding in lower part of the district due to the dam failure. In addition this year the Hillman Lions Club received a community grant of \$1933 which will be used to improve a local walking trail. LCIF stands ready to help with projects and disasters- we just have to ask!

We started the campaign off well in the district. In the first year we raised \$13,363, and we raised \$11,844 in 2019-2020. 21 of our 28 clubs made contributions last year, so we reached 75% giving, It would be great if every club could make at least a token contribution this year so that DG Rod could have a 100% district. We still need people or clubs to buy squares on the district Melvin Jones Fellowship raffle board so that we can do the drawing. The squares are \$20 each, with \$10 being credited as an individual contribution to LCIF, and the balance used to pay for the Fellowship. Let me or DG Rod know if you would like to help. The original plan was to complete the squares at the district convention so we could do the drawing then, but Covid disrupted them, so we have some more time now to fill up the board.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

PDG Barb Durflinger



Lions of Michigan Foundation Report- 8/15/20

The Sight and Hearing sweepstakes finished with 9,768 tickets sold, down by almost 1,000 from last year, but better than expected given the Covid restrictions. Our district led the state with 2,183. Nineteen district clubs participated in the sale, so we will be aiming for more club participation in this fundraiser next year. Seven clubs sold over 100 tickets, led by Oscoda and Alpena.

Raffle calendars are now available for purchase at \$20. For club sales of 10-50 tickets the club will receive \$5/calendar sold, and if a club sells over 50 calendars they will receive \$10/calendar sold, so a good fundraiser in these tough times. I brought back 100 from Lansing, and will be distributing them to interested clubs at the cabinet meeting. You can also order them from the Foundation office in Lansing.

The Kidsight program has been put on hold until after the first of the year when things will hopefully be close to normal, and procedures can be put into place to be sure that both screeners and the children screened are safe. The trailer is still available in the event that your community has a parade or festival that hasn't been canceled, so let me know if you would like to use it.

The deadline to apply for the scholarships for the hearing impaired is 3/15/21. Let one of your trustees, Dave Zeller or Chuck Brew, know if you would like an application for a student in your community or if you need more information.

Clubs are reminded that the Foundation has funds available to assist needy veterans or military families, and the funds are NOT restricted to medical needs. In the past funds have been given for vehicle repairs, utility bill assistance, etc, so if you know of a needy veteran in your area, talk to one of the trustees about getting an aid application.

The board approved adding a third tier to the co-pays for hearing aids. They will now be 0-125% of the poverty level, at which the co-pays will be \$25 at the low end, \$100 at the high end. The other two ranges are 125-225% of poverty level and 226-325% of poverty level, with the co-pays increasing with income. New application forms will be available soon.

Our district contributions to the Foundation for the 2019-20 year totaled \$10,575 compared to \$12,459 last year, a decrease, but not bad considering conditions this year. Hopefully we will be back to normal soon and can get back to normal levels of support for our communities as well as all of the state projects.

PDG Barb Durflinger

Assistant Treasurer, Lions of Michigan Foundation

Michigan Forum

Save the date. February 26-27, 2021 at the Holiday Inn Gateway Centre Grand Blanc. The Forum is set up for Lions of all levels. A great place to learn more about what the Lions are doing and get energized with new ideas. There will be exhibits from all our State Projects. They always start out with a Forum Service Project that brings Lions from all over Michigan serving and having fun together. You don't want to miss it- As soon as the information comes out I will get to all the clubs. If you've never been to one you need to go and if you have been to one you know you need to go. Please promote this event.

Michigan Forum Chairpersons - District Governor Rod Leathers

Pediatric Cancer

We will have our first meeting September the 3rd. I will have the information for our 2nd Cabinet meeting. in the mean while I am doing a Fundraiser in support of the 3 organizations we support. Camp Quality, Maggie's Wigs 4 Kids, and Kids Kicking Cancer. The 1st goal was to earn \$2500 to send a family to Camp Quality. We already met that goal and now we are trying to earn \$2500 for each organization. Your District Governor will be getting a complete hair, beard, and mustache removal. See details on the flyer or go to centrallakelions.org or lionsdistrict1le2.org for links to donate. Every dollar counts and will help families in need of our support.

Where's There's a Need There's a Lion - "WE SERVE"

District Governor Rod Leathers



Marie Leathers

IT News:

Is your club struggling to keep up with the technology of today? Do you need help to hold a Zoom meeting, set up a Facebook page or website, or report your service in MyLion? Contact your IT Chair at 231-350-0286 for help!

Dear Lions Club Secretary's & Peace Poster Chairs

You will be getting your Peace Poster and Essay Contest information the week of September 1, 2020. Please review and contact your school in your area.

This is a notice that all Peace Posters must be mailed into PDG Bill Stenback.

Guidelines:

- 1. Only one Peace Poster per Lions Club (per contest sponsored) may be submitted
- 2. A participating Lions Club should notify me in advance of sending an entry
- 3. Postmarked deadline for Peace Poster is November 15, 2020
- 4. Mailing address PDG Bill Stenback

P0 Box 242 Central Lake MI 49622-0242 Phone 231-544-6522 email <u>signaturefleetcharter.net</u>

Respectfully

William E. Stenback, PDG

Also, please note that the district purchased a Peace Poster Kit for every club. If you do not have yours yet, contact PDG Bill, or DG Rod



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
- Identifying potential service activities for adoption and dissemination to a broader audience
- Please note: Clubs can send nominations for only one cause per year; multiple nominations from the same club for multiple causes will not be accepted



Diabetes PATH (Personal Action Toward Health)

DATE & TIME:

Mondays

1-3 pm

October 5, 12, 19, 26 & November 2 & 9

LOCATION:

Online

COST:

Free—open to Michigan residents

REGISTER:

Click here to register



This series is funded by a generous grant from Lions Club



"The American Chabeters Association Identifies this programs as meeting the Chabeter Support Indicative criteria for support programming."



WHO SHOULD ATTEND:

Adults of all ages interested in diabetes may attend, including adults with prediabetes, type 2 diabetes, their family members and caregivers. You must have the ability to use audio and video features to participate in this online workshop.

DESCRIPTION:

Diabetes PATH is a self-management workshop where you learn tools to manage diabetes. Over the course of 6 weeks, you will learn strategies to help you:

deal with difficult emotions.

develop a healthy eating and exercise plan,

set goals,

problem solve, and

a variety of other tools to manage diabetes.

CONTACT:

Contact Naomi Hyso at 231-845-3362 or hysonaom@msu.edu to register or if you have questions about the workshop.

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GST:

The Boyne Valley Lions Club service project of applying decals to storm drains has been submitted to MD11 for the Kindsness Matters Service Award.

As our first state wide service project the MD11 GST is asking each district to make masks for their communities, as this is a service activity that can be worked on individually or safely in small groups. The goal is for each district to make 1,000 masks by October 31, 2020. One club has already made 325 masks for their school. If members of your club are making masks please be sure to report in MyLion so we can reach our goal! Material, elastic and thread is available if needed.

From PDG Evelyn Cooper, MD11 GST: "As Lions, we must step out of our comfort zones and continue to Soar. You are gifted, smart, imaginative, curious, enthusiastic, interesting, strong and faithful! So, we can't be afraid to try something new and different. Now, is the time that we must open that "box" and allow all of our creative ideas to flow. We will continue to be the largest and best service organization in the world. Our communities and the world need us NOW!"

Does your club have a Service Chairperson? If not, reach out and find a club member that is service minded and can connect with their community to find out what your local needs are. "Where There's a Need, There's a Lion", but we can't help if we don't know what those needs are!

Be sure to report service projects or fundraisers in MyLion. If you need assistance just let me know and I can walk you through it. Consider adding an Admin position to your club if your secretary needs assistance.

Lion Marie Leathers GST

231-350-0286 marie@centrallakerealty.com



Calendar of Events

SEPTEMBER 2020:

USA/Canada Virtual Forum — September 25, 2020 —8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. — Online

- \$20 for all sessions
- September 26, 2020 —11:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m. Online, Day 2
- \$20 for all sessions
- **September 27, 2020** 2:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m. Online, Day 3
- \$20 for all sessions

OCTOBER 2020:

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

DG Rod's Shave for Pediatric Cancer — October 10, 2020 — 10:10 am

DECEMBER 2020:

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

FEBRUARY 2021

Michigan Lions Forum — February 26-27, 2021 — Holiday Inn Gateway Center, Grand Blanc, MI MARCH 2021:

District Cabinet Meeting — March 06, 2021 — 10:00 a.m. — Tait's Bill of Fare, 111 E Dwight Ave, Oscoda, MI. Will 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

Central Lake Lions welcomed new Lion Kris Hoeksema in August.



NONE RECEIVED

Boyne Valley Lions August 2020

- Lions renewed their membership in the Boyne Chamber
- Board approved \$340 for a new pair of glasses to a needy applicant
- Donation Requests
 - Nels Northrup Fund Bear Lake Camp Relay for Life
 - 2. Tabled due to future meetings depending on Fundraising Activity
- We are going to try to hold in-person club meetings every 2 weeks here at the pavilion (for now)
- Drag race is canceled one of our key fund raisers for the year

Central Lake Lions / Lioness August 2020

Central Lake Lions Club completed their newest task - they provided the school with 325 face masks! They were able to purchase the material from a local merchant, and break down the tasks in order to involve several Lions that do not sew, along with community members that were eager to assist. Lion President Randy Miller and Vice President Marie Leathers presented masks of various sizes to Super-

intendent and Lion I enore Weaver —





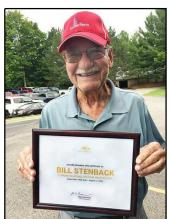
—With 53 members in the club today, Kris Hoeksema made 54 - they are on their way! They have a goal of 70 members by the end of the Lion year - when they reach that goal, together they will all cheer!

Several awards were presented to the hard working Lions and Lionesses of Central Lake. Congratulations!



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Lion Sara Goldberg presented DG Rod with her dad's, Lion Jim Smith's, Melvin Jones Fellowship "on a loan" to inspire him during his year as District Governor.



Lion Jim had been a Lion since 1985, and was a big inspiration to DG Rod when he joined in 2009. Lion Jim was presented with the Melvin Jones Fellowship before he passed away in 2015. DG Rod remembers how Lion Jim "just took me in and inspired me" and says he wouldn't be in the position he is in today without his inspiration.



— September 28 is Central Lake's Golf Fundraising Scramble (see attached sign up sheet). Headed up by none other than Lion Bill Stenback who got a hole in one on August 11, 2020. Congratulations Lion Bill! Get a team together for a great time at beautiful Antrim Dells Golf Course.

Cheboygan Lions August 2020

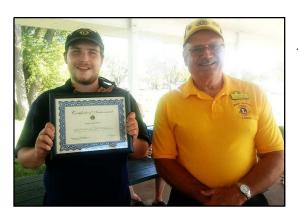
Photo includes this years 2020 Cheboygan High School recipients of the Cheboygan Lions Club Scholarship for the continuing education in the vocational or trade school field.

Pictured left to right; Bill Beethem, Zeke Weldon, Hunter Bur and Mark Tamlyn



East Jordan Lions

August 2020



 Adam St. Onge received the Perfect Attendance award for attending every Lions Club meeting, presented by King Lion Denny Gocha.



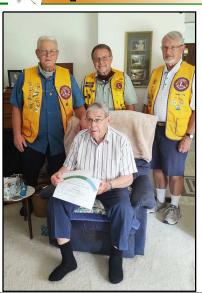
Jim Wray received a pin for bringing in new member, Brenda Chandra. The pin was presented by King Lion Denny Gocha.—

Hubbard Lake Lions

August 2020

The Hubbard Lake Lions presented Wes Thiem, past Hubbard Lake Firechief for 55 years, with an A. Charles Weir Sight Consevation Fellowship Award for his service to the Hubbard Lake Fire Department and the Lion's Club over the years.

In recognition of his outstanding dedication to humanitarian work, Lion's (left to right) Herb Kitzman, Ed Degen and President Ray Marshke presented this award with family and friends in attendance.



Oscoda Lions

August 2020

Oscoda Lions ramp builders Lion Tony Priebe, Bill Gaines, Ann Bovan and Chuck Andrina build a ramp for a veteran in East Tawas. The ramp consisted of a 5' x 10' platform and a 14' ramp. The permits and material costs are being paid by losco County Veterans Services. They met at the lumber yard at 8 am and finished construction at about 2:15 pm.

The homeowner and his wife were very appreciative of the work and he is excited to be able to get in and out of the house again. He is a diabetic and recently had to have part of his foot amputated. He is currently confined to a wheelchair but hopes to transition to a walker.

Working together WE SERVE.



Picture Tony Priebe — Anna Bovan — Bill Gaines



Lions District 11E2 received a grant from Lions Clubs International Foundation to help people get through this pandemic. The Alpena Lions Club used some of the money to purchase hand sanitizers. First Vice District Governor Lion Bill Gaines received 60 gallons from the Alpena Lions for distribution in our area. he Oscoda Lions purchased five hundred empty 13 ½ ounce bottles, which were filled with hand Sanitizer by Lions Andrea McCaffrey, Kay Gaines and Bill Gaines. Two hundred of those containers were distributed at the 4th Tuesday food give away in Oscoda. The remaining small containers, plus another 4 gallons of hand sanitizer went to the Oscoda Area Schools for use in their fall school opening. The Rose City Lions also received 6 gallons for use in their schools..

Picture — First Vice District Governor Bill Gaines gives the Oscoda Area School Superintendent Roger Moore hand sanitizer for use in the schools.



CORONAVIRUS UPDATES — September 1



This is a snapshot of what the World, Nation, and State of Michigan looked like on September 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 *World Numbers on September 4

Confirmed Cases: 26,418,530 ♦ Deaths: 870,790

United States Statistics Michigan Statistics

Total Cases: 103,186 Total Cases: <u>6,004,443</u>

Deaths: 6,495 **Deaths: 183,050 ***

DISTRICT 11-E2 STATISTICS

11-E2 Counties	Cases Confirmed	Deaths
Alcona:	30	2
Alpena:	119	14
Antrim:	53	0
Arenac:	53	3
Charlevoix:	67	2
Cheboygan:	67	2
Crawford:	101	5
Emmet:	117	3
Gladwin:	71	2
losco:	119	11
Kalkaska:	52	4
Montmorency:	11	0
Ogemaw:	44	5
Oscoda:	22	1
Otsego	125	11
Presque Isle:	19	1
Roscommon:	59	4
Totals	1129	70

Note: Statistics may change up or down as corrected data is received

Editor's Notes

by Lion David J. Zimmer

— 2020

Progress & Setbacks

The year 2020 has been a tough go for the U.S. and much of the rest of the world. COVID-19, the 800-pound virus that won't die out, continues to spread its Pandemic path throughout the nation, aided by people disregarding safety measures – social distancing, masks, and disinfectant hygiene – attending large group parties, concerts, crowded bars, and other behaviors that allow – that encourage – the virus to spread. As much as we all want to return to the "normalcy" we once enjoyed, trying to ignore a Pandemic not only doesn't work, it makes things worse by prolonging the Pandemic instead of ending it. It looks to be a long hard road ahead until we ultimately have one or more vaccines available. We will suffer more cases and deaths in the interim. We will get though this, but at what cost?

The virus doesn't discriminate, infecting any type of human it can. However, this recent study from the CDC, using early August data, indicates the outcome probabilities for different types of people:

Race and ethnicity are risk markers for other underlying conditions that impact health — including socioeconomic status, access to health care, and increased exposure to the virus due to occupation (e.g., frontline, essential, and critical infrastructure workers).

Rate ratios compared to White, Non-Hispanic Persons	American Indian or Alaska Native, Non- Hispanic persons	Asian, Non- Hispanic persons	Black or African American, Non- Hispanic persons	Hispanic or Latino persons
Cases	2.8x higher	1.1x higher	2.6x igher	2.8x higher
Hospitalizations	5.3x higher	1.3x higher	4.7x higher	4.6x higher
Deaths	1.4x higher	No Increase	2.1x higher	1.1x higher

Death Statistics by Sex (Week ending 2/1/2020 to 8/29/2020): <u>Male</u>: 92,121 — <u>Female</u>: 78,441. NOTE: Number of deaths reported in this table are total number of deaths received and coded as of the date of analysis and do not represent all deaths that occurred in that period, due to reporting lag in time.

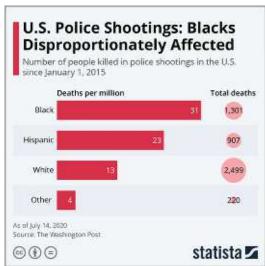
U.S. COVID-19 fatalities now number over 182,000 deaths. Sadly, it seems inevitable we'll pass 200,000 in a month or two. The good news: Michigan now ranks 18th in cases, down from 3rd place earlier this year.

<u>The Other Pandemic</u>: Social unrest against police shootings of unarmed black citizens continues to generate protests throughout the nation. The Black Lives Matter movement and protests against police killings and physical brutality targeting black Americans have increased awareness of systemic racism and a need for social justice. In the midst of this outcry against unjust murders, the police continue to kill unarmed black people, caught on phone camera videos.

The most recent shooting event as of this writing, in Kenosha, Wisconsin, hit close. I grew up in Racine County, less than 20 miles from Kenosha. Two sisters live in Racine County, a brother in Kenosha County, so I have some concerns.

In Kenosha, 29 year old Jacob Blake was shot <u>7 times</u> in the back when trying to get into his car, his 3 young children in the back seat. What or why this happened is still unclear. What we do know is that Jacob Blake survived the shooting, but is partially paralyzed. The video of the act outraged people across the nation, again, generating more protests, again. Most protests have been peaceful. But some, such as in Portland, Oregon and Kenosha, have turned violent – physical clashes with police, looting, and burning cars and buildings. While protesting for justice is a very patriotic and American thing to do, committing acts of violence and vandalism has nothing to do with getting social justice, and is counter-productive to that goal. Some "protesters" may show up to take advantage of the moment. Some may just be so angry and frustrated they lose control. And some of the violence starts with police over-reacting to protests with excessive physical force.

Many police officers are dedicated public servants who do their difficult, sometimes dangerous, jobs with professionalism and compassion. But there are many racists and bigots, violent bullies targeting those who are "different." It's easy to explain bad police as "bad apples," but it's more complicated than that. A video shows a policeman, after being arraigned for shooting a black man, coming out of court and a crowd of fellow police officers cheering him; another showing advancing police at a protest knocking down a man in his 70's, blood pooling from his head on the pavement, other officers walking past without helping him (police later claimed the man had "fallen", until the video exposed that lie); and another video showing police intentionally and brutally attacking journalists at a protest, ignoring their cries of "We're Press!" These very disturbing videos, and the ongoing killings of black people and others (see graph at right) indicate that something is very wrong with policing practices in America – beyond just a few "bad apples." Systemic problems need fixing - police cultural reforms, better hire screening, and training that employs other techniques besides violence. We need police, GOOD police, to Serve & Protect us. We should accept nothing less.



Info from medical & news websites

Be Kind, & STAY SAFE! https://www.statista.com/chart/21857/people-killed-in-police-shootings-in-the-us/



Petoskey Sunset on Little Traverse Bay



Nature can be cruel, and dangerous, as evidenced by the current Coronavirus Pandemic, the hurricanes and flooding that have plagued southern states, wildfires out west, and even the wind storms that toppled thousands of trees in northern Michigan.

But Nature also gives us the ravishing beauty of each season. As we say farewell to summer this month, we can look forward to the colors of the autumn leaves.

—The Summer sun sets behind the Petoskey breakwater light structure on Little Traverse Bay.

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other Lions?

Send your information to: dlzim47@gmail.com

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

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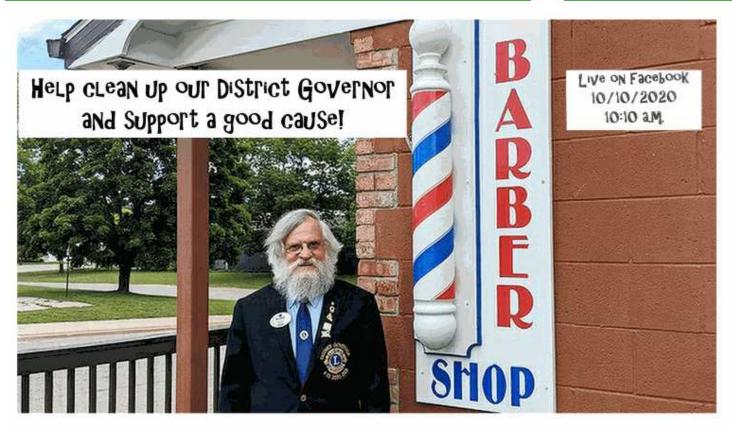
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<u>Text</u>: Include <u>dates and names</u> (if applicable) for all events submitted.

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

DON'T BE LEFT OUT!





Want to join me in supporting a good cause? I'm raising money for Central Lake Lions Club Charities in support of pediatric cancer programs. Hair, beard, and mustache shave - all must go! Want to watch? It will be live on Facebook on October 10, 2020 at 10:10 a.m. Your contribution will make an impact, whether you donate \$5 or \$500. Every little bit helps. Thank you for your support.

The first \$2500 will send a family to Camp Quality, a camp for children and their families battling cancer. Anything over that amount will be divided between Camp Quality, Maggie's Wigs for Kids, and Kids Kicking Cancer all 501c3 organizations which Lions of Michigan supports.

Use the QR code to pay with PayPal or visit CentralLakeLions.org for links to donate with Facebook or a credit or debit card.

Checks can be mailed to Central Lake Lions Club Charities, PO Box 279, Central Lake, MI 49622 with Pediatric Cancer in the memo.

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