



OCTOBER 2019



Notable Quote: "Whatever women do they must do twice as well as men to be thought half as good. Luckily this is not difficult."

— Charlotte Whitton, Canada Month, June 1963

District Governor's Message

Leadership



The Lions Leadership Institute is a unique opportunity for emerging Lions Club Leaders to learn and develop lifelong leadership skill, which can be applied to your job, your Lions Club and your life." Are you up to the challenge to become a leader of your Club, your District? If so you should attend this worthwhile Institute, as you will learn a lot. The dates are November 8 – 10, at the R.A. MacMullan Center, Higgins Lake, Michigan.

Also, once again I would like to point out that October is Membership Growth Month. We are starting to see a few clubs get new members and it a good sign for the growth of our District. If we do not get the new members, our clubs do not have a perpetuity plan. Members that you currently have won't be around forever, and would it not be nice to have members in place for when they leave and the new members have a working knowledge of your club. You can start this process now by recruiting new members, young or old, there are good people out in your communities looking to serve. **WHY NOT MAKE THEM LIONS?** Last year during Oct. Growth Month, 16,402 members were inducted. Use the "Just Ask" program which you will be receiving shortly, it works.

The next Cabinet Meeting will be held on October 19th, at 10:00 am, at the Veterans Center, 1840 S Main, Central Lake. Since IPDG Gordon will not be having an appreciation event, I have made time on the agenda for clubs to present him with honorariums. This will also give you an opportunity if you have not been to a Cabinet Meeting to attend.

We are working on getting a clubs started in West Branch, Tawas, Kalkaska, Gaylord and other areas. If you know someone in the area that would make a good Lion, give DG Dave the names so he can contact them.

As much as I try to keep things positive, the cabinet is very concerned about the attendance of the clubs at the cabinet meeting. If it were not for social media and the newsletter, how are you supposed to know what is going on in the District and how badly we are shrinking in both clubs and membership. In 2009 when my last term ended, we had 40 Clubs and 1326 members, we are now down to 30 Clubs and 803 members. How can we keep clubs alive without members?

Again, thanks to everyone for being great Lions. Our District is proud of all that you accomplish in your clubs. Keep up the great work. "We Serve" Service Thru Diversity; you are the everyday heroes.

Dave Zeller, District Governor



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District 11-E2 Website:
lionsdistrict11e2.org

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

Lions Of Michigan Multiple District 11-E2 Counties

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

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LCI President’s Message

We Serve Through Diversity

Dr. Jung-Yul Choi, International President

Dear Lion,

Everything Lions do begins with a question: How can I help you? It is a life-changing question that we must not only ask our community, but also the Lions within our clubs.

When you understand and serve the needs of Lions in your club, you empower them to become the service leaders your community needs to thrive. We have the leadership and training resources available to ensure their success in your club—and around your community.

Regards,

Dr. Jung-Yul Choi,
International President



We Serve



Make Your Mark This World Diabetes Day

World Diabetes Day is only a few months away—November 14, 2019. We’ve partnered with the International Diabetes Federation (IDF) and are challenging Lions and clubs to help one million people get screened.

Make your mark by taking a simple online risk assessment or organizing a club screening event. THEN take a picture giving a blue thumbs up, and share it on social media for a chance to be featured on our website with others!



Info from LCI



Lions Clubs International

Dear Lions Club Officer,

As the first quarter of this Lions year comes to an end, you are in a unique position to empower your Lions club and guide it to success during your term.

Lions Clubs International has created webpages and helpful resources for each of your club's officers. Every webpage provides material and resources as well as e-Books to assist you as you serve in your role. Take a minute to visit your designated webpage and familiarize yourself with its content so you are able to best serve your club.

- **Club President/Club First Vice President**

You will find information regarding critical club operations and resources for effectively leading your club.

- **Club Secretary**

You will find information to support the business operations of the club.

- **Club Treasurer**

You will find information to assist in helping you manage all financial operations of the club.

Some key resources offered by Lions Clubs International are:

1. [Standard Club Constitution and By-Laws](#)
2. [Standard Club Structure](#)
3. [Club Resources](#)
4. [MyLCI](#)
5. [Best Practice for Financial Transparency](#)
6. [LCI Store](#)

We look forward to supporting you. Please contact us if you have any questions at (630) 468-6890 or clubofficers@lionsclubs.org.

Thank you for your service!

Sincerely,

Your District and Club Administration Support Team



Dear Lions,

I'm pleased to share that U.S.-based non-profit evaluator Charity Navigator has awarded Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) — our foundation — its eighth consecutive 4-star rating based on [financial health and commitment to accountability and transparency](#). Only four percent of U.S. charities have earned this distinction. I'm proud of our achievement and grateful we can continue assuring donors that 100 percent of their financial gifts fund LCIF programs that enable you to serve our world in need.

In sharing our stories, we connect, learn, and multiply our capacity for change. As we move through year two of *Campaign 100: LCIF Empowering Service*, let's proudly tell stories of the people we're able to serve thanks to our foundation. Every story we tell, every dollar we give to LCIF, spurs life-altering change as we increase our service impact, fight diabetes, and expand our global causes to include childhood cancer, hunger, and the environment.

Congratulations to LCIF and to you, fellow Lions. Together, we're changing the world.

In friendship,

Gudrun Yngvadottir

Chairperson

Lions Clubs International Foundation



Our Product team recently shared the following message with Lions who have access to service reporting. I'm sharing it here to keep Forum members up to date on some of the MyLion updates we've made and will be making in the future. Thanks always for your thoughtful feedback and conversation in this space!

Dear Lion,

We're aware that you have experienced issues reporting your service with MyLion for web, and we apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused. We want to assure you that we're working diligently to improve the service reporting process for MyLion. While the platform is up and running—and a number of you are able to report the great service you're doing in your clubs and districts—we recognize that quite a few of you are still having issues.

Here are some of the things we'll be focusing on in the near future:

Improving user experience by removing unnecessary fields

Updating the time selector to clearly indicate the difference between a future and past activity

Allowing users with memberships in multiple clubs to access each of their clubs

Allowing for the generation and printing of detailed reports

While we have work to do, we are making progress based on your continued feedback. Here are just a few of the updates we've made in the past two months to ensure that you have a better user experience going forward:

Added "Funds Donated" as a metric to a service activity, and expanded the service project options

Improved the upload capability for adding photos to a service project

Added a "Copy" feature to assist in duplicating recurring events

Thank you for reporting your service and for your patience as we continue to improve your MyLion experience. As always, we welcome your feedback!



Remember this date and book early to avoid disappointment



March 21, 2020

Join us in celebrating our 100th anniversary!
That's 100 years of community service!

Windsor Lions

Caboto Club - 2175 Parent Ave, Windsor

The Club that made Lions International



Tickets	\$ 45.00US
Pins	5.00US
Plaques	78.00US

Can reserve table for 10

Hotel rooms have been blocked for those who may need to book one

Holiday Inn use Group Code QWE/Association - 519-966-1200
King \$134.99; Queen \$134.99
Hampton Inn use Group Code WDL - 519-972-0770
King \$139; King Suite \$149; Queen \$139

For more info contact:

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Dear Lions Club President & Secretary:

Below you will find a letter and donation form for your Lions Club. Please help our USA/Canada Leo Leadership Foundation continue to provide a great educational experience for our Leos attending the 4th USA/Canada Leo Leadership Forum next July in California. All clubs or Districts have a chance to receive a Banner patch for their support.

We ask that you please consider sharing this information with your club. Again, thank you in advance for your attention to our request.

Sincerely,

Lion Pablo Romano, USACLLF President
 Leo Fabian Maxwell, Chair, Leo Advisory Council
 DG William VanLandingham, Chair, Host Committee

USA/Canada Leo Leadership Foundation, Inc. “Proudly serving the Leos of Constitutional Area 1 & 2” PABLO M. ROMANO President & Founder

September 4, 2019

Dear Lions of Constitutional Area 1 & 2:

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As we start our second century of service, we are investing in the future of Lions Clubs—our Leos. Our Leo Club Program started here in the United States almost sixty years ago and today continues to flourish with more than 7,000+ clubs worldwide, 175,000 Leos in 145 countries. Just last year, Leo Clubs completed 24,038 projects. These clubs have served many people, and they are not stopping anytime soon.

We have united to encourage and inspire our Leos to be the great change we need for Lions’ continued success. Our vision is to empower and further educate our Leos in areas of leadership and community engagement/development. With that said, Leo advocates gathered to form the USA/Canada Leo Leadership Forum. This Forum is the first of its kind in our Constitutional Area. A Forum organized for Leos by Leos.

From all over the United States, Canada, and Multiple District 60 “Islands of the Caribbean” and other affiliated territories, our Leos share a common set of values. They serve with enthusiasm, constantly striving to make positive, sustainable change to our communities. They inspire their peers and share their talents with those in need. They make an impact on our Lions and reinvigorate our lifetime commitment to serve in this organization. These values give our Leos the power to make a profound impact, and with “LIONS” on their side there can be no limit.

Our Leo Leadership Forum will provide Leos with various workshops in leadership, public speaking, community development, etc. These workshops will be developed by experts in the subject and co-facilitated by Leo leaders. At the completion of the Leo Leadership Forum, our Leos will receive their High School Degree. Moreover, we will offer fun activities so Leos can inspire and learn from each other and later bring home their newfound knowledge and share it with their clubs. This forum aims to make a demonstrated commitment to our Leos, who we believe are the future of Lions.

We hope you may consider donating any amount to our Foundation. Your generous donation will help our Foundation forward our mission of better supporting our Leos through our annual Leo Leadership Forum. As a sign of our appreciation, all donors will be recognized with a club patch or forum pin.

Yours in Lionism,

PABLO M. ROMANO
 President

INGRID ANDREWS-CAMPBELL
 Secretary



Lions District 11e2
Global Membership Team Coordinator
Lions Robert Tasior
Report

District 11E2 presently consists of 30 clubs with membership of 823, a year ago we had 32 clubs with a membership of 865 members. Sadly the Bellaire and Gaylord clubs have decided to fold their clubs. We have six clubs at 15 or less members, the rotation of leadership in these clubs are minimal at best.

For various reasons the trend for the last few years have shown a downward spiral in our district. We definitely cannot deny our membership is aging. With more work and responsibilities being put on fewer members retention of our members is a real issue. New members are not being trained properly and are put in positions that they really have no guidance or even understand what they are expected to do. These issues are not only affecting our Clubs but also our District.

I believe our District is fortunate to have a Governor at this critical time that has history, dedication and willingness to formulate a plan to address these issues.

Our District desperately needs a Global Service Team Coordinator we have a missing link! We are asking our Governor to operate with a missing links! Please join our team and be part of the solution and not part of the problem.

Cabinet positions, zone chairs, committee chairs! We can fix these district issues but it would be a lot easier with these important positions filled. Again be part of the solution not part of the problem!

Issues are easy to identify, solutions may not be so easy. With a full working team obstacles can be overcome much easier.

I look forward to working with Governor Zeller and following his leadership in formulating a plan for our future. I firmly believe we need a plan and a process to follow to fix what is broken.

Membership is what gets things done for our communities, leadership is what makes things flow easier for our members, Service is how we meet the needs of our communities. It really is as simple as that!

Respectfully
District 11E2 GMT Coordinator
Lion Robert Tasior

"Just Ask"

Report from August Cabinet Meeting



Calendar of Events

OCTOBER 2019

District Cabinet Meeting — 10:00 am — Central Lake Veterans Center

MyLion Training — October 19, 2019 (following the Cabinet Meeting) — 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

DECEMBER 2019

December Cabinet Meeting — moved to December 14th and will be in Oscoda, place to be determined.

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.

JUNE 2020: **LCI Convention** – June 26, 2020 – Singapore



PASSINGS



NEW MEMBERS

None Reported

On the Mend

None Reported



Atlanta Lions

September

On Wednesday September 11, the Atlanta Lions Club paid tribute to Lion member Bob Meyer. On the day of the presentation Bob was 100 years and nine months of age. Until last year he attended the regular monthly meetings. Bob even played golf until his 97th birthday!! When asked about his favorite Lion activity, he responded, "Taking the money at Atlanta Lions famous pancake breakfasts".



Milestones

Beaverton Lions Club:



Congratulations
On Your
75th Anniversary



Boyne Valley Lions

September

The press release for the Lions applying decals to the storm drains is beginning to be picked up by news outlets. FYI:

Boyne Area Charity “Talking Trash”



A local charity — talking trash.

Garbage that is.

The Boyne Valley Lions Club partnered with the Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council and Project WAVE to curb problems with people pitching clutter into storm drains.

“Give a hoot to help others not pollute,” they say.

To make everyone aware, the group slapped more than 500 of these “don’t pollute” decals on storm drains across the Boyne City area.

The Lions Club, known for its charity work, including both physical help like this and community financial support.

— MI News 26

Thanks to Lion Mike Cain for making this happen!

Boyne Valley Lions Club joined “history in the making” and contributes \$1000 to the Boyne Heritage Center

The Boyne Valley Lions Club became the first service club to contribute funds to the newly formed Boyne Heritage Center. At its regular meeting on Wednesday, September 18th Boyne Valley King Lion John Cool presented Heritage Center Chairperson Kecia Freed with a check for \$1,000. The Boyne Heritage Center has set its goal to become a world-class collaborative historical hub, preserving and promoting the stories of Boyne City, Boyne Falls, Walloon Lake, Advance, Ironton, Horton Bay and surrounding townships.

With Lions International providing over 100 years of service around the world and the Boyne Valley Lions Club serving the greater Boyne region for over 50 years they are proud of their history and that of the area. They challenge other area service organizations and encourage all community members to step up and support the creation of the Heritage Center.

A professional museum designer, Project Arts & Ideas of Dearborn, was contracted to design the exhibit. The first two of four phases of the design are complete, with the final two stages being production design and installation. Future visitors to the Boyne Heritage Center will feel transported through time as they experience the exhibit titled ‘Boyne Before Us. The exhibit will tell the story of how the extraordinary gifts of land and water attracted people over thousands of years to the Boyne region. After settlement in the early 1800s, the explosive harvest of these gifts, through lumbering and industry, built the region but left the land exploited and abandoned. In revival, the Boyne community has embraced a sustainable economy that enjoys, protects and shares these gifts in the present and for future generations. “This is our heritage and our legacy,” organizers said.

The Lions are also known for:

- Diabetes education and free screening initiatives KidSight screening for early onset visual impairments
- White Cane fund-raising for the visually impaired
- Local school activities including Robotics Club, school trips, elementary field days, sports boosters, more
- Participate and serve volunteers in “Buff up Boyne”
- Serve hungry elementary school students at Field Days and school carnival Project WAVE Lions initiatives
- Financial support to Girl Scouts, PAWS with a Cause, Boyne District Library, Alzheimer’s Fund, Crop Hunger Walk, Humane Society, other

The Lions Club meets every Wednesday at the Boyne District Library at noon. For more information on becoming a Lion contact James Richman, Membership Chairman at mr.richman@gmail.com

CONTACT: Larry Taylor — Boyne Valley Lions Club — Secretary — 231-459-6095





Central Lake Lions/Lioness

September

Originally set for Saturday, September 14, the last highway litter pick up was canceled due to lack of materials to gather. Lion Bob Labeau “took a SLOW ride over the entire route” in his UTV and “found less than half a bag of trash to gather.” The pick up will go again in spring, 2020. Thanks to all who participated the spring and summer exercise.



Left: Central Lake Lioness did a Kidsight screening with the assistance of District Vision Chairman Lion Nate Slezak at Central Lake elementary school. They screened 105 children between kindergarten and 5th grade and had 7 referrals. The Lioness Club also plans to set up a screening for preschoolers, and the Lions Club will have a screening during the town's Window Night festival on December 4.

Central Lake Lions will be using grant funds to sponsor a **Dining with Diabetes** course from October 28 to November 18. See attached flyer.

The Lioness Club raised \$1,392 at their fashion show featuring fashions the local stores. The funds raised will go towards the Trojan Pantry. Superintendent (and Lion) Lenore Weaver describes the program: "The Trojan Food Pantry was created with the generous support of the CL Lioness's and Lion's Clubs to meet the needs of Central Lake students in both Middle and High School. Because of their help our students have access to groceries and snacks on a regular basis. Students who are hungry can't learn. Because of the generous support of these clubs we are building a better future for everyone.

The Lions Club had a very successful golf outing. Photos and more details to come.

Central Lake Lions will meet in the upper level of the Veterans Center Thursday, October 10.

Are you among those leaving for the south soon? We would like to give you a good send off. (No, not a size 11 on the backside.)

We will be welcoming a new member, Jill Scheitler, sponsored by husband/member Rich.

GOOD NEWS/SAD NEWS. Lion Al Kremer abruptly sold his house and is wracking and packing to get out of Dodge much more quickly than expected. You may get the chance to say adios and to thank him for his many active years with us.

Lion Stenback will have a report on the golf scramble held on September 30.



WHEN: Mondays, October 28th - November 18th, 2019
 TIME: 11:00 am. - 1:00 pm.
 WHERE: First Congregational Church
 8066 W. State St.
 Central Lake, MI 49622
 *On the corner of Chestnut and State streets

COST: FREE!!!
 This series is funded by a grant from Lions International. Special Thanks to Central Lake Lions Club!!!

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East Jordan Lions

September



On his visit to East Jordan, District Governor Dave Zeller and King Lion Greg McGeorge presented Lion Dennis Gocha with a pin for bringing in two new members.

Hubbard Lake Lions

September

The Hubbard Lake Lions recently held a successful White Cane Sale. The amount of \$574.68 was donated. Thank you to the public for your generous support!



Hubbard Lake Lion Terry Ferguson (at right) received the *William "Doc" Barr Knights for Vision Fellowship* from Lion President Ray Marshke.

Oscoda Lions

August



Lions Ramp builders Tony, Chuck, Bill G, and Ann spend two days building a ramp that include one 4 x4 platform and another 6 x6 platform , plus a ramp 4' long and the other 22' long. The homeowner was very pleased with it. WE SERVE



Lion Mary Jo Kelsey and Lion Chuck in the picture.

Oscoda Lions held it's Annual Paul Bunyan 5K Raffle, We sold out all 3,000 tickets. On Saturday we gave away 5 \$1,000 prizes. Lion Chuck Andrina's granddaughter Kelsey pulled the winning tickets. The Lions club would like to thank everyone that supported us by buying tickets. Without you we could not continue to help the community of Oscoda.

WE SERVE!!



Editor's Notes

by Lion David J. Zimmer

October 2019

The Times, They Are A-Changin', Weather We Like It or Not

The month of October usually has a number of sunny days with temperatures in the 60s or even 70s, (like this week) — pleasant weather to enjoy before the onset of Winter. The leaves are turning colors, a feast of beauty for our eyes. Good early Fall weather stimulates our senses and lifts our spirits.

By the end of October and the beginning of November we will enter the second half of the Autumn season, a period I think of as the “ugly time”. Too many cloudy, dark and cold rainy days with cutting winds, leafless trees, mud replacing hard ground — it can be depressing. We get through it by focusing on other things in our lives. By the end of Autumn in December the first snows of Winter have arrived. Seasonal change is inevitable, and most of us have learned to adapt to the good and the bad of each each season. For those of us who can take Winter more easily than the dreary, ugly transition period, winter weather is, if not quite welcomed, at least tolerated. Others “skedaddle” to Florida, Arizona, or other warmer climes.

When I first came to Northern Michigan in 1971, you could depend that snow would come to stay sometime during November's deer hunting season. Much of the early snows might melt, but there would always be some snow on the ground from late November to at least mid-April. That's how it worked, year after year. But a few decades ago this began to change. Now we have seen it rain in January, February and March, as well as experiencing more ice storms than previously. Winters are still wintry in spots. But what used to be a short January thaw can now occur any month for any length of time. All bets are off.

Whatever the controversy of Climate Change is about, there is no doubt that something is happening. Records are being set for high temperatures in summer, as well as a few record low temperatures in Winter or other seasons. Glaciers are melting faster, sea levels are rising. Mosquito-carried diseases and fruit-killing fungus are creeping northward as weaker cold temperatures in Northern Michigan are no longer keeping them at bay.

My 4 years in the US Air Force in the Weather Service does not make me a weather scientist. It does, however, give me a level of understanding of what is going on all over this planet. Reports say that the average temperature on planet Earth has risen at least 2 degrees in recent decades. So, what's the big deal with a paltry 2 degree increase? You can hardly notice a 2 degree temperature change, up or down. Well, as insignificant as it may seem, you must realize that every air molecule on Earth is a little warmer, vibrating a little faster. Take that small increase of energy - heat is energy - and multiply it by every molecule in the enormous layer of atmosphere that covers our planet. Simply put, the atmosphere has gained an enormous amount of energy. This results in high and low pressure systems that are more energetic and can be larger and stronger, and pull in more tropic heat and arctic cold. Thunderstorms, hurricanes, tornadoes, and frontal winds can wreak more havoc, rain and snowstorms can carry and release greater quantities of moisture. And if warming continues, the energy will increase and weather will be even more energized and dangerous.

Over 100 years ago Mark Twain noted: “Climate is what we expect, Weather is what we get.” The weather we've been getting in the last few years is more than we expected. Beyond melting glaciers and polar bears edging toward extinction, how will Lions adapt to help those in need (all of us) cope with the potential changes to come? We can't predict the future with certainty, but we can create the future by what we do now.

You Make the News – We Publish It!

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

Send your information to: dlzim47@gmail.com

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

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

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

Don't be left out!