



Notable Quotes: "Remember that there is nothing stable in human affairs; therefore avoid undue elation in prosperity, or undue depression in adversity." — Socrates (469 BC - 399 BC)



OCTOBER 2020



**Rod Leathers,
District Governor**

District Governor's Message

"WE SERVE"

Hello District 11-E2 Lions,

Another month has gone by. We are getting closer to my head shave date. Hair, beard, and mustache all must go. The date is October 10th at 10:10 am at the district cabinet meeting in Central Lake. As of October the 1st we are at \$5311. I need a little help to reach our goal of \$7500. All proceeds support our Pediatric Cancer projects: Camp Quality, Maggie's Wigs 4 Kids, and Kids Kicking Cancer. Thank you to all the clubs that have donated your generosity

will help all 3 organizations.

We started the month with 733 members. We added 2 and dropped 3 putting us at 732 -1 for the year. We are headed in the wrong direction. If we all get out and start asking we can turn this back around to a positive number. The more members we have the easier it is to do Service. Remember where there is a need there is a Lion and the more Lions we have the more needs we can serve.

I hope we are all meeting face to face or by zoom and are getting back into the swing of Lionism. Any one needing help setting up and using zoom Lion Marie Leathers can walk you through it. Her email address is marie@centrallakerealty.com.

Check out the district website at lionsdistrict11e2.org and click on the link to We Serve the World music video. You might see your District Governor and 1st Lady in it.

— DG Rod Leathers





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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,
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LCI President's Message

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

Service Is Still Joy

Greetings Lions,

In my role as your International President I have been very busy trying to be the best representation of you that I can possibly be. In the day-to-day I am often absorbed with the details of my schedule – who I'm talking to, what we are discussing, how our efforts can strengthen Lions.

It is work.

And every day, as I read your stories and speak to you (through virtual meetings these days), I am reminded of the amount of sustained effort that goes into being a successful club. Coordinating email addresses to ensure everyone gets invited to the monthly meeting over Zoom, spending hours researching ways to sew masks from donated fabric, networking with local authorities to ensure your help gets to where it's needed most – this is work.

And yet, it is also joy.

I see it in the passion and remarkable energy you bring to everything you do. Whether it's service with masks on or service at a distance, Lions are continuing to put in the work that drives our mission and makes Lions Clubs International the greatest service organization in the world.

So, I want to take a moment to thank you, Lions, for your continuing hard work in the face of extreme global hardships.

And I want to thank you for bringing a little more joy to the world

Sincerely,

Jung-Yul Choi

Dr. Jung-Yul Choi
International President



We Serve



Lions Clubs International

Now is the time to come together.

It has been the honor of a lifetime to serve as the 103rd International President of Lions Clubs International. Over the past year, I experienced the overwhelming good Lions delivered to over 275 million people—more than ever before. Though I have been a Lion myself for over 40 years, it has been truly humbling to see the innovative and diverse ways our clubs serve their local communities around the world.

My experiences as International President have reminded me of just how critical our service is to people everywhere and the incredible contribution it's making to our future. And while the past year has brought with it great highs, the world, as we all know, has experienced many changes. New global challenges have emerged, impacting our everyday lives and our ability to work, play, communicate and serve in the ways we've always done.

In the face of these new challenges, Lions have responded like they always have: with kindness, passion and conviction, lifting up others through our diversity of service. I'm so proud of all our members. In this new Lions year, I've been asked to serve another term as International President. I am honored to continue leading us through this changing landscape, and I'm grateful for the trust you've placed in me. Yet, it is the trust I have in each and every Lion that gives me hope and confidence in our ability to lead, to safely serve and to restore hope to the world in this historic moment. Thank you all,

Jung-Yul Choi

Dr. Jung-Yul Choi





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.

One key resource that we offer is Best Practices for Financial Transparency. This helpful resource was designed to provide you with general best practices, but it's a good idea to consult with an accounting professional to ensure that your club is compliant with local regulations and to further ensure that the club is engaging in appropriate business practices.

Review the document to learn more about:

- Financial Reporting
- Reimbursement Procedures
- Bank Account Management
- Conducting Audits/Reviews
- And much more!

Take a moment to visit our webpages designed to assist you in your role. You'll find all the necessary materials and resources you will need as well as e-Books to guide you.

[Club President/Club First Vice President](#): This webpage provides information about critical club operations and resources for effectively leading your club.

[Club Secretary](#): This webpage provides information to support the business operations of your club.

[Club Treasurer](#): This webpage provides information to assist in helping you manage all financial operations of your club.

If you are a Facebook user, visit us at [Improving Lions Club Quality](#) where you will find helpful information from Lions around the world. You can post questions, comments, stories and share new ideas to help improve your club.

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.

Thank you for your service!

Sincerely,

Your District and Club Administration Support Team



Lions Clubs International

Dear Lion,

Please remember that all Lions clubs, districts and multiple districts with annual gross receipts less than US\$50,000 who are not otherwise required to file Forms 990 or 990-EZ must file the e-Postcard (also known as 990-N). If your Lions club, district or multiple district has a foundation, which is a separate legal entity, the appropriate form will need to be filed as well.

Please review the document below for important information regarding your annual tax filing obligation. Thank you!

Kindest regards,

Legal Division
Lions Clubs International

Lions: Please remember that all Lions clubs, districts and multiple districts that have annual gross receipts of less than US\$50,000 and do not have to file Forms 990 or 990-EZ must file the **e-Postcard** (also known as 990-N). **If your Lions club, district or multiple district has a foundation, which is a separate legal entity, the appropriate form will need to be filed as well.**

All filers must register at IRS.gov prior to filing their next Form 990-N. This is a one-time registration if the designated Lion files annually. If the designee changes from a prior year, the new designee must register with the IRS.

Please refer to the following chart regarding annual filing requirements:

2019-2020 Tax Year*	Form to File
Gross receipts normally \$50,000 or less	990-N
Gross receipts greater than \$50,000 and less than \$200,000, and total assets less than \$500,000	990-EZ or 990
Gross receipts \$200,000 or greater or total assets \$500,000 or greater	990

The e-Postcard is due by the 15th day of the fifth month after the close of your tax year. Lions clubs operate on a fiscal year, July 1-June 30, and the e-Postcard is due by November 15 each year. Please note that *an organization cannot request an extension for filing the Form 990-N.*

If you do not file, you risk losing your tax-exempt status. Any Lions club that fails to meet its annual reporting requirement for three consecutive years will automatically lose its tax exempt status. A club may [apply](#) for reinstatement of its tax exemption even if it originally fell under a group exemption.

Every club and/or district (single, sub- and multiple) must have an employer identification number (EIN), even if it will not have employees. The EIN is a unique number that identifies the organization to the Internal Revenue Service. To apply for an EIN, you should obtain a Form SS-4 and its instructions from the IRS. You may also apply for an [EIN online](#), by telephone (1-800-829-4933) or by fax (fax number at the location accepting applications from your state). It is important that clubs and districts use the correct EIN for their annual filing.

For frequently asked questions about tax issues and regulations affecting Lions clubs and leadership, visit the [Lions Tax FAQ](#). Visit www.irs.gov/eo for complete details and to sign up for Exempt Organization's free email newsletter, *EO Update*, to receive up-to-date information posted on the charity pages of irs.gov.

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CAMPAIGN | 100



From Past International President and Campaign 100 Chairperson Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada

Campaign International Committee members recently gathered virtually to strategize on how to evolve our campaign plan to grow fundraising, now US\$166,598,099. Thank you for embracing new action plans and priorities; driving individual and club giving; encouraging more, and higher level, Model Clubs; and adapting to our new normal – imperative to fundraising and our ability to serve.

Continuing to Answer the Call

Through support of Campaign 100, LCIF was able to provide US\$5.1 million in grant funding for COVID-19 relief worldwide. Our pandemic remains a heavy burden – as do all global causes LCIF and Campaign 100 support.

Extending Our Campaign

Feeding the hungry, developing our youth, caring for the sick, and rebuilding communities has never been more complicated or critical. Equally important is our ability to raise funds essential for our service. To continue progressing toward our fundraising goal, Campaign 100 now runs through June 2022.

Join LCIF Leaders: 60 Minutes, a World of Knowledge

LCIF has launched Foundation Fridays, a monthly webinar series addressing Foundation topics covered by Lions leaders and other subject matter experts. Learn about Campaign 100 from LCIF Chairperson Gudrun Yngvadottir and Campaign 100 Vice Chairperson Frank Moore in their engaging webinar ***Campaign 100: LCIF Empowering Service***, and enjoy ***LCIF's Response to COVID-19***, ***How LCIF Supports Lions Service***, and ***A New Normal: Getting Back to Business*** (at website www.lionsclubs.org/en/virtual-events-center). Register for upcoming Foundation Fridays, too.

- October 2 – *A New Normal: How Your Club Can Make an Impact*
- November 6 – *A New Normal: Your Club Making an Impact (A Deeper Dive)*
- December 4 – *Global Partnerships: Maximizing Impact, Amplifying Lions Service*

Thank You for Making the Difference

Lions leaders like you and throughout our campaign structure are driving forces for our fundraising and role models for 1.4 million Lions worldwide. Thank you for heeding the call for support from LCIF Chairperson Gudrun Yngvadottir, and PIPs Campaign Chairperson Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada and Campaign Vice Chairperson Frank Moore. **YOU** make a difference.

SUPPORT CAMPAIGN 100

Info from LCIF eNewsletter



Lions Clubs International

Responding to the Coronavirus

Lions Clubs International is actively working with our clubs around the world and monitoring the ongoing coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, which is changing the way we live, work and serve. This Response Center is your central source for news and resources impacting Lions and our efforts to serve the world during this challenging time. Check back frequently for updates since this is a rapidly evolving situation. Let's continue to put our kindness in action by putting the health and safety of our communities first.



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LCIF Donations and Campaign 100

Donations for our COVID-19 response are being accepted through LCIF's General Disaster Fund. Please make a donation to help us in the fight to keep our families and communities safe. All donations to this fund are eligible for Melvin Jones Fellows and Campaign 100. Please be aware acknowledgements and recognition for LCIF donations will be delayed due to COVID-19.

LCIF recognizes and thanks its Campaign 100 International Committee members, area leaders, multiple district coordinators, district coordinators and club coordinators for their dedicated efforts to empower Lions' service both locally and globally. Our campaign leadership is in the process of evaluating the impact that the COVID-19 crisis is having on Campaign 100. In the weeks to come, we will provide you with more information about how Campaign 100 is adapting to address this unprecedented situation.

Campaign 100's support of Lions' service is more important now than ever. LCIF would like to take this opportunity to encourage all those who are working hard in support of Campaign 100 to prioritize health and safety, while remaining connected with your fellow Lions and the LCIF staff supporting you. Thank you for safely communicating the mission and impact of LCIF in your communities.



A message from:

Jerome Thompson

Past International Director,
GAT Constitutional Area 1 Leader



Thank you for leading your club. 2020 has provided many challenges. However, Lions are finding ways to continue to serve the community, engage volunteers and provide leadership opportunities to all members.

A few Lions have inquired as to why they have received this email. First you are a valued Lions Club leader, who deserves to be kept informed. Second, as the Global Action Team Leader for Constitutional Area 1, (USA and Affiliate Countries), I believe that if we communicate the needs of our association to Club leaders, we will begin to find success. Our association is as strong as our weakest club. Hence, it is the role of the Global Action team to support clubs, zones, and districts with tools and resources.

Who is the Global Action Team?

Your global action team consist of on Constitutional Area Leader, 14 Area Leaders, Your Multiple District Global Service, Membership and Leadership Chairs, your District Global Service, Membership and Leadership Chairs, and your Region and Zone Chairs. We have Lions at every level of our association ready to assist clubs, Zones and Districts in their pursuit of service, membership, and leadership development.

What does the Global Action Team do?

We serve at the pleasure of our International Executive officers, who have empowered us to:

1. Assist Districts, Zone and Clubs in reaching their goals.
2. Facilitate Communication with Lions Clubs international Staff
3. Promote and share best practices
4. Encourage the empowerment of Zone Chairs
5. Assist Districts in implementing the North America Membership Initiative process.

2020 - 21 Goals of CA 1

- **New Clubs** - 200 (20 chartered in July and August)
- **New Members into existing Clubs** - 44,000 (4,081 have been added YTD)
- **Retention of existing members** - Drop less than 43,000 (5,403 have been dropped YTD)
- **Service** - Impact 25,000,000 lives (YTD we have impacted 2.9 million)
- **Service Reporting** - Goal 75% of clubs report at least one service project (YTD 21% have reported at least one service activity)

The data reveals that we have survived the first 16.67% of the year and reached approximately 10% of our goals. Hence, we have a little catching up to do.

Tools to Help Clubs Be part of the success

1. Your **Global Action Team** is available to help.
2. New Members
 - **Just Ask**
 - **Club Quality Initiative**
 - **NAMI Resource Page**
3. Retention of Members
 - **NAMI Resource Page**
 - **Service Journey**
 - **Service Launchpad**
4. Reporting of Service
5. Leadership Development
 - **Learn**
 - **Virtual Learning Opportunities**

I wish you well. Our team is here to assist your club in its pursuit of excellence.

Sincerely,

H. Jerome Thompson



LEADER DOGS FOR THE BLIND

LEADER DOG NEWS FOR LIONS – Sept 2020

Summer Experience Goes Bigger...& Virtual!



This year the orientation and mobility (O&M) team took summer camp online for our first ever Virtual Summer Experience Camp!

Forty-three teenagers from 21 states and 2 countries gathered around their tablets, phones and computers for a week filled with fun and bonding. Although we couldn't meet in person this year, the goals remained the same—to provide campers with opportunities to explore mobility options, build leadership skills and connect with their peers. The group met 11 times for activities that included Harness the Power of Leadership, an O&M scavenger hunt, a Q&A with some of our guide dog mobility instructors and a fun trivia night. We also had a private Facebook group where campers could keep the conversation rolling all week long.

Our staff had a great time getting to know our virtual campers and their feedback suggests they also had a blast! With the support of the entire organization and our generous donors, the O&M team was able to quickly adapt our traditional Summer Experience Camp to this virtual format. We are so grateful and proud that we were able to provide an exceptional experience to our youngest clients but missed being together on campus with campers and volunteers. We can't wait to be back together next year!

Above: A grid view of seven campers and 2 camp counselors in a breakout room for the O&M scavenger hunt. Everyone is smiling as campers show items they found around their homes.



IN EVERY LEADER DOG
LIES THE HEART OF A LION.

A Leader Dog partner since 1939.

Dollars for Dogs – Event-Free Fundraising!

With fundraising events being cancelled across the world, Leader Dog is introducing several non-event fundraisers for Lions to help support our mission.

"This is a great idea anytime...it doesn't matter if you have a small or large club, in the city or small town!" said Lion Beth Slade, director of philanthropy for Lions engagement.

Clubs order packs of "dog tags" (pictured below) to distribute to local businesses. At the check out, employees ask if they would like to make a \$1, \$5, or \$20 donation to Leader Dog. The club and the business get the credit.

It's a great way to connect Lions with their communities and the project they support!

To order free kits, go to:
<https://www.leaderdog.org/lions-club/resources/order-promotional-items/>
Or email Lion Kathleen Breen at Kbreen@LeaderDog.org.



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LeaderDog.org/Lions

FOLLOW THE LEADER

"Dollars for Dogs" Kits are now available. If you want more information, contact Lion Julie Haase at haasejul@gmail.com. You can order kits at leaderdog.org - Go to the following tabs: Lions, Resources, Order Supplies (Kits are the last tab) Up to 5 Kits ship in 1 box.



2021 Lions Clubs of Michigan Scholarship for the Visually Impaired

Three \$3,000 scholarships to be awarded

Please mail completed scholarship application to:

The Lions of Michigan State Office

Attn: Scholarship Committee

5730 Executive Drive, Lansing, MI 48911

www.lionsofmi.com

Phone: (517) 887-6640

Fax: (517) 887-6642

email: lions@lionsofmi.com



Scholarship Criteria:

1. Must be legally blind and provide verification (letter from optometrist or ophthalmologist or letter from vocational counselor).
2. Applicants must be a resident of the State of Michigan and a United States Citizen (International students must provide proof of citizenship) and either attending or accepted by an accredited trade or business school, college or university.
3. Applicants must complete the official scholarship application (both sides).
4. Must submit two letters of recommendation.
5. Must submit an essay outlining why you need the scholarship.
6. Must have a minimum GPA of 2.5 (transcript required).
7. Completed scholarship applications must be postmarked NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 30th annually.
8. Must attend the Lions of Michigan Forum to accept scholarship during a ceremonial presentation.
(Actual check(s) will be issued to the school/university/equipment manufacturer upon submission of documentation. Two weeks notice required).

Scholarship Selection Process:

1. Lions of Michigan Scholarship Committee will review all applications during January.
2. This scholarship will be awarded in February annually at the Michigan Forum.

Name				Phone	()
Address					
City		State		Zip	
Email Address					
Date of Birth		* Degree of visual acuity			
* Legally blind is defined as best corrected vision in both eyes of 20/200 or less and/or visual fields of less than 20 degrees.					
How did you hear about the scholarship?					

Education Information

High School you attended			
What college or other institution are you attending/planning to attend?			
Have you been accepted?			
What do you plan to study?			
What are your personal and educational goals?			
How will the scholarship funds be used? <i>(Check all that apply)</i>			
<input type="checkbox"/> Tuition	<input type="checkbox"/> Books	<input type="checkbox"/> Housing	
<input type="checkbox"/> Specialized Equipment (please specify) _____			
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) _____			

Organizations, Activities and Awards

Describe briefly your most significant public service, community, or campus activities associated with your education and/or future career goals.			
Special honors and awards			
Special talents and training			

Applicant's Signature		Date	
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We Serve

Lions of Michigan



Dear Council of Governors,

Thank you for allowing PCC Paul Hemeryck and I present to you this weekend on the **Lions Opportunities in a Virtual World** event! When the world went into 'shut down' back in March, 2020, no one thought we would still be here today! The Lions of Michigan Leadership Institute staff saw a need for Lions - how do we continue in this now virtual world!? Many Lions are embracing this new normal and many have questions and concerns. Our goal is to help provide information to all Lions to improve their virtual knowledge and to help their club thrive and grow during this unprecedented time! We are very excited to help the Lions in Michigan explore and learn more about Virtual Opportunities for Meetings, Service, Fundraising, Leadership and Membership.

This virtual event is FREE and will be held on Saturday, November 7, 2020, from 9am-12:30pm. Vice President Brian Sheehan will kick off this event with a short welcome, followed by 10-15 minute presentations on each subject with a short Question and Answer period.

Lions can register via the link in the poster or the QR code using their smart phone.

To help ensure every Lion in the State of Michigan has the opportunity to attend, please forward this event information to your Districts' Global Service, Membership and Leadership Chairs; the District Public Relations Chair; include this in your District Newsletter; add it to your District Website and Facebook site; send it to your Zone Chairs and lastly, please send it to every member in your District!

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me!

Yours in Service and Kindness,

PID Jenny Ware

Jennifer Ware, Past International Director
Campaign 100 Constitutional Area 1 Vice Chairperson
9249 CR 513 T Rd.
Rapid River, MI 49878
906-399-8214

See flyer next page



LIONS OPPORTUNITIES IN A VIRTUAL WORLD 2020

OPENING WELCOME by 2nd Vice President Brian Sheehan
Special presentation by PIP Joe Preston
PRESENTING THE FOLLOWING 5 SESSIONS



FREE! CONNECT WITH US
SATURDAY 7 NOVEMBER
9AM-12:30PM



To Register scan the QR code or go to
www.lionsofmi.com and click on the link.



Calendar of Events

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

HALLOWEEN — October 31, 2020

NOVEMBER 2020:

Election — November 3, 2020 (Or earlier absentee ballot by mail or drop off)

Thanksgiving — November 26, 2020

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. Details TBA.

JUNE 2021:

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



PASSINGS

None Received



NEW MEMBERS

None Reported

On the Mend

NONE RECEIVED



Boyne Valley Lions

September 2020

Blood Drive

a) From Lion Mike Cain: "Might the Lions be interested in sponsoring a Red Cross Blood Drive at someplace like the Pavilion if they were interested? Let me know if you want me to reach out to RC and see if that is something they would like to do. Mike."

(1) Lion Mike to follow up on potential next steps.

Is the club interested in participating in the Boyne City Thanksgiving parade?

a) The club is not convinced that we could field enough Lions to support the parade. The club must respectfully decline.

Info from BVLC meeting notes

Central Lake Lions / Lioness

September 2020

White Cane was done a little different this year. Donation tables were set up at 3 different locations. In 3 days Central Lake Lions collected a record amount of over \$3,000 in donations.



— Central Lake Lions held their annual golf outing!

A great success thanks to our volunteers and sponsors. The weather was rather cooperative making a fun, pleasant day for all!





Cheboygan Lions

September 2020

Unusual year with Covid-19, but the Cheboygan Lions Club turned out in force for highway cleanup.

L to R, Bill Beethem, Bernie Beethem, Mark Tamlyn, Sally Spray, Jerry Spray, Gary Ashcroft, Richard Pollex, & Ron Neuman.

Cheboygan Lions also sponsored a youth hockey team.



East Jordan Lions

September 2020

Brenda Chandra organized the collection for White Cane and presented almost \$670 to King Lion Dennis Gocha.

- East Jordan donated \$500 to Pediatric cancer part of DG Ron Leathers fundraiser.
- We donated \$500 to Kiersten's Ride for suicide prevention.
- We gave \$455 for glasses for a needy recipient.



Lewiston Lioness Lions

September 2020

THE LEWISTON LIONESS LIONS - The drawing for the quilt was held on September 16, 2020. the lucky winner was Mary Wagner.

Thank you for all who purchased a ticket to make this a successful fundraiser.



Mackinaw City Lions

September 2020



Our Lion of the Year 2020 is Les Jackson. President Mike Smydra (masked) presented the award. —

We honor Chuck Brew for all his support and efforts for the Mackinaw City Lions. He attends district meetings, works on projects and encourages membership. We Serve!



(Above & right) The next two are appreciative awards to The Mackinaw Baker and Pancake Chef for all their support.

Lou Vassilakos presented in the first two, with. Dave Morthland in the last one (right). —



Oscoda Lions

September 2020

Oscoda Lions Ramp crew Lions Tony, Chuck, Ann Bovan and Bill Gaines built another ramp consisting of two platforms of 6' and 4' and two ramp sections of 8' and 14'. The project took them 8 ½ hours to complete because of the light and heavy rain – they spent time in the garage waiting for the rain to lighten up. They could not have done this without very special



Lady Lion Kay who provided the lunch. The residents were very happy to have the ramp to help them get in and out of house. WE Serve!!!



Prescott/Skidway Lake Lions

September 2020

The Prescott/Skidway Lake Lions Club assisted community members in building a handicap ramp for a community member who lost his leg in an accident.

Pictured members are Chuck Preston, Arnie Engster, and Terry Holston. Also a Lion member Ardith Allan donated \$100.00 to help with expenses in her husband, Clyde Allan's, name. —

Our club donated \$300.00 to the project. We also cleaned a mile of road in our community with Lion Terry doing most of the work.





CORONAVIRUS UPDATES – October 1



This is a snapshot of what the World, Nation, and State of Michigan looked like on **October 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 October 1

Confirmed Cases: 34,136,078 ♦ Deaths: 1,016,970

United States Statistics ♦

Total Cases: 7,297,546 ♦

Deaths: 207,451 ♦

Michigan Statistics

Total Cases: 139,012

Deaths: 7,102

DISTRICT 11-E2 STATISTICS

11-E2 Counties	Cases Confirmed	Deaths
Alcona:	37	2
Alpena:	149	14
Antrim:	63	0
Arenac:	66	3
Charlevoix:	97	3
Cheboygan:	76	2
Crawford:	117	5
Emmet:	150	4
Gladwin:	97	2
Iosco:	191	12
Kalkaska:	75	4
Montmorency:	14	0
Ogemaw:	53	5
Oscoda:	25	1
Otsego	160	12
Presque Isle:	25	1
Roscommon:	84	4
Totals	1479	74

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



Updates: COVID-19 , Social Unrest

This column's purpose is to provide important or interesting information for Lions, and people in general. In this "New Normal" reality, the COVID-19 Pandemic cannot be ignored while it continues its assault on humanity. The following is updated information gleaned from medical and news websites.

COVID Science: Scientists and public health experts have for months warned of "mounting evidence that the coronavirus is airborne, transmitted through tiny droplets called aerosols that linger in the air much longer than the larger globs that come from coughing or sneezing."

Airborne COVID-19: The difference between a droplet and an aerosol?

- **Droplets:** When people sneeze or cough, they can expel particles filled with the virus that causes COVID-19. Droplets are relatively heavy. So they usually fall to the ground within two seconds and don't travel much beyond 6 feet. Masks and social distancing can help prevent the spread of droplets.
- **Aerosols:** These particles are lighter, smaller and can float. Aerosols could stay aloft for minutes or hours in poorly ventilated indoor areas, thus causing possible transmission of the coronavirus. Avoiding crowds and wearing masks could greatly help to reduce the spread of airborne COVID-19 particles.

The CDC verified aerosols, then retracted it. This and other CDC statements have brought into question the veracity of the CDC itself. The concern is that the CDC is reporting altered data from political pressure, not scientific data. We need to be sure of the accuracy of the scientific data we are given, not the product of political propaganda.

COVID Economy: "The U.S. economy lost 22 million jobs between February and April in 2020. It recovered only 42% of them by July, according to the latest reports. As of July, payroll employment was lower than its pre-COVID February level by 12.9 million jobs (or 8.4%). In other words, the pandemic has sent the economy back to 2014-level number of jobs. Payroll employment now needs to grow by about 2.6 million per month to recover by the end of the year." (*ZipRecruiter.com*)

The COVID-19 Pandemic is not slowing down. Europe is bracing for the second wave while the U.S. is still in the first wave and not anywhere near controlling the spread of the virus. Many states are continuing to see increasing numbers of cases and record-breaking case numbers daily – all while some states are ending or reducing protective measures. With loosening restrictive guidelines, Pandemic weary people failing to maintain social distance, and purposeful non-masking, we are ensuring the continued spread of the Coronavirus and impeding economic recovery.

As I am writing this, the news just broke that Trump and the First Lady have both tested positive for the Coronavirus. In what should be one of the safest places on the planet, the White House, the major occupants have contracted the disease. It remains to be seen how many staff members, visiting Representatives and Senators, cabinet officials, and many others have been exposed to and may now have COVID-19. This Pandemic, and its effects, is far from over...

Social Change (or Not): The hundreds of protests throughout the U.S. and worldwide (over 60 countries), denouncing racism and police brutality and killings, continue in the movement for equality and social justice. Despite some cases of violence, 93% of protests were peaceful. They have certainly created a public dialogue about ways to end police brutality and killings. However, justice for some victims has been elusive. The infamous Breonna Taylor killing, in which 26-year-old Taylor was shot 16 times by police officers raiding her apartment, has come to the fore of the social justice movement. Taylor was not the main target of the raid. Police suspected she may have been storing drug money or drugs because of a relationship with an ex-boyfriend, a convicted drug-dealer. Her current boyfriend, awakened with her by pounding at the door, grabbed his gun and fired at what he thought was a home invasion, not a police raid. One officer was hit (not fatally, fortunately), and the police opened fire, killing unarmed Taylor. Nothing was found, and her family subsequently confirmed that she had cut ties with her ex-boyfriend – who later testified she was not involved with his drug dealings. Despite the excessive force used, a grand jury did not charge the officers who shot Taylor. The police killing of an unarmed black woman who committed no crime has again fired up protesters who genuinely seek justice for Breonna, George Floyd, and so many others. Unfortunately, as might be expected, outrage, anger and frustration led to 2 Louisville, KY, police officers being shot and wounded during a demonstration a few hours after the Grand Jury announcement. They will recover.

Racism, hate, and mistrust continue to feed the cycle of violence that shows no sign of abating. The divisions in our society run deep, and if we can't find ways to come together and solve our problems (through Kindness and Diversity for starters), we're in for a long bumpy ride on a very tragic road.

Be Kind, & STAY SAFE!



"Unnatural" Nature

During the COVID-19 Pandemic our usual recreational activities -- going to movies, eating at restaurants, etc. -- are not available. Like many others, we filled in the void with other pursuits, like bike rides and hiking many of Northern Michigan's great trails. We've gone to many places we never really explored, south of Traverse City on the Lake Michigan coast, and over to areas like Rogers City, Alpena and Oscoda on the Lake Huron coast. We've appreciated discovering all the beauty found throughout Northern Michigan, not just in our familiar Little Traverse Bay area. We are all so fortunate to live up here.

One thing we did notice nearly everywhere near both coastlines is the high water levels and the omnipresent erosion damage on the adjoining coastal lands. On a recent visit to Mackinac Island we encountered several spots along the eastern and northern coastline where erosion has eaten away portions of M185, the road along the coast that circles around the Island.

- Pictures:** (1) Stretches of beach along the eastern coastline have been strengthened with a wall of large boulders, standing waist high.
- (2) Area of northeast road where erosion from waves has breached the previous rock wall and damaged the roadway pavement. There were a couple of places where the pavement had been removed, leaving a gravel surface waiting to be paved.
- (3) We were disappointed, but not surprised, by the lack of social distancing and number of people not wearing masks in the crowd of 200 or more people waiting to the board boat to Mackinaw City at the Island ferry dock. Signs on the ferry said masks were required, and we observed crew members giving out masks or asking some unmasked passengers to mask up while on the boat. Did not feel safe...



While the overabundance of water from rain and high lake levels are damaging roads, docks, and buildings in Michigan, Nature has unleashed much more damage with a lack of water on the west coast states.

So far this year, wildfires in Oregon, Washington, California, and other western states have burned more than 7,000 square miles, equivalent to the land area of New Jersey. The blazes have killed at least 35 people, forced tens of thousands from their homes, destroyed hundreds of structures, and caused extreme air pollution that has threatened the health of millions of residents. Ecologists fear the wildfires also could inflict lasting damage on species and ecosystems.

Nasa has described a "perfect storm of meteorological factors" contributing to the period of "extreme burning". Record-breaking temperatures, unusually dry air and fierce winds - on top of drought in some areas - have exacerbated the fires. Most fires have been ignited by lightning strikes (estimated 10%) and human activity (estimated 90%) -- some accidentally (camp fires, cigarettes, downed power lines, etc.) a few may have been purposeful arson.



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Large plumes of smoke from the fires have crossed the US and the Atlantic Ocean, carried by the jet stream, to the skies of Europe. Pollution from wildfires contains soot and other fine particles dangerous to human health, as well as noxious chemicals. Oregon, Washington and California are experiencing some of the most unhealthy air on the planet, according to global air quality rankings. In some parts of Oregon, air quality has been so hazardous that it has gone beyond the scale of the state's Air Quality Index. Pollution has hit historic levels in five of the state's cities - Portland, Eugene, Bend, Medford and Klamath Falls.

Currently, the National Fire Information Center (NIFC) reports there are 65 active large uncontained fires in 11 western states that have burned 3.8 million acres. There have been 44,714 wildfires nationwide that have burned 7,691,848 acres in 2020. At least 35 known deaths have been attributed to the recent fires.

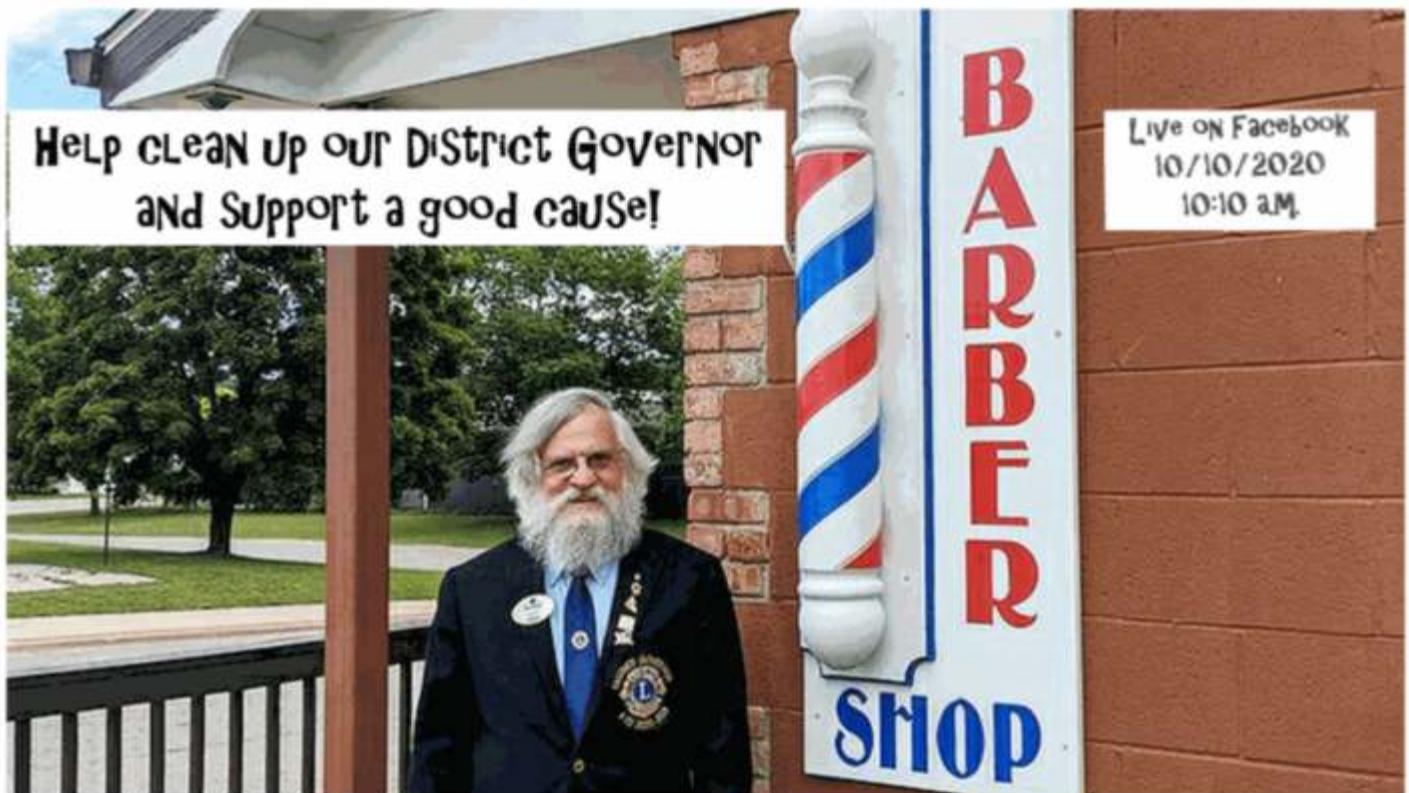
NOAA/NASA's Suomi NPP Satellite Continues to Capture Natural Disasters

NOAA/NASA's Suomi NPP satellite captured this true-color image of the United States on Sep. 15, 2020 showing the fires in the West, the smoke from those fires drifting over the country, and several hurricanes converging with Sally making landfall.

In the Southern and East coast states, Nature's disasters come in the form of tropical storms and hurricanes. The 2020 Atlantic hurricane season is nearing an all-time record for the number of named storms. With the development of Tropical Storm (now Hurricane) Delta, we've seen 25 named storms; including 9 hurricanes, so far this 2020 season. Only the 2005 season – with 27 named storms and one unnamed storm – remains above 2020 on the list of seasons with the most storms. The 2005 record season's 25th storm didn't develop until Nov. 15, over five weeks later in the season than 2020's 25th storm, Delta. The average storm count for a full season is 13; so far we've had roughly two full average seasons' worth of storms in 2020. And the season isn't over yet. If the rest of the season is just average, we can expect another 3 to 4 storms at least, taking the season's tally to 28 or 29 storms. If more active than normal, 2020 could have 30 or 31 storms.

Tropical storms and hurricanes cause destruction due not only to high winds, but because of immense amounts of rain, creating flooding, not only at the coast, but often hundreds of miles inland. The impact of the 2020 Atlantic hurricane season in total reported damage thus far is estimated to reach up to \$29 billion. Tragically, almost 140 people have lost their lives so far in the 2020 Atlantic hurricane season. It is almost certain to get worse before the end of the year.

Record heat and dryness/droughts, rising lake levels (and sea levels), unprecedented destructive wildfires, damaging hurricanes and flooding, all during the COVID-19 Pandemic. There are 2 takeaways offered from this: Climate change is happening now, and an awful lot of people need, and will need, help in this new reality.



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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FIND HALLOWEEN A BIT SCARY?

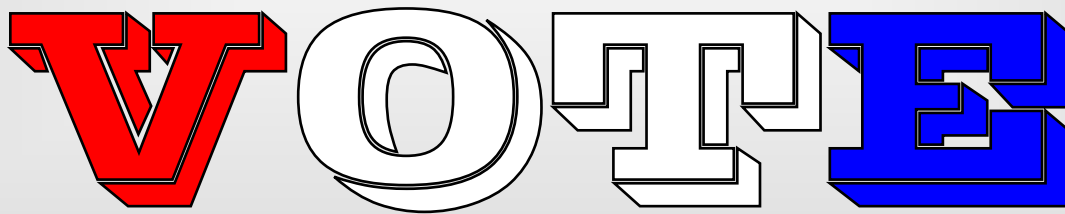
Well, what's **REALLY SCARY** is...not voting in the...

2020 ELECTION!

Every Freedom we enjoy comes with a Responsibility of Citizenship

Whatever your race, gender, religion, philosophy, party, or social status, you have the Responsibility and the Opportunity to make your voice heard.

Help OUR Country, OUR Democracy determine it's Destiny.



Marie Leathers

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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!

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- **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.

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