

DISTRICT 11-E2 NEWSLETTER



November 2018



DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

Notable Quote: "What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us." - Ralph Waldo Emerson



How Would You Answer These Questions?

It is now mid-way through November, and I have visited 29 of the 32 clubs in our district. I am obliged to submit a Club Visitation Report to LCI for each visit I make, and I thought it might be of some interest to many of you what this report comprises.

Basically, the report contains a series of yes/no questions that I am supposed to answer. As you will see, you won't recall me asking for your responses to many of these questions. Most of my answers are gleaned from my observations and listening to you at the club meetings I have visited. So, let's go over the questions LCI is asking.

1. Would you consider this an active club?

Unless one of you approaches me and candidly admits that your club doesn't do anything, I always have answered "yes". I am happy to announce that I have not, to date, answered "no" to this question for any club I have visited.

2. Does the club have a website?

This is one I usually ask someone about, but to be honest, sometimes I forget to ask. If I don't know the answer, I leave it unanswered. I have not had a report rejected for not answering any of these questions.

3. Does the club have an ongoing service project?

Again, I am happy to announce I have not replied "no" for any club I have visited. I'm not sure what LCI means by "ongoing", but I presume it means you are doing the project currently or planning on performing it sometime during the current Lion year.

4. Is the club effectively promoting club service to its community?

Again, my answer has been "yes" for every visit, although I'm not sure how I can gauge effectiveness without performing a survey of your community.

5. Does the club have a plan to recruit and retain members?

Heh, heh. I usually leave this one unanswered, unless I clearly observe otherwise. If new members are coming into your club this year, I will give you the benefit of the doubt and assume you have a "plan".

6. Do new members receive proper orientation and induction?

I'm supposed to know this from a single visit? Give me a break.

7. Does the club participate in district activities?

Unfortunately, I know the answer for most clubs.

8. Does this club contribute annually to LCIF?

I know the answer from donation reports the district receives.

9. Have you communicated the most recent policy changes and resources that will assist the club?

I try my best.

10. Do you have concerns about the functioning of this club?

I can always find a "concern" about any club, if I look hard enough. However, most concerns I have never rise to the level of my feeling it necessary to report them to LCI.

Well, there you have it. How would you respond to these questions on behalf of your club? If you wish to share your responses, I would be happy to listen.

Have a happy and peaceful Thanksgiving.

Yours in service,

Gordon Harris, District Governor

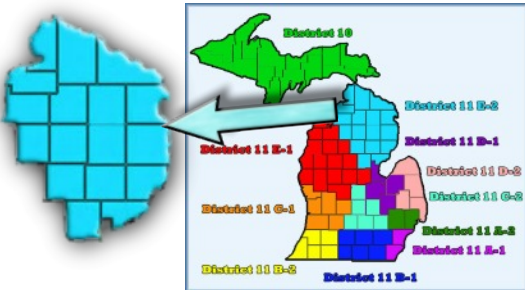
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HAPPY THANKSGIVING



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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Ellsworth Lioness*

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East Jordan, East Jordan
Lioness, Gaylord, Petoskey*



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Pursuing New Horizons with International President, Gudrun Yngvadottir

Dear Lion,

The legacy of Lions lives within every community we impact and in the heart of every life we touch. For more than 100 years, our kindness and compassion have truly changed the world. Now, with the launch of the Service Journey, we are redefining our legacy of service for a new century.

The Service Journey can help take your club to the next level of service. That's because we have more resources than ever before to help you serve. Keep reading to learn how the Service Journey can help you do even more good for the people who need us.

In friendship,

Gudrun Yngvadottir
Your International President

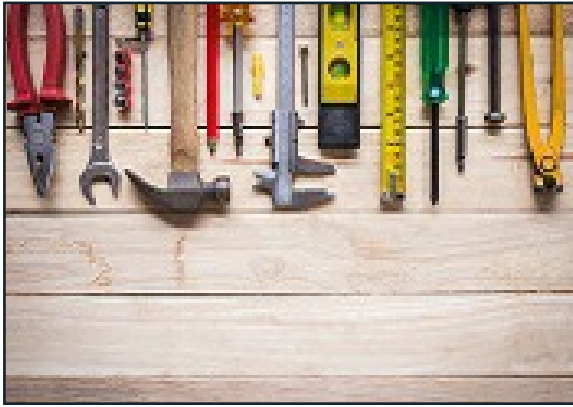
The Service Journey

Get ready to Learn, Discover, Act and Celebrate with the Service Journey. With new resources designed to inspire action and innovation, the Service Journey gives your club even more support to do what it does best—serve.



[Start your Service Journey](#) to find easy-to-use project planners, build lasting partnerships and get tips for sharing your impact. Then take your service farther than ever before.

Service Toolkit



Every journey needs the right tools, and the Service Toolkit has everything you'll need to activate your club for even greater impact. The toolkit can help your club:

- Discover your club's strengths and community's needs.
- Connect with organizations and build a volunteer network.
- Raise funds more effectively to support local and international projects.

Check out [the Service Toolkit](#) to learn about all the great resources that can help your club make an even bigger difference in your community.

MyLion Online

MyLion is the perfect companion on your Service Journey. It's an incredible resource that helps you organize service, connect with Lions around the world, and share your service photos and stories. With all of these resources at your fingertips, your club will be ready to schedule your next great project—or even a project for [World Diabetes Day in November](#).

MyLion is now available in 13 languages, so check for availability in your area and get connected!



Our New Website Is Live

It's here. The all-new [LionsClubs.org](#) is live and ready for you to explore. Be among the first to experience its exciting features:

- The Resource Center
- The reengineered Club Locator
- The Service Launchpad

Enjoy the new site—and make sure to share it with others!

[Rediscover Lionsclubs.org](#)

Lions of Michigan District 11 E-2

Cabinet Meeting Minutes, October 20, 2018

Cabinet Members in Attendance - DG Gordon Harris, IPDG Bob Gingerich, CST Barb Durflinger, ZC's Bev Bodem, Art Clark, Dennis Gocha and Rod Leathers, GLT Dave Zeller, GMT Bob Tasior

Cabinet Members Absent – ZC's Bill Gaines and Clairene Jorella

Lions in Attendance - PDG Bill Stenback, PDG Don Seifried, PDG Dennis Richardson, Lions Julie Haase, Bill Palmer, CarlaJean Gingerich, Eileen Palmer, Devon Tasior, David Zimmer, Laura Jackson, Chuck Brew, Duane Fosmore, Robert Strittmatter, Cal Shooks, Dave Lewandowski, Kris Roberts and Jim Broome

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM by DG Harris. The invocation was offered by IPDG Gingerich. The Pledge was led by GLT Zeller.

Secretary's Report - Minutes of the August 11, 2018 cabinet meeting were presented by CST Durflinger. IPDG Gingerich moved approval, ZC Leathers supported, motion carried. The only correspondence was a thank you from LCIF for our contribution in honor of IPDG Gingerich.

Treasurer's Report - CST Durflinger reported the administrative account had a beginning balance on 7/1/18 of \$26,428.19. Income through 10/19/18 was \$9,758.35 and expenses were \$11,555.18, leaving an ending balance on 10/19/2018 of \$24,631.36. This total is made up of \$19,605.62 of administrative funds, and \$5,025.74 in the convention fund. The projects account had a beginning balance of \$35,748.97, income of \$2,858.90 and expenses of \$480.00, leaving an ending balance of \$38,127.87 as of 10/19/18. It was moved by ZC Clark, supported by ZC Bodem that the financial report be accepted. Motion carried. Last year's books have been taken to the auditor for review and tax preparation.

ZC Leathers announced that it was DG Harris's birthday. We sang Happy Birthday and the cake provided by the Central Lake Lions was cut.

Old Business- None.

New Business - Discussion of Cabinet vacancies - DG Harris said there are no volunteers to fill the 1st and 2nd VDG vacancies yet. He will be waiting to see what happens, and hopes the vacancies will be filled by the end of the convention. IPDG Gingerich inquired about what was going to be done about the 3-6 month absence of ZC Jorella. IPDG Gingerich said he would temporarily fill the vacancy while we determine what action to take.

Recap from Council of Governor's Meeting - DG Harris reported that the USA/Canada Forum was interesting. There were good breakout sessions, but it is an expensive trip. Next year's USA/Canada forum is in Spokane, WA. He noted that there weren't many average Joe Lions at the forum, and he would like to see more.

The state treasurer reiterated that unless things change the state office is heading toward bankruptcy. We need an increase in membership. DG Harris commented that it is difficult to cost cut your way to solvency.

The DAD grant has been submitted, and they are optimistic it will be approved by this time next year. The district pledged \$6000 on behalf of our clubs. We have received \$1,342 in payments thus far from 5 clubs. The funds will be used for diabetes testing and education.

The DG reported that Leader Dog has a \$13 million budget this year, of which approximately \$2 million comes from Lions Clubs. It costs \$41,680 per dog for a blind client and \$48,000 for a deaf/blind client.

The International Convention committee has their first meeting at the end of the month. The DG noted that Milan (Italy) is a cultural and historic destination, and the convention falls in the middle of peak tourist season. The Michigan delegation will be in three different hotels, none in walking distance to the convention center. The committee chair has not located a venue for Michigan night. The DG noted that his opinion is the International convention is a gross waste of funds, and an orgy of self-congratulation.

The DG noted that the Indian River Club reported the death of former Zone Chair Dennis Croft. Funeral services will be held on Friday 10/26.

GLT Report - GLT Zeller reported that we really need people to serve on committees. Upcoming leadership training opportunities include the Michigan Forum on Feb 22/23, and the Lions Leadership Institute in Higgins Lake in November. The forum will be held in Grand Blanc, and is only one day unless you want to go Friday night for the service project.

GMT Report- GMT Tasior turned in a written report, but also commented that it would be a valuable thing for both new and long time members to attend the Michigan Forum, and urged everyone to push it to their club members. He reminded us that we need to be flexible- everyone cannot attend every meeting and work on every project. He also urged all clubs to put together an orientation program so that people know what to expect.

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Zone Chair Reports – ZC Clark reported that he hadn't begun visits yet, but Indian River and Hillman do have a joint Christmas party scheduled. ZC Bodem commented that she has not begun club visits yet, but her focus this year will be to talk to people about stepping up to serve as zone chairs. ZC Leathers has visited all of his clubs. Their major concern is membership. He has zone meeting scheduled on 10/25. He is encouraging all members to attend, not just officers. ZC Gocha hasn't made any visits yet, but has two scheduled.

Committee Reports - Written Reports were provided by the following Committees:

Constitution and By-Laws - PDG Zeller

District Convention - PDG Zeller

Environmental - PDG Bodem

Eversight - PDG Richardson

LCIF - PDG Durflinger

Liaison - PDG Zeller

Lioness Liaison - Lion Carole Schultz

Lions of Michigan Foundation- PDG Zeller

Michigan Forum - PDG Zeller

Strategic Planning - PDG Zeller

USA/Canada Forum - PDG Zeller

The following supplemented written reports at the meeting: PDG Zeller noted that the district convention will be in Alpena on May 5/4-6. They are working on trying to get glass bottom boat tours scheduled. The food is being catered by JJ's. There is no information yet on who the keynote speaker will be. PDG Durflinger reported that the Lions of Michigan Foundation raffle tickets will be coming out soon. For sales of over 100 tickets, clubs get a return of \$5.50/ticket. PDG Durflinger also noted that she wants to visit every club this year to talk to them about Campaign 100. She will be contacting clubs, but feel free to contact her to schedule a visit. She will also be attending zone meetings. GMT Tasior and ZC Bodem discussed the PFAS problem in the district. This is a problem throughout the district, and may be an opportunity for club assistance in providing information or services to those affected by the contaminated water.

Oral Reports - MD-11 Convention - IPDG Gingerich reported that the MD-11 convention this year will be held in Auburn Hills.

All State Band - Lion Chuck Brew noted that the first try-out was today, but there are more opportunities. The trip this year is to Milan, Italy, and will cost \$4,295. Clubs are encouraged to speak to their local school band directors to look for interested students. Information has been sent out to all schools already.

District Peace Poster - PDG Stenback reminded clubs that the posters must be in his hands, or postmarked by 11/15.

District Melvin Jones - This is usually handled by the 1VDG, but due to the vacancies in those positions, CST Durflinger will send out information and applications to the clubs, and the completed applications should be sent to the DG. DG Harris reminded us that these applications are to be completed for those with District level service.

Eversight - PDG Richardson reported that he and ZC Leathers toured the Eversight facility in Ann Arbor. He encouraged clubs/individual Lions to visit. They are happy to do tours. He reported that for this calendar year 1,173 corneas were donated in Michigan, and 799 people received the gift of sight, 24 in our district. Our district last year gave \$14,020, and he encouraged every club to contribute. Even a small contribution helps. It would be great if all state projects could get 100% district support this year. Last year we were the second highest District contributor in the state to Eversight. He also noted that registered organ donors are up to almost 70% from 30% a few years ago. Since many of the people we speak to at Buddy Day are already registered, we should be sure and encourage them to speak to their families about their wishes. He would like to make presentations to clubs and to zones, so be sure to invite him for a visit. PDG Zeller noted that clubs should consider setting up a booth at local festivals in addition to Buddy Days. It is a good way to get information out about all Lions' projects.

Leader Dog - Lion Julie Haase reported that district clubs donated \$805 the first quarter. Last year there were 200 clients from 32 states. They are trying cross breeds the next couple years to see how that works out.

Website/Information Technology - IPDG Gingerich reported that the website has been updated. He encouraged clubs to send him information. Right now he is taking most of it from the District Facebook page.

Announcements/Audience Comments - ZC Clark commended Lion Dave Zimmer on a excellent newsletter. He also thanked the Petoskey Lions for allowing Indian River to put mint containers in their service area since the Petoskey Lions were not participating in the program. DG Harris commended both clubs on working together.

DG Comments - DG Harris apologized for his negativity earlier in the meeting, but commented that it is great to be a Lion. It is just that some of the upper lever policies, activities annoy him sometimes.

With no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 11:40. The next meeting will be on 1/12/19 at the Ramada Inn in Grayling.

Respectfully submitted,

PDG Barb Durflinger - Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer

Written Report: Presented At The Cabinet Meeting In October

Eversight Report
District 11-E2 Cabinet Meeting
October 20, 2018

Eversight is one of the outstanding State Projects of the Lions of Michigan whose Mission is to restore sight through the healing power of DONATION, TRANSPLANTATION and RESEARCH. Eversight recovers, evaluates, prepares and delivers human eye tissue for transplantation; supports research into causes and cures of blinding eye conditions; promotes organ donor awareness; and provides humanitarian aid to people in need of sight-restoring services.

The Lions of Michigan is the largest financial support group of Eversight Michigan. Last year our District donated \$14,020, making us one of the top Districts in the state. It is my wish that we continue this generosity during this current year and furthermore that 100% of our clubs support Eversight financially.

A second area of interest is that of Organ Donor Awareness. Eversight, along with Lions and Lionesses, work very hard to make people aware of the need for organ donors and to sign more Michigan residents to the Organ Donor Registry. I would ask that our clubs consider having an Organ Donor Awareness program during this year and also participate in Donate Life Day 19 this coming April. We have reached the point where we have a surplus of eye tissue for transplantation, but when you consider that about 22 people die each day awaiting an organ for transplantation, we must continue to work to increase the number of potential organ donors.

The core mission of Eversight is to give people the Gift of Sight through corneal transplants. Since the beginning of this year 1,173 persons have donated their eyes and 799 individuals have received the Gift of Sight through a corneal transplant in our state.

Clubs are encouraged to utilize the A. Charles Weir and William "Doc" Barr Fellowship Awards to honor a club or community member. Donations of \$500.00 in a three year period would qualify your club to receive a Weir Sight Conservation Fellowship Award and a \$1000.00 donation would qualify your club for a Barr Knights for Vision Fellowship Award. These very nice awards can be ordered by contacting Victoria Launiere at Eversight: vlauniere@eversightvision.org

Lions and Lionesses can find more information about Eversight and their activities by utilizing their newly re-designed website: www.eversightvision.org.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Richardson, District 11-E2 Chair
Eversight Michigan



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and include a photo



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share your page



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helps people in need

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LIONS MICHIGAN FORUM FOR LIONS ABOUT LIONS

Plan now to attend the Michigan Forum February 22-23, 2019
at the Holiday Inn Gateway Centre, Flint.

Friday night we will carry on our newest tradition of a holding a large, group service project. This year's special guest will be PDG Ronnie Martin, LCI New Club Development Consultant.

Up to 16 breakout sessions will have a strong focus on the club level: Service, membership, retention, new club development, leadership and more. Whether you're a seasoned member or a new Lion, the Michigan Forum is for YOU.

Join us as we continue tradition of service and leadership through Lionism



Greetings Fellow Lions,

Your Global Service Team members have been working hard to provide another great service project at the next Michigan Forum. Many have asked what is the GST? Why do we need it? Is it really that important to report our service hours? These are all great questions and I feel that if one person has asked, many of you are probably wondering the same.

First, the GST main objective is to promote, facilitate, and empower our members to do service projects in our communities. There are leaders from the International level on down to our clubs—each one is not only a valuable team member, but also plays a vital role in our organization's success! On an international stage, we see service projects being handled at the International Convention and Forums throughout the world. As your Multiple District GST, we are asked to do the same. The same with goes with the District GST and of course the club service chairperson as well.

Why do we need it? It is truly a team approach, with each level reliant on one another. Your District GST's role is to assist our clubs service chairpersons when help is needed. Sometimes that help only consists of brainstorming ideas. No club is too small to do a service project. There truly are projects of all sizes. In upcoming issues of the Lion Pride, we will highlight projects that are being performed by small clubs as well as large clubs. Has your club elected a Club Service Chairperson?

Lastly, is it really that important to report our club's service hours? The easy answer is, YES! In the "old days" we would report our activities on a sheet of paper and then we would mail it to our leaders. Often times, we found this may get lost misplaced. It was not necessarily the most efficient system. However, this was a good way to show our immediate leaders what we were doing. The downside to it was that sometimes it could take a lengthy amount of time to get up the food chain. Many have asked, why isn't our projects placed in the district newsletter, the Lion Pride or the International magazine? You have asked, and we have answered! By simply reporting what you are doing in your communities on mylci your project is instantly received by our leaders! WOW, how cool is that! That almost seems painless. Also, we have found we as an association can use those numbers and apply for grants, like the measles and rubella campaign with the Gates Foundation. So, just by reporting your information you are helping in many other ways. For that, we thank you!

Your partner in service,

Lion Justin Faber - MD11 GST Chairperson

Lions of Michigan Fund Created for Michigan Income Tax Donations

The Lions of Michigan Foundation is now 1 of 8 Michigan charities with the honor of being able to receive donations directly from Michigan state income tax payers. The Michigan Legislature passed Public Act 255, which was approved by Governor Rick Snyder on June 28, 2018.

Public Act 255 required the approval of the Michigan House of Representatives, Senate and Governor. Through the dedication and support of Representative Wendell Byrd, who introduced the legislation, and Speaker of the House Tom Leonard, who advocated for the legislation, strong bipartisan support throughout the Michigan Legislature made passage of the Act possible.

The Act creates a Lions of Michigan Foundation Fund within the Michigan Department of Treasury to collect funds donated to the Lions of Michigan Foundation by tax payers filing their annual Michigan income tax returns. Any Michigan tax payer may now donate to the Lions of Michigan Foundation by simply checking the appropriate donation box and indicating the amount of their donation on Form 4642:



PASSINGS



Lion Dennis Croft of the Indian River Lions Club, and formerly one of the Zone Chairs, passed away in October. The funeral was held on Friday, October 26 at 1 PM, at the Wolverine Free Methodist Church.

Central Lake Lion Byron Lowrance passed away in November. A funeral service with military honors was held Monday, November 5, at 12 noon at the Central Lake Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes

NEW MEMBERS

Boyne Valley Lions Club welcomed new member G. T. Long at their October 24 meeting

Boyne Valley Lions

Boyne Valley Lions Club Commemorates Five Decades Of Service With Dedication To Boyne City

The Boyne Valley Lions Club celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2017 while the larger Lions Clubs International Organization celebrated its centennial anniversary in the same year. The motto for the Lions is "We Serve" and the Boyne Valley Lions Club has chosen to serve their community by dedicating a beautiful seating group in the Open Space property across from Family Fare. The plans for the seating group were drawn up last year and



Left: The Open space before work began;
Below: Lions toil in the soil to landscape the site

implemented this year. The seating group sports a bench with spectacular views of Lake Charlevoix, a multiple basin Murdock drinking fountain with a pet drinking basis, two new trees, and a trash container.



The Lions 50th Anniversary Gift Dedication to Boyne City was held on Wednesday, October 17. The following paragraphs are excerpts from BV Lions President Jill Dury's remarks at the ceremony:

"I'd like to thank you all for coming out today. Fifty-one years ago, a chapter of Lions Club International was chartered here in Boyne City. Boyne City is fortunate to have several great service organizations and we, the members of Boyne Valley Lions, are proud to serve our community. Today to have one of our founding chapter members, Lion Rex Jenkins with us. The motto of the Lions Club is "we serve", and we are proud to have served this community for the previous five decades...

As part of the club's celebration of 50+ years of service to the community and the International organizations Centennial Celebration, the Boyne Valley Lions Club chose to commemorate the milestones with a club project that would benefit the community for years to come.

We are gathered here today to celebrate not only the anniversary as a club but also the club's service to the community. We would like to thank Bob & Rafina Grove and Mike & Rhea Dow who are the current owners of the Open Space for allowing us to get an early start on this project, Mark Felton from Charlevoix Landscape for his help in planting the trees, Boyne Valley Hydroseed for the new grass, Lion Gow Litzenburger for the donation of the trees, and our club members for their hard work in making this donation possible.

The memorial plaque reads 'In 2017 the Boyne Valley Lions celebrated 50 years of service to the Boyne community and the 100th anniversary of the Lions Clubs International. In honor of these milestones, the Lions proudly dedicated this place to reflect, celebrate, and honor all who serve our community.'

Mr. Mayor, city officials, and distinguished guests, the Boyne Valley Lions proudly dedicate this seating group to our community for all to enjoy! Thank you!"



Boyne Valley Lion President Jill Drury presents Mayor Tom Neidhamer with a commemorative plaque at the Gift Dedication as community members observe the October 17 ceremony.



October 24:
Boyne Valley Lions Club welcomed new member **G.T. Long**, at the October 24 meeting.

November 14: Diabetes Screening

The Boyne Valley Lions partnered with MSU Extension Services and Munson Healthcare Charlevoix Hospital to conduct free diabetes screening on November 14 to mark World Diabetes Day. During the four hour event 25 people were screened at the Boyne City Hall.

Diabetes is expected to affect 522 million people by 2030. The Boyne Valley Lions along with their



Gretchen Stelter from MSU Extension Services and BV Lion Ken Allen

partners are working to raise awareness of the impact that diabetes has on the individual and to promote the role of the family in the management, care, prevention and education of the condition.



Grayling Lions

The Grayling Lions Club gave out picture frames to kids who had their photos taken with Santa at the Christmas Walk on November 17 at the Artisan Village.



Above: Lions CarlaJean Gingerich and Carolyn Rakoczy are handing a picture frame to Onna Parker

Hubbard Lake Lions

Hubbard Lake Lions Earn Recognition Awards for Service

Hubbard Lake Lion **Ken Radke** received the *William "Doc" Barr Knights for Vision Fellowship*, presented by Lion President Ray Marshke.



The *Charles Weir Sight Conservation Fellowship* was awarded to Hubbard Lake Lion **Elmer Degen** by President Ray Marshke

Hubbard Lake Lion Ray Marshke presented the *William "Doc" Barr Knights for Vision Fellowship* to Lion **Ken Lobert**.



Hubbard Lake Lion **Dennis Lamb** was awarded the *Charles Weir Sight Conservation Fellowship* by President Ray Marshke

The *William "Doc" Barr Knights for Vision Fellowship* was presented to Hubbard Lake Lion **Kevin Degen** By President Ray Marshke



Hubbard Lake President Ray Marshke presents Lion **Vic Galea** with the *Charles Weir Sight Conservation Fellowship*

Lewiston Lions

The Lewiston Lions' \$15 raffle calendars are out and about. They are available from Lions in Lewiston, Gaylord, Mio, and Atlanta. They are available until they are gone! There are only **900** to sell! Last year demand was greater than supply, don't be left out, **365** winners!



Oscoda Lions/Lioness

Chevron Awards Presented



Special chevrons for years of service were presented at the club meeting on October 25th. Lion Newana 15 years, Lion Nancy 10 years, Lion Von 15 years and Lion Wayne 40 years.

Handicap Swing Installed

Lions Lewis, Tony and Bill Gaines recently completed a swing that is wheelchair accessible. With assistance from



Oscoda Township DPW staff, the swing was installed at Oscoda Beach Park. Total cost including materials, the concrete pad and DPW transport and set up was \$1,014.

Thanksgiving Dinner and Community Donations Presented

The Oscoda Lions held their annual Thanksgiving dinner, savoring a great meal put on by the Oscoda Lioness, and enjoying the fellowship of the gathered Lions Club family. The Club presented some checks to a few community organizations' that help others. The following received donations totaling \$3000: Food Bank of Eastern Michigan food Give-away Program, Christian Woman in Action, Loaves and fishes Café, Iosco County Humane Society, and OAS Backpack program

Pres. Robert Tasior and Lion Treasurer Julie Burrell presented **Dee Cunningham** with a check for \$500 for *Christian Woman in Action*



Linda Ostrander received a \$500 check from Lion Treasurer Julie Burrell and Pres. Robert Tasior for the *Iosco County Humane Society*.

Lion Treasure Julie Burrell and Pres. Robert Tasior presented **Kay Gaines** with a check for \$500 from for *Loaves and Fishes Café*



Jason Livvik received a check for \$1,000 from Lion



Treasurer Julie Burrell and Pres. Robert Tasior for the *Food Bank of Eastern Michigan Food Give-away Program*.

Petoskey Lions

75th Anniversary – 75 Years of Service Petoskey LIONS CLUB

- Petoskey Lions at the October 23 meeting approved a \$200 donation to the Diabetes Program, which will provide a large grant to the Petoskey Lion to donate to the Diabetes cause.
- The Petoskey Lions were both privileged and saddened to sponsor the final Red Cross Blood Drive at the Petoskey collection building on Friday, November 2nd. The Blood Drive collected 51 lifesaving pints of blood with a goal of 42 pints, which Red Cross Manager Collette Sparks termed "an amazing way to end this era"

Right: Red Cross employee **Rita Serba** collects blood from donor **Bill Breedlove**, the last donor at Petoskey.



Rose City Lions

The Rose City Lions Club had a successful Big Money Raffle on September 29, 2018. All of the 175 tickets were sold, 183 people enjoyed the dinner that Lions supplied. Many people went home with money in their pockets from the raffles. There were 3 people who chose to split the Grand prize with each taking home \$1,000.00 at the end of the night. Very successful fundraiser for the public fund and our community!



Above: Rose City Lions at the Big Money Raffle

Below: Callers at the Big Money Raffle



Final Words on Red Cross Leaving

The Red Cross abandonment of the Petoskey facility and most of Northern Michigan was the main topic with blood donors at the November 2nd Blood Drive. Virtually every person who donated blood expressed their feelings of surprise, dismay and/or puzzlement by the abrupt cessation of decades of humanitarian service. Many of these folks have been consistently giving blood for decades, and they are at a loss as to what to do now. The genuine feelings shared by these people made me realize how wide and deep the impact on this community is. I can only guess that it is the same across the Northern Michigan area the Red Cross once served.

The Lions' history of working with and for our communities is appreciated by those we partner with for special events. Those clubs who sponsored Blood Drives will have a service void to fill with the Red Cross gone. – Petoskey Lion David Zimmer

Guiding Lions Training

The group photo below shows the participating 11-E2 Lions who completed Guiding Lion training in Central Lake on Oct. 20 after the District Cabinet Meeting. The training was conducted by MD11 GLT Jeff Mayuiers



Left to right: Kris Roberts, Central Lake; Bill Palmer, Oscoda; Robert Tasior, Oscoda; Eileen Palmer, Oscoda; Gordon Harris, Central Lake; PDG Bev Bodem, Alpena; IPDG Bob Gingerich, Grayling; Devin Tasior, Oscoda; Jeff Mayuiers, MD11 GLT; PDG Barb Durlinger, Hillman; Carla Jean Gingerich, Grayling; Marie Leathers, Central Lake; Rod Leathers, Central Lake; PVCC Dave Zeller, Alpena

What is the Guiding Lions Training?

Certified Guiding Lion Course Objectives

The Guiding Lion Program is designed to assist clubs that are newly chartered, established or have a priority designation. Guiding Lions are assigned for a two-year term by the district governor in consultation with the sponsoring or established club president. Guiding Lions are limited to serving no more than two new clubs at any point in time.

Even if you are an experienced Guiding Lion, you will benefit from this course because it provides the most comprehensive overview available of the roles and responsibilities of a Guiding Lion.

The Certified Guiding Lion Course will help you:

1. Understand your role as a Guiding Lion
2. Help you develop a plan to guide the club to become self-sufficient and strong
3. Provide tools to help the club officers manage their club
4. Establish a system to track development over the course of your term

Successfully completing this course will certify you for three years. You are required to recertify every three years to a club as a Guiding Lion, however, you must have served as a club president to be qualified for club assignment.

Calendar of Events

NOVEMBER 2018: Lions of Michigan Leadership Institute

Friday-Sunday, November 9-11
Ralph A. McMillan Center
104 Conservation Drive
Roscommon

JANUARY 2019: 11-E2 Cabinet Meeting

Saturday, January 12
Ramada Inn, Grayling

FEBRUARY 2019: Lions of Michigan Forum

Saturday, February 23
Holiday Inn, 5353 Gateway Centre, Flint

MAY 2019: District 11-E2 Convention

Friday-Sunday, May 3-5
Ramada Inn, Alpena

MAY 2019: Lions of Michigan State Convention

Thursday-Saturday, May 16-18
Auburn Hills Marriot, Pontiac

JUNE 2020: LCI Convention

June 26, 2020
Singapore

JUNE 2021: LCI Convention

June 25, 2021
Montreal, Quebec, CA

JULY 2019: Lions Clubs International Convention

July 05, 2019
Milan, Italy

Notes From 11-E2 District Editor



David J. Zimmer, District Editor

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- **Club Milestones: New Memberships, Club Officers, Awards, etc.**
- **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.

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