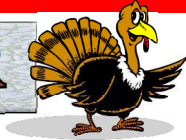


# DISTRICT 11-E2 NEWSLETTER



## NOVEMBER



*Notable Quote:* "Leadership is the art of getting someone else to do something you want done because he wants to do it." - Dwight D. Eisenhower



**Dave Zeller,**  
**District Governor**

## District Governor's Message

As we get ready to close out the year, let me wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and have a successful hunting season. The time is flying by.

I want to congratulate those who attended the recent Cabinet meeting, we had an excellent turnout of Lions to help us discuss the District and get input from you on what you want. This is your District and by having you at the meetings, it helps when we hear from you. And even though I was pleased with the turnout, I would like more Presidents and Secretaries to attend. Special thanks go out to Lion Marie Leathers and PDG Diane Wehby for the excellent training they provided on the Mylion.

As we think about the upcoming hunt, how about hunting for Lions to join our clubs? As I mentioned last month, Oct. was Membership month, but I want all Lions and clubs to be thinking membership each and every month. We have lost another 34 members already this year and that's less service we can provide to our communities.

We need to do a better job of reporting our services on Mylion, I know we have done more than what my report shows. If you need help, call Marie Leathers or come to the December Cabinet meeting as we will have training again there.

It's been 11 years since I was Governor, so I really don't know your club. I am going to start my visitation early so if you want me for any special date, let me know so I can get you on my calendar. Lori and I really would like to hear from you when you want me to visit instead of me having to call.

Don't forget about our District Projects and the money we have available to clubs that have a need in their community that they might not have enough money to help. We have grants available through our District funds and if you need help, there is a grant application. Contact your ZC for the applications.

Thanks for those who have stepped forward to serve in a District Role. New is District Hunger Chair ZC William Smith, he can be emailed at <mailto:Centrallakelionsclub.wsmith@gmail.com>. If you want to do a project for hunger, give him a shout for idea's and help.

KEEP membership in the forefront and continue to serve your communities.

DG Dave



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*District 11-E2 Website:*  
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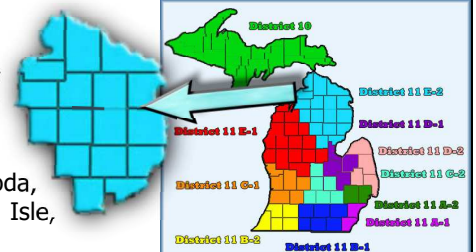
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### Lions Of Michigan Multiple District 11-E2 Counties

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



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# Lions Clubs International



## LCI President's Message

We Serve Through Diversity

**Dr. Jung-Yul Choi, International President**

Dear Lion,

For far too many in your community, the first sign that something is wrong comes far too late. Diabetes is now the 8th leading cause of death around the world, contributing to more than 5 million deaths per year. But it only takes small steps to prevent millions from developing type 2 diabetes.

Lions can be the difference. We must raise awareness of diabetes to prevent friends and neighbors from developing this disease. There's no better time to get started than World Diabetes Day on November 14.

Your community is counting on you. And so is the world.

Regards,

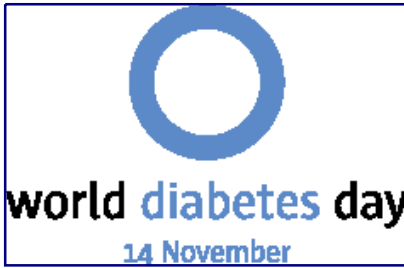
Dr. Jung-Yul Choi  
International President



## We Serve



# World Diabetes Day – November 14, 2019



Diabetes is the signature cause of Lions and Leos worldwide. This year, **Lions Clubs International** is on a mission to screen 1 million people for prediabetes and diabetes. Help us reach our goal on World Diabetes Day (November 14) by taking the online risk assessment or organizing a screening in your community. Lions are teaming up to increase awareness around a disease that affects 1 out of 3 Adults. Half of seniors have prediabetes and 80% don't even know they have prediabetes.

### COULD IT BE YOU?

We're asking ALL Lions members and clubs to participate in a challenge to screen 1 million people for prediabetes and diabetes. Together, we can educate communities to better understand, prevent and care for diabetes.

#### OPTION ONE - Online Risk Assessment

Finding out if you're at risk for prediabetes or diabetes is simple. You can complete the test at <https://doihaveprediabetes.org> in roughly 5 minutes and a few clicks....then encourage others to take the assessment. Assess Your Risk!

We are asking ALL Lion's members and Clubs to share the above screening link on your social media page on the day of the event and ask your friends to do the same.

#### OPTION TWO - Organize a Screening Project on that day.

Clubs can make a difference by organizing a screening project in their communities. The ADA Diabetes paper Risk Test is available through Globe Printing at 906-485-1033 and they can coordinate shipping and quantity AT NO COST to the Club. Have a Lions member set up a display at a location in your community. Besides entering the information in myLION, email your LCIF Diabetes Program Manager/Administrator of your screening on November 14<sup>th</sup>.

#### Report Your Screening

To reach our goal of 1 million screened, it's important for all of us to report our service. After your clubs screening, be sure to report your activity on MyLion.

#### PROJECT IDEAS

- Work with a healthcare professional to organize an educational talk about diabetes, pre-diabetes, prevention and management at your club or district meeting.
- Facilitate a discussion about diabetes to encourage club members to share their personal connections to the disease.
- Share a low calorie high nutrient snacks such as fruits and vegetables at your club meeting and ask a nutritionist or diabetes educator to teach club members and their families about interpreting food labels.
- Sign-up for myLION and learn how Lions and Leos are getting involved in diabetes service.
- Download an app that educates and encourages healthy lifestyle choices. Invite club members to participate in healthy lifestyles related challenge.
- Newspaper: Lions for Diabetes Awareness event in your community.
- Partner with healthcare professionals to organize a screening for diabetes, diabetic retinopathy and diabetic foot.
- Promote diabetes prevention through social media campaigns or radio announcements.
- Volunteer for a day at a diabetes center
- Sponsor a healthy cooking demonstration for people with diabetes and pre-diabetes.
- Organize a weekly walking club at your place of work and share a healthy snack afterwards.
- Bring fresh fruits or vegetables to an elementary school classroom to encourage children to try a variety of healthy foods.
- Collaborate with a healthcare professional to organize a physical activity and promote exercise and healthy eating.
- Sponsor a training program for community healthcare workers to learn about screening, community support programs and prevention of diabetes complications.

## #LIONSFIGHTDIABETES

Credit for development Gary Perala, Program Manager, SD10





## Michigan Defense Against Diabetes (D.A.D.) Grant Info

We have recently completed a contract with the MDHHS to perform A1C's and possibly other Educational programs in District # 10 which is located in Northwest Michigan primarily in Lions District 11E1. The project we will be doing in the month of November will be performed in 8 of their offices in District 11E1 and 2 of their offices located in District 11E2. This also presents opportunities in all of their offices Statewide, which is a minimum of 1 office in each county. The content of this package includes the following:

- 1 Cover letter to send to each MDHHS office in your respective Districts explaining the DAD program and how we can partner with the MDHHS Statewide and provide our services in their communities.
- 2 A complete listing of their offices including contact information.
- 3 A map of the MDHHS Regions so you can find which ones are in your District and contact them.
- 4 First Draft of a press release
- 5 A sample flyer developed by MDHHS with 11E1 input.
- 6 A sample MOU- Memorandum of Understanding that would be between the District and the offices that you partner with.
- 7 You will need to contact their offices by phone first, get an email address and send the attached cover letter, your contact information, an Mou for your area, a map of our Districts and our contact list for their use. We would like to get as many A1C's as possible in the month of November as the LCIF has proposed doing 100 MILLION Worldwide. However if some offices in your area wish to perform other projects that are covered in our grant they may do so.
- 8 The cost of our project in District 11E1 is \$7,700 to do 10 offices, making it \$770. per office to have their office staff perform the A1C's and other related costs.

At our Board of Directors meeting in October we developed a new plan for the second half of our grant to assist all Districts in meeting their goals and spending their share of grant money. This is an opportunity that you do not want to pass up as it will shore up a Partnership with the MDHHS in every county and it will add credentials to our PORTFOLIO that will be very valuable in the future. There are several districts that need this boost of projects so it is absolutely necessary that you act NOW and take advantage of this opportunity. Please contact me with any questions or concerns,

Sincerely,

Bill Bradfield State Chairperson Defense Against Diabetes-D.A.D.



**To: The Michigan Department of Health and Human Resources MDHHS**

The Lions of Michigan and the Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) are proud supporters of the "Defense Against Diabetes" (DAD). The DAD Program provides funding for Glucose testing, A1C Screenings, Nutritional Education (Dinning With Diabetes), and DPATH, diabetes management education. We have used many professional providers Statewide and formed partnerships with them to administer the medical services that are required.

Recently we have joined the MDHHS District number #10 in partnership to provide A1C Screenings at all 10 of their regional offices in Northwest Michigan. The screenings will be performed in the month of November, International Diabetes Month and many will be administered on November 14<sup>th</sup>, International Diabetes Day, at no cost to the MDHHS.

All MDHHS offices are invited to join us in this noble cause to serve the members of their communities. The Lions 11 District offices will be seeking your support as our International goal is to perform 100 MILLION A1C Screenings WORLDWIDE! Your office can also choose to do "Dinning With Diabetes" or DPATH training if you are not prepared for the A1C's at no cost to MDHHS. The 1.5 Million Lions Members serve in over 200 Countries Worldwide since 1917.

Please join us in this unprecedented cause of servicing every community in our great State. "Together, We Do It Better" for all of our citizens. Website [michiganlionsdiabetes.org](http://michiganlionsdiabetes.org)

Sincerely, Bill Bradfield Chairperson Defense Against Diabetes a Lions Program.  
[hoxeyvillain@hotmail.com](mailto:hoxeyvillain@hotmail.com)

**420 million people world wide have diabetes;**

**1.3 million of those people are in Michigan**





## Lions Clubs International

Dear Lions:

**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:

2018 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](http://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.

Legal Division  
Lions Clubs International

\* Prior to December 31, 2010, gross receipt limits for filing the 990-N was \$25,000



Dear Lions,

The lives of 1.4 million people worldwide will be changed through recently approved LCIF grants. The Board of Trustees approved 98 Lion grant projects, a total of US\$6,153,390. I want to give you just a few examples of what Lions will accomplish with this support from LCIF.

Did you know Lions are updating vital equipment for restoring sight through corneal transplants, continuing the fight against preventable blindness? That we are feeding less fortunate neighbors by creating a food bank? Furnishing a guesthouse for patients and families battling childhood cancer? Providing clean water and sanitation systems in an area where people drink contaminated water? These are real-life projects happening in areas all across the world. More children are gaining access to LCIF's social and emotional learning curriculum, Lions Quest, which is reducing drug and alcohol abuse in children. LCIF's SightFirst program is continuing to work with The Carter Center to eliminate trachoma and river blindness in areas of the world where the diseases are prevalent. This incredible work from Lions is a result of support from LCIF and donations from you!

These projects represent a mere fraction of the tremendous, lasting impact Lions are creating for people, for communities, for the world. With grant funding from LCIF, these Lions are achieving even more than they could on their own. We are repairing more houses, protecting more children, and feeding more hungry people.

How does LCIF generate the funds to support these efforts? *Donations*. So, to those who have given in support of LCIF and Campaign 100, thank you! And for those who have not yet donated, please contribute what you can. Together, we are changing the world.

In friendship,

Gudrun Yngvadottir Chairperson, Lions Clubs International Foundation







**Lions of Michigan**  
**District 11 E-2**  
**Cabinet Meeting Minutes, October 19, 2019**

**Cabinet Members in Attendance-** DG Dave Zeller, IPDG Gordon Harris, CST Barb Durflinger, 1VDG Rod Leathers, 2 VDG Bill Gaines, ZC's Dennis Gocha, Bill Smith and Steve Murch, GMT Bob Tasior

**Cabinet Members Absent –** ZC Chuck Brew and Bob Gingerich

**Lions in Attendance-**PDG's Dennis Richardson , Lew Moeller and Don Seifried, Lions David Zimmer, Kris Roberts, Marie Leathers, Julie Haase, Cal Shooks, Shirley Hill, Bill Palmer, Eileen Palmer, Devon Tasior, Lisl Harper, John Cool, and Fred Chidester

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 AM by DG Zeller. The invocation was offered by 1VDG Leathers. The Pledge was led by 2VDG Gaines.

**Secretary's Report** - Minutes of the August 17, 2019 cabinet meeting were presented by CST Durflinger. 1VDG Leathers moved approval with support from ZC Smith. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report-** The financials for 2019-20 were presented showing a beginning balance in the administrative account of \$30,498.24 as of 7/1/19, income of \$9,543.63 and expenses of \$9,778.88, leaving an ending balance as of 10/18/19 of \$30,262.99. The account consists of \$22,943.25 in administrative funds and \$7,319.74 in convention funds. The projects account had a beginning balance as of 7/1/19 of \$37,280.07, income of \$1,370.29, expenses of \$474.29, leaving an ending balance as of 10/18/19 of \$38,176.07. It was moved by 2VDG Gaines, supported by ZC Smith that the report be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

**Old Business- Defense Against Diabetes Grant-** IPDG Harris reported that 18 clubs made contributions toward the grant, but only two have expended funds. Any clubs who wish to participate may still send in a contribution toward the 3:1 matching grant. Clubs should begin working on their projects as we only have until 5/1/20 to complete activities. IPDG Harris noted that the state chair has scheduled several events in our area without contacting the local clubs or requesting permission. He asked that he be allowed to refuse payment for any activity not instigated and approved by a local club. It was moved by ZC Smith, supported by 1VDG Leathers that IPDG Harris be authorized to refuse approval for payment for unauthorized event. Motion carried.

**New Business- Membership-** DG Zeller noted that our district membership has decreased from over 1300 when he was DG last time to 800 now. We have lost a number of clubs, and we need to begin work to reestablish clubs in those areas. He requested that the cabinet approve the expenditure of up to \$500 to advertise in local papers to try and find people interested in becoming Lions. CST Durflinger noted that we already have \$200 in the budget for membership, so we would just need to approve spending up to an additional \$300. It was moved by ZC Smith, supported by 2VDG Gaines that we approve this expenditure. Motion carried.

**Service Projects-** Our new state Global Service Team chairperson, PDG Diane Wehby from District C-1, discussed the need for clubs to consider new and innovative service projects not only to serve our communities but to interest people in joining our clubs and helping increase service to our communities. She noted the success of the Kidsight program and the DAD programs in expanding our outreach and our visibility in our communities. The GST chair on both the district and state level is a member of a team with the Global Leadership Chair, the Global Membership Chair and the District Governor to help clubs in all three areas. There is so much crossover between the areas that they need to work together.





Right now our district does not have a Global Service Team Chair, so PDG Diane will be working with us as needed until someone fills the position. You may contact her at [dianewmsn@ameritech.net](mailto:dianewmsn@ameritech.net), or 626-901-8026 if your club could use some help. Anyone who is interested in filling the District GST position should contact DG Zeller.

**Recap from Council of Governor's Meeting**-DG Zeller reported that we have been asked to appoint a District Hunger Chair. If you want to know more about this position, contact DG Zeller. He reported that the Red Wings have made available a fundraising opportunity to us during two games, 12/2 and 2/18/2020. There is a flier attached later in this report. The COG approved putting a state dues increase on the ballot at the MD-11 convention (3/14-16 at the Doubletree in Holland). The state is currently running a \$25,000/year shortfall due to our declining membership. There was a lengthy discussion with proposals for the increase ranging from \$2.50/member to \$5/member, and they ended up compromising on \$3.50. If you want to have a say in this, be sure that you have delegates from your club attend the state convention. The state GLT has authorized each district to send one person at the state committee's expense to the Lions Leadership Institute at Higgins Lake in November. If you are interested in attending, contact DG Zeller ASAP.

**GMT Report**- GMT Tasior turned in a written report.

**Zone Chair Reports** – ZC Gaines, Gingerich and Brew turned in written reports. ZC Murch reported that he has one more club to visit, and inducted one new member during one of his visits. 2VDG (acting R2,Z1 chair) Gaines reported that he has is in the process of scheduling a zone meeting in Oscoda on 11/23. ZC Smith reported that the Ellsworth Club is in bad shape and has asked for help. The Elk Rapids Club has been assisting them. ZC Gocha reported that his clubs have been active. Several have held Diabetes activities, but these events were at no charge to them, so they have not yet incurred DAD grant expenses.

### **Committee Reports**

Written Reports were provided by the following Committees:

**Constitution and By-Laws**- DG Zeller, **District Editor**-Lion Zimmer, **Environmental**- PDG Bodem, **Eversight**- PDG Richardson, **LCIF**- PDG Durflinger, **Leader Dog**- Lion Julie Haase, **Liaison**- DG Zeller, **Lioness Liaison**- Lion Carole Schultz, **Lions of Michigan Foundation**- PDG Durflinger, **Medical Assistance**- Lion Clairene Jorella, **Michigan Forum**- DG Zeller. **Pediatric Cancer**- 1VDG Leathers, **Project Kidsight**- Lion Slezak, **Strategic Planning**- DG Zeller, **USA/Canada Forum**- DG Zeller, **Website/IT**- Lion Marie Leathers

The following information supplemented those reports: PDG Richardson reported that the new Eversight community room is now open and thanked clubs that made contributions to it. He also noted that the district directory has the old address in it. Lion Julie Haase reported that Leader Dog is in need of puppy raisers. 1VDG Leathers noted that one of the focus areas for Pediatric Cancer right now is Camp Quality. The cost to send a child to the camp is \$1200, and the cost for a family is \$2500. It was moved by 1VDG Leathers, supported by ZC Smith that we do a sponsorship of up to \$2500, either a family or 2 children, depending on need. The funds will come from the District Special Needs Camp Fund. Motion carried. 1VDG Leathers is available to do presentations to your club on Pediatric Cancer. He noted that on the back of his report there is a pattern for a Port Pillow which protects a child's chemo port from a seatbelt. If we have any sewers out there, please consider making these a project. Lion Marie Leathers has a supply of the Velcro needed, so contact her if you would like some. The Pediatric Cancer Committee is also selling T-shirts to raise funds. It was moved by 1VDG Leathers, supported by ZC Smith that we purchase 50 of the shirts at \$7.50. The profits from selling the shirts will





stay in our district for Pediatric Cancer projects. Motion carried. PDG Durflinger passed around the Melvin Jones Fellowship raffle board. The squares are \$20 each (like a football pool board), and the winner will receive a Melvin Jones Fellowship. This is a fundraiser for LCIF's Campaign 100.

**Oral Reports- District Convention- 2020-** DG Zeller reported that the 2020 convention will be held from 4/24-4/26/2020 in West Branch. The committee has met, and the theme for the 2020 convention will be "The Roaring 20's."

**Bear Lake Camp-** IPDG Harris reported that they are searching for a new director since the current director is retiring.

**Website/IT-** Lion Marie Leathers reported that we can use MyLion for promotion of our clubs. You can send her information and she will see that it gets on the District website. There will be MyLion training following the meeting.

**Announcements/Audience Comments-** Mackinaw City Lion Don Jones announced their Soup in a Bread Bowl fundraiser will be help on 10/23 from 4 PM-6 PM.

**VDG Comments-** 1VDG Leathers would like to be invited to visit your club.

2VDG Gaines would also like to visit your club. He noted that the letter requesting nominations for the District Melvin Jones Fellowship will be going out next week. He encouraged clubs to look at their members and nominate someone with DISTRICT LEVEL service for the Fellowship.

**DG Comments-** DG Zeller reminded clubs that they need to appoint a club level GST representative. He reminded club that if you are participating in the Peace Poster contest that posters have to be postmarked by 11/15 and sent to PDG Stenback. He thanked GST Diane Wehby for making the trip to our cabinet meeting.

With no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 12:10 PM. The next meeting will be at 10 AM December 14 in Oscoda at a location to be determined. Note that this is a different date than published in the district directory.

Respectfully submitted,  
PDG Barb Durflinger  
Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer

## MyLion Training



MyLion training following the October 19 cabinet meeting focused on inputting and reporting activities. PDG Diane Wehby from District C-1 assisted in the training and focused on how to report service activities correctly. There will be another MyLion training following the December 14 cabinet meeting.

Two zones have scheduled MyLion training. Trainings will focus on different aspects of MyLion depending on those in attendance. They can be geared toward learning how to register for MyLion, how to create and invite Lions to activities, or how to report activities. Please contact Lion Marie Leathers at 231-350-0286 or [marie@centrallakerealty.com](mailto:marie@centrallakerealty.com) if you would like to schedule a training session.

— Lion Marie Leathers



Lions 11E2  
Membership Report  
GMT Lion Robert Tasior  
10/19/19

Currently we have 800 members and 30 clubs in our District. We are down 63 members from one year ago. Our district has seen a steady decline in membership as many Lions districts have experienced around the State and Nation.

The Roscommon-Higgins Lake , Houghton Lake and Ellsworth Clubs are all looking for help, there are several other clubs that are in desperate need of members.

On Oct. 28th Region 2 Zone 2 is holding a Special Zone meeting in Roscommon at the Roscommon-Higgins Lake Lions Club house from 6-8. I will be presenting a powerpoint about holding a Membership growth event and talking about the "JUST ASK!" program that LCI has. These programs are tools that can help your clubs with membership issues.

Membership is not something that I can wave a magic wand and fix! It is something that each club needs to address at their club level. If you think your club is fine and doesn't have a membership problem you are wrong! I encourage each club to do an honest evaluation of your club . Does your club have a club growth plan? Do you work at implementing that plan? Do you welcome and involve your new members? Do you have a new member orientation program? If you can't answer yes to these questions then your club is vulnerable.

The Districts Global Action Team can help. We can give you the tools to help your clubs in Leadership, Membership and Service, but we can't do it for you! You must put in the required efforts to accomplish your club goals. Your club needs to get involved in not only your home club efforts but come to District and Zone meetings, open cabinet positions and lack of participation at zone meetings is a real issue.

Membership growth in our clubs is something we have to address. I encourage each club to take membership seriously and act now to implement a growth plan for your club. How many clubs have a membership committee? How can your club look to the future if your not planning for it?

Thank You  
Lion Robert  
11E2 GMT





Eversight Report  
District 11-E2 Cabinet Meeting  
October 19, 2019

I am pleased to report that Eversight Michigan has completed the move into their new headquarters in Ann Arbor. I visited the new facility last week. Got to tour the facility and learned more about the different divisions within Eversight which must work seamlessly together in order to end up with a World Class Eye Bank. Very impressive. The final portion of our visit took place in the Lions Community Room which several of our clubs and individual Lions or Lionesses helped make possible by donating to the special fund raising drive last spring. Over \$56,000 was raised. Thanks.

The new address and contact information for Eversight is:

Eversight  
Alexandra Teska – Director of Philanthropy  
3985 Research Park Drive  
Ann Arbor, MI 48108  
(734) 780-2675  
[ateska@eversightvision.org](mailto:ateska@eversightvision.org)

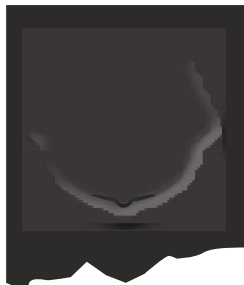
The core mission of Eversight is to make it possible for people to receive the GIFT OF SIGHT through corneal transplants. In Michigan, during the 2018 calendar year, 1878 persons donated their eyes and 1446 individuals had their sight restored through a corneal transplant. Eversight is also very active in vision related research, organ donor awareness, etc. Our Lions and Lioness Clubs have partnered with Eversight since 1957, and continue to be its largest partner and support group. We aid Eversight financially and through our many local volunteer efforts. Last year our District donated \$15,550 to Eversight, making ours one of the top Districts in the state. Thank you all. It is my hope that we can become a 100% District in support of Eversight this year.

Clubs are encouraged to utilize the Charles Weir and William “Doc” Barr Fellowship Awards to honor a club member or someone from your community. Donations of \$500 over a three year period would qualify your club to receive Weir Sight Conservation Fellowship Award and a \$1000 donation over a three year period would qualify your club for a Barr Knights for Vision Fellowship Award. These very nice awards can be easily ordered using Eversight’s website: ([eversightvision.org](http://eversightvision.org)) Click on the ‘Who We Are’ tab, followed by ‘Lions Partners’, scroll to ‘Michigan Section’ and select Michigan Lions Fellowship Program.

Any questions or a request for a club program please contact me:  
([den7rich@gmail.com](mailto:den7rich@gmail.com)) or (231) 944-0587 .

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Richardson, District 11-E2 Chair  
Eversight Michigan



## 2020 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](http://www.lionsofmi.com)

Phone: (517) 887-6640  
Fax: (517) 887-6642  
email: [lionsofmi.com](mailto: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	





# Lions Clubs International

William A. Gaines  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor 11-E2  
Michigan 2019-2020  
8104A Delaware St.  
Oscoda, MI 48750

November 1, 2019

TO: District Governor, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor, Past District Governors and Club Presidents

RE: District Melvin Jones Fellowship Award Nominations

Of the many awards that are given in Lionism, the L.C.I.F. Melvin Jones Fellowship Award is one of the most prestigious awards to be presented to an individual. This District Level Award will be presented at the annual District 11-E2 Spring Convention, Saturday night banquet. It is imperative that you make every effort to have your nominee present at that event if that person is selected for the award.

The selection committee will consider only those who have contributed notably at the District level, State level and the local club level in the selection and nomination of the District Melvin Jones Fellowship. First consideration will be given to those nominees who have not previously received a Melvin Jones Award although recipients may be selected who have previously received the award.

We thank you for your time and effort in nominating a Lion who has demonstrated outstanding leadership in our District 11-E2 for a District Melvin Jones Fellowship.

The deadline for all nominations to be submitted is December 31, 2019. The nomination forms enclosed should be sent to 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG William Gaines, 8104A Delaware St., Oscoda, MI 48750. The phone number is (253) 219-8590.

Yours in Lion Service

William A. Gaines 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG  
Chairman, 11-E2 Melvin Jones Committee





## MELVIN JONES FELLOWSHIP NOMINATION

Melvin Jones founded Lionism in the spirit of Service to Others. Recognition of OUTSTANDING service is therefore the number one criterion for selecting a recipient for this most prestigious award that is given by the Lions International Service Foundation (L.I.F.).

Because this is an award that is to be made at the DISTRICT LEVEL, the first consideration for recipients will be those who have served notably at the District and State levels,-as well as at their own local club level.

With above in mind, we submit the following person \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Nominee - Print Please)

as a nominee for the District 11-E2 Melvin Jones Fellowship Award. The person to contact as it pertains to this nomination is:

(Name) \_\_\_\_\_

Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

### A. NARRATIVE INFORMATION:

Please write a narrative section here, detailing why you believe this person is a worthy nominee for the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award for District 11-E2. Keep in mind that the selection committee will depend on what you write about your nominee in considering the nomination. Feel free to use back of this page or additional pages as needed to complete this narrative.



## MELVIN JONES FELLOWSHIP AWARD

Personal Data Sheet

Name of Person being Nominated: \_\_\_\_\_

Years of service as a Lion: Local Club \_\_\_\_\_ Other Clubs \_\_\_\_\_

Years of Perfect Attendance \_\_\_\_\_

Offices and Years Held: Local Club \_\_\_\_\_

District \_\_\_\_\_

Special District, State, or Local \_\_\_\_\_

Projects Nominee has Played a Key Role In \_\_\_\_\_

Community Service beyond those listed above \_\_\_\_\_

Any other information in support of Nominee \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Nominator (Print)\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Nominator



Lions Club District  
11E2  
Membership Coordinator  
Lion Robert

Hello fellow Lions:

I can't believe summer is already over! The White Cane Drive, Lions Chicken BBQ's, Sight & Hearing Sweepstakes, Fashion Shows and Craft Shows, Kids Sight projects, Raffles, Ramp building, Golfing fundraisers, Pancake breakfasts, Community hotdog cooking, the list goes on and on.

These services are brought to you by your Local Lions Club!

These services are also what the local communities see and relate as Lions Club activities. This is how Lions Clubs have engaged the local communities since our founding days. This is called physical engagement, we engage in interaction that captures a member of a community in amount of time! How we use that time is up to use, we engage in conversation, we engage in an exchange that we created and control! Almost all the people we engage care about their communities, almost all of these people support community service projects almost all of these people are potential LIONS!

### JUST ASK!

Lions Club International has a program called just that "JUST ASK!"

Just Ask! is designed to guide clubs through the process of recruiting new members AND effectively managing club growth. Just Ask! will lead your club through a four step process for recruiting new members.

Our District 11E2 is at a critical point, we are sitting at 800 members with several clubs in dire straights! We lost two more clubs this year already with several more in desperate need of help. We need action, we need leadership, we need members!

How do we grow our members? Well club leaders have to take the first steps.

1. They have to prepare their club.
2. They have to create a club growth plan.
3. They have to implement the plan.
4. They have to welcome the new members!

## Just ask!

**Just Ask!** is designed to guide your club through the process of recruiting new members and effectively managing club growth. The strength of your membership and the health of your club will determine your ability to do what all Lions are called to do—serve. So keep in mind that more members mean more service.

Although the concept is simple – just ask community members to join – this guide will help you prepare an effective outreach plan so you are successful when you're ready to ask.

Lions Clubs International has many resources available to support your club. Contact the Membership department at [membership@lionsclubs.org](mailto:membership@lionsclubs.org) or go to the LCI website. The resources mentioned in this guide can all be found at [lionsclubs.org/MembershipChair](https://lionsclubs.org/MembershipChair).



# **LIONS OF MICHIGAN FORUM 2020: A VISION FOR THE FUTURE**

February 22, 2020 @ Holiday Inn Gateway Center, Grand Blanc, MI

## **Session 1 Breakout Session - 8:30 a.m.**

- ☐ Public Speaking
- ☐ Leo Clubs: The Future of Lions (Panel)
- ☐ Diabetes
- ☐ How to Run a Great Meeting

## **Session 2 Breakout Session - 9:30 a.m.**

- ☐ Eversight
- ☐ How to Market Your Club in Your Community
- ☐ Diversity
- ☐ MyLCI/MyLion

## **Session 3 Breakout Session - 10:30 a.m.**

- ☐ Childhood Cancer
- ☐ Lioness to Lions
- ☐ Strictly by the Numbers
- ☐ Harness the Power of Lions

## **Session 4 Breakout Session - 11:30 a.m.**

- ☐ Understanding Dementia & Maintaining Your Brain Health: Now and for the Future
- ☐ Millennials and Beyond/NAMI
- ☐ 2020: A Vision for MI Lions' 2nd Century of Service
- ☐ Creative Watercolor Class (limited to 30 participants)

## **12:30 p.m. - Lunch, White Cane Scholarships**

**Keynote Speaker: Mr. Gary Abud, Author, Education Consultant, 2014 Teacher of the Year**





# 2020 LIONS OF MICHIGAN FORUM ADVERTISEMENT OPTIONS

Listed below are several options to sponsor a personal or business ad in the 2020 Lions of Michigan Forum Proceedings Book. Placing an ad shows fellow Lions, Lioness and Leos you support the Michigan Forum.

1. 1/8 page ad business card size 3.6 x 2.3" .....	\$15.00
2. 1/4 page ad 3.6 x 4.8" (vertical) or 7.5 x 2.3" (horizontal) .....	\$20.00
3. 1/2 page ad 3.6 x 10" (vertical) or 7.5 x 4.8" (horizontal) .....	\$25.00
4. 3/4 page ad 7.5 x 7.4" .....	\$40.00
5. full page ad 7.5 x 10" .....	\$50.00

## EXHIBITOR'S SPECIAL!

Rent an exhibitor's table (includes one lunch ticket)  
and run a full page ad in the Michigan Forum book for just \$85.00!

## LIONS OF MICHIGAN FORUM ADVERTISING FORM

*Please send completed form and checks to: Lions of Michigan Forum  
5730 Executive Drive • Lansing, MI 48911*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Lion      Lioness

Billing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

(street) \_\_\_\_\_

(city, state, zip) \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Business Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

### CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

\_\_\_\_\_ Included is a print ready ad or message

\_\_\_\_\_ Please design my personal or business ad to read:

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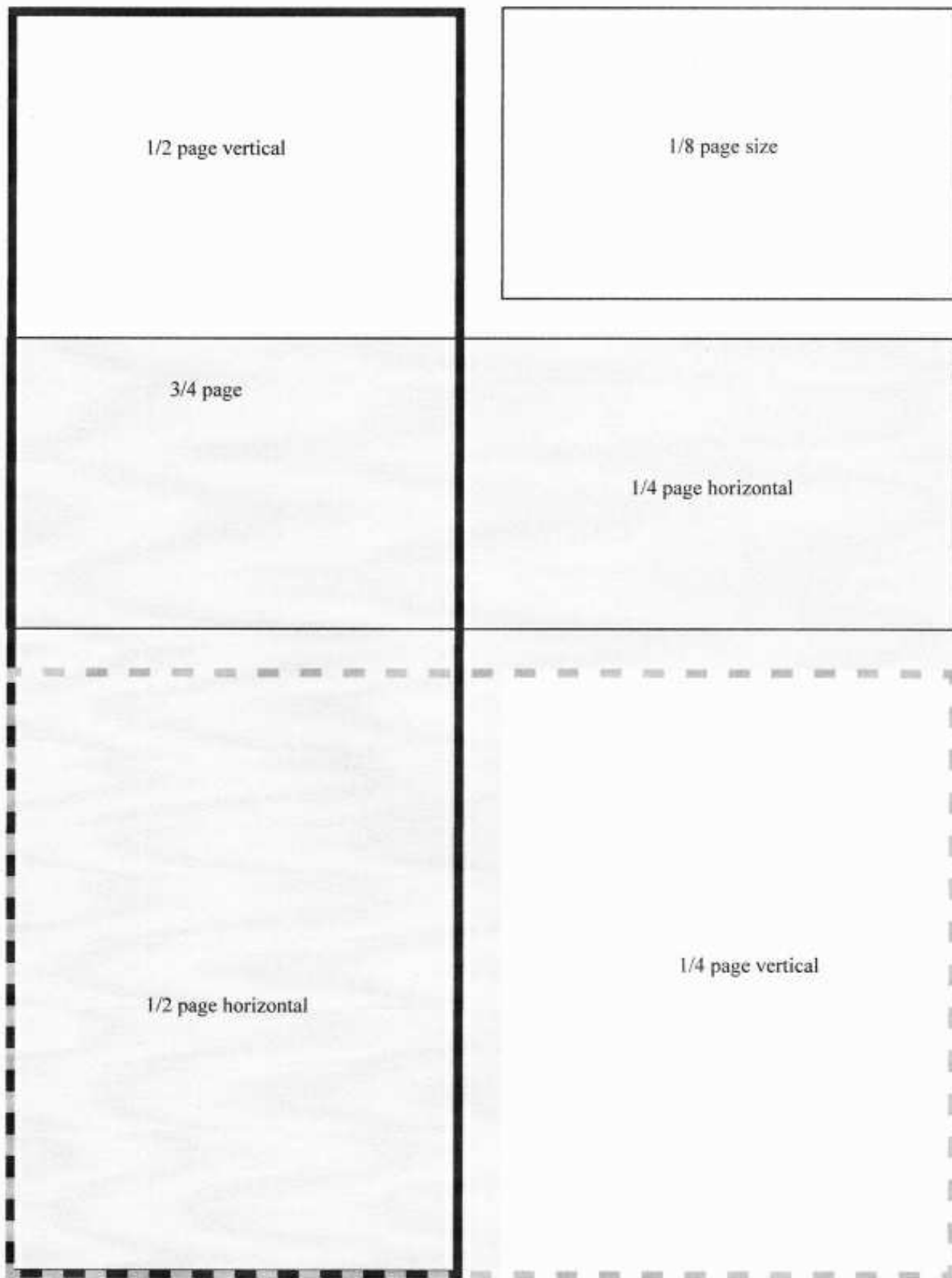
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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_



**LIONESS LIAISON SUMMARY****DISTRICT 11 E2 LIONESS**

**Submitted by Lioness/Lion Carole Schultz**

The Lioness of District 11 E2 have met for two Cabinet meetings. August 17, and October 12, 2019; at Dawson and Stevens Restaurant in Grayling. The major topic of discussion for both meetings has been the discontinuation of the Lioness Program by LCI. Obviously, there are some very strong feelings concerning this issue. Some-of the concerns are listed, as follows.

The Lioness Club Program will be ending, as of June 30, 2021, after establishment in 1975. Lions Clubs were men only Clubs, at the time, often assisted by groups or volunteers. Lioness District 11 E2 was the 1st in Michigan, 2nd in the United States, and 3rd in the;World, in 1980-1981. We have a long history supporting the Lions of District 11 E2. It is difficult to understand the rationale of discontinuing a successful 45 year program.

1. The Join Together Program, for Lioness Clubs to become Lioness Lions Clubs is a simply the Bridge Program of 15 years ago. Sounds good on paper,-but the Whole Club has to join: if some members want to remain as Lioness, they can not do so. When the Lewiston Lioness Lions chartered, with 52 members; it was without the remaining 36 members who wished to remain as Lioness. The Lewiston Lioness Club had 88 members, prior to Bridging, LCI lost 36 people who were no longer working for Lions activities.'

2. At the present time, there are no Lioness Clubs moving to become Lioness Lions Clubs, from Lioness District 11 E2.

**What the Club Survey Shows:**

a; Communities where there are both a Lions Club and a Lioness Club, resources would not support two Lions Clubs

b. Some members of Lioness Clubs, are also members of Lions Clubs, by LCI rules, a Lions member can be an Officer, or vote in only one Club.

c. The difference in Lioness Club dues, and Lions Club dues is prohibitive for some Lioness members. Many are great workers, have very limited income, and simply cannot afford the increase in dues.

d. EXAMPLE: Oscoda Lioness has 6 Oscoda Lions members, we have 2 more who may become Lions, when we finish this year. We will be Celebrating 40 Years of Service, as we turn in our Charter, in June:of 2020. The other members will be unable to join Lions, for various reasons.'



3. At the Lions District Cabinet meeting, on August 17th, a change in the Policy Manual was voted to drop the Lioness Officers from the group to be covered at the Convention. The Lioness officers were not notified that the change was under consideration. The implication was that the Lioness Officers were being covered by the District Lions, and not being reimbursed for their rooms and meals. District Lioness Clubs have contributed to the District Convention Fund, by paying \$2 per member, plus the Lioness District covers the cost of the DVP. For the 2019 Convention, we voted to pay \$3 per member, because costs have increased. Many times our Officers, share rooms, to keep the expenses to a minimum.

a. District Lioness members have served as the Chairperson for the Convention Committee, served as secretary for the Convention committee, and have been in charge of the Sunday morning Memorial Service.

b. Lioness Clubs, and Lioness members sell tickets for the District Raffle, and provide many prizes for the Raffle Drawing.

c. District Lioness Clubs and Lioness members donate to all of the MD 11, and State Projects.

d. The District Lioness did not receive Convention Packets for the 2019 Convention.

4. The District Lioness were told that the District Lions would not be providing meeting space for the Lioness for Cabinet meetings. Again implying that the Lioness were not sharing the cost in previous years. The District Lioness paid a share of the cost for the meeting space, about a third of the bill.

5. There seems to be a communications problem. The District Lioness are not included on emails, the only time information is shared, is when an email is forwarded to the Lioness District secretary, by a Lion, for distribution. The Lions Pride magazine is ONLY received by Lions. Lioness have to purchase a subscription, if there is information we need to know.

6. The District Lioness have some very talented leaders, who have for years stepped up to assist the District Lions to get things done. We have contributed to our local communities, in many ways. Will the Lions Clubs carry on that service, when the Lioness Clubs are no longer there? At the end of the 2019-2020 year, there will be five Lioness Clubs remaining for the 2020-2021 year. There will not be a District for 2020-2021 year, those who would be Officers, will not be Lioness members. There are three Clubs, at this time, ending their Clubs in 2020.





7. In the past, all of the PDG's and PDP's have received Lions District rosters. To date, none of the District Lioness have received the current rosters. (The rosters were received on October 19th, from 2nd VDG Bill Gaines, and will be mailed to PDP's)

Lions Clubs International has been concentrating on increasing membership, but by doing away with the Lioness program completely, LCI. will lose many good leaders, and supporters. Those of us who are Lions Club members will continue to remain as Lions. Lioness members, many who worked behind the scenes, making phone calls, doing local. programs, raising funds for Lions, will not be serving.

### LIONESS DISTRICT CABINET MEETING

February 15, 2020

11:30 am Dawson & Stevens Grayling, Michigan

( We will order from the menu )

A photograph of three handwritten signatures in black ink. The first line reads 'Lioness/Lion', the second line reads 'PDP Carole Schults', and the third line reads 'Gomis Laisner'.



DISTRICT 11 E2 LIONESS  
LION / LIONESS LIAISON REPORT  
Lions District Cabinet meeting Central Lake, Michigan  
Saturday October 19, 2019 10 A M  
Submitted by Lioness / Lion Carole Schultz

	Last Quarter	This Quarter	Funds Raised	Funds Donated
REGION I				
Bellaire	41	41	no report received at this time	
Central Lake	37-7	30	\$4,393.51	(1)
Cheboygan	24-1	23	\$ 721.00	\$200.00
East Jordan	12+3	15	not reported	\$800.00*
Ellsworth	25	25	no report received at this time	
REGION II				
Au Gres	18	18	\$2,031.78	\$245.00
Oscoda	17	17	\$ 616.69	\$505.00
Whittemore	4	4	\$ 376.00	
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	178+3-7	174	\$8,138.98	\$1,750.00

(1) Central Lake reports disbursements in the 2nd or 3rd quarter

\*gas cards given to cancer patients for travel to appointments

	Funds Raised		Funds Donated	
	2018-2019	2019-2020	2018-2019	2019-2020
Jul-Sep	\$12,487.07	\$8,138.98	\$ 3,930.00	\$1,750.00
Oct-Dec	\$ 7,882.57		\$10,872.87	
Jan-Mar	\$ 6,573.99		\$ 6,009.50	
Apr-Jun	\$ 4,470.63		\$10,460.00	
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	\$31,414.26	\$8,138.98	\$31,272.37	\$1,750.00

Thank you to the Sponsoring Lions Clubs of District 11 E2

The Lioness members of District 11 E2 support our local communities, and have raised funds of \$551,622.83; and donated \$486,112.61 from 2001 through 2019.

WE SERVE, TOO

Corrected 10-21-2019

*Lioness / Lion  
Carole Schultz*



# Calendar of Events

NOVEMBER 2019

**World Diabetes Day** — November 14, 2019

DECEMBER 2019

**District Cabinet Meeting** — Saturday, December 14, 2019 — 10 am — Oscoda  
(Location to be determined)

JANUARY 2020

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

FEBRUARY 2020

**Michigan Forum** — Saturday, February 22, 2020 — Holiday Inn Gateway Centre, Grand Blanc — With a project of some type to take place on Friday, 2/21/2020 (Details to come)

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

None Reported



## NEW MEMBERS

**Central Lake Lions:** New Lion **Jill Scheitler**, sponsored by her husband **Rich Scheitler**, inducted by **PDG Gordon Harris**.

## *On the Mend*

None Reported





## Boyne Valley Lions

### October

**Boyne Young American Program:** BV Lions voted to support the Erin Zucker Music Program, the Young American Program of singing, dancing and performing and putting on a show for the public. The program gets kids enthusiastic about music and the arts. Costs are \$59 per student or \$235 to sponsor 4 children. The BV Lions decided to donate \$235 to sponsor 4 students in the program

**Highway Cleanup:** Boyne Valley Lions cleaned up their 2 mile stretch of highway (M-75) on Saturday, October 26. Seven Lions had a great time and were done in 90 minutes.

## Central Lake Lions/Lioness

### October



Central Lake Lions Club used DAD grant money to sponsor a Dining With Diabetes series with MSU Extension. With research-based education, cooking demonstrations and healthy recipe tasting, 17 participants appreciated the free classes. Chaired by Lion Di LaBeau, several Lions were on hand to help the classes go smoothly.



The annual golf outing was a great success, led by PDG Bill Stenback. The rain managed to hold off until the very end!

Central Lake's membership continues to grow with new member Jill Scheitler, sponsored by her husband Rich Scheitler, inducted by PDG Gordon Harris. The Scheitlers have already volunteered to chair the annual barn sale.



Camp Quality was the guest speaker for the October dinner meeting, with almost 40 in attendance including 7 invited guests. It was a good program informing Lions and members of the community of the great opportunities the camp offers not only for children with cancer, but for their families as well.

The Lions and the Lioness clubs donated funds for the Central Lake school's "GoBag for Teachers" project. This will put first aid supplies, flashlights and sundry into a kit for each teacher and/or room at the school in case of an emergency.

A "Free Barn Sale" was held to clear out the barn to make room for winter boat and vehicle storage. The community patrons were so grateful they gave donations of \$296.

Window Night in Central Lake on Dec 4 will have Kidsight screening by the Lions and a bake sale fundraiser by the Lioness.





## East Jordan Lions

**October**



**Left:**

Thirteen East Jordan Lions did the highway clean up on 2 miles of M-66.



**Above:** Lions Linda Gocha, Jim Wray, Adam St. Onge, Brenda Chandra, and Sherry Pursel gave out kettle popcorn and candy at the East Jordan Pumpkin Festival

**Right:** The East Jordan Lions Club recently presented a check for \$3000 to Crossroads Ecumenical Resale Shop in East Jordan. This completes the Lion's pledge of \$14,000 to their building fund. Pictured are King Lion Greg McGeorge, and Carol Weidlich, Crossroads treasurer.



## Cheboygan Lions

**October**



**Left:** Cheboygan Lions Club members, Gary Ashcroft, Bernie Beethem, & Mark Tamlyn wrap up the MDOT highway cleanup for the 2019 season.

**Right:** Cheboygan Lions Club members listen to Staci Przybylowicz of Cheboygan, talk about her experience with her new K-9 partner Sandy, and the training they went through at Leader Dogs For the Blind, at Rochester Hills MI.







## Hillman Lions

October



On our first project of the year with the fifth graders, we made cards with the students on Monday and then had snacks. Thanks to Linda Harris, Carleen Klein, Lisa Ferguson and Mark and Jan Pankner for providing snacks. A special thanks to Carleen Klein for cutting out all of the really neat decorations that the students used on their cards.



The next day we delivered them to the residents of Medilodge. Both the students and the Medilodge residents really enjoyed the visit.

## Lewiston Lioness Lions

September

The Lewiston Lioness Lions included the entire community in their September 23rd "Strolling/Shop Lewiston" fashion show. Most local businesses contributed clothing that is for sale in their stores. Our thirty-one models were enthusiastic and came from all over to participate. Three ladies eagerly resurrected the "Red Garter" costumes. We decorated with manikins from the historical museum, Tee Lake mercantile, The Pour House, Community Sharing and member Charlie Greer's mother's dress from the early 1900s. Deb Rubenstein organized the three always popular raffle baskets and Faye Wright donated a lovely original painting for the silent auction. Linda Arbogast added her own brand of humor to be our emcee. Co-chairs CaraLynn Pender and Mary Uhl were relieved and happy with the results.



**Left:**

Pictured here is Wendy Rieck receiving the two thousand dollar check we were able to donate to the library as seed money for needed repairs. With Wendy is Lioness President, Corky Roberts and committee chairs, CaraLynn Pender and Mary Uhl





## Oscoda Lions

### September

**River Road Cleanup** The final River Road cleanup of the season was held on September 19th. Six Lions and two guests worked to put the beauty back in the byway. Thanks to everyone for your efforts throughout the months of this project year, especially Lion Tony who kept us organized.



**"Five K Raffle":** The Paul Bunyan "Five K Raffle" was a tremendous success. Many members sold tickets, bought tickets and manned the tables at Art on the Beach, Family Fair, Neiman's, the Canoe Marathon finish line, the Farmer's Market and the Rock Festival. No tickets were sold at the Paul Bunyan Festival as all 3,000 tickets had been sold prior to the event and over \$12,000 has been added to our activities budget to support our many community projects. \$1,000 checks have been mailed to Rose Fulton, Oscoda, George Downy, Oscoda, Joni Green, Alabama, Vivian Avery, Greenbush and Stacie Hewitt, Tawas City.



Thanks go to all the Lions who helped make this a super success, especially Lion Chuck who organized the event and kept us all on track. Special thanks also go to Kelsey Kloska for drawing the winning tickets at the festival on September 21<sup>st</sup>.

### October

The 19th Annual Fall Festival Arts and Crafts Show on October 5th was well attended by lots of happy shoppers. The commons area and the gym of Oscoda High School were filled with vendors offering a wide variety of crafts and foods with many non-profit groups participating.



Lions Hours: Thursday - 6 Lions for a total of 8 hrs.  
Fri. 12 Lions for a total of 27 hours  
Sat. 16 Lions for a total of 81 1/2 hours  
This doesn't include the kitchen hours.

Totals so far are: \$142 50/50 — \$115 TV Raffle — \$736 Door  
\$3060 2019 Booth fees  
\$950

2020 apps \$330. (Julie I have another \$60 ck)  
We will still have custodial fees and possibly kitchen Bill's.



**Above:** Oscoda Lions ramp builders did it again, Lions Tony, Chuck, Ann and Bill Gaines. They built a ramp with two platforms one 4' x 14' and one 5' x 5' and 32' of ramp. Tony Priebe is in the picture

**Right:** The ramp building crew continues to be busy. Lions Ann, Tony, Chuck, and Bill Gaines recently completed a ramp for a resident on Cedar Lake Road. The next door neighbor of the ramp recipient was so appreciative of our efforts to help the handicapped individual that he sent a thank you note and a donation of \$50.







## Petoskey Lions

### October

**Pancake Supper Fundraiser:** Lions members, aided by “civilian” volunteers, held a Pancake Supper at the Petoskey United Methodist Church on Wednesday, October 16. Meals were served from 5 to 7 pm.

Thanks to Lions **Dave Carlson**, **Mike Farrimond**, **Julie Haase**, **Hubert Hayes**, **Mary McClutchey**, **Jim Rummer**, and **David Zimmer**, and to volunteers **Jeff Joneson**, **Rose Ross**, **Bryleigh Rummer**, and **Bob Serra** for their help in making this event run smoothly.



*Above:* Lions Hubert Hayes and Dave Carlson attend to the people who donated for a good meal.

*Right:*  
Petoskey Lions  
Jim Rummer  
and Dave  
Carlson serve  
pancakes and  
sausages to  
hungry patrons.



**Lion Hubert Hayes Honored at the Pancake Supper Fundraiser:** Petoskey Lion Hubert Hayes was lured from the pancake grill for a short presentation by President **Julie Haase** honoring Hubert for his outstanding service to our Club and community. Our oldest Lion at 94, Hubert has been a Lion since January 1, 1954 – 65 years a Lion! – and is still one of our most active members. Hubert was presented with a commendation letter from LCI and a State of Michigan Tribute Certificate for Volunteerism signed by Rep. **Lee Chatfield**, State Senator **Wayne Schmidt**, Lt. Governor **Garlin Gilchrist II**, and Governor **Gretchen Whitmer**.



**Special Thanks** to Lion **Jim Rummer** for spearheading this well-deserved tribute to our Club's oldest and most valuable natural resource.



### Future Leader Dog Becket Leaves for Training in Rochester, MI:

Puppy Raiser Lion **Julie Haase** has been bringing FLD Becket to Lions meetings for nearly a year. We've watched him grow from a cute puppy to a handsome young dog. As with all Future Leader Dogs, it is now time for Becket leave Petoskey and begin his formal training in Rochester, MI.

We will miss his (usually) quiet presence, and wish him well on his career path.

FLD Becket

Early Becket before  
coming to Petoskey





## Editor's Notes

by Lion David J. Zimmer

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## Seeing Things Differently

It probably comes as no surprise to anyone that we live in a time of, shall we say, excessively contradictory realities. We Lions extol the noble ideals of kindness and diversity, positive concepts of acceptance, community and helping others – Civilization at its best. Unfortunately, many – too many – people are being drawn into the negative abyss of divisiveness, with its destructive attributes of conflict, discord, hate, and bigotry – all forms of fear. As a society, we have fallen into extreme positions, with no middle ground or compromise. Politics used to have people with differing ideas – they had “opponents”. Now, they’re called “enemies”. Compromise has become a sign of weakness instead of strength, and not just in politics. Greed and lust for power are in ascendant, and lying seems to be the new universal replacement for facts and truth.

Not only are we no longer on the same page, we’re not even in the same book.

While it seems the people don’t see eye to eye on much of anything, my choice of column title “Seeing Things Differently” refers to another meaning of the phrase, literally “Seeing” in the sense of physical vision through our eyes.

I am going through an experience that came out of the blue, almost literally blind-siding me. About 6 months ago I went to my Eye Doctor for new glasses. I had noticed that my current glasses were no longer working for me; my vision seemed to be getting blurry. During my eye exam, she spotted an irregularity in my left eye and immediately set up an appointment with retinal experts. It turns out that I had a transparent layer growing on my left retina that was pulling the retina out of shape. This is not common, and no one seems to know why this happens for sure. The distorted retina results in vision that warps what I see. With my good right eye, a door frame appears straight across. If I close my right eye and look at the door frame with the left eye, it appears to be “wavy”, not straight. I never noticed this before because my right eye is the dominant eye and with both eyes open the wavy effect wasn’t evident.

To make a long story short, I had to have a cataract removed from my left eye to clear the eye for surgery, and then surgery to remove the layer from the retina. This procedure, as explained to me, entailed poking a syringe needle into my left eye, withdrawing the eye fluid, using tiny tweezers to grab and pull out the transparent film layer, and replacing the eye fluid. The operation was done at Munson Hospital in Traverse City on October 22. As unpleasant as this procedure sounds, I was anesthetized and felt nothing. There was only a very slight soreness; I didn’t need take any pain relievers. They did a great job, no complaints about my care while there. The worst part of the event was having to get up at 4:00 am and driving to Traverse City for the 6:30 am appointment (NOT an early riser!).

I have been a very healthy person for most of 70+ years. Allergies, a car accident, one shoulder surgery; other than that and a few cuts or scratches, throughout my life I’ve mostly avoided the need for medial resources. Prior to this the last time I went to a doctor was over a decade ago, for a job-mandated physical. I’m not taking any medications, and my pre-op exams validated good health – the technician described my heart EKG as “beautiful”. I’ve been a vegetarian (not a Vegan) for over 40 years, and take supplements and use essential oils for health. So this eye thing was a shock to my healthy image – suddenly I’m in doctor’s offices and hospitals getting sliced and stitched.

No matter how healthy one may seem to be, the years add up and something somewhere will invariably get out of whack. It’s just the way life works, and we all need to be aware of this and plan accordingly. My left eye is healing and my vision, though still wavy, is getting better. It might take several weeks or months for the retina to return to it’s normal shape. No matter how that turns out, I am definitely “seeing things differently”.

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