

DISTRICT 11-E2 NEWSLETTER



Notable Quotes: — “Gratitude is not only the greatest of virtues, but the parent of all the others.” — Marcus Tullius Cicero



NOVEMBER 2021

District Governor's Message

Greetings, fellow Lions.



District Governor
William Gaines

Many Lions do all their service activities within their own clubs and are satisfied with the service opportunities available there. There are, however, many Lions service activities that reach beyond the local club which also need support. Our own 11E2 District has project account funds for Diabetes and Medical Assistance, emergencies/disaster relief, photo screening/sight conservation, Youth Exchange/All State Band, and Childhood Cancer. These funds, contributed to by many district Lions Clubs, are available for needs which local clubs don't have resources to support and for needs in areas without Lions Clubs. This collective funding effort can and does enable service which exceeds any single club's fund-raising capability.

Our state MD-11 district supports the following state projects: Eversight, Leader Dog, Bear Lake Camp, All State Band and the Lions of Michigan Foundation. Each of these efforts requires resources far beyond the scope of any local club. For example, training a single Leader Dog and its blind owner costs approximately \$40,000 dollars. The Lions of Michigan Foundation helps Michigan Lions Clubs provide community services, working in partnership with our member Lions Clubs to provide disadvantaged individuals and families with access to affordable medical care and services designed to help improve their quality of life. Their screening, diagnosis, treatment, education and research primarily helps underserved populations and financially struggling individuals who require assistance with eye care, hearing aids or an unexpected life event.

Lions Club International has focus area of Vision, Youth, Disaster Relief, Humanitarian efforts, Diabetes, Childhood Cancer, the Environment and Hunger. Lions Club International Foundation grants fund many efforts in these areas while individual Lions, local Lions clubs, districts and multiple districts contribute time and money to meet these and other community needs.

It is important that we all recognize that there are countless hours of leadership, planning and administrative work that make the projects above come to life locally and across our worldwide organization. Our district needs your participation as a leader to make all this happen. There are open leadership roles in 11E2 including two Zone Chair Positions, a Global Membership Chairperson and several committee chairperson positions. This is work that is needed to make and keep our Lions organizations successful. Please think about your own capabilities and how your leadership could make a difference. Club presidents and secretaries, could you attend a district cabinet meeting (it's very easy via Zoom) or persuade one of your own able members to take a step forward in Lions leadership by filling one of the open district positions. The opportunities, support and training are there. All that's needed is you!





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

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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



ZONE 1	CLUBS	ZONE 3	CLUBS
N/A	Boyne Valley, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, East Jordan, Indian River, Mackinaw City, Petoskey	ZC Steven Murch Alpena Lions Club stevemurch49707@gmail.com	Alpena, Alpena Evening, Atlanta, Glennie, Hillman, Hubbard Lake, Mio
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Lions Clubs International



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Service from the heart with International President, Douglas X. Alexander

Dear Lion,

Your commitment to the health and safety of your community makes a real difference in people's lives, especially in our efforts to fight diabetes. You are advocates, educators and leaders. And for many, your intervention is the first step toward preventing type 2 diabetes and getting back on the path toward a healthier lifestyle.

Diabetes affects nearly 10% of the world's adult population—and half of those currently living with the disease are undiagnosed. That's where Lions can be the difference. Let's all work together to raise awareness and educate our friends and neighbors so we can keep families healthy and our communities strong.

Yours in Service, Yours in Service,

Douglas X. Alexander

Douglas X. Alexander
International President





LCIF.ORG | A Letter From Your Chairperson

**Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION**

Dear Lions Leader,



Let's celebrate!

On January 13, we will honor our founder, Melvin Jones on the 143rd anniversary of his birth. I could not be more excited to celebrate with you, and with Lions and Leos worldwide.

This year, we will celebrate what it means to be a Lion or Leo during historic Campaign 100, through a LCIF Week Melvin Jones Photo Contest. Fellow Lions leader, I am excited to share this first look at the contest, which will launch with all Lions and Leos in the next two days.

- Contest runs from October 22-December 31, 2021
- Submission and voting run through December 31, 2021, 11:59 p.m. (Central Standard Time)
- Winners will be announced on January 13, 2022

Limit one entry per person. No purchase or donation is required to enter. Eight winners, one from each constitutional area, will receive complimentary individual registration* and a ticket for the Melvin Jones luncheon at the 104th Lions International Convention in Montréal, Canada. Family, friends, and [fellow Lions and Leos can vote for their favorite photo submission](#).

To quote Melvin Jones, "You can't get very far until you start doing something for somebody else." Thank you for your support, my fellow Lion.

Sincerely,

[Enter Contest](#)

Dr. Jung-Yul Choi
Chairperson, Lions Clubs International Foundation



Lions Clubs International

Dear Lion Leader,

As a leader, you have an opportunity to provide valuable tools and resources to help your club achieve their goals. Here are some of these tools:

- **Club Quality Initiative (CQI):** Change is critical for each club! A strategic planning tool that helps clubs identify opportunities for improvement. By understanding our current operations, identifying areas that may be improved and taking measured steps to accomplish your goals, your club can be even better.
- **The Club Excellence Award:** This resource serves as your club's road map to excellence, focusing on the key elements of a quality club: membership, service, organizational excellence and marketing. If you have any questions about the award, please contact us by email at clubexcellenceaward@lionsclubs.org or by phone at (630) 468-6828. update phone to respective language areas.
- **Service Reporting:** Has your club service chairperson reported your activities in MyLion or your regional reporting system? Visit the Service Reporting webpage to find resources to assist your club. If your club does not have a service chairperson, consider filling the position today! To learn more about this helpful role, visit the service chairperson webpage for details on the position.

If you are a Facebook user, visit us at Improving Lions Club Quality to find helpful information from Lions around the world. You can post questions, comments, stories and share new ideas to improve clubs within your zone.

We look forward to supporting you! Please contact us if you have any questions by email at clubqualityinitiatives@lionsclubs.org or by phone at (630) 468-6810.

Sincerely,

Your District & Club Administration Division Support Team



A message from:

Jerome Thompson

**Past International Director,
GAT Constitutional Area 1
Leader**



Jerome Thompson Message:

The reason that Lions join, serve, and stay has more to do with friendships and relationships, than rules, regulations, and meetings. As a club officer, your leadership is critical to Lions Clubs International. The most important part of our association is the club. Clubs are where service is rendered; members join; and our next generation of leaders can be found.

In this month's newsletter, I would like to share some ways to get your members plugged into your club; and your club into the community, district and Lions Clubs International. With 25% of the fiscal year behind us, we can find greater success with a few adjustments and a renewed focus on our members. Thank you

Reconnect

Members – COVID-19 has been tough on clubs and our members. Let's make October **Membership Awareness Month**. Every member should be contacted, checked up on and complimented for their contribution to the club. Also, we should be making connections to prospective members to offset those who may not stay after December. My favorite LCI resource is the **Membership Growth Event Toolbox**.

Service - Connecting with our community through service is what Lions have been doing for more than 104 years. However, in the past 18 months, we have had to learn how to safely serve as we dealt with COVID-19. Let's take time to review our service impact; update our projects; and look for new community needs to meet. My favorite LCI Resource is the **Service Launchpad**.

District (Zone) - Every member is important to your club. Every club is important to your zone and district. When we come together to build a vision for a better tomorrow, plans are created and new levels of success is achieved. Rather than wait to be contacted by your district governor or zone chair, give them a call, and invite them to speak to your club. Plan to be in attendance at the next district and zone meetings to share best practices and learn from other clubs.

Reconnect with LCI – We know that we have 11,000+ clubs in Constitutional Area 1. However, we do not know the impact that we are making, unless each club shares their successes with us. Please note that every service project is a success. John Maxwell says, "Sometimes we win, sometimes we learn". I also note that at times we have become frustrated with the service reporting portal. May I suggest that you review the resources at **lionsclubs.org/service-reporting**. Please note we have operators on standby to help you with any questions you might have.

Your Global Action Team is here to help. Please let us know where and when we can assist.

Jerome Thompson

Global Action Team CA 1 leader

This email was sent to zone chairpersons and club officers in Constitutional Area 1. Lions International



Hello Fellow Lions,

Please find attached the information for this year's district Melvin Jones nominations. There are three attachments. Please note the deadline is Dec. 31. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Thank you for all you do for your communities,

Steve Murch

2nd Vice District Governor

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 Clubs International Foundation. (LCIF)

Because this is an award that is to be 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 Club level.

With above in mind, we submit the following person _____

Name of Nominee (Print)

as a nominee for the District 11 E-2 Melvin Jones Fellowship Award. The person to contact as it pertains to this nomination is:

NAME: _____

Club: _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

A. NARRATIVE INFORMATION:

Please write a narrative section here or attach, detailing why you believe this person is a worthy nominee for the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award for District 11 E-2. Keep in mind that the selection committee will depend on what you write about your nominee in considering the nomination.

DISTRICT 11 E-2 MELVIN JONES FELLOWSHIP AWARD NOMINEE PERSONAL DATA SHEET

Name of Nominee: _____

Member of: _____

Years of service in Lionism: _____; Years with current club: _____

Club Offices & Years Held:

District, State Offices & Years Held:

Special Projects Involvement:

Other Community involvement:

Other Information in support of Nominee:

Name/Club of Nominator (Print) _____

Signature of Nominator _____

Note: Additional pages can be used if more space is needed.



Lions Clubs International

TO: District Governor, 1st Vice District Governor, Past District Governors and Club Presidents
FROM: Steve Murch, 2nd VDG/Chairperson, Melvin Jones Committee for 11-E2
DATE: October 14, 2021
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.

Enclosed you will find a nomination form for the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award. The selection committee will consider only those who have contributed notably at the District level, State level and the local club level. 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. The deadline for all nominations to be submitted is December 31, 2021.

This District Level Award will be presented at the annual District 11-E2 Convention which is scheduled to be held April 16-18, 2021 at Boyne Mountain Resort in Boyne Falls, MI. The award presentations will be during the 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.

Please return nominations to:

Steve Murch
2nd Vice District Governor 11-E2
Lion of Michigan
130 Tuttle Street
Alpena, MI 49707

or email: SteveMurch49707@gmail.com in PDF format

I'd like to 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 Award. Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at jdrury@cctransit.org or 231.920.9645.

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Dog Website

Silver Linings

The dictionary defines “silver lining” as a “consoling or hopeful prospect” or “a sign of hope in an unfortunate or gloomy situation; a bright prospect.”

It is likely that most of us consider the past year to be gloomy. Yet, Leader Dog team members defied the gloom, finding and creating silver linings in abundance.

The global pandemic didn't reduce the need for Leader Dog services; in fact, the feelings of isolation created an even greater need for Leader Dog to connect with and continue serving our clients.

Our team harnessed the ability to connect virtually and developed new platforms and programs to support and serve our clients. These include:

Alumni Hour - A monthly event for clients to catch up on Leader Dog news and connect with one another

T.O.M. Talks - Adults ages 18–24 with a visual impairment learn about independent travel, professional readiness and networking

Virtual Summer Experience Camp - Like our traditional program, participants met and gathered with their peers for a week of learning and fellowship. The 2020 program was so successful, we decided to go virtual again in 2021.

We also continued to engage our 400+ puppy raisers and breeding hosts, whose support is critical to our mission, with virtual training opportunities.

- Our puppy development team created online learning modules to help guide puppy raisers through the basics of raising a Future Leader Dog.
- Our breeding team moved their quarterly host home meetings online, which allowed everyone access to the important information of how to keep our LDB moms, dads and puppies healthy.

Because we depend on the immense generosity of our supporters to provide our programs free of charge to our clients, our donors got their own special online programming.

- We launched a series of virtual events that have given us the opportunity to reach donors nationwide. We introduced attendees to clients, puppy raisers and staff, AND provided behind-the-scenes access to our residence and canine center.
- We created a “virtual tour” of our campus, which we will use post-pandemic for people who want to see our campus but can't get here in person.
- Dinner in the Dark, our premier fundraising event, was transformed to allow people from anywhere to join via a virtual program and event kits mailed to participants. The event, which usually draws 500+ attendees from southeast Michigan, attracted more than 1,000 attendees from 28 states and Canada!

The best is yet to come. As restrictions subside we can welcome the entire LDB community back to our campus, these new programs and initiatives will continue and allow us to reach and serve more people than ever before.

With all of these silver linings, Leader Dog's future has never looked so bright.





From: Chad McCann

Subject: Maggie's Wigs for Kids - Project KidSight

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Here is the information for the Maggie's Wigs 4 Kids of Michigan Nascar Foundation fundraiser that was mentioned at our meeting on Saturday. Maggie Varney has also graciously forwarded our KidSight Program information to the Nascar Foundation.

In addition, this is the link to our new KidSight video. It includes a lot of great information for Lions Club presentations and training purposes. A special thank you to District 11-A1 Lions Jim Williams, Soozi Williams and Ted Robinson for helping put this together.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1aVtuOc1nZw6g9XhpTbOovnr8BJ20MnnD/view?usp=sharing>

Here is the link to our KidSight video that was shot at Potter Park Zoo in Lansing a few years back. It is also great for presentations and training purposes.

https://drive.google.com/file/d/19J4iWSdzaaxs42aScqUGepBCIHCEVd_q/view?usp=sharing

Both KidSight videos can be downloaded from Google Drive directly to your computer or electronic device, however, they are very large files, so it will take some time for the download to complete.

Best regards,
Chad

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Maggie Varney <maggie@wigs4kids.org>

Date: Thu, Oct 14, 2021, 8:43 PM

Subject: NASCAR Foundation Finalist - Our Very Own Jaeleen!

Dear Lions Clubs of Michigan Members,

We are very excited to share with you some great news! We were invited 6 months ago to apply and nominate someone for The NASCAR Foundation's Betty Jane France Humanitarian Award. We nominated "your girl" Jaeleen Davis who is an outstanding, remarkable spokesperson and ambassador. She aged out at 18 years old; is now 23 and still continues to choose Maggie's Wigs 4 Kids of Michigan as her platform.

We were not permitted to go public until today. Out of over 700 applicants nationwide, Maggie's Wigs 4 Kids of Michigan is 1 of 4 charities who are one of the finalists. Each finalist receives \$25,000 and a chance to win another \$75,000 for their charity based on votes. Voting starts today and you can vote every day for 1 month - **please share this with all your friends & family on all social media outlets!** This \$100,000 will provide a lot of wigs and support services throughout the year and we continue to get kids every day; the need is great. Especially in these challenging times of COVID, all nonprofits have taken a hit, which makes it difficult for all of us to continue our missions; please help us help the kids.

Visit <https://nas.cr/award> to vote! You can find more information in the email below:

The Kids & I Thank You,

Maggie Varney

Founder & CEO

Maggie's Wigs 4 Kids of Michigan, Inc

586-772-6656

<http://www.wigs4kids.org>



[Click to view this email in a browser](#)



EXCITING ANNOUNCEMENT!



Hello from Maggie's Wigs 4 Kids of Michigan!

We are very excited to announce that our very own wig recipient, **Jaeleen Davis** has been nominated as one of four champions for children for **The NASCAR Foundation's 2021 Betty Jane France Humanitarian Award!**

The NASCAR Foundation's 2021 Betty Jane France Humanitarian Award recognizes **NASCAR Fans** who volunteer for children's causes in their racing communities. **It is the premier sports philanthropic-award that is decided upon by the voters.**

Voting is open from Thursday, October 14th to Friday, November 12th at: <https://nas.cr/award>

Please vote each day, once a day until November 12th - we have the opportunity to receive a \$100,000 donation from **The NASCAR Foundation** thanks to Jaeleen's tireless efforts in being a spokesperson for the children we serve.

Once you have voted, please comment and "like" your status on social media to draw more attention to this cause. **Your vote can help us positively change the lives of children!**

[WATCH JAELEEN'S VIDEO HERE](#)

Our Mission

Maggie's Wigs 4 Kids of Michigan is a local, grassroots 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that provides wigs and support services to children ages 3 to 18 at no charge throughout the state of Michigan. **Founded in 2003, we have helped over 5,000 Michigan children!**



We're celebrating our 18th year of service!
Maggie's Wigs 4 Kids of Michigan
is a trusted nonprofit with a
track record of success.



**Lions of Michigan District 11 E-2****Cabinet Meeting Minutes, October 9, 2021, Alpena and via Zoom**

Cabinet Members in Attendance- DG Gaines, 2VDG Murch, CST Durflinger, GLT Zeller, GST Marie Leathers, and IPDG Rod Leathers

Cabinet Members in Attendance via Zoom- ZC Clarke (Zoom)

Cabinet Members Absent - 1VDG Drury, ZC Broome

Lions in Attendance PDG's Roger Houthoofd (Zoom) and Bev Bodem, Lions Joe Garand, BJ Sander, Angie Szatkowski, Gary Stevens, Jean Manning and Dave Zimmer (Zoom)

The meeting was called to order at 10 AM by DG Gaines. The invocation was offered by DG Gaines. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by 2VDG Murch.

Secretary's Report - Minutes of the 8/14/21 cabinet meeting were presented by CST Durflinger. It was moved by IPDG Leathers, supported by 2VDG Murch that they be accepted as presented. Motion carried. There was no correspondence.

Treasurer's Report- The financial report for YTD 2021-22 was presented showing a beginning balance in the administrative account of \$35,054.74, income of \$8,234, expenses of \$5,496.35 leaving an ending balance as of 10/7/21 of \$37,792.39. This consists of \$29,133.31 in admin and \$8,659.08 in convention funds. The projects account had a beginning balance of \$36,104.07, income of \$571.77 and expenses of \$1,794.44 leaving an ending balance of \$34,881.40. It was moved by 2VDG Murch, supported by IPDG Leathers that the financial report be accepted as presented. Motion carried. All clubs have now paid first half dues.

Old Business- None

New Business- CST Durflinger reported that the district sponsored the Bear Lake Camp Wine and Beer tasting fundraiser on October 29. This includes 8 tickets to the event. Durflinger will send out an email to clubs asking if members would like to use the free tickets.

GLT Report- PDG Zeller reported he has received no requests for individual officer training. He will be sending out an email soon reminding Presidents and Secretaries that one of their obligations is to attend cabinet meetings. This is easy now with Zoom available, so there is no reason for us not to have better attendance at the meetings. DG Gaines asked that PDG Zeller work on setting up Guiding Lion training.

GMT Report- DG Gaines noted that as of today we are at +10 in members. Statewide we are up by 103, a good start to the year. DG Gaines is working on a community needs assessment in Tawas in an effort to start a club there. He is working on virtual club possibilities. LCI is under 1,400,000 members worldwide, but for the first time in 40 years CAI (primarily North America) is up in membership.

GST Report- GST Marie Leathers reminded everyone of the "Knowing Your State Projects" webinar being held next weekend and encouraged everyone to participate. Many of our clubs are not reporting their service to LCI. She is happy to help anyone who has any questions about how to do it. She also encouraged people to think about individual projects, such as making "Port Pillows" for cancer patients.

Zone Chair Reports - GLT Leathers reported that ZC Broome has started club visits with a visit to the Lewiston Lioness Lions where one new member was inducted. 2VDG Murch reported that he was disappointed that the first zone meeting of the year in Hillman was attended by only two clubs. ZC Clarke had no report.



Zone Chair Reports - GLT Leathers reported that ZC Broome has started club visits with a visit to the Lewiston Lioness Lions where one new member was inducted. 2VDG Murch reported that he was disappointed that the first zone meeting of the year in Hillman was attended by only two clubs. ZC Clarke had no report .

Committee Reports Written Reports were provided by: District Editor-Lion Zimmer, District Peace Poster- Lion Jean Manning, Environmental- PDG Bodem, LCIF- PDG Durflinger, Lions of Michigan Foundation- PDG Durflinger, and Project Kidsight- Lion Slezak/Lion Linda Harris

Oral Reports- Constitution and By-Laws- DG Gaines noted that in the International Constitution there is a provision to have a Leo as a non-voting cabinet member. This is something we should consider. Diabetes Awareness- Lion BJ Sander reported that both contracts for our DAD projects are signed. She is doing a Zoom meeting next week to make sure things are progressing with the projects. District Melvin Jones- 2VDG Murch will be sending out information next week on the Fellowship. Nominations will be due in December . Honorary Committee- IPDG Leathers reported that he is working on a PDG event service project for the district convention. Michigan Forum- IPDG Leathers reported that the next Forum will be 2/26/22 at the Holiday Inn in Grand Bl a nc. There will be a service project on Friday night, and informational sessions on Sat urday. Pediatric Cancer- IPDG Leathers reported state committee met and will again be supporting Camp Quality, M aggie ' s Wigs and Kids Kicking Cancer. The activities at the Appreciation Dinner raised \$235 for the district pediatric cancer fund . There are still pediatric cancer t shirts available for \$15. The proceeds go into the district cancer fund . If we can raise \$2,200 we can send a family to Camp Quality. USA/Canada Forum- PDG Zeller reported that the 9/9 Forum in Iowa was very successful. The next USA/Canada Forum will be held 9/15-9/17/22 in Calgary, Alberta, Canada. Eversight- IPDG Leathers passed on PDG Richardson's report that Eversight will again be holding their bowling tournaments and wine tasting this year. He is looking for someone to take over for him as District Eversight chair.

Audience Comments - Lion Gary Stevens reported the there is an Alpena group that also covers surrounding counties that helps people with cancer and families that have a family member with cancer. DG Gaines noted that this could tie in with our pediatric cancer efforts.

VDG Comments - 2VDG Murch encouraged clubs to do member satisfaction surveys, and to contact members who resign to find out the reasons.

DG Comments - DG Gaines noted it is time for him to nominate district Lions for the Presidential and Leadership medals and the SA Dodge award. If you have suggestions for Lions who deserve these awards, please let him know. He has committee chair positions that need to be filled, and he needs a GMT. Please talk to your club members about available positions . He thanked GST Marie Leathers for her submission to the state for the "Kindness Matters" award. Right now we are the only district to make a submission. DG Gaines presented IPDG Leathers with a plaque from Bear Lake Camp. He announced we have a new district Leo Chair, Scott Govitz from the Beaverton Lions. He noted that the next Lions Leadership Institute at Higgins Lake will be Nov. 5-7. We have two slots that are paid by the district, so if you have a member interested in attending, please let CST Durflinger know ASAP. He encouraged clubs to send members if their admin funds permit. He reminded clubs that the Peace Poster will be judged at the Council of Governor's meeting in December, so be sure and get your posters turned in to Lion Jean Manning. There is a \$300 prize for the winning poster at the district level, and further prizes available if the poster proceeds to further levels. IPDG Leathers asked about the essay contest. DG Gaines noted that it is available only to those with a sight disability. CST Durflinger will check and see if Intl. is still having a photo contest .

With no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 AM . The next meeting date will be a Zoom meeting on December 11 at 10 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
PDG Barb Durflinger, Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer

**District 11-E2 Newsletter Editor Report: August 14, 2021 Cabinet Meeting**

Lion Barb:

The number of club newsletter submissions for the September and October newsletters:

September: **5 Clubs 17.9%** October: **3 Clubs 10.7%**

Name	Months Participated	Name	Months Participated
• Alpena	1	• Hubbard Lake	1
• Boyne Valley	2	• Oscoda	1
• Central Lake	1	• Petoskey	1
• East Jordan	1		

In the 2 months, fewer submissions per issue has been the curve - not sure why. Several clubs seem very active, but aren't letting us know about what that is.

I've noticed there are some clubs that have been successfully recruiting new members, as referenced in DG Gaine's September article ("positive side of membership numbers this year with an increase of five"). If clubs are getting new members, why am I not being informed of it? Clubs need to submit the data, names & any photos, to me. In these times; good news should be shared. I want to note, to celebrate, clubs their success, and the new members should be honored for their volunteering. It is a positive thing that just might be inspiring to other clubs. I know I'm impressed! We need to encourage a culture of sharing, to everyone's good.

Still open to any District Lions Leaders who want to share something inspiring or informing to submit letters/columns/notes/ or photos. Any suggestions for enhancement are also welcome.

Thanks to all for your support. Stay Safe.

Lion David J. Zimmer

District 11-E2 Newsletter Editor

dlzim47@gmail.com

Peace Poster Contest 2021 Report

The 2021 International Peace Poster Contest 2021 is underway. A "kit" was distributed to the district clubs who expressed a desire to conduct a contest in their area: Elk Rapids, Mio, Central Lake, East Jordan, Grayling and Hillman.

The "winner" from each club will be judged by the local club by the end of October (the winning sticker will be placed on the back of that entry), and then all entries will be picked up by Hillman Lion Jean Manning. The local clubs are urged to award their club winner with a cash award (or other type of award) with a value of around \$25. The club winners will then be judged for a District Winner the first part of November.

The contest is open to students aged 11-13. The participant may be from a school classroom or from a student group such as a scout troop.

Jean Manning - Hillman Area Lions Club



ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE, Beverly Bodem, Alpena Lions Club, Dist. 11 E-2
Cabinet Meeting, October 9, 2021

I have been looking for indoor house plants that purify the air. Many plants clean the air naturally. NASA adds plants to its international space station to help control air quality. If it works for NASA, it can work for us. "Plants are also known to increase mood and productivity, enhance concentration and memory and reduce stress and fatigue."

NASA recommends "two or three plants in 8 to 10 inch pots for every 100 square feet." Household chemicals come from objects and materials such as carpets, glues, ovens, cleaning solutions, synthetic materials such as plastic, fiber and rubber. Some plants can be toxic to pets such as cats and dogs.

Here is a list of plants that purify the air:

Spider plants - eliminates formaldehyde, xylene. This plant is safe for children and pets.

Dracaenas - (Corn Plant or rainbow plant) Toxic to animals. Your pet may vomit, salivate more, or have dilated pupils from eating this plant.

Golden Pathos: also known as devil's ivy. This plant is toxic to cats and dogs.

Acreca palms - nontoxic to cats and dogs

Chrysanthemums - Ranks highest for air purification. Toxic to cats and dogs

Bamboo palms - Non-toxic for cats and dogs

English ivy - Toxic to dogs, farm animals and humans when eaten

Rubber plants - Toxic to cats and dogs.

Chinese evergreen - Toxic to dogs

Peace lilies - Toxic to animals and humans. Can cause skin irritation on adults

This information was taken from "The Best Air Purifying Plants for Your Home" and reviewed by Debra Rose Wilson, PhD., MSN,R.N.,IBCLC, AHN-BD, CHT, Written by Ellen Riley -- Updated September 18, 2018

Submitted by Lion Beverly Bodem, Environmental Committee, Dist. 11 E-2.

Lions KidSight Report for 10/9/21

Alpena Lions attended a Safety Day screening on 7-10-21.

Hillman Lions worked a Back to School Carnival Screening on 7-25-21.

Alpena Lions are doing Kids Day screening on 10-9-21.

Central Lak and Boyne Valley clubs are scheduled for screenings before the end of the month.

TO DATE 73 children have been screened. 59 of those kids passed. Referrals were made on 6 of them. Unfortunately 8 children were unreadable.

CONTACT DR. Nathan Slezak at Bignate34@gmail.com or Linda Harris at lindish72@hotmail.com

Sincerely, Linda Harris,
KidSight Co -co ordinator
Lions KidSight Report for 10/9/21



District 11-E2 Cabinet meeting
October 9, 2021

LCIF Report

We are entering the fourth year of the third major funding campaign since LCIF was founded 50 years ago, Campaign 100. Campaign 100 was originally a three year campaign, but has been extended for another year due to the Covid crisis. Through 8/46/21, the campaign has raised \$550,393,743 of the \$300,000,000 goal.

The goal for every club is to donate an average of \$250/member over three years (only \$80/member/year), with club, individual member and local community donations all included toward this goal. Right now only 6% of Lions donate individually to OUR foundation and International would like to increase this percentage. Our district's percentage is currently 8.65%, led by the Hillman Club at 100%. Individual contributions can be made on a recurring basis via credit card on the LCIF website to make it easier. The Hillman club reached 100% by passing around a can at each meeting for members to put in a dollar or two, or just their pocket change with the proceeds being credited in alphabetical order to each member. This is an easy way that every club could participate. I am also proud to announce that the Hillman Lions have decided to become a model club (giving of an average of \$500/member) and we challenge other clubs in the district to join us in this support of OUR Foundation.

We started the campaign off well in the district. In the first year we raised \$13,363, we raised \$11,844 in 19-20 and \$12,547 in 20-21. This total makes us eligible for another community grant like the one received by the Hillman Club last year which we are using on our Community Walkable Trail project. 18 of our 28 clubs made contributions in 20-21, so we reached 64% giving, a decrease from 19-20 where 21 clubs participated. It would be great if every club could make at least a token contribution this year so that DG Bill could have a 100% district. We still need people or clubs to buy squares on the district Melvin Jones Fellowship raffle board so that we can do the drawing. The squares are \$20 each, with \$10 being credited as an individual contribution to LCIF, and the balance used to pay for the Fellowship. Let me know if you would like to help. The original plan was to complete the squares at the district convention so we could do the drawing then, but Covid disrupted that plan, so we have some more time now to fill up the board.

Now that most (or maybe all?) of us are back doing in person meetings, I am available to make a presentation to your club on Campaign 100, so give me a call! If you have any questions, please contact me.

PDG Barb Durflinger

**Lions of Michigan Foundation report- 10/9/21**

The Sight and Hearing sweepstakes for the next year will be getting underway in early November . Last year seventeen district clubs participated in the sale, so we will be aiming for more club participation in this fundraiser this year. Six clubs in our district sold over 100 tickets, led by Oscoda and Alpena. This is such a great fundraiser for us - rebates from \$3.50-\$5.50/ per ticket sold depending on how many you sell, that I don't understand why all of our district clubs don't participate The rebate for the Oscoda Lions this year was over \$4,200, so a great fundraiser!

A new fundraising project this year is a cookbook. The books are supposed to be ready at the next trustees meeting (Nov 6), so if you want one of the trustees to pick them up for you, let us know. The books will make great Christmas gifts. The cookbooks are \$20 each, and when your club sells 20 or more you will receive a rebate of \$5/cookbook sold, so also a fundraiser for your club.

The Kidsight program is active again, with special Covid protocols to protect both the children and the volunteers. Contact Lion Nate Slezak or Lion Linda Harris to schedule your event . The trailer is available for your community parades or festivals, so let me know if you would like to use it . We have had several screenings this year already, and more are on the schedule.

Clubs are reminded that the Foundation has funds available to assist needy veterans or military families, and the funds are NOT restricted to medical needs. In the past funds have been given for vehicle repairs , utility bill assistance, etc, so if you know of a needy veteran in your area, talk to one of the trustees about getting an aid application. Our district just received a grant for a veteran who needed vehicle repairs, and one to assist with medical expenses, so contact your local veteran's assistance office and let them know that we can help.

You may now make nominations for the Lions of Michigan Hall of Fame. The nominations should be turned in to me by the end of January, as the cabinet has to select a nominee if there is more than one. We are entitled to one living and one posthumous award, so think about who in your club is worthy of this honor. Let me know if you need nomination forms.

Our district contributions to the Foundation for the 2020 -21 year totaled \$6,610, a significant decrease from last year, but hopefully with conditions improving, we can increase our support this year. All of our state projects need support!

PDG Barb Durflinger

Assistant Treasurer, Lions of Michigan Foundation



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NOVEMBER 2021

Diabetes Awareness Month

Daylight Savings Time Ends — November 7, 2021 — “Fall Back”

Veterans Day — November 11, 2021 — Honor Military Service

World Diabetes Day — November 14, 2021

Thanksgiving Day — November 25, 2021 — Gratitude & Turkey

DECEMBER 2021

Cabinet meeting — December 11, 2021 — 10:00 a.m. — **Zoom** — Cabinet meeting for all district cabinet members, district committee chairs, zone chairs, club presidents and secretaries.

Winter Solstice — December 21, 2021 — Winter arrives (Winter weather comes earlier)

Christmas Day — December 25, 2021 — Gift Giving & Receiving

MARCH 2022

Cabinet meeting — March 05, 2022 — 10:00 a.m. — Boyne - location TBD — Cabinet meeting for all district cabinet members, district committee chairs, zone chairs, club presidents and secretaries.

APRIL 2022

District convention and cabinet meeting — April 29, 2022-May 1, 2022 — Boyne Mountain Lodge. More details to follow



PASSINGS



Alpena Evening Lions member **Ed Wojcicki** passed away on October 6, 2021.

Cheboygan Lions lost member **Thomas Pilon** on October 12, 2021

We honor those who have passed; with sympathies & condolences to family & friends

NEW MEMBERS — SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER

Alpena Lions—5 Lions - **Bill Mendenhall, Curtis Caldwell, Jill Busia, John Snyder & Doug Kanen** on Nov.11.

Boyne Valley Lions — New Lion **Sue Pepper** was inducted to the club Oct. 27.

Central Lake Lions — Inducted **Annemarie & Dean Smartz** Sep. 16; **Mark & Shelley Lewis** Sep. 23

East Jordan Lions — New Lion member **Tim Timmer** welcomed into the club.

Glennie Lions — **Stacy A. Panfil** joined the Lions on Sep. 21.

Grayling Lions — New member **Elizabeth Chace** became a Lion on Oct. 21

On the Mend

None Reported in October!



LIONS GLOBAL CAUSES



VISION



DIABETES



ENVIRONMENT



DISASTER RELIEF



HUNGER



YOUTH



HUMANITARIAN EFFORTS



CHILDHOOD CANCER

Alpena Lions

OCTOBER 2021 (& November 2)

New Member indoctrination was held Tuesday 11/02/21 at the weekly meeting of the Alpena Lions Club. The Alpena Lions welcomed new members (*left to right*) Bill Mendenhall, Curtis Caldwell, Jill Busia, John Snyder and Doug Kane.



The Alpena Lions Club presented a check for \$3000.00 to Salvation Army Major Prezma Morrison. This money was raised during the Old Newsboys Fundraiser held October 15th and 16th.

Lions Pictured Left to Right Below: President Joe Garant, Dan Tibbles, Bill Mendenhall, Al Guest, Joe Bonfoey, Randy Boboltz, Salvation Army Major Prezma Morrison, Justin Hinkley of the Alpena News, Gary Stevens, Kenneth Dully, Al Kirschner, John Snyder and Vice President Jon Emerson (kneeling)





Boyne Valley Lions

OCTOBER 2021

October 13 Meeting Info:

Boyne Valley Lions donated \$500 to Eta Nu
— Lions donated \$300 to Camp Daggett.

October 27 Meeting Info:

Lion Sue Pepper was inducted to the club today! (Oct., 27) —

Early Child Vision Screening happened last Weds and Thursday. Dr. Nate was able to screen 91 children and 8 were referred for additional examination

Pasty sales are through the roof! We will need Lion volunteers to deliver pasties to cars and collect money on Friday, November 12th
Totals: 418 beef, 194 veggie, for a total of 612 units. Sales of \$4,284, Veg 32%. We can confirm that 28% of the orders received are repeat customers



East Jordan Lions

OCTOBER 2021

East Jordan Lions welcome new member
Tim Timmers to their club —



Below: East Jordan Lions did their highway clean up on a 2 mile stretch of M-66.





Hillman Lions OCTOBER 2021

Below are pictures from our first Adopt a Class project (fifth graders) this year. It was so much fun!





Mackinaw City Lions OCTOBER 2021

October 31, 2021

A blustery night at Trunk or Treak in Mackinaw City. What a great community event. We Serve





Oscoda Lions OCTOBER 2021

Fall Festival Arts and Crafts

The 20th Annual Fall Festival Arts and Crafts Show on October 2nd was attended by about 900 visitors. The commons area and the gym of Oscoda High School were filled with eighty vendors offering a wide variety of crafts and foods with many non-profit groups participating. A final reporting of the event will be made at the club meeting.

Many thanks go to the many Lions who helped make this event a success – from marking booths, to assisting vendors, to staffing the kitchen, to the final clean up – all is appreciated.

Special thanks go to Lion Andrea for organizing and preparing the meals and keeping the kitchen crew on task and special, special thanks go to Lion Von and Lion Jane for their year-long efforts to make this a great show.



Dick Dean's beautiful cards with stitching embroidery were sold at the Lions booth. Dick donated the sales to our club. Peggy Clarke. Dick Dean —

— Lions Andrea and Sarah were kept busy preparing lunches and delivering them to vendors.



Lion Chuck holding our five K raffle, Alice and Taylor drew the winning tickets —



Von Mallak, Dave Hill, Tawas City, Sandra Pollis, Sterling Heights, Todd Davis, Tawas City and Stephanie Hutchinson, Louisville, Kentucky were the winners of \$1,000 each



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Cont'd — Oscoda Lions OCTOBER 2021

Oscoda Lions were over in the Hale area building a ramp. The ramp costs were paid for by Iosco County Veteran's Assistance office. The home owner is a retired Marine veteran who was having difficulty getting up and down the stairs into his home.

Tony Priebe, Bill Gaines, John Novak, Bob Drogosch (prospective member), and Chuck Andrina met at the lumber yard at 0800. We finished the project about 230 pm.

The project included 4' X 4' platform, a 28' ramp, and a new screen door. The homeowners tried out the completed project and were very happy that it would help him get in and out of his home. WE service



Above: John Novak, Bill Gaines, Tony Priebe and Bob Drogosh, homeowners



— Bill Gaines, John Novak, Tony Priebe, Bob Drogosh

GST NEWS

If you are unable to log into MyLion or MyLCI after their recent update try the following:

- Instead of using a saved bookmark go to <https://myapps.lionsclubs.org/>
- If your login information is auto-filled, delete the login and the password and retype them rather than using the auto-fill or saved password.
- Be sure to use your email address for your login.
- If you are still unable to login please contact me and we can troubleshoot.

Once logged choose "MyLion" to report your club's service projects, fundraisers and donations. If you need help reporting please contact me to walk you through the process, or email me the project information and I will input the service projects for you.

Marie Leathers

District Service Chair — 231-350-0286 — marie@centrallakerealty.com



CORONAVIRUS UPDATES – NOVEMBER 1

This is a snapshot of the World, Nation, and State of Michigan statistics on **NOVEMBER 1, 2021**. Numbers may be significantly higher by the time you read this as the COVID-19 Delta Variant continues to infect more.

(Info from WHO, CDC & michigan.gov., & NY Times website)

World Statistics

Cases: 246,594,191 ♦ **Deaths:** 4,998,784

U. S. Statistics

Cases: 45,889,173 ❖ **Deaths:** 744,085

Michigan Statistics

Cases: 1,137,748 ❖ **Deaths:** 23,662

Vaccinations (1 or more doses) Summary:

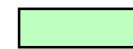
Age: 16+ – 1+ Dose

World: 50.8% – **United States: 78.1%** – **Michigan: 69.2%**

DISTRICT 11-E2 STATISTICS



= Highest No.



= Lowest No.

11-E2 Counties	Cases Reported	Deaths	% Vaccinated
Alcona:	1,168	44	61.46%
Alpena:	2,354	73	60.44%
Antrim:	2,431	38	64.32%
Arenac:	1,847	35	57.65%
Charlevoix:	2,613	35	69.69%
Cheboygan:	2,921	66	60.28%
Crawford:	1,398	17	58.72%
Emmet:	3,485	51	73.26%
Gladwin:	3,344	73	54.23%
Iosco:	3,119	96	62.89%
Kalkaska:	1,828	38	53.60%
Montmorency:	988	26	59.32%
Ogemaw:	2,774	60	50.11%
Oscoda:	983	38	48.95%
Otsego:	3,317	57	60.73%
Presque Isle:	1,400	39	65.41%
Roscommon:	2,641	66	60.24%
Totals	38,611	852	Total Avg: 60.08%

Confirmed cases include individuals with a positive NAAT/RT-PCR test for COVID-19. Probable cases include individuals with either a positive rapid antigen detection test OR COVID-19 symptoms and an epidemiologic link to a confirmed COVID-19 case, but no diagnostic test.

Vaccination % = number of county residents vaccinated (1 or 2 doses) divided by the total county resident population 16+



Info from CDC, WHO, NPR
www.historyofvaccines.org

VACCINES: How We Got Here

COVID-19, the perpetual pandemic plaguing people on this planet, continues to plod its way in a weary world. The recent Delta Variant surge in the U.S. peaked August 27 with daily cases at 196,894. A September 23 daily count was 135,101; October 28, a daily figure of 85,001. So the trend is going down for now as more people are vaccinated.

Humanity has been, literally, plagued by many different infectious diseases since humans appeared on this planet. Diseases like bubonic plague, smallpox, measles, typhoid, cholera, yellow fever, influenza, tuberculosis, pertussis (whooping cough), polio, and diphtheria killed millions of people through the ages. Vaccines prod the body's immune system into producing antibodies to fight a form of the virus/bacteria without harming the person. If one encounters the real deadly virus, the body is ready to prevent it from harm. Researching diseases and vaccines, I came across a timeline of data that told a story I hadn't heard before: Below are excerpts of historical events on the twisting road to successful vaccines:

Variolation: the method of inoculation, first used to immunize individuals against smallpox with material taken from a patient or recently variolated individual, resulting in a mild, but protective, infection. As early as 1,000 CE, evidence reveals the Chinese employed smallpox inoculation (i.e. variolation) by grinding up smallpox scabs and blowing the matter into nostrils; it may also have been practiced by scratching matter from a smallpox sore into the skin. Later it was also practiced in Africa and Turkey before it spread to Europe and the Americas.

1625: French Jesuits encountered hostility from Canadian Native Americans who observed that *"since our arrival in these lands those who had been the nearest to us had happened to be the most ruined by [smallpox], and that whole villages of those who had received us now appeared utterly exterminated."* **1633:** A smallpox epidemic hit Massachusetts, affected settlers and Native Americans. Among the casualties were 20 settlers from the Mayflower, including their only physician.

1634: John Winthrop, Governor of the colony of Massachusetts, wrote: *"the natives, they are neere all dead of the small Poxe, so as the Lord hath cleared our title to what we possess."* **1659:** Boston minister Cotton Mather wrote in December 1659, diphtheria, until then unknown, *"invaded and removed many Children."* **1676:** English doctor Thomas Sydenham, MD, publishes his medical observations distinguishing smallpox from the measles, the first to do so successfully and in detail, also distinguishing the disease from scarlet fever.

02/28/1694: Queen Mary II of England, age 32, died of variola hemorrhagica, a lethal form of smallpox in which bleeding occurs into the pustules, from other body surfaces, and internally. **1693:** Virginia Governor Edmund Andros issued a "day of Humiliation and Prayer" proclamation due to measles deaths. **1699:** Charleston and Philadelphia suffered the first confirmed yellow fever outbreaks in the American colonies. High death tolls in both cities brought life nearly to a standstill.

1713: A measles epidemic in Boston killed three of Cotton Mather's children, his second wife, and the family's maid within a few weeks. Mather would later bring smallpox variolation to the colonies. **1718:** Lady Mary Wortley Montague learned of variolation upon her arrival in Turkey, and had her 6-year-old son variolated in Constantinople by Dr. Charles Maitland. Excerpts of a letter sent to a friend: *"The small-pox, so fatal, and so general amongst us, is here entirely harmless by the invention of ingrafting, which is the term they give it...Every year thousands undergo this operation...There is no example of any one that has died in it; and you may believe I am well satisfied of the safety of the experiment...I am patriot enough to take pains to bring this useful invention into fashion in England..."* **11/21/1736:** Benjamin Franklin's four-year-old son, Francis Folger Franklin, died of smallpox on November 21, 1736. Rumors circulated claiming the boy had been inoculated. Franklin published a denial and advocated inoculation: *"I long regretted that I had not given it to him by Inoculation, which I mention for the Sake of Parents, who omit that Operation on the Supposition that they should never forgive themselves if a Child died under it."* **1738:** A smallpox epidemic struck Charleston, South Carolina. Less than 4% of 441 variolated people, died, while 18% of naturally infected people died. The epidemic reportedly killed half of the Cherokee Indian population in the vicinity. **1751:** London recorded a record 3,538 smallpox deaths for the year. **1759:** Urged by his friend Benjamin Franklin, English physician William Heberden wrote a pamphlet encouraging parents to inoculate their children against smallpox, detailing how they could do so themselves. Franklin added an introduction documenting the success of the process in Boston, and distributed the pamphlets in the American colonies for free. **1764:** John Adams underwent variolation during a Boston epidemic. By this time, many doctors performed variolation along with an arduous course of purging, vomiting, and sweats brought on by treatments with mercury and antimony. **1774:** During a smallpox epidemic in west England, farmer Benjamin Jesty decided to try something—scratching some pus from cowpox lesions on cow udders into the skin of his wife and sons. None of them contracted smallpox. **1776:** Of a force of 10,000 Continental Army soldiers in Quebec, about 5,000 fell ill with smallpox. Continental task force commander, Major General John Thomas, died of smallpox. Retreating southward in May 1776; this defeat preserved the status of northern British colonies and permitted Canada to become the separate country it is today. John Adams wrote: *"The smallpox is ten times more terrible than the British, Canadians and Indians together..."* **1777:** George Washington, Continental Army commander-in-chief, ordered mandatory inoculation for troops if they had not survived a smallpox infection earlier in life. **1796:**

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English doctor Edward Jenner had been interested in the local folk wisdom, supposedly heard from a milkmaid, that people having caught cowpox from a cow were protected from later becoming ill with smallpox. Cowpox is an uncommon, usually mild illness in cattle that can be spread from a cow to humans via sores on the cow. Infected dairy workers may have pustules on their hands, which can spread the infection to other parts of the body. After years gathering circumstantial evidence from farmers and milkmaids, Dr. Jenner decided on a potentially fatal experiment. On a child. Obtaining pus from cowpox lesions on the hands of young milkmaid Sarah Nelms, he scratched it into the skin of eight-year old James Phipps. After a few days of mild illness, James recovered sufficiently for Jenner to inoculate the boy with matter from a smallpox blister. James did not develop smallpox, nor did any of the people he came into close contact with. The experiment worked, but by today's standards it was ethically problematic. At the time, Jenner didn't know the science underlying his discovery. There was no understanding that the *variola virus* caused smallpox, and functions of the body's immune system was still a mystery. (*We know now the cowpox virus belongs to the Orthopox family of viruses. Orthopox viruses also include horsepox virus, monkeypox virus and variola viruses, which cause smallpox.*) Jenner credited his friend, fellow physician, Richard Dunning, for the term "vaccination," from the Latin for cow ("vacca").

1800: Harvard professor of medicine Benjamin Waterhouse performed the first U.S. vaccinations on his children. He put much effort into encouraging public vaccination, writing to then-U.S. President John Adams, and to the current Vice President (and soon-to-be-President), Thomas Jefferson. **1802:** Massachusetts became the first U.S. state to encourage the use of vaccination against smallpox. Dr. Waterhouse, the first doctor in Boston to obtain vaccine material, convinced the city's Board of Health to sponsor a public test of vaccination – 19 volunteers were successfully vaccinated. Initially, Waterhouse retained a monopoly over smallpox vaccine in North America, refusing to provide vaccine material to other doctors without fee or profit-sharing, leading to efforts to obtain vaccine material from vaccination pustules on human patients. Sixty-eight people died after material from a full smallpox pustule was accidentally used to vaccinate patients in Marblehead, Massachusetts. Other doctors began receiving genuine vaccine material from sources in England. His monopoly broken, Waterhouse shared his supplies without complaint. **1840:** Britain's National Vaccine Act of this year offered free vaccination for infants (the first instance of free medical service in the country) and banned variolation, a move heralded by the medical profession. **1853:** The United Kingdom Vaccination Act of 1853 made smallpox vaccination mandatory in the first three months of an infant's life. A parent's penalty for not complying was a fine or imprisonment. **1855:** Massachusetts passed the first U.S. law mandating vaccination for schoolchildren. **1861:** Measles sickened troops on both sides of the American Civil War. The first year of war saw 21,676 reported cases of measles and 551 deaths in the Union Army alone. The American Civil War was the last large-scale military conflict fought before the germ theory of disease was developed. Two-thirds of the 660,000 soldiers who died in that war were killed by uncontrolled infectious diseases. Of these, in the Union Army over 67,000 had measles and more than 4,000 died." **11/19/1863:** Hours after delivering the Gettysburg Address, President Abraham Lincoln suffered weakness, fever, and headache on the train back to Washington. Within a few days he developed widespread pustular lesions. Medical historians assert that Lincoln had smallpox, which sickened him for almost four weeks. Lincoln recovered, though his valet caught the disease and died. **1878:** Yellow fever killed more than 13,000 people in the lower Mississippi Valley. At the time, it was one of the worst medical disasters in U.S. History. **1879:** Louis Pasteur produced the first laboratory-developed vaccine: a vaccine for chicken cholera. Pasteur attenuated, or weakened, the bacteria for use in the vaccine. **08/14/1881:** Carlos Finlay presented the first paper to correctly identify mosquitoes as the ultimate source of yellow fever. Finlay's theory, initially ridiculed, was accepted only when U.S. Army scientists working under Walter Reed demonstrated that it was correct—two decades later. **1882:** The Anti-Vaccination League of America held its first meeting in New York. Among the assertions made by the speakers at the meeting was the idea that smallpox was spread not by contagion, but by filth. This false argument became popular with anti-vaccinationists. **1885:** Scientist Louis Pasteur used hypodermic syringe to vaccinate a young boy who had been bitten by a mad dog and was sure to die of rabies—the boy lived, and immunization took another giant step forward. **02/20/1905:** The U.S. Supreme Court in the case of *Jacobson v. Massachusetts* upheld the constitutionality of mandatory smallpox vaccination programs to preserve the public health. **1916:** Measles killed nearly 12,000 people in the U.S. in 1916, 75% of them younger than five years old. Estimates of the percentage of measles patients who suffer complications from the disease have ranged from 15% to as high as 30%. Serious complications include pneumonia, encephalitis, and corneal ulceration.: French researchers showed that measles patients have specific protective antibodies in their blood. The researchers then demonstrated that serum from measles patients could be used to protect against the disease. **06/17/1916:** A polio epidemic centered in Brooklyn, New York surfaced in the summer months, typical with polio outbreaks. More than 2,000 people would die in New York City alone. Across the U.S. in 1916, polio took the lives of about 6,000 people, leaving thousands more paralyzed. Summer epidemics, common in this era, would lead to widespread closures of pools, amusements parks, and other places where children gathered. **1918:** The Vaccine Institute in Paris produced a freeze-dried vacuum-packed smallpox vaccine that addressed the problems with an air-dried vaccine. Its use continued for decades and became crucial to widespread vaccination programs in tropical areas in the 1970s. (Continued)



07/18/1921: Albert Calmette and Camille Guérin began testing their attenuated (weakened) tuberculosis bacilli in humans. Their preparation, called Bacillus Calmette-Guérin, or BCG, is a weakened form of a tuberculosis bacterium that causes the disease in cows. **1921:** The United States recorded 206,000 cases of diphtheria in 1921, resulting in 15,520 deaths (a case-fatality ratio of 7.5%) – the worst year for diphtheria in the U.S. in the 20th century. **1926:** Despite vaccination's successes against smallpox, opposition to vaccination continued through the 1920s, particularly against compulsory vaccination. A group of health officers visited Georgetown, Delaware, to vaccinate the townspeople, but a retired Army lieutenant and a city councilman led an armed mob to force them out. **1929:** A disaster caused by use of a League of Nations recommended tuberculosis vaccine, BCG, struck the German city of Lübeck. During 1929 and 1930, 72 babies died from tuberculosis out of 252 vaccinated. Many other infants were made ill as a result of vaccination. The vaccine used was later found to have been contaminated with a human tuberculosis strain being studied in the same lab where the vaccine was produced. **1933:** British scientists isolated the influenza virus, proving it was not a bacteria. Among the research animals, ferrets were able to contract influenza. Ferrets and humans who recovered from influenza produced antibodies to the virus, indicating that influenza immunization might be possible. To this day, ferrets remain an important animal model for understanding influenza in humans. Later studies would determine that there were more than one strain of influenza virus. **1941:** New research showed that the poliovirus was not inhaled as thought, but entered the body through the mouth, passed into the digestive system, and then distributed by the blood to the nervous system. This finding gave hope that a vaccine could be developed that would produce antibodies to fight the virus in the bloodstream before it reached the nervous system. **1943:** Diphtheria outbreaks accompanied war and disruption in Europe: in 1943, there were 1 million cases in Europe, with 50,000 deaths (not including the USSR). **1945:** The first influenza vaccine was approved for military use in the United States in 1945 and civilian use in 1946.. Influenza vaccine development was a high priority for the U.S. military after the deaths of approximately 1 in every 67 soldiers from influenza during the 1918-1919 pandemic. **01/28/1949:** Boston scientists showed that they could grow polioviruses in non-nervous tissue – namely human embryonic skin and muscle tissue. This landmark finding would reduce reliance on using live monkeys for growing and testing viruses, and ended polio research being restricted to facilities that could house large numbers of experimental animals. It led the way to simpler, less expensive methods of producing large quantities of virus for study and eventually vaccine production. **1949:** Researchers at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, published a paper identifying three types of poliovirus. That year saw the last cases of naturally occurring smallpox in the United States in an outbreak limited to eight people in Hidalgo County, Texas. Later, several U.S. smallpox infections occurred through importation from abroad and vaccination. The disease continued to appear in the rest of the world through the 1970s. **05/8/1955:** The U.S. Surgeon General, suspended the polio vaccination program in order to investigate the safety of all six manufacturers' vaccine. The full review concluded that 11 people died from the vaccine and hundreds were paralyzed, likely caused by certain production methods (which, it turns out, did not follow Salk's instructions) resulting in a failure to completely kill the Type 1 (Mahoney) poliovirus in the vaccine. **08/24/1960:** Albert Sabin's live poliovirus vaccine was recommended by the U.S. Surgeon General to be licensed. This vaccine provided protection against Type 1 poliovirus. Soon, vaccines for Types 2 and 3 would be licensed. A 1963 vaccine would combine all three types. **1972:** Recommendations for routine U.S. smallpox vaccination, previously recommended at age 1, ceased. As smallpox disappeared, the risks from complication of vaccination became less acceptable to the medical establishment and to the public. **05/08/1980:** The World Health Assembly, accepting the WHO Global Commission's recommendation, declared the world free from smallpox. **1990:** Routine smallpox vaccination of U.S. military recruits ceased.

2000: A total of 719 cases of wild polio were reported in 2000. When the worldwide eradication program began in 1988, there had been 350,000 estimated cases; the reduction in cases from 1988 to 2000 had reached 99%. Continuous transmission of measles was halted in the United States. However, U.S. residents remained at risk for infection from imported cases....Forty-six years after the successful Salk poliovirus vaccine trials of 1954, concerns about cases of polio developing from use of the OPV led to the United States adopting an IPV-only vaccine schedule (IPV consists of inactivated (killed) poliovirus strains of all three poliovirus types. OPV uses live but attenuated, or weakened viruses) Sabin's vaccine was still used in other parts of the world where polio still circulated.

It was a rocky road to successful vaccines, with human mistakes, hubris, and greed hindering the way. But there was also glorious leaps of acquired knowledge, of scientific discoveries that enlightened the previously unknown. Today we live in a world in which smallpox, measles, bubonic plague, and so many other fatal diseases that darkened human history have been contained or eradicated—because of vaccines. Not all vaccines are perfect or for everyone—people with allergies or something that prevents vaccination as an option. Human error has led to fatalities, something overlooked, or some contamination in the mix. But, at the end of the day, vaccines are the best medical protection we have now—and there's no smallpox. Life is and always will be a risky venture. Influenza strains, ebola, HIV, and malaria remain uncontained, and COVID proves new diseases can evolve at any time. We've barely scratched the surface of what may come in the future—there is much more to learn and understand, perhaps discover something that may even replace vaccines. Nothing is perfect, but if we have the will, our desire for "better" encourages us and moves us forward to do what was "impossible".

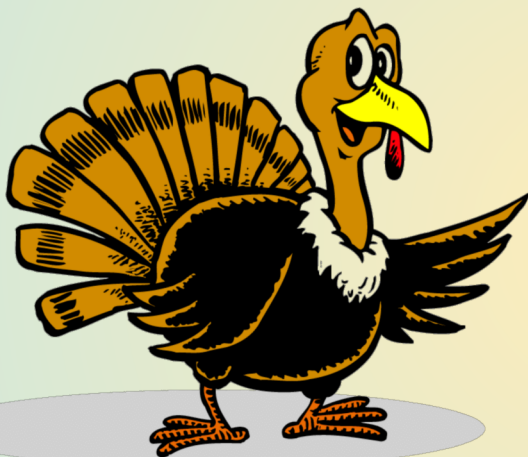
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