



**DECEMBER 2019**



*Notable Quote:* "When the power of love overcomes the love of power the world will know peace." — Jimi Hendrix



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

## District Governor's Message

Welcome to Winter.

Lori and I hope everyone had a blessed Thanksgiving and now we get to look forward to Christmas and all it brings.

Now would be a good time to maybe do something for the food pantries in your area. This time of year the need is really great. If you are looking for idea, give our District Hunger Chair ZC William Smith a call and he might have some idea's.

Keep Membership on your minds, the more we are the more we can do, and it's great to share our service with others.

D.A.D is going to be the focus of the coming months as all monies must be spent by the end of May. We still have some grant money left in the District to share, so if you need more money to spend on a Diabetes Project, call PDG Barb for details how to obtain more money. Call PDG Gordon of PDG/ZC Robert Gingerich for idea's on how to get the money used and sponsor an event.

Cabinet meeting will be December 14<sup>th</sup> in Oscoda at Tait's Bill of Fair. Make plans to send someone to the meeting. We will be having a MyLion workshop directly after the cabinet meeting, so if you having problems, come and learn more about MyLion.

I would love to visit your club and am not afraid to travel in the winter, so if you are having an event, have a new member, or just want a visit from the DG, give me a call to schedule. I would love to come visit with you.

Now is the time also to make plans for your incoming officers for the upcoming 2020 – 2021 Lions year. Great to get this done early so you can mentor those that will be stepping up. We will have training again at the District Convention and in February is the Michigan Forum, a great event for learning more on Lions. See registration later in this newsletter.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS!**



## 2018 - 2019 DISTRICT OFFICERS REFERENCE LIST

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[lionsdistrict11e2.org](http://lionsdistrict11e2.org)

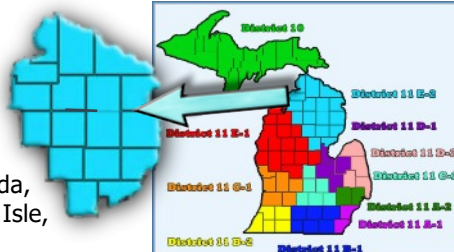
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### Lions Of Michigan Multiple District 11-E2 Counties

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

Dear Lion,

Changing the world starts in your community. Your Lions are working tirelessly to improve the lives of families and neighbors, and Lions Clubs International Foundation is dedicated to empowering their service through Campaign 100.

Your support of Campaign 100 will help ensure that funding is there when your Lions need it. Your generosity unites your service with that of Lions around the world. So that wherever there is need—Lions will always be ready to serve.

Regards,

Dr. Jung-Yul Choi  
International President



## We Serve

### 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



## Can you help support children in need?

Dear Lions,

I want to tell you about a young boy by the name of João Pedro. He had just been diagnosed with bone cancer and wasn't sure if he would see his 13th birthday.

When the day came, it was a total surprise when the hospital's nutritionist walked into João Pedro's hospital room with a birthday cake. He had just started his chemotherapy a couple of weeks prior, and was living at the hospital for his birthday. It could have been a dreary day, but instead, it turned into a celebration amongst João Pedro's family, the caring staff at the hospital, and the friends he made there. They shared a delicious chocolate cake and celebrated another year of life, something that perhaps had even more special meaning that year. "Thank you Lions, Leos, and LCIF, for giving the hospital the opportunity to better serve children struggling against an invisible and painful enemy. Many are winning the battle with your valuable help," says Fernando, João Pedro's father.

LCIF provided a US\$98,904 grant to update and equip the pediatric cancer unit where João Pedro received treatment. Fernando went on to talk about how he never had to worry about the hospital's resources, and all the staff, without exception, took care of his son with humanized care. He could feel the energy and the perseverance the staff had in order to provide excellent care.

It is stories like this that make me proud to be a Lion. Lions and LCIF are making a difference in the lives of children as they battle cancer and in the lives of their families as they support and encourage their children through treatments.

When you give, no matter what amount it is, it helps people like João Pedro; his father, Fernando; and his mother, Eliana. Please give what you can so Lions can continue to support the children in their community or the community of a neighbor.

In friendship,

Gudrun Yngvadottir Chairperson, Lions Clubs International Foundation



**WE CARE. WE SERVE. WE ACCOMPLISH**





LIONSCLUBS.ORG/CAMPAIGN100



## Lions Clubs International Foundation

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

Donations directly impact LCIF's capacity to award grants empowering our service. Each and every donation is another step toward our true goal: serving more people in need worldwide. Campaign fundraising has passed US\$127,500,000. Reaching key milestones is critical to achieving our goal. Please continue to share the importance of Campaign 100, encourage others to support the campaign, and set new goals for this year — perhaps encouraging more Model Club participation or holding an additional fundraiser for LCIF.

Thank you for doing your part to inspire participation in Campaign 100 and increasing your foundation's ability to fund life-altering grants.

## District and Club Community Impact Grants (DCGs)

The name of this unique grant program says it all! This new program enables clubs and districts to secure LCIF funding to create even more change in their communities. Since qualification to apply is based on funds donated to LCIF, Model Clubs — historically effective at fundraising — may be eligible to apply for a DCG grant already or are well on their way! Learn about the quick and easy application process, and more, from our new video.



## Expanding Our Causes and Grant Opportunities

Every two minutes a child is diagnosed with cancer, and each night 800 million+ people go to bed hungry. Campaign 100 has expanded our global causes to include childhood cancer and hunger, empowering Lions to make important progress in these areas. Childhood Cancer and Hunger Pilot grant opportunities are now available. Do you know about these grants? Do Lions in your clubs?



## Lions Clubs International

### Dear Club President, Secretary and Treasurer,

Thank you for serving the members of your club as a leader. New online courses for club officers are available in the Lions Learning Center (LLC) to complement local training available to you. These courses are a quick and easy way to review key aspects of your role and responsibilities to ensure that your club leadership team is prepared for continued success.

Access the upgraded LLC using the following steps:

1. Log in to your **Lion Account**. For assistance with your Lion Account, contact My Lion Support at [mylionsupport@lionsclubs.org](mailto:mylionsupport@lionsclubs.org) or 630-468-7000.
2. Select "Go" for the Learn app.
3. Select "Go" to access the Lions Learning Center.
4. View assigned learning on your homepage or choose a course from the course library.

For questions or assistance with the LLC, please contact us at [elarning@lionsclubs.org](mailto:elarning@lionsclubs.org). Thank you for your service!

Best regards,

The Leadership Development Division Team  
Lions Clubs International



Fellow Lions:

Click on the link below for invitation to visit Louisville, Kentucky, September 2020, for the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum (from your Host Committee).

Registration to our Lions Leadership Forum is a great gift for your spouse or partner. What a great Christmas gift this would be! If you have already purchased that special one a Christmas gift, how about a great Valentine's Day, Easter, Mother's Day, Father's Day, Birthday or Anniversary gift.

Kentucky Lions are looking forward to hosting all Lions, Leo's and Guest-from across the US and Canada. In fact, September is great time to visit Kentucky's largest city.

Please open the invitation, read the invitation, and forward the invitation with every Lion you know. Also, please feel free to add it to your local newsletter and all social media outlets available in your area.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact your Host Committee Chairs any time.

**Chairman PCC Chuck Carlson**

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**513-874-1552**

**Co-Chair PCC Bob Swett**

**[bobswett51@gmail.com](mailto:bobswett51@gmail.com)**

**207-239-4766**

**We hope to see y'all in Louisville, Kentucky**

**September 2020!**

**"and we're off...to winning Leadership"**



Please give consideration to whether some member of your club deserves a nomination to the Hall of Fame. Let me know if you have any questions. If you have a candidate you wish to nominate, please fill out the form and send it to me. We are entitled to nominate one living and one deceased member per district. All nominations will be presented to the cabinet, and the cabinet will vote on our district nominees for this year.

Thanks for your help!

Barb Durflinger — Trustee, Lions of Michigan Foundation — 989-742-2790



## LIONS OF MICHIGAN HALL OF FAME OFFICIAL NOMINATION FORM

The LIONS OF MICHIGAN HALL OF FAME is a project of the Lions of Michigan Foundation. The purpose of the Hall of Fame is to recognize and honor those individuals who have had a significant impact on Lionism in Michigan and to preserve a memory and record of their service.

### SELECTION

A maximum of seven individuals may be selected annually for enshrinement into the Lions of Michigan Hall of Fame. The inductees shall include up to four living and two deceased individuals. Past International Directors will automatically be inducted at the end of their two year term as International Director, and each year, one Hall of Fame inductee will be selected by a special committee consisting of the current members of the Lions of Michigan Hall of Fame.

### SELECTION COMMITTEE

The primary Hall of Fame Selection Committee will be comprised of the members of the Lions of Michigan Foundation's Fund Development and Marketing Committee.

### NOMINATIONS

Nominations will be received annually, no later than March 1. All nominations must be made using the Nominating Forms provided by the Lions of Michigan Foundation. All portions of the Nomination Form must be completed in order for a nomination to be considered. A detailed Narrative for each Nominee should accompany the Nomination Form to provide the Selection Committee with additional information about the nominee. However, the Narrative shall have no numerical score.

Nominations may be initiated by an individual or individuals, a Lions Club or a District. Nominations must have the endorsement of the District Cabinet (**one nominee per category**) before they are submitted to the Foundation office. Individuals nominated and not selected, in any given year, may be nominated in a subsequent year through the endorsement of a current District Cabinet.

### INDUCTEES

Inductees and their spouse/guest will be invited guests of the Lions of Michigan Foundation at their scheduled induction ceremony. The time and location of the induction ceremony will coincide with the Foundation's Annual Meeting.

### RECORDS

The Lions of Michigan Foundation will be the official repository of records of the LIONS OF MICHIGAN HALL OF FAME. All records will be retained at the Lions of Michigan State Office.

Lions of Michigan Foundation - 5730 Executive Drive - Lansing, Michigan 48911 [www.lmsf.net](http://www.lmsf.net) (Web) - [info@lmsf.net](mailto:info@lmsf.net) (Email) - 517-887-6642 (Fax)





NOMINEE: \_\_\_\_\_

LIONS CLUB: \_\_\_\_\_

DISTRICT: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

POINTS WILL NOT BE AWARDED FOR MULTIPLE TERMS IN A SPECIFIC OFFICE.

SECTION 1: LIONS MEMBERSHIP & EXTENSION	POINTS	POINTS GIVEN
YEARS OF SERVICE ( _____ )	1 PT. EACH YEAR	
NEW MEMBERS SPONSORED		
1 - 25 MEMBERS	10 POINTS	
26 - 50 MEMBERS	25 POINTS	
51+ MEMBERS	50 POINTS	
EXTENSION AWARD	25 POINTS	
GUIDING LION AWARD	25 POINTS	
<b>TOTAL POINTS FOR SECTION 1</b>		

SECTION 2: LIONS CLUB SERVICE	POINTS	POINTS GIVEN
PRESIDENT	15 POINTS	
VICE PRESIDENT	10 POINTS	
SECRETARY	10 POINTS	
TREASURER	10 POINTS	
MEMBERSHIP CHAIR	10 POINTS	
BOARD MEMBER (OTHER THAN ABOVE)	5 POINTS	
<b>TOTAL POINTS FOR SECTION 2</b>		

SECTION 3: DISTRICT LIONS SERVICE	POINTS	POINTS GIVEN
DISTRICT GOVERNOR	30 POINTS	
VICE, LIEUTENANT OR DEPUTY DISTRICT GOVERNOR	15 POINTS	
CABINET SECRETARY	15 POINTS	
CABINET TREASURER	15 POINTS	
REGION CHAIR	10 POINTS	
ZONE CHAIR	5 POINTS	
COMMITTEE CHAIR	5 POINTS	
ATTENDED A CONVENTION	5 POINTS	
<b>TOTAL POINTS FOR SECTION 3</b>		



SECTION 4: MULTIPLE DISTRICT LIONS SERVICE	POINTS	POINTS GIVEN
COUNCIL CHAIR	35 POINTS	
VICE COUNCIL CHAIR	20 POINTS	
TREASURER	20 POINTS	
COMMITTEE CHAIR	15 POINTS	
COMMITTEE MEMBER	10 POINTS	
ATTENDED A CONVENTION OR FORUM	10 POINTS	
PRESENTED AT A CONVENTION OR FORUM	10 POINTS	
<b>TOTAL POINTS FOR SECTION 4</b>		

SECTION 5: INTERNATIONAL LIONS SERVICE	POINTS	POINTS GIVEN
COMMITTEE CHAIR (Convention, USA/Canada Forum, Sight First, Etcetera)	25 POINTS	
COMMITTEE MEMBER	15 POINTS	
ATTENDED AN INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION	15 POINTS	
ATTENDED A USA/CANADA FORUM	10 POINTS	
PRESENTED AT A CONVENTION OR FORUM	10 POINTS	
<b>TOTAL POINTS FOR SECTION 5</b>		

SECTION 6: MD 11 & SD 10 LIONS PROJECT SERVICE	POINTS	POINTS GIVEN
PRESIDENT	25 POINTS	
VICE PRESIDENT	15 POINTS	
SECRETARY	15 POINTS	
TREASURER	10 POINTS	
BOARD MEMBER	10 POINTS	
COMMITTEE CHAIR	10 POINTS	
COMMITTEE MEMBER	5 POINTS	
<b>TOTAL POINTS FOR SECTION 6</b>		

SECTION 7: AWARDS & HONORS RECEIVED	POINTS	POINTS GIVEN
INTERNATIONAL AMBASSADOR OF GOODWILL	150 POINTS	
INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENTIAL AWARD	75 POINTS	
INTERNATIONAL LEADERSHIP AWARD	50 POINTS	
INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT'S CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION	25 POINTS	



INTERNATIONAL 100% DISTRICT GOVERNOR	25 POINTS	
LCIF - MELVIN JONES FELLOWSHIP	25 POINTS	
MD 11 - S.A. DODGE AWARD	50 POINTS	
LIONS OF MICHIGAN FOUNDATION – FELLOWSHIP – AWARD	50 POINTS	
LEADER DOGS FOR THE BLIND – FELLOWSHIP – AWARD	50 POINTS	
LIONS BEAR LAKE CAMP - FELLOWSHIP – AWARD	50 POINTS	
EVERSIGHT – FELLOWSHIP – AWARD	50 POINTS	
WELCOME HOMES FOR THE BLIND – FELLOWSHIP – AWARD	50 POINTS	
NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL AWARD RECEIVED	25 POINTS	
STATE/LOCAL GOVERNMENT AWARD	25 POINTS	
TOP LIONS SINGLE DISTRICT AWARD (Ralph Sheehan Award, Other _____)	20 POINTS	
<b>TOTAL POINTS FOR SECTION 7</b>		

<b>SECTION 8: NON-LIONS SERVICE</b>	<b>POINTS</b>	<b>POINTS GIVEN</b>
STATE/LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD OFFICER (Mayor, City Council Chair, County Commissioner, School Board, Other _____)	25 POINTS	
STATE/LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD MEMBER	15 POINTS	
COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION – CHURCH – YOUTH ORGANIZATION LEADER (Scouting, 4-H, School, Church, Other _____)	10 POINTS	
COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION – CHURCH – YOUTH ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE MEMBER	5 POINTS	
<b>TOTAL POINTS FOR SECTION 8</b>		

POINTS AWARDED: Section 1: \_\_\_\_\_ Section 2: \_\_\_\_\_ Section 3: \_\_\_\_\_ Section 4: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Section 5: \_\_\_\_\_ Section 6: \_\_\_\_\_ Section 7: \_\_\_\_\_ Section 8: \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL POINTS AWARDED: \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that my District selected this nominee at an official meeting of our District Cabinet, and a quorum of voting members was present.

**Signature - Cabinet Secretary**

**District**

**Date**



# NARRATIVE

Please list the reasons why your nominee should be considered for membership in the Lions of Michigan Hall of Fame? Explain how your nominee has had a significant impact on Lionism in Michigan. Utilize additional pages as necessary.

**PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT LEGIBLY**

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## HOLIDAY INN GATEWAY CENTRE Flint

Lions Room Rate is \$85  
5353 Gateway Centre, Flint, MI 48507  
**810-232-5300**

**HOTEL RESERVATION DEADLINE:  
February 7, 2020**



### Large Group Service Project

"NOT YOUR FATHER'S SOCK HOP"

Join us Friday night, **February 21**  
as we work together on a large group  
service project! Club members attending  
may report service hours to LCI.

**Can you  
spare a pair?**



### Registration Form

Please complete the registration form and send it  
along with a check to Michigan Lions Forum,  
5730 Executive Drive • Lansing, MI 48911,  
Telephone 517-887-6640 or Fax 517-887-6642

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Club Name \_\_\_\_\_  
District \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_

#### Names of Registrants

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
2. \_\_\_\_\_  
3. \_\_\_\_\_  
4. \_\_\_\_\_

# \_\_\_\_\_ Registrants at \$40.00/person\* \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
\*Registration fee is \$40.00 and includes lunch, forum  
and proceeding booklet. \$40.00 price is for  
reservations received before February 7, 2020.  
After 2/7/20 \$45.00.

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:  
Lions of Michigan

List food allergies or dietary requirements:

Check here for the forum book on CD ☐  
(For visually impaired only)

**REGISTER EARLY!**  
This event will fill quickly!

## MICHIGAN LIONS FORUM



**2020: A Vision for  
the Future**

**FEBRUARY 22, 2020**

Enjoy statewide fellowship with  
**Lions, Lioness, and Leo**  
Club members

### Every Registrant Receives:

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS BOOKLET**  
containing information on breakout sessions  
& speakers

### DOOR PRIZES LUNCHEON PROGRAM

\$40.00 price is for reservations  
received before February 7, 2020.  
After 2/7/20 \$45.00.

Mail registration form to:  
Lions of Michigan State Office  
5730 Executive Dr., Lansing, MI 48911  
517-887-6640 or Fax: 517-887-6642

### Schedule of Events

#### Friday, February 21, 2020

Registration ..... 7:00 p.m.  
Large Group Service Project ..... 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.  
Hospitality Suite - The Fillmore ..... 9:30 p.m.

#### Saturday, February 22, 2020

Registration ..... 7:00 a.m.  
White Cane Supplies, Exhibit Tables ..... 8:00 a.m.  
General Session ..... 8:00 a.m.  
Session 1 Breakout Sessions ..... 8:30 a.m.  
(choose one of four)  
Session 2 Breakout Session ..... 9:30 a.m.  
(choose one of four)  
Session 3 Breakout Session ..... 10:30 a.m.  
(choose one of four)  
Session 4 Breakout Session ..... 11:30 a.m.  
(choose one of four)  
Lunch, White Cane Scholarships, Keynote  
Presentation, & Closing Remarks ..... 12:30 p.m.  
Door Prize Drawings ..... 2:45 p.m.





## Registration Form Continued

Mark the sessions you plan to attend

### FRIDAY NIGHT SESSION 7:30 p.m.

- ☐ "Not Your Father's Sock Hop" - Service Project
- ☐ Hospitality Suite - The Fillmore - 9:30 p.m.

### SATURDAY SESSIONS:

- 7:00 a.m. - Registration
- 8:00 a.m. - General Session

### Session 1 Breakout Session - 8:30 a.m. (Check One)

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

### Session 2 Breakout Session - 9:30 a.m. (Check One)

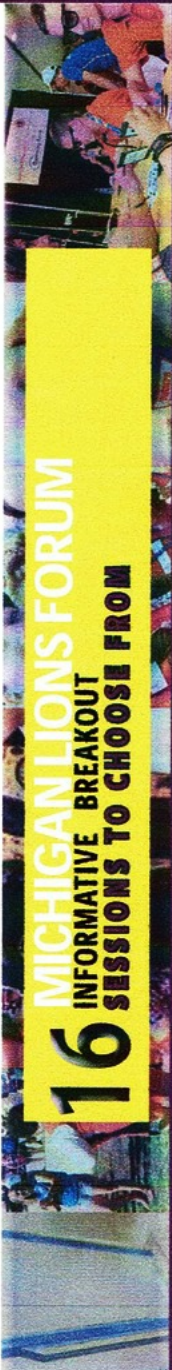
- ☐ Eversight: Vision 2020
- ☐ How to Market Your Club in Your Community
- ☐ We Serve Through Diversity
- ☐ MyLCI/MyLion

### Session 3 Breakout Session - 10:30 a.m. (Check One)

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

### Session 4 Breakout Session - 11:30 a.m. (Check One)

- ☐ 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 Leaders! Watercolor Class (Limit 30)
- 12:30 p.m. - Lunch, White Cane Scholarships, Keynote Address, Closing Remarks



### FRIDAY February 21

7:30-9:30 p.m.

- Sock Drive
- Hospitality Suite - The Fillmore open to all at 9:30 p.m.

### SATURDAY February 22

- Registration - open at 7:00 a.m.
- Exhibit Area - open at 8:00 a.m.
- Opening General Session - at 8:00 a.m.

### Session 1 Selections: 8:30 a.m.-9:20 a.m.

- Public Speaking  
MSGT (Ret.), Michael Nichols, Sr. Army Inst. JROTC
- Leo Clubs - The Future of Lions:  
A Panel Discussion of Leo Practices
- Diabetes: What Lions Can Do About It
- How to Run a Great Meeting  
VDG David Anderson

### Session 2 Selections: 9:30 a.m.-10:20 a.m.

- Eversight: Vision 2020  
Lion Alex Teska Hicks, Director of Philanthropy
- How to Market Your Club in Your Community  
PDG Marty Juel, Elkhart, IN
- We Serve Through Diversity  
PDG Evelyn Cooper
- MyLCI/MyLion  
PDG Brent Beracy

### Gary G. Abud, Jr.

Educational Consultant

The Michigan Lions Forum Committee is pleased to host Educational Consultant and author of *Science With Scarlett*, Gary G. Abud, Jr., as this year's keynote speaker.

Gary Abud Jr. is an award-winning educator and double cornea transplant recipient who, since having his sight restored, was moved to use his teaching gifts to make science fun for kids. He lives with his family near Detroit and writes to inspire children, like his own daughter, to love science. Gary is the 2014 recipient of the Michigan Teacher of the Year honor. Learn more or get in touch at ScienceWithScarlett.com.



### Keynote Speaker

### SATURDAY February 22


### Session 3 Selections: 10:30 a.m.-11:20 a.m.

- Childhood Cancer  
Kids Kicking Cancer
- Lioness to Lions  
PID Jenny Ware, IPDG Fran Grabowski, DG Becky Hamilton
- Strictly by the Numbers  
PCC Paul Hemeryck, State Treasurer
- Harness the Power of Lions  
Lions Mike Dengate & Beth Slade

### SATURDAY February 22

### Session 4 Selections: 11:30 a.m.-12:20 p.m.

- Understanding Dementia & Maintaining Your Brain Health: Now and for the Future  
Lisa Dedden Cooper
  - Millennials and Beyond/North American Member Initiative  
PDG Micheal Gibbs & Mikeala Ashburn
  - 2020: A Vision for MI Lions' 2nd Century of Service  
PDG Jeff Mayuliers, PDG Diane Webby, Lion Lula Gardfrey
  - Creative Leaders! Watercolor Class (Limit 30)  
PDG Craig Bishop
- SATURDAY February 22**  
Lunch 12:30 p.m.  
White Cane Scholarship Presentations  
Keynote Address  
Door Prize Drawings - 2:45 p.m.



## Pick up White Cane SUPPLIES at the Forum!

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Order Early & Save on Shipping!



## Calendar of Events

### DECEMBER 2019

**District Cabinet Meeting** — Saturday, December 14, 2019 — 10 am — Oscoda —  
At Tait's Bill of Fair - 111 E Dwight St.

**Winter Solstice** — Saturday, December 21, 2019 — Winter Begins

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### 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 —  
Large Group Project: Socks - to take place on Friday, 2/21/2020

### 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

NONE REPORTED

## *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.

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## Central Lake Lions/Lioness

### November

Thu, Nov 21

Central Lake Lions Club Dining with Diabetes Class Oct 28--Nov 18 is now completed. The class started out with 17 and leveled off to about 10 until the last class. We had some heading south for the winter during the month of classes and health issues for others accounted for the attrition.

Many thanks to the following Lions who assisted with the project:

Mary Beth Mikulonis, DiAnn Roberts, Jim Broome, Cal Shooks, Rod Leathers, Marie Leathers, Malcolm Shore, Michael Bachmann, Burt Young, Bob LaBeau

And a huge THANK YOU to Pastor Gary Bekkering, who was the chef extraordinaire for the classes.

Financial report will be finalized when I receive the invoice from MSUE.

Thank you for the opportunity to carry out this project.

Di LaBeau, Central Lake Lions Club Chair for the 2019 Diabetes Grant

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## East Jordan Lions

### November



**Art Cosier was the winner of the East Jordan gun raffle. He won a Browning 30.06. The proceeds from this raffle will help to fund community projects.**





## Hillman Lions

November

### Hillman Lions Thanksgiving Project With 5th Graders

Working on  
Thanksgiving  
cards



Lions  
provided  
lunch for 5<sup>th</sup>  
grade  
students



## 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).





## Oscoda Lions

### October

Oscoda Lions ramp builders Lion Bill Gaines, Tony and Chuck finished the Month of October with a Ramp for a disabled veteran in Tawas. The homeowner donated \$200 to help cover the cost of the ramp.

### November



- Oscoda Lions ramp builders Lion Bill Gaines. Chuck and Nancy started out the month of November building a ramp for Randy Dannel a Navy Veteran who has MS that is causing mobility problems. They built two platforms plus 13' of ramp. Good thing the ramp was inside the garage because it was snowing hard.

**WE SERVE**



### Another November Ramp Project

Oscoda Lions ramp builders Bill Gaines, Ann, Chuck and Tony built a ramp with a 5' x 10' platform and 17' long ramp. When they started at 8 am it was 11 degrees outside. At 11 am it started snowing and when they finished at 3:30 it was 23 degrees. The Top 3-4" of ground was frozen. And Lion Tony did all the hard work of digging the holes for the post. **WE SERVE.**



Lion Bill and Ann  
nailing decking -

Lion Tony, Bill and  
Ann working on the  
last of the ramp -

-Lions Tony and  
Chuck standing on  
the finished ramp



### Annual November Thanksgiving Dinner

The Oscoda Lions club held its annual Thanksgiving dinner on Thursday, Nov 14. At that dinner we gave thanks for all the wonderful people in our community that have helped us help others less fortunate then we are. At the same time we invite some the organizations to the dinner so we could present them with our donations A total of \$4500 was given that night. This past year the Oscoda Lions gave away over \$20,000 to help others. The Dinner was provided by the Oscoda Lioness Club.



- Lion President Bill Palmer presented  
a check of \$500 To Scott Moore for  
Oscoda Area Backpack program

Lion President Bill Palmer presented a  
check of \$500 to Linda Friedger and  
Michelle Weeks for the Iosco County  
Animal Shelter. -



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## Oscoda Lions

### November (Cont'd)



- Lion President Bill Palmer presented a check of \$500 to June and Tony Pursey for Coats for Kids



DSC-9792- Lion President Bill Palmer presented a check of \$500 to Kay Gaines for Loaves and Fishes -



- Lion President Bill Palmer presented a check of \$1,000 to Stephanie Peltier and Jennifer Baker for Hope Shore Alliance (Lydia's House).

Lion President Bill Palmer presented a check of \$1,000 to Pastor Eric Hendricks for food Bank giveaway program -



- Lion President Bill Palmer presented a check of \$500 to Dee Cunningham for Christian Women in Action

Group picture -



## Petoskey Lions

### October

Petoskey Lions Recycled 638 Glasses

### November

Petoskey Lions Recycled 87 Glasses





December — 2019

## The Christmas Spirit

*"Christmas is not a time nor a season, but a state of mind. To cherish peace and goodwill, to be plenteous in mercy, is to have the real spirit of Christmas."* — Calvin Coolidge

Christmas, that "most wonderful time of the year" as the song goes, is fast approaching whether we're ready or not. Decorations and lights are in place in every city and town, and the engines of commerce are running at full speed. We are supposed to be filled with "**Christmas Spirit**", but what does that really mean?

The original religious Christmas was a celebration of the birth of Jesus, the symbol of Divine Light, Love, Peace, and Hope for Christian believers. While Biblical scholars contend that Gospel descriptions suggest the actual Nativity occurred in the Spring, the early Christian leaders proclaimed the celebration of Jesus' birth be held on the December date near the Winter Solstice to replace the pagan Roman holiday of Saturnalia. Traditional Christmas gift-giving echoes the gifts presented to baby Jesus by the 3 Magi, a.k.a. the "3 Wise Men."

Modern cultures have not only kept these traditions, they've greatly expanded them. A joyous time for many, Christian or not, Christmas is a time for parties, getting together with family and friends, vacations and expansive gift-giving. But not everyone is able to embrace the joy. Christmas can also generate stressful pressure to conform to Christmas expectations that are difficult for many to achieve. Emotional and monetary factors can lead to deep depression for those feeling lonely and/or overwhelmed by obligations they feel incapable of handling. The focus on commercialism has blurred the original meaning of Christmas Spirit, pushing mountains of "stuff" that seem essential, but aren't.

There is wisdom of the mind and wisdom of the heart, and it is from the heart that true Christmas Spirit flows. In my experience I've realized 4 major spiritual pillars that resonate for me: **Love, Forgiveness, Gratitude, and Joy.**

**Love** is more than an emotional attraction or feeling. It is the heart accepting the universe and everything in it, physical or spiritual. The opposite of fear, hate, and judgement, Love asserts that every human being has a purpose and deserves an equal chance to find happiness in his/her life's journey. In Love the act of giving to others is pure giving, not an obligation. Like the the proverb "Physician, heal thyself", we need to Love ourselves if we are to give Love to others.

**Forgiveness** is a release, a freeing of emotional baggage that keeps us focused on some past grievance, stuck with the negative feelings it brings up. This doesn't mean that those who have hurt us with betrayal, emotional or physical abuse, neglect, or any other great wrong are in any way "pardoned" for their actions. What happened happened, and there are consequences for all actions. We just don't have to carry negative feelings around if we forgive the past and live in the present. We need to forgive ourselves for our own mistakes as well.

**Gratitude** is being thankful for what we have. This is important, as so many focus mostly on what they want, and live in a dissatisfied feeling of lack. Appreciating what we have, physically and spiritually, helps us stay grounded in the present. Life and survival can be rough, but having gratitude for the phenomenal planet we live on can change our outlook positively, and make life more fulfilling and enjoyable.

**Joy** is "the emotion of of great delight or happiness caused by something exceptionally good or satisfying" (dictionary definition). It is in part the culmination of Love, Forgiveness, and Gratitude, all of which come from within the heart. Pure Joy is the the ultimate reward emotion we humans can experience, and life would mean little without it.

Embracing the Spirit of Christmas means having and sharing these characteristics, and more — having compassion, generosity, humility, not judging people and helping those in need. I've heard some people express the wish that the "Christmas Spirit could last all year long". Well, if you're a Lion, it does. Every act of Service that Lions do is an act of love, forgiveness, gratitude, joy, compassion, generosity, humility, and lack of judgment. We Serve those in need through Diversity and with Kindness. If that isn't true Christmas Spirit in action, nothing is!.

**Have Safe and Merry Christmas – and A Happy New Year!**

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