

DISTRICT 11-E2 NEWSLETTER



Notable Quotes: "My dream is of a place and a time where America will once again be seen as the last best hope of earth." — Abraham Lincoln



DECEMBER 2020

DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

*'Twas the night before Christmas
And all through the land
Not a creature was stirring
'Cause covid shut us down again.*

*But the Lions said
"We refuse defeat
We will serve with pride
We cannot be beat"*

*They took away our meetings
In our grand meeting rooms
But that didn't stop us
Because we have Zoom!*

*We're still serving our communities
As best as we can
Wearing our masks
And sanitizing our hands.*

*Thanks to LCIF grants
We've gotten money to help out
To make hand sanitizer
Which was needed, no doubt!*

*Handicap ramps
Are still being constructed,
We're sewing face masks
So our school kids can still be instructed.*

*We cleaned up the roads
We provided eyeglasses
We helped the food pantries
And provided online diabetes classes.*

*To raise money we sell raffle tickets
And calendars too
We ring bells for The Salvation Army
Just to name a few.*

*Now the needs in our community
Are felt even more
And that's why the Lions
Continue to ROAR*

*As we continue our mission
To help mankind
Let's do it with a smile
And keep service in mind*

*Our district is still active
We continue to serve
We won't let Covid
Throw us a curve*

*Let's go forth with kindness
Never let that out of our sight
Merry Christmas to all
And to all a goodnight*

*Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, and remain safe
and keep a smile upon your face.*

DG Rod



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District 11-E2 Website:
lionsdistrict11e2.org

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

Lions Of Michigan Multiple District 11-E2 Counties

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



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ZC John Cool Boyne Valley Lions Club jcool@csbchx.com	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
ZONE 2	CLUBS	ZONE 4	CLUBS
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LCI President's Message

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

Dear Lion,

All Lions are united by a common spirit—and we express it in our own unique way. Your experience, character and culture enhance the incredible work your club is able to accomplish every day.

The opportunities within Lions are just as diverse as we are. We serve. We raise funds for the people who need us and the causes that matter to us. We lead in our clubs and in our communities, inspiring others through our actions. We invite others to join us so they can feel the power of service too. So let us embrace our diversity, and the many opportunities to be the difference as Lions.

Regards,

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



Put health and safety first by following COVID-19 guidelines from the CDC, WHO or local health authorities. Visit our Serving Safely page for resources to help you safely serve your community.

Fee Waivers for New Members

The need for kindness may be greater now than ever. With entrance fee waivers for new members until December 31, 2020, this is a great opportunity to invite service-minded men and women to join your club.

So let family, friends and colleagues know why you became a Lion, what it means to you, and most importantly, what it means to the people you serve. And then ask them to join you in service.





A message from:
Jerome Thompson
 Past International Director,
 GAT Constitutional Area 1 Leader



Dear Club Leader:

I cannot tell you how much I appreciate you taking the time to complete the survey last month. The responses were overwhelming. Please know your Global Action Team is working to organize the data and respond to each club that asked for assistance.

What we discovered from the survey responses:

- 25-35% of our clubs are not meeting
- The clubs that are meeting are learning to meet via Zoom, or a similar platform
- Clubs are continuing to serve
- Even with only 65-75% of clubs meeting, we have invited almost as many Lions to join our clubs as we did last year. (just think what we could do if everyone were meeting and inviting)
- Service reporting is hampered by the software and lack of training on how to use the software
- Most club officers have not been provided adequate training to feel comfortable with their responsibilities.

Several Club Officers emailed asking how they could help the Global Action Team

First, let me tell you that the response is amazing. We are creating a synergy which will help us to build momentum leading to greater success.

PID Jerome Thompson

How can you or your club help?

1. Check with the clubs in your area to see if they want to meet with you on Zoom or in person, in accordance with governmental restrictions.
2. Continue to safely serve and to report the service.
3. Invite your friends, family and neighbors to serve with us. The \$35 entrance fee is waived until 12/31/2020. Remember to report all new members, using MyLCI before that date.
4. Reach out to your District Governor Team or District Global Action Team to assist.

Resources

Club Officer Resources — Why and How to report your service Webinar Just Ask — Membership Growth Events — Your Club Your Way

(Below is an address link to the original web page from which the above information was derived. Copy the below link and then paste it in the address box of an open web page. Open the original PID Thompson web page, scroll down to the Resources box, click on the button to the right of a listed resource to access that web page.)

<http://app.e.roar.lionsclubs.org/e/es?s=94443966&e=621355&elqTrackId=320bc4c47118450db330ff5e51511b5f&elq=42779a26826d45379f1aac22da0f2e96&elqaid=16739&elqat=1>



LCIF.ORG | A letter from your chairperson



Dear Lion,

Each month, I write this newsletter to provide you with information regarding our foundation. As your chairperson, it is important to me that you understand what Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) does and how it changes the world for the better. My favorite way to share the work of our foundation is through remarkable stories, the most wonderful example of LCIF impact I can give you. In this month's edition, I want to focus on stories that not only provide you with an understanding of our foundation, but can also be used as educational pieces when meeting with fellow Lions (even virtually). Best of all, the stories below show the boundless, inspiring, determined spirit of a Lion! I invite you to read on and see where the stories take you. I hope you enjoy them.

In friendship,

Gudrun Yngvadottir, Chairperson
Lions Clubs International Foundation

Ed. Note: The following 2 pages tell the story of a doctor in Africa treating children fighting cancer with help from Lions and the LCI Foundation. Stories like this and other information can be found on the LCIF website — reminding us just how diverse, and how necessary, our organization is on this planet. Lions Serve, COVID-19 or not.

Global HOPE: The Mission Continues

Dr. Jeremy Slone – October 06, 2020



Children run through their community in Uganda.

Diagnosing and treating children with cancer requires persistence and determination. In spite of holidays, birthdays, and other key events, pediatric cancer treatment typically continues uninterrupted to provide the child with the best opportunity to survive. Over the last few months, we have been facing a new challenge: the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. In sub-Saharan Africa, the pandemic has introduced unprecedented complications – medical supply shortages, patient travel restrictions, and resource reallocation to meet urgent coronavirus patient needs, to name a few.

“There is nothing more inspiring than a child’s tremendous resilience.”

To be treated for cancer, children must have their **symptoms** appropriately recognized. Families must navigate the medical systems to receive complex diagnoses. Only then can intensive treatments through extensive health system resources begin. Daily challenges for medical professionals exist as well.

Patients present in very advanced stages of disease. Lack of life-saving blood products and crucial medications further complicates care. The additional burden introduced by COVID-19 adds profoundly to already challenging circumstances.

Together with other members of the Global Hematology-Oncology Pediatric Excellence (Global HOPE) team, I focus on building long-term capacity to treat and dramatically improve the prognosis for children with cancer and blood disorders in sub-Saharan Africa. Our vision is to ensure these children receive the most effective, state-of-the-art therapies available, and ultimately experience treatment outcomes comparable to those in high income countries such as the United States and Australia.

Recently, I joined fellow Global HOPE Medical Directors from Malawi and Uganda to offer a brief commentary on compounded challenges and opportunities created by the pandemic that could be leveraged to improve services for children. Although it would be natural to dwell on the negative impact COVID-19 has had on Global HOPE programs and every aspect of daily life, I would rather focus on the fact that when faced with a daunting challenge, individuals rose to the occasion.

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In Botswana – the size of Texas or France, and where I am medical director of the Global HOPE program – almost every child undergoing treatment for cancer was able to stay on schedule despite the country's seven-week lockdown. Botswana has only one program for children with cancer and blood disorders. With public transport suspended, and any movement outside one's home requiring a permit, ensuring patients' treatment was uninterrupted was an enormous feat. Our social worker and patient navigator worked day and night to ensure patients had proper permits. Medical staff nationwide arranged hospital-based ambulances or other transportation to get patients to us for treatment. The lengths individuals went so children could get needed care was inspiring.



Dr. Sloane discusses MRI images with two fellows at the Botswana Global HOPE Center for Excellence.

One example stands out—a young boy with a brain tumor who lives approximately 600 miles from the hospital, developed vomiting and increased seizure frequency. Through extensive coordination, he was brought to the Global HOPE team in Gaborone where we could arrange for a brain scan and a crucial operation coordinated through multiple health facilities. Thankfully, he is now doing quite well as his treatment continues. The effort it took to get him the care he needed cannot be captured in just a few sentences.

Now that we are settling into new routines as a result of a pandemic,

we look to the future. Already, local Lions have approached us as they seek to support us in new and innovative ways. While we may not be able to have in-person pediatric cancer awareness programs, we can do social media campaigns. We may not be able to have fun events for patients right now, but we can provide uplifting care packages. We continue this fruitful partnership with Lions clubs in Botswana, now in its third year.

I am often asked why I would choose a profession like pediatric hematology-oncology, most people assuming it must be terribly depressing. What people may not realize is that there is nothing more inspiring than a child's tremendous resilience. Children always find ways to laugh and smile, despite the arduous journey they face. During these unprecedented times of a global pandemic, we must not simply sustain. Let us all follow the children's example and focus on how we can continue to improve our efforts to diagnose and treat children with cancer and blood disorders in Africa amidst our new normal.

To learn more about how LCIF and Texas Children's Global HOPE are partnering to fight childhood cancer in sub-Saharan Africa, visit lionsclubs.org/GlobalHOPE.

Dr. Jeremy Sloane is a pediatric hematologist-oncologist with Texas Children's Hospital and Baylor College of Medicine. He has been working in Botswana since 2012 where he is Medical Director of the Global HOPE program at the Botswana-Baylor Children's Clinical Centre of Excellence.



MI LEO ZOOM Chat



A pandemic can't stop a LEO –
join us for a LEO Chat with
LEOs across the state.

Wednesday,
December 2
7-8pm

Follow this ZOOM link:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84872445655?
pwd=aVNsOUdjQ3JodVp3ZWJXNjdkUURydz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84872445655?pwd=aVNsOUdjQ3JodVp3ZWJXNjdkUURydz09)

Please register by emailing or texting:
Nicole Stuhec at nstuhec2@gmail.com
or text to 734-834-2073. You will get an
invitation with the ZOOM link to make it easier.

You can meet other
Michigan LEOs, talk
about your club, share
ideas and **have fun** 😊

Anything Goes!



Wear a shirt
that represents LEOs or
the school you attend...



Lions Diabetes Grant Information

November 12, 2020

Hello District 11 E-2 Lions Presidents and Secretaries,

November 14 is World Diabetes Day. During this year of COVID, it has been difficult to organize any community events to utilize our District's Diabetes Grant Funds. Some of the area Diabetes programs may have been put on hold while hospitals and clinics are prioritizing admission and treatment plans for COVID. However, health issues associated with diabetes and prediabetes still need attention. Encouragement of Lions Club members, families and associates to take the prediabetes risk assessment online test, and distribution of the pre-printed risk assessments could be "safe" ways to reach more people and identify those needing to seek treatment during the time we must restrict our contact groups. Communication with business and community contacts may uncover needs within your communities.

Included, below, is the description of the scope of the grant from the LCIF Website:

The LCIF diabetes grant has an expansive reach, one that will help Lions interested in having a societal impact on the diabetes epidemic. LCIF's diabetes focus will be placed on large-scale diabetes prevention, management, awareness and service projects that have the potential to improve the public health of a community.

More specifically, the diabetes Program will support projects that fall within one of the following intervention areas:

- Large-scale fixed facility or mobile screening initiatives which target at-risk communities/individuals when combined with comprehensive follow-up care by qualified medical professionals. Use of diabetes risk assessments. [Two examples: (<https://doihaveprediabetes.org/take-the-risk-test/#/>) (<https://www.cdc.gov/prediabetes/takethetest/>)] and diabetes education is required (MSU Extension programs--this year two Diabetes Path Zoom classes sponsored by LIONS and more online education planned for 2021).
- Enhancement and expansion of existing diabetes camps, retreats, and symposiums.
- Health facility expansion through renovation and equipment acquisition to improve existing infrastructure and increase patient access to existing diabetes services.
- Initial or refresher training of qualified health personnel who work with people living with diabetes/prediabetes, and/or the training of Lions as community diabetes educators. (There is money in the present budget for the online training of Lions as community diabetes educators)
When you hold (zoom) your Lions meetings, I hope you will be able to do some brainstorming about ways to utilize the grant funds for our district to reach the goals of the Diabetes grant program:
- Educate Lions and their communities about diabetes and prediabetes.
- Develop community environments that inspire and support healthy lifestyles.
- Increase access to diabetes care, medication and diagnostic equipment.
- Increase coordination and support in the implementation of national diabetes policies and plans.

All of your creativity will be needed, but Lions are up to the task. The costs of copying pre diabetes risk assessments and distribution of the same, as well as public service announcements to encourage use of the online risk assessments and advertisement of the MSUE online Diabetes Path and DWD Education classes they offer (in the future) are covered by the grant. Any questions you have may be directed to me at 2labeaus@gmail.com and I will get an answer for you.

Thank you for your service! Best to all of you and a Blessed Thanksgiving.

Lion Di LaBeau
District 11 E-2 Diabetes Chair



LCIF PROGRAM HUNGER PILOT GRANT

District Lions Club Presidents and Secretaries,

As the District Hunger Chair, I am beginning to work toward applying for the new LCIF Program Hunger Pilot Grant. This grant is intended to assist local food pantries and/or food hubs with equipment and/or infrastructure needs. From working through the details we will need to have in order to apply for this grant, I believe that filling equipment needs may be the most effective service we can offer to our local pantries and food hubs. For that reason, I am reaching out to you and your clubs to ask for assistance in identifying the most critical needs of our local pantries.

Please ask someone in your club to contact your local pantries and ask what equipment needs would best help them serve their client needs. At a high altitude view, I have heard that refrigeration equipment may be high on the list of needs. However, this is by no means a given across in our district. The grant process appears to be flexible in this regard.

I will be in contact with the LCIF team to glean more information on the steps we need to take prior to writing the grant application. This is by no means going to be a rapid process with a quick grant award. There is much to put together in order to have our application considered. The absolute first step is determining what we, as clubs and district, will be able to apply for, is finding the most pressing needs in our district. This is why I am reaching out to you. You know your local areas, and which pantries are active, and who to contact. Please reach out, gather information (specific, but not too detailed at this point) and send the information to me by email, so that we will have a coherent picture we can work from.

Thank you in advance,

Lion Kris Roberts, District Hunger Chair
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December 1, 2020

Dear Michigan Lion:

On June 28, 2018, Governor Rick Snyder signed Public Act 255, creating a Lions of Michigan Foundation Fund within the Michigan Department of Treasury to assist our foundation in collecting donations to help improve the quality of life of people in our state with unmet needs. Public Act 255 of 2018 added our Lions of Michigan Foundation to the list of only nine Michigan charities eligible to receive donations directly from Michigan tax payers when they file their annual state income tax return.

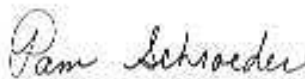
As each qualified charity is required to collect \$50,000 in donations annually through this special program to guarantee eligibility for the future, we are asking for any help that you can provide to ensure that we remain eligible. Just a donation of \$5 to \$10 to our foundation from each Michigan Lions member or a family member or friend on the Michigan Voluntary Contribution Schedule (MI Form 4642) would ensure that we cannot be removed from the list of qualified charities.

Since 1984, our Lions of Michigan Foundation has operated programs that address serious human needs in our state. By working in partnership with our Michigan Lions Clubs and other community service organizations and charities, we provide disadvantaged Michigan families with access to affordable eye care, hearing aids and services aimed at helping people succeed academically and socially, gain and retain employment, maintain independence and prosper in life. We support our member Lions Clubs and their communities to help make them stronger and more viable.

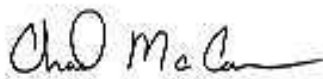
Our foundation provides funding for equipment, supplies and program expenses for Project KidSight and the resources necessary for our Michigan Lions to help children suffering from vision loss. Through our Emergency Individual Assistance Program, our foundation helps military families and veterans who have emergency needs, and we help people who suffer from severe vision and hearing disorders that can only be corrected through surgical intervention or costly medical procedures. Through our Lions Affordable Hearing Aid Program, our foundation helps low-income people who suffer from hearing loss maintain self-sufficiency. And, through our Emergency Disaster Relief Program, we help families affected by natural disasters, including severe storms, flooding, fires and tornados.

We greatly appreciate any support that you and your family members and friends can provide to assist us in raising the \$50,000 required to remain as one of the charities eligible to receive donations through Michigan income tax return filings. With your help, we can continue to play a significant role in solving the social, economic and health care issues facing our state.

Sincerely yours,



Pam Schroeder
President



Chad McCann
Executive Director

Enclosures

A Public Charity

Dedicated to improving the quality of life of people in Michigan with unmet needs.



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2020 MICHIGAN Voluntary Contributions Schedule

INSTRUCTIONS: Use this schedule to make a donation from your refund to any of the organizations listed below. If you are not receiving a refund, your donation will increase your tax due. Check the box associated with the dollar amount you wish to contribute in columns A or B or enter a specific dollar amount greater than \$10 in the space provided in column C. Enter the total of your contribution for each line in column D. For detailed descriptions of each fund, see the reverse side of this form. Include with Form MI-1040.

Type or print in blue or black ink.

Attachment 18

Filer's First Name	M.I.	Last Name	Filer's Full Social Security No. (Example: 123-45-6789)

If a Joint Return, Spouse's First Name	M.I.	Last Name	Spouse's Full Social Security No. (Example: 123-45-6789)

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2. Animal Welfare Fund	<input type="checkbox"/> \$5	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10	\$ <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> 00	2. <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> 00
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4. Fostering Futures Scholarship Trust Fund ..	<input type="checkbox"/> \$5	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10	\$ <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> 00	4. <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> 00
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This form must be included with your MI-1040 to ensure your contributions are properly credited to the designated fund(s).

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2020 Form 4642, Page 2

Instructions for Form 4642, *Voluntary Contributions Schedule*

Michigan taxpayers can contribute \$5, \$10, or more to any of the following funds on the *Voluntary Contributions Schedule* (Form 4642). **Contributions to these funds will increase your tax liability or reduce your refund.**

American Red Cross Michigan Fund

The American Red Cross is always there for you and your community, helping to alleviate suffering caused by disasters big and small. The Red Cross shelters, and provides emotional support to Michigan residents and beyond; supplies about 40 percent of the nation's blood; teaches skills that save lives; provides international humanitarian aid; and supports military members and their families. By mobilizing the power of volunteers and the generosity of donors, the Red Cross responds to more than 60,000 disasters annually. In Michigan, last year more than 6,000 volunteers logged more than 200,000 hours assisting others. On average 91 cents of every dollar the Red Cross spends is invested in humanitarian services.

Animal Welfare Fund

The outside world can be a harsh, scary place for homeless pets. And throughout Michigan, small towns and big cities alike struggle to find the resources they need to provide medical care to the animals they rescue. Through the Animal Welfare Fund, the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) offers grants to Michigan's registered animal shelters to help support spaying and neutering programs for shelter dogs and cats up for adoption. Grants also help support many anti-cruelty and proper care programs around the state. Shelters also use grant monies from your generous donations to help care for animals that are seized as part of animal cruelty cases.

Children's Trust Fund - Prevent Child Abuse Michigan

The Children's Trust Fund (CTF) supports services throughout Michigan to prevent child abuse and neglect. CTF funds home visitation services; respite care; services for families with incarcerated family members; and parenting education and support. CTF supports a statewide network of local Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Councils. Examples of local Council work are teaching professionals about mandated reporting; teaching parents and caregivers about infant head trauma prevention and infant safe sleep practices; and establishing baby pantries to provide diapers, formula, and clothing. In the coming year, CTF and its local Councils will lead statewide efforts to build local responses to the opioid crisis.

Fostering Futures Scholarship Trust Fund

Fostering Futures Scholarship provides scholarships to young adults who have experienced foster care to help them achieve a college education. Approximately 13,500 students are in the Michigan foster care system and many students do not have family support after they age out of the system. Nationally, about 75 percent of students express a desire to attend college, less than 10 percent enroll in college and less than three percent graduate college. Scholarships are awarded via an application process and paid directly to the students' college or university to assist with tuition, fees, room, board, books and supplies. For more information visit www.fosteringfutures-mi.com.

Kiwanis Fund

Kids need Kiwanis! Kiwanis clubs around the world, work to impact the lives of the children and families within their communities through leadership programs, hunger prevention, scholarships, reading programs, grants and so much more. Every Kiwanis club is unique because we cater our programs to the unique needs of the kids in our local communities. Your donation will be given to a club in your area and used entirely for our programs, keeping your contribution and its impact local. For more information about Kiwanis, go to www.MiKiwanis.org

Lions of Michigan Foundation Fund

The Lions of Michigan Foundation is a Public Charity that was created in the early 1980's to help Lions Clubs provide services in Michigan communities. The organization is dedicated to the improvement of the quality of life of people in Michigan with unmet needs. The Lions of Michigan Foundation works together with Michigan Lions Clubs and other charities to deliver services aimed at helping children and adults with sight and hearing deficiencies excel in school, retain employment and maintain self-sufficiency. For more information, visit www.lmsf.net or write info@lmsf.net.

The Michigan WWII Legacy Memorial Fund

Honor Michigan residents who served in World War II. Officially recognized as the state's tribute to its contributions during the war, the memorial will span three quarters of an acre and provide a year-round destination to tell Michigan's unique story and educate future generations. More than 600,000 Michigan residents served on the war front while countless others served on the home front producing necessary planes, tanks, Jeeps and K-rations. Help us pay tribute to the legacy of Michigan's Greatest Generation who sacrificed so all are inspired by the values, ideals and deeds that ensured our freedom today. The goal for dedication is 2020. The time to support is now. Don't let our heroes fade away. www.michiganww2memorial.org

Military Family Relief Fund

The Military Family Relief Fund provides grants to qualifying families of military members in either the Michigan National Guard or Reserves who are called to active duty as a result of the national response to the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.

United Way Fund

Contributions to the United Way Fund (of America) will be used to improve the lives of Michigan residents by mobilizing the caring power of communities to provide for basic needs, including, but not limited to, food, clothing, and shelter.



BE KIND. SMILE. IT COSTS NOTHING & IS WORTH MILLIONS

VSP Eyes of Hope – Sight for Students Gift Certificates

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have about **100 VSP Global Eyes of Hope – Sight for Students Gift Certificates** that expire on **12/25/2020**. Rather than letting these gift certificates go unused, I would like to issue these to some Michigan children with eye care needs. We only have a couple weeks to issue the certificates and present them to an eye care provider, so time is a major factor.

Please reach to your Lions contacts and contacts at other community service organizations to see if there is a need. To issue a gift certificate for a child, we need:

Child's Name — Child's Birthdate — Child's Phone Number — Child's Home Mailing Address

I wish you and your family a safe and happy holiday season!

Best regards!.

Chad A. McCann, Director – Lions of Michigan Foundation

Dr. Robert Mathog Lions Hearing Centers

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DECEMBER 2020:

District Cabinet Meeting — December 12, 2020 — 10:00 a.m. — Actual site TBD
Cabinet meeting via Zoom. Contact Marie Leathers
marie@centrallakerealty.com or
231-350-0286 for Zoom invitation.

Winter Solstice — December 21 – Winter officially arrives (after which daylight get longer)

FEBRUARY 2021

Michigan Lions Forum — February 26-27, 2021 — Holiday Inn Gateway Center, Grand Blanc, MI

MARCH 2021:

District Cabinet Meeting — March 06, 2021 — 10:00 a.m. — Tait's Bill of Fare,
111 E Dwight Ave, Oscoda, MI. Will be available via Zoom. Contact
Marie Leathers marie@centrallakerealty.com or 231-350-0286 for Zoom
invitation.

APRIL 2021:

District Convention — April 16-18, 2021 — Boyne Mountain. Details TBA.

JUNE 2021:

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



PASSINGS



Central Lake Lions: DG Rod Leathers's brother passed away recently in hospice.
Lion Calvin Douglas Shooks, 73 of Central Lake, passed away November 11, 2020.
Lioness Denise Lorraine Shooks, 68 of Central Lake, passed away November 28, 2020.

Our sincere condolences go out to families & friends in this time of loss

NEW MEMBERS

East Jordan Lions welcome new members Richard Russell and Linda Reich.
Oscoda Lions welcome new members Eric Szymanski Sponsored by Lion Bill Palmer, and Pat and John Nixon
Sponsored by Lions Nancy and Chuck Andrina

On the Mend

East Jordan: EJ Lion Greg McGeorge is recovering from back surgery

Boyne Valley Lions

November 2020

Notes from BV Lions Meeting:

- White Cane Go Fund Me page has collected \$300 in the last 60 days
- The board did not approve any Donation Requests due to the club's funding situation
- Because of the Covid crisis, the board did not approve the club to participate in Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army this holiday season

Central Lake Lions

November 2020

Central Lake Lions are ringing the bells on behalf of The Salvation Army's Red Kettle Campaign. Donations will help northern Michigan communities with food, shelter and Christmas gifts for children who may otherwise go without. They are ringing every Friday and Saturday until Christmas Eve.



East Jordan Lions

November 2020

East Jordan Lions Club welcomes new members Richard Russell and Linda Reich.



Glennie Lions

November 2020

Weird year is right! We are concluding our Rifle Raffle and even that turned out strange. We sold out our 6000 raffle tickets 2 weeks early. The only other time we sold out was last year and that was about an hour before the drawing. I expected a slow year?

We also partnered with the Alcona County VA, Lincoln VFW, Rogers Family Foods and 5 area churches to give out 22 food baskets for Thanksgiving. I'm extremely proud of that because it started 2 years ago with the Glennie Lions giving out 12 food baskets to the area churches.

Lincoln Lions

November 2020

The Lincoln Lions have been called upon twice recently, when two law enforcement officers suffered the loss of their homes by fire.. In each case the Lincoln Lions donated \$500 to help the families with immediate expenses.

Oscoda Lions

November 2020

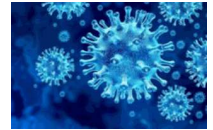
The Oscoda Lions held their annual Thanksgiving Dinner with a limited number of members and guests so we could practice social distancing. Along with the fine turkey dinner, newly elected President Peggy Clarke presented June Pursey with a \$500 check for Coats for Kids. First Vice District Governor Bill Gaines installed three new members Eric Szymanski Sponsored by Lion Bill Palmer, Pat and John Nixon Sponsored by Lions Nancy and Chuck Andrina



Left to right - Peggy Clarke, June Pursey

(Below) Left to right - 1st Vice District Governor Bill Gaines, Lion Bill Palmer, Eric Szymanski; Pat Nixon, John Nixon, Lions Nancy and Chuck Andrina



**CORONAVIRUS UPDATES – December 1**

*This is a snapshot of what the World, Nation, and State of Michigan looked like on **December 1, 2020**. The numbers may be significantly higher by the time you read this as the COVID-19 pandemic continues. (Info from CDC & MI gov. Websites)*

World Statistics * World Numbers on December 1

Confirmed Cases: 63,839,023 ♦ **Deaths: 1,480,001**

United States Statistics**Michigan Statistics**

Total Cases: 13,447,627



Total Cases: 395,453

Deaths: 267,302



Deaths: 9,759

DISTRICT 11-E2 STATISTICS

11-E2 Counties	Cases Confirmed	Deaths
Alcona:	198	4
Alpena:	719	17
Antrim:	446	6
Arenac:	459	16
Charlevoix:	611	7
Cheboygan:	519	20
Crawford:	362	5
Emmet:	988	28
Gladwin:	855	12
Iosco:	798	26
Kalkaska:	376	5
Montmorency:	196	2
Ogemaw:	551	16
Oscoda:	190	8
Otsego:	764	18
Presque Isle:	293	4
Roscommon:	656	15
Totals	8981	209

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



Editor's Notes

by Lion David J. Zimmer

— 2020

Virus Deja-Vu

It's a tragic true story. The Pandemic came out of nowhere, and no one was ready for what was to happen. The first wave appeared in America in early March. Many were infected, some died. But it was the second wave that brought the worst of the Pandemic. In the months of September through November U.S. cases and deaths surged to record heights.

There was no National policy, no blueprint from the Federal Government on how to fight the virus raging through the country. Local governments, cities counties and states, were left to their own resources to protect their citizens. Many localities took decisive measures, shuttering schools, churches, theaters, and various business establishments where people gathered together and could spread the aggressive disease. Signs like "Coughs and Sneezes Spread Diseases" encouraged citizens to be vigilant and take safety measures, such as distancing themselves from others. Many places required masks be worn, passed "No Spitting" ordinances, enforced strict quarantining measures, and shut down most of the economic activity to stop the spread. But many did not. "Mask Slackers", consisting of several groups around the nation like the San Francisco "Anti-Masking League", resisted the mandatory orders to wear masks, declaring such decrees were "an intrusion of the government" on their sovereignty.

Without consistent action to fight the disease and with continued large gatherings for parades, sports events, entertainment, etc., the result was a record spread of the virus in America, ultimately leading to around 675,000 American deaths. Worldwide, one-third of the planet's human population was infected, and the death toll of up to 50 million people surpasses all of the war fatalities, soldier and civilian, of the 20th century. The Spanish Flu Pandemic of 1918-1919, was the undoubtedly the worst pandemic since the Black Death (Bubonic Plague) in the Middle Ages.

Yes, all of the preceding descriptions really happened just over 100 years ago. To quote the American sage Yogi Berra, "*It's like deja-vu, all over again.*"

The correlations between the early 20th Century Flu Pandemic and the current COVID-19 Pandemic are eerily similar, right down to the Pandemics timelines. The lack of federal government leadership during the Woodrow Wilson administration (though for different reasons), the actions and reactions to both saving lives and to ignoring health practices by citizens in America and world-wide aren't much different from what we've experienced this year.

There are some differences, the major difference being that the 1918-1919 Flu Pandemic occurred during the waning days of World War I. With war being the focus of the world's national policies, much information about the virus was suppressed by governments and media, covering up the cases and deaths so enemy factions wouldn't have any edge in the struggle and to keep wartime morale high. It was thought that news about the flu pandemic would hurt the focus on the war effort. In COVID, denial and fake information is used for political

The so-called "Spanish Flu" didn't come from Spain – or China. It was first identified at an Army post in Kansas, and spread world-wide when thousands of U.S. troops being shipped to the war fronts brought it to Europe. It was called "Spanish Flu" due to the fact that Spain was a neutral country in WWI, and its news media was the only source that freely covered the outbreak from the start. Because other warring nations censored the spread of the virus, Spain was the major source of virus news, and many people assumed the virus originated there (the Spanish thought the virus came from France, calling it the "French Flu").

The other major difference in the Pandemics is that medical science has come a long way in the past century. While health workers did their best to save lives back then, at the time there were no vaccines for flu, or other medications and procedures used today. Their masks were less effective, often made of gauze and more porous, although they were better than no mask at all. The term "Mask Slackers" grew from the perception that spreading the virus hurt the war effort, so those refusing to wear a mask were inhibiting the war effort, or wartime "slackers". While there is no major war today, the term "Mask Slacker" aptly describes those hampering the effort to stop COVID-19.

One would have hoped that humankind would have learned the lessons from the 1918-1919 Flu Pandemic, but that is obviously not happening. We're struggling down the same path, with the same actions and behaviors that led to hundreds of thousands of flu deaths then, and are threatening to cause hundreds of thousands of more COVID deaths. Medical science has know all along, in both Pandemics, the actions needed slow or stop the spreading of deadly diseases – masks, distancing/quarantining, hygiene. Getting people to follow these simple acts seems as futile as herding cats. "*There are some people who, if they don't already know, you can't tell 'em.*" – Yogi Berra.

Update: Several vaccines are testing very effective, giving hope that by Spring or early Summer many or most people will be getting vaccinated, and COVID-19 will begin to fade away.

BE KIND. MASK UP – SOCIAL DISTANCE – WASH HANDS = STAY SAFE!



2020 to 2021 — From Awful to Awesome

There's no doubt that 2020 has been a challenging year — record wildfires and hurricanes, blatant racism and social unrest, economic uncertainty, and the 800 lb. gorilla of problems, COVID-19.

However, November & December have given us reason to hope. Several different vaccines showing great promise are undergoing safety trials. We may see vaccines available to most of us by Spring or early Summer in 2021. (In the meantime, will family hazmat suits be the top Christmas gift this year...?)

Thankfully, the 2020 election is finally over, ending the onslaught of campaign TV ads, mailed literature, and email/messenger donor requests on our cell phones and computers. President-Elect Joe Biden won by over 6 million votes, and tallied 306 Electoral College votes (a number touted as a “landslide” in 2016). Unwillingness to concede the election has only fanned the flames of discord and division. Despite a flurry of lawsuits and bogus claims of voter fraud, a joint statement from Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) & Election Infrastructure Government Coordinating Council (GCC) Executive Committee declared: *“The November 3rd election was the most secure in American history.”*) Other security agencies, Homeland Security, FBI, CIA, etc. concur.

Once this current inanity ends, we will have an opportunity to fix and heal our broken nation, a chance to reconcile our differing views with kindness and understanding. We can find a path to bring people together, and fully and honestly tackle our nation's problems with reality-based measures - if enough have the will.

“A house divided against itself cannot stand.” — Abraham Lincoln

There will certainly be many challenges ahead. In the end, we are all human beings who want the same or similar things in life, so there is always hope.

COVID-19 Social Distancing Tip:

Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, shaking hands is risky, and the act is discouraged. Some suggest using



the elbow bump instead, but doing this requires contact, and the practice of sneezing into the top of the elbow makes elbow bumping even riskier. It also looks really awkward. I suggest replacing shaking hands and elbow



bumping with the Vulcan Salute from Star Trek, something I've been doing for months.



It allows social distancing, no physical contact, and

delivers an appealingly positive message: **“Live Long and Prosper.”**



Have an Enjoyable, and Safe, Christmas & New Year





Picture of The Month: December

Fire in the Sky



When there are certain types of clouds in the sky and the setting sun is at the right angle, we get an incredible sight like this one. The sky looks on fire with color on this January 2019 sunset.

You Make the News – We Publish It!

Didn't find any mention of YOUR Lions Club in this issue? **Send your information to:**
dlzim47@gmail.com

NOTE: Submissions received after the 4th will be printed in the next month issue

- Activities: Service Projects, Fundraising Events, Club Events – What You DO!
- Club Milestones: Awards, Club Officers, New Memberships, Passings – What Is Happening With Your Members!
- Photos of Service Activities, Fundraising Events, Awards, etc.

*** Photos:** Should be 300 pixels for good quality.

Include names of individuals in photos, and/or describe what the photo is showing.

Text: Include dates and names (if applicable) for all events submitted.

Text will be edited as needed for space, spelling, corrections, etc.

Don't be left out!!



Good afternoon all,
Hope this finds everyone well. I want to encourage all clubs to review the eligibility requirements for the District Melvin Jones award and submit nominations by December 31st. If you need the application information, please email me at jdrury@cctransit.org.
The pandemic has put a damper on club meetings and visits, but I'm hopeful your clubs have found a way to weather the storm. Stay well everyone and enjoy the holidays.
Best,
2VDG Jill



Lions Clubs International

TO: District Governor, 1st Vice District Governor, Past District Governors and Club Presidents
FROM: Jill Drury, 2nd VDG/Chairperson, Melvin Jones Committee for 11-E2
DATE: November 2, 2020
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, 2020.

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:
Jill L Drury
2nd Vice District Governor 11-E2
Lion of Michigan
106 Hillcrest
East Jordan, MI 49727

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.