

# DISTRICT 11-E2 NEWSLETTER



**Notable Quotes:** "Let us temper our criticism with kindness. None of us comes fully equipped."  
- Carl Sagan

**July 2022**



**DG Rod Leathers**

## **District Governor's Message**

**Hello Lions of 11-E2,**

It is an honor for me to be representing you as your District Governor this Lion year. I am looking forward to an exciting and somewhat normal year and a chance to get out and visit all of the clubs.

We are already off and running with the approval of a \$20,000 Community Recovery grant from LCIF for helping Gaylord in their recovery from the tornado. Yes, LCIF does support us and help us to be able to SERVE the needs in our communities. Please support Lions Club International foundation ( LCIF ) with your donations. A \$10 donation per member can go a long way when you are a part of an organization of 1.4 million members. You can make your donations through Lion Barb Durlinger or directly on line through Lions Clubs International website. We will be looking for volunteers to help deliver the materials to Gaylord when we get them. What a great opportunity to wear your Lions gear and show the community what we do.

Another easy way to show our presence in our communities is through the Peace Poster program. This takes very little time. The district will provide you with a Peace Poster kit and then all you have to do is coordinate with your local school. If you are interested or have any questions please contact our district chairperson Jean Manning. Her phone number is 989-808-4476 or email her at [daandjehill@gmail.com](mailto:daandjehill@gmail.com).

We are looking for a zone chairperson for zone 4 ( Beaverton, Hale, Harrisville, Lincoln, Oscoda, Prescott Skidway Lake, Rose City). If you have been a club president you qualify. We are also looking for district committees chairpersons for (elections, Eversight, LCIF coordinator, Nominations, website/IT ). If you are interested in any of these please contact me at [leathersrod@gmail.com](mailto:leathersrod@gmail.com) or call me at 231-350-0567. We need your help.

Our first cabinet meeting will be August 20th at 10 am. It will be a cabinet picnic potluck at the Durlinger's. Watch emails for more information.

Let's have a great year and show our communities that "WE SERVE".

DG Rod



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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/2VDG Steven Murch Alpena Lions Club <a href="mailto:stevemurch49707@gmail.com">stevemurch49707@gmail.com</a>	Alpena, Alpena Evening, Atlanta, Glennie, Hillman, Hubbard Lake, Mio
ZONE 2	CLUBS	ZONE 4	CLUBS
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## Vice District Governor's Message

Greetings fellow Lions and welcome to another Lions year. While we turned the calendar to a new year in January, for Lions July marks the beginning of our fiscal year and resets our annual business.

We have elected new officers at both the district level, and at the club level. We have set our budgets at both levels as well and likely set our goals for the year (if your club hasn't set goals, you should).

No matter how new the year might be, and regardless of the tasks the new year requires of us, being Lions and serving our communities doesn't have a calendar. We don't reset ourselves and start anew, we strive to serve our communities and make a difference every day.

We don't do it for the glory or recognition, we do it because we want the places where we live to be better. We know that by helping those who need it that we are making our communities better places to live because by helping the weaker links in our community we are strengthening the entire community.

And our community is not just the place we live, but rather our entire district.

Proof of that is how the district pitched in to help Gaylord after the devastating tornado in May. Gaylord doesn't have a Lions Club, but the district applied for and received a grant to help. Many clubs made donations to add to the financial assistance the district offered, and if your club is one of them then thank you for your help.

DG Rod and I discussed his goals for the year and adding club(s) and members is a priority, with Gaylord a prime example of a place where we need to add a club. I will leave him to talk about his plan, but suffice to say everything we can accomplish as a district and your club can accomplish is tied directly to membership.

The more members we have the more we can accomplish. But it doesn't just end with more members, it also takes our members to be better.

It starts with ourselves – are you being the best Lion you can be? Everyone only gets out what they put in. Are you putting in the most you can as a Lion?

We all have family and work obligations that need to be prioritized, but after those are you giving your best to Lions? Your club is relying on you to help serve the community along with your fellow club members. When you became a Lion you took an oath to serve. Are you doing that?

As we start our new Lions year and assess our goals, now would be a great time to reassess your own Lions goals. Don't only look at yourself, but find a club member and work together to come up with goals you can achieve. Maybe it's attending one or two more meetings a year if you haven't been a regular meeting attendee. Or maybe get involved in one or two more service projects or fundraiser. Having someone to help keep you accountable might help you be the Lion you want to be.

Perhaps you can come up with a new service project or fundraiser. You might not be a club officer, but as a member of the club your voice counts too. If you have an idea that could make your club better then speak up. We are all in this together.

Our new year has begun and our goals have been set (though they can be added to), but our motto and ultimate goal remain the same: **We Serve**.





# Lions Clubs International



## *President's Message*

### **Together We Are Team Lions**

Hello, Lions!

Boy, am I excited to be addressing you for the first time as your new International President. If you know me, you know I like making everything just a little bit fun. And if you don't know me, well, I hope you will come to know and love my approach to service—which is to do everything with a whole lot of energy and a smile.

People say I have a lot of energy, and they're right. And you know what, I intend on using every bit of it to lift you up and cheer you on this year. I know Lions have a lot of energy, too, and I know that together we can make big changes.

One person may look at all that needs to be done in this world and feel overwhelmed. But when you are a Lion, you are never just one person. You have a whole team of Lions behind you!

I want you to know that throughout my year as your president—and beyond—I will always be on your team. I will always be here to cheer you on. So I say, Let's be each other's biggest fans. Let's make it clear that when Lions put their energy into a project, they do it with a world of support behind them. We are one team—Team Lions.

You want to make big changes, you say? So do I. And together we can.

Yours in service,

*Brian E. Sheehan*

Brian E Sheehan

Lions Clubs International President Sheehan



*A message from:*

**Jerome Thompson**

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



Can you believe that this year is coming to an end quickly? Because of your leadership, collectively the Lions of Constitutional Area 1 (USA and Affiliate Countries) have set new records for success.

As of May 31, 2022, we have achieved the following results:

- Service – 28,117,828 lives impacted with 54% of the clubs reporting. 30 million lives impacted can be reached by June 30, 2022. Please make sure that your club has reported at least one service project.
- Membership – Membership growth of 1390, with 71 new clubs chartered. The Entrance Fee Waiver expires on June 30, 2022. Please add all new members before June 30 to take advantage of the waiver. New Club Charters should be completed by June 20 to ensure that the club will be chartered this fiscal year.
- Leadership - Reported on the new Leadership Training portal – 537 Training Events with 13,422 Lions in attendance. I know that many training events were not reported.
- LCIF – Campaign 100 – Donations are up 54% over this time last year. We have contributed almost \$10,000,000.00. How much can we give? Do you think we could give another \$1,000,000.00 in the month of June?

Whatever we do in the closing weeks of the year helps to build the momentum for a better 2022-23.

I want to personally thank you for allowing me to serve as the Global Action Team Leader, your success stories, and your encouragement. Together, we are better.

**As we conclude the year, it is time to:**

1. Make sure that 2022-23 Club Officers have been reported.
2. [Apply for the Club Excellence Award](#)
3. Recruit one new member. Entrance Fee Waiver expires on June 30, 2022.



# Lions Clubs International

Dear Club Secretary,

One of your most important tasks as club secretary is to maintain an accurate club roster. [MyLCI](#), or your regional reporting system, serves as your main resource to make sure that your club's roster is always accurate and that each member's contact information is current. We recommend that you log on monthly to keep your club's information up to date.

By maintaining your club roster, you are protecting your club's good standing and ensuring that it is not billed for members who are no longer active in your club. It also ensures that your members receive all the benefits of being a Lion. If you have any questions about accessing MyLCI, please contact the MyLCI team at [mylci@lionsclubs.org](mailto:mylci@lionsclubs.org).

Finally, be sure to report your incoming club officers for the 2022-2023 Lions year. Having your club's officers reported ensures that access to important information continues to be received, allows for your club's roster to be updated in a timely manner, and bills/invoices will be paid and service projects reported.

We look forward to supporting you and your club. Please contact us if you have any questions by phone at (630) 468-7084 or by email at [clubofficers@lionsclubs.org](mailto:clubofficers@lionsclubs.org).

Sincerely,

Your District & Club Administration Team

comdac@comdac.com

Attachments Jun 17, 2022, 1:09 PM

Attached is a letter from Peace Poster chair, Lion Jean Manning. Please respond to Lion Jean as soon as possible. Let me know if you have any questions.

CST Barb Durlinger

989-742-2790

lionbarb@comdac.com

June 17, 2022

Dear Presidents/Secretaries of District 11-E2,

It's time once again to order your Peace Poster Kit. If ordered prior to July 15, the District will kindly pay for your club's kit (a \$15 value plus shipping). Please let me know if you'd like a kit ([daandjehill@gmail.com](mailto:daandjehill@gmail.com) or send me a text 989-808-4476) prior to July 15.

The theme for the 2022 contest is: "Lead with Compassion". Students are urged to "visually express the peaceful future that compassionate leadership brings."

This contest is open to students aged 11, 12 or 13 as of November 15, 2022. A complete listing of the poster rules will accompany the kit.

I am the district chairperson for this project. All you need is a "point person" within your club to approach the school or student group to ignite the idea with the teacher or leader of the student group, and then gather the posters when they're completed. Your club will vote on a winner and award a prize (the prize is at your club's discretion). Your winning poster will then be transferred to me, so it may be judged with other winners from our district, or taken directly to the district cabinet meeting. The district judging will take place at the November 19th Cabinet Meeting. In the past, the district winner was awarded a prize of \$300.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Jean Manning – Secretary of Hillman Area Lions Club

## GST News.

The deadline to report your club's service activities in MyLion for the 2021-22 year is July 15. If you're unable to report in MyLion you can simply email the details to [marie@centrallakerealty.com](mailto:marie@centrallakerealty.com).

One benefit of reporting service is that it qualifies the district to receive a Success Story Grant. The district was awarded \$500 again this year for the submission DG Rod Leathers' shave for pediatric cancer. Last year's success story was Hillman Lions Club pop up pantry. Has your club done a unique service project or fundraiser? Be sure to report it in MyLion and maybe yours will be selected for next year's submission.

Marie Leathers

District Service Chair

From: Erin Mann <director@otsegounitedway.org>

Sent: Thursday, June 9, 2022 6:49 AM

Subject: Thank you for helping Gaylord!

Hello Friend of "Gaylord Strong":

Thank you so much for your donation, to support Otsego County's efforts responding to those impacted by the tornado. We are almost three weeks out from this catastrophe, and we are still responding to victim's needs. I wanted to reach out to send gratitude in this informal way to let you know we are working on distributing formal letters in the mail (ASAP). We are a small staff of six. The past 21 days have been astonishing. We have processed record breaking donations (monetary and tangible), clients and volunteers. Your generosity and thoughtfulness are what has allowed us to do this amazing work.

We have served almost four hundred individuals face-to-face. To offer some perspective on this number, in 2021, in response to the pandemic, that is how many people we served TOTAL for emergency services. Otsego County only has a population of around 26,000. When triaging the clients, the services have been three-fold:

- Helping those completely impacted by the tornado (home damaged, displaced, injured) with survival requirements
- Aiding those that worked at one of the thirty-eight business whose services were obstructed by the tornado and are experiencing loss of work
- Assisting those that lost electricity and lost food during the first few days' post tornado.

We have distributed over \$32,000 in gift card support to these victims and thousands of dollars in physical hygiene and cleaning supply products. When there was no longer dumpster service for debris offered by the county, we provided this service. In partnership with Habitat for Humanity we are facilitating volunteers and helping obtain supplies for cleanup, repair, and rebuild.

Please know how meaningful your gift is to us. We will continue to respond to survivors' immediate necessities and get them set up in their new homes.

We promise to keep a pulse of varying factors as this crisis evolves, ensuring we are the best stewards of your donation as possible. In partnership with the Otsego Community Foundation and the Michigan Disaster Response and Recovery there will be a case manager hired to assess urgent and ongoing requests so that survivors can get back on their feet. This case manager along with the community's long term recovery team will safeguard that all monies and goods you donated are distributed to victims in the most equitable way possible.

Please respond to this email if you need more of a formal receipt sooner than later. Please know, we are so grateful for you, and we are putting your donations to tremendous use. Do not hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns. You can call my cell directly-517.819.8070.

Deepest Gratitude,

Erin

Erin M. Mann, MPA – Executive Director

Otsego County United Way – 989.732.8929 – 116 E. 5th St. – Gaylord, MI 49735

**"If we want a beloved community, we must stand for justice"- Bell Hooks**

**Comdac:** The message (above) came from United Way in response to the Lions of Michigan

Foundation grant for \$7500, with which we purchased gift cards to be distributed to the victims of the tornado. In addition I just got off the phone with the Habitat director, and I will be applying for a \$20K LCIF grant to buy materials for them to use for repairs, as well as helping pay for dumpsters.

After speaking to the United Way director, she said what they can use is food to provide lunches for all of the many volunteers that are doing debris removal, etc. right now. She suggested gift cards from Jett's, Domino's, Culvers, Panera, Subway, McDonald's, etc. These could be used for both the meals for the volunteers, as well as distributed to victims.

The cabinet voted to match club contributions up to \$1500, with a minimum contribution from the district emergency fund of \$1000 to help with this need. So please talk to your club members about making a special contribution to the district to help aid Gaylord. If you can let me know as soon as possible what your club is doing, I can get the district and club assistance plan underway, and you can mail your check later on. Thanks for all your help! Let me know if you have any questions.

CST Barb  
989-742-2790



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**JULY 2022**

**Independence Day – July 4<sup>th</sup>**



## PASSINGS



Boyne Valley Lions Lion Sue Pepper – July 1, 2022  
Central Lake Lions Lion Stan Kimmel – June 20, 2022

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

## NEW MEMBERS – JUNE 2022

None Reported

*On the Mend*

None Reported

### Boyne Valley Lions

JUN 2022

Boyne Valley Lions provided 420 elementary school students with 1 dipped ice cream, a \$1.75 value. The cost to the club will be up to \$525 depending on how many get redeemed.

The elementary students stopped by the meeting today to thank the Lions for the ice cream cones!



### Central Lake Lions

JUN 2022

Central Lake Lions served up lunches for a week at the Davis Pin Shoot.



### Lewiston Lions

JUN 2022

On May 18th we proudly installed new member Brian O'Hara (center). With Brian (looking at the picture) to his right is his sponsor Lion John Righi and to his left is King Lion Bob Sonner





# Oscoda Lions JUNE 2022

The Oscoda Lions club held their annual installation of officers dinner

First row (Bottom): Carole Schultz, Director; Jane Meyer, Director; Rick Ferrebee, Director; Kay Gaines, President; Eleanor Hunt, Secretary; Julie Burrell, 2st Vice President;

Second Row: Yvonne Mallak, Treasurer; Mary Jo Rehberg, Global service Newsletter; Eric Szymanski, Director; Tony Bol, Director, Tony Priebe, Humanitarian; Becky Pentz, Tail Twister; PDG Bill Gaines; John Novak, 1st Vice President.

Missing from the picture are: Heather Tait, Director; Peggy Clarke, Global Membership; Nancy Andrina, Programs; Lewis Moeller, Global Leadership



President Peggy Clarke presenting the John Noel Fellowship award to Lion Bill Palmer



Mary Jo Rehberg presenting the Lion of the Year award to John and Patricia Novak



## Oscoda Lions *(continued)*

### JUNE 2022

Oscoda Lions ramp builders Tony Priebe, Bob Drogosch, John Novak, Ann Bovan and Chuck Andrina built a ramp in Au Gres today. We left Oscoda around 8:00 am and finished up on the site around 3:30 pm.

The project consisted of two platforms of 4' and 8' in length and two ramp sections of 8' and 24'. The homeowners were very appreciative of our work.

He is scheduled to have surgery to amputate a foot next week. Complications due to Covid and diabetes caused the health problems.



## Petoskey Lions

### JUNE 2022

The Petoskey Lions Club is getting back into action after a long stretch of partial inactivity in the past couple years of COVID-19. We are again having meetings twice a month, and are planning our White Cane for Friday and Saturday July 8 and 9.

At our June 27<sup>th</sup> meeting, members approved sending a donation of \$300 to the 11-E2 District for the continuing effort to help the Gaylord community recovering from the recent devastating tornado



## CORONAVIRUS UPDATES - July 01, 2022

This is a snapshot of the World, Nation, and State of Michigan statistics on **July1, 2022**. Numbers may be different by the time you read this as the COVID-19 **Variants** continue to infect more more, or less0.

(Info from John Hopkins, WHO, CDC, michigan.gov. & other health websites)

### World Statistics

**Cases: 548,474,889 ❖ Deaths: 6,337,805**

### U. S. Statistics

**Cases: 87,821,971 ❖ Deaths: 1,017,817**

### Michigan Statistics

**Cases: 2,606,431 ❖ Deaths: 36,918**

### Vaccinations (1 or more doses) Summary: Age: 6 Mos.+; 1 or + I

World: 68.5% — United States: 78% — Michigan: 67.69%

(Statistics may vary monthly as new information and corrections are applied)

### District 11-E2 Statistics

= Highest No.    
  = Lowest No.

11-E2 Counties	Cases Reported	Deaths	% Vaccinated
Alcona:	1,786	72	63.13%
Alpena:	5,928	142	61.70%
Antrim:	4,691	69	65.93%
Arenac:	3,401	70	58.28%
Charlevoix:	5,242	60	70.82%
Cheboygan:	5,062	108	62.34%
Crawford:	2,763	31	59.47%
<b>Emmet:</b>	<b>6,858</b>	92	<b>75.10%</b>
Gladwin:	5,830	115	55.30%
<b>Iosco:</b>	5,092	<b>147</b>	64.40%
Kalkaska:	3,902	62	54.27%
Montmorency:	1,794	48	61.33%
Ogemaw:	4,522	108	51.99%
<b>Oscoda:</b>	<b>1,518</b>	57	<b>49.80%</b>
Otsego:	6,020	104	61.59%
Presque Isle:	2,191	61	67.69%
Roscommon:	4,889	119	62.25%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>71,459</b>	<b>1,465</b>	<b>Total Avg: 61.49%</b>

Vaccination % = number of county residents vaccinated (1 or 2 doses) divided by the total county resident population 5+

## COVID Update: Variant BA.5

COVID, like a pesky mosquito, continues to “bite” and deprive infected victims of enjoying a coronavirus-free summer season – and there are a lot of people who have been “bitten”, with more to come as variants continue to evolve. According to the CDC, the uber-infectious Omicron BA.5 sub-variant is officially the current dominant COVID strain in the U.S., out-competing its sister Omicron sub-variants, BA.4 and BA.2.12.1, that had been dominant.

While accounting for only 9.6% of cases in the U.S. on June 4<sup>th</sup> data, the CDC estimates the BA.5 sub-variant is now the cause for about 54% of new cases in the U.S. It's by far a faster escalation than that of any other variant over the course of the Pandemic. BA.5 not only seems to be more transmissible than its precursors, it is much better at evading the immunity provided by vaccines and especially good at bypassing the immunity response usually gained by previous infection. As one expert put it, “The Omicron sub-variant BA.5 is the worst version of the virus that we've seen.” While this virus is easily spread and many people are suffering from very unpleasant symptoms and sickness, fortunately it is not usually a fatal disease. Some people do die, but the rate is not high.

While vaccines are less effective for BA.5, they're evidently more effective than immunization through infection, and can still help most people ward off the worst serious effects of the variant viruses. Current vaccines were specifically engineered to counter the original COVID virus. But as new variants mutate, their biological designs move further away from the original virus' configurations. Medical science must constantly tweak the vaccine recipe to accommodate the variants' changing biological structure – and some variants have been very different from the previous strain. The F.D.A. is pressing coronavirus vaccine manufacturers to update their booster formulations to target the fast-spreading sub-variants. Pfizer and Moderna are expected to follow the agency's recommendation and start producing reformulated doses this summer, looking to have them ready by fall.

Experts say significant mutations — especially in the Omicron sub-variants — are evolving with increasing speed. There is already a new strain, discovered recently, designated as BA.5.1. Little is known about this new virus — whether it will be nothing to worry about, or a decimating death dealer. We can only hope that the worst possible variant outcome, a malignant mutated and highly transmissible virus capable of killing millions, doesn't happen.

As things have seemed to be going in a more positive direction lately, I was surprised when researching for this newsletter by the presence of a COVID threat becoming potentially dangerous again. Case and death rates are higher in some locales, and lower in others, but the average has been fairly flat – not increasing but not dropping very much either. In the last few weeks my wife and I have had at least 6 friends and acquaintances come down with COVID, though no deaths as yet. (*In the middle of writing this we learned **another** friend has been infected by COVID.*) I'm really looking forward to the day the word “COVID” is used in a past tense. But, like it or not, there it is.

Below are some of the statistics, some good, some bad, created by the Pandemic. In most cases, the statistics are estimated – many numbers of cases are never reported for many reasons, so experts have to estimate figures based on the data they do have.

- The U.S. COVID Pandemic death count rose over 1 million Americans last month (or earlier).
- Males accounted for 558,871 fatalities, Females for 451,261.
- Globally, about 3.4% of reported COVID-19 cases have died.
- For comparison, seasonal flu generally kills far fewer than 1% of those infected.
- At least 257,846,006 people or 78% of the U.S. population have received at least one vaccination dose
- Overall, 220,597,701 people or 66% of the U.S. population are considered fully vaccinated.
- Additionally, 102,232,228 people or 31% of the U.S. population have received a booster dose.

## Driving Us Crazy

Back in the day, when I was a teenager approaching the coveted age of being able drive a car, I became aware of something that still puzzles me to this day. Back then there were no digital instruments on the dashboard, just an array of dials to measure gas amount, oil pressure, and speed among others. I noticed that the speedometer was calibrated from 0 to 120 mph. There was no place I knew of where cars could be driven 120 miles per hour, accept maybe a racetrack. I wondered if most cars could even go that fast. But there it was, daring teenagers (whose brains are not yet fully formed) and other risk-takers to attempt to go that speed. I never fell for that temptation, but I've always wondered how many did. Deaths caused by too-fast driving were frequently in the news. Why would car makers install a speedometer in cars when driving was legally half that fast? Why were they allowed to do that by government agencies that encouraged safety measures like turn signals and seat belts? And how high do today's digital speedometers go – 120, 150 mph? That is ill-conceived, if not crazy, thinking. Just drive safely.

**BE KIND. MASK UP + SOCIAL DISTANCE + WASH HANDS + VACCINATION = STAY SAFE!**

# Picture of the Month



## The Michigan West Coast on Lake Michigan

There it is, the treasure of Lake and land that makes Michigan the jewel of the northern midwest states. Surrounded by 4 of the 5 Great Lakes, Michigan has an amazing 3,288 miles of shoreline, making it the state with the second longest coastline in the U.S. – only the giant state of Alaska has more, with close to 34,000 miles of coastline, including its islands.

For comparison, it is approximately 3,294 miles to drive from Miami, Florida to Seattle, Washington – 2,734 miles as the crow flies.

This picture was taken on July 2<sup>nd</sup>, on a beach near Good Hart on a perfect weather day. One of the reasons we love Michigan; and there were only a few alewives, less that a dozen, laying on the water's edge.



# You Make the News – We Publish It!

Didn't find any mention of YOUR Lions Club in this issue?

Send your information to: [dizlm47@gmail.com](mailto:dizlm47@gmail.com)

**NOTE:** Submissions received after the 4<sup>th</sup> of the month 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.

This District is complex, with a variety of things going on throughout. We can learn much from each other, and I'd like to see more communication among Clubs for the growth and benefit of all.

**DON'T BE LEFT OUT!!**



**Racism has no place in our world.**

Our organization depends on the incredible diversity of our members around the world because great things can only be achieved when we are united.

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