

DISTRICT 11-E2 NEWSLETTER



Notable Quotes: "See all human behavior as one of two things: either love, or a call for love."
– Marianne Williamson

SEPTEMBER 2022

DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

Hello 11-E2 Lions,



DG Rod Leathers

It is hard to believe another month has gone by. I hope everyone has had a great summer.

Now that summer is at its end and fall is approaching let us all try to increase our clubs membership by one this month. We went into this month plus one on membership let's go out plus 27. The more members we have the better we can Serve our communities. In the words of our International President Brian Sheehan "Together We Can".

With the new school year starting it would be a good time to schedule a KidSight screening with your schools and neighboring schools in towns near you. Need help on how to set up a screening? Contact Nate Slezak 989-657-1995 or email Bignate34@gmail.com for the west side of the state and Linda Harris 989-734-3285 or email lindish72@hotmail.com for the east side.

Our next cabinet meeting will be 19th of November at the Indian River Club house. We will be picking the district Peace Poster winner at that meeting. Any Lion that shows up will have a vote.

Remember the District and State is here to help. If you have a need in your communities there is possible money at both levels to help out. Please ask. You can contact me at

231-350-0567 or email me at leathersrod@gmail.com.

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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
ZC Dennis Gocha East Jordan Lions dennygocha@gmail.com	Boyne Valley, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, east Jordan, Indian River, Mackinaw City, Petoskey	ZC Janice Kane Alpena lions Club	Alpena, Alpena Evening, Atlanta, Glennie, Hillman, Hubbard Lake, Mio
ZONE 2	CLUBS	ZONE 4	CLUBS
ZC Marie Leathers Central Lake Lions Club marie@centrallakerealty.com	Central Lake, Elk Rapids, Grayling, Houghton Lake, Lewiston/Lewiston Lioness Lions, Roscommon- Higgins Lake	ZC VACANT	Beaverton, Hale, Harrisville, Lincoln, Oscoda, Prescott-Skidway Lake, Rose City

Vice District Governor's Message



VDG Steven Murch

I'm a third generation Lion, following in the footsteps of my dad and grandpa, who was a charter member of the Alpena Lions Club. That's how I became a member, recruited by my dad to become a member.

The family connection is important for me and for my club, and it's one not unique to my family and my club. We have several multi-generational families who are currently in our club, including a fourth-generation club that also traces its roots to the beginning.

So why do I start this message that way? Because family is a great way to strengthen and grow your club. And, legacy of family is the easiest way to make sure our clubs continue to be vital parts of our communities.

Every club in our district faces some challenges when it comes to membership, even the largest and strongest. No club is a cookie-cutter version of other clubs, as we are as unique as the communities we serve.

Just looking at the communities where we have clubs – some are as small as a few hundred while others have several thousand. Some smaller communities have a rather large club considering the population while some larger communities have small clubs by comparison.

The one common thread we all have aside from serving our communities is the need for good members who can help us serve the community. Finding those members is always a bit of a challenge, but it doesn't have to be.

Our families know how much we enjoy being Lions, and how much service to community is at the core of what we do. If your families don't know, then start telling them. This is the first line of new recruits for your Lions clubs if they aren't in the club already.

During membership training at the district convention I told those who took the training that your family is a great source for new members. Spouse, children, siblings, etc. – they likely have seen you serving the community and doing fundraising so it's not a foreign concept to them. If they already are members of another organization it's understandable why they aren't part of your club, but if they aren't then they are prime targets to help your club achieve its mission.

Our district is struggling with membership numbers. We are below 700 members and only have 27 clubs with another club at risk of folding. There is strengthen in numbers even when those numbers aren't our own club. The district's health is dependent upon the health of the clubs.

While there are a few clubs in communities that have an incredibly small pool of membership candidates, most communities have people who want to volunteer but don't know how to get involved. It's up to us to make sure they know about us. So why not start with the people in our lives – family members – and then get the word out to the rest of the community?

We have great clubs and people serving as Lions and there are more people we haven't engaged with who can and should join us. All of us want our clubs to be around long after we are gone, so why not start that with a family legacy of service.

I appreciate you as Lions and the challenges you face. Thanks for all you do.



Lions Clubs International

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: The Many Ways We Serve



Hello, Lions!

Just like we are all a little unique (or maybe even *a lot* unique) so is the way we serve. We are so diverse as Lions, and the people we serve are equally diverse. How I approach my service is based on what I saw my father do as a Lion and what my town needs from me today. How you approach service will be based on your background and what is needed in your community. And this is one of the many things I love about Lions. Having many ways in which we approach the world is a tremendous asset.

Lions have so many different special skills and attributes that make what we do special. And I absolutely love seeing how each and every one of you put your strengths to good use—especially when it is in service of one of our global causes or the local causes you serve.

Whether it's using your carpentry know-how to build ramps for those in wheelchairs or putting your party-planning chops into high gear to put together the perfect fundraiser, your unique approach to service is the core of our strength as a global service organization.

When you're a Lion, you can really be *you*. Take it from me, someone who's always just a little bit outside of the box. Be your amazing selves, Lions, we're stronger for it.

Yours in service,

Brian E. Sheehan

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International President, Lions Clubs International



We Serve.



Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION

LCIF.ORG



From LCIF Chairperson Douglas X. Alexander

Greetings Lions and Leos!

As you continue helping the world in times of great need, remember that Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) is here to support you in serving your communities. LCIF awards grant funding that empowers us to make the greatest impact, both locally and globally. In reading this month's newsletter, I know you will feel inspired and motivated to serve by both doing AND giving. Thank you for joining us as we build on the success of Campaign 100 by continuing to support LCIF through a donation or pledge and by spreading awareness of the great things made possible through our global foundation. As the needs of the world continue to grow, LCIF remains committed to helping us take our service even further.

Lions Always Answer



Together, we made history through Campaign 100. Even as we celebrate our tremendous success, the calls to serve a world in need continue to grow. Through your support, LCIF empowers Lions and Leos to always answer.

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Lions of Michigan
District 11 E-2
Cabinet Meeting Minutes, August 20, 2022

Cabinet Members in Attendance- DG Rod Leathers, 1VDG Murch, CST Durflinger, GST/ZC Marie Leathers, IPDG Gaines and ZC Kane

Cabinet Members Absent – ZC Dennis Gocha

Lions in Attendance – BJ Sander, Diane Skop, Jean Manning, Linda Harris, Pat West, Brian Graff, and via Zoom David Zimmer

The meeting was called to order at 11 AM by DG Leathers. The invocation was offered by 1VDG Murch. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by ZC Kane.

Secretary's Report - Minutes of the 4/29/22 cabinet meeting were presented by CST Durflinger. It was moved by 1VDG Murch, supported by Lion Skop that they be accepted as presented. Motion carried. There was no correspondence.

Treasurer's Report- The financial report for 2021-22 was presented, showing a beginning balance in the administrative account of \$35,054.74, income of \$16,375.70, expenses of \$12,805.03 leaving an ending balance as of 6/30/22 of \$38,625.41. This consists of \$29,612.03 in admin and \$9,013.38 in convention funds. The projects account had a beginning balance of \$36,104.07, income of \$12,245.79 and expenses of \$16,271.09 leaving an ending balance of \$32,078.77. It was moved by ZC Leathers, supported by 1VDG Murch that the 21-22 financial report be accepted as presented. Motion carried. The budget for 22-23 was presented, showing beginning cash of \$38,625.41, income of \$16,350, expenses of \$17,784, leaving budgeted ending cash for the year of \$37,191.41. It was moved by 1VDG Murch, supported by IPDG Gaines that the budget be accepted as presented. Motion carried. The YTD 2022-23 financial report was presented, showing a beginning balance in the admin account of \$38,625.41, income of \$7,578.50, and expenses of \$11,671.49, leaving an ending balance in the admin account of \$ 34,532.42. This consists of \$31,762.90 in admin and \$2,769.52 in convention funds. It was moved by IPDG Gaines, supported by Lion Harris that they be accepted as presented. Motion carried. The dues collection summary was presented showing 2 clubs with unpaid dues. They have received 2nd notices, and will be followed up on in a week or so.

Old Business- 2022 District Convention- A partial written report was turned in the by chair of the convention committee. We still need attendance information, and the financial report was incomplete. Suggestions from the chair will be turned over to this year's convention committee for their evaluation. After some discussion of the convention, it was noted that the communication for 2022 was inadequate between the committee and the clubs, between the committee chair and the rest of the committee, and between the committee chair and the District Cabinet. Clubs were contacted via email only, and several who have email problems weren't contacted at all. There was no information as to whether a budget was prepared, and a lack of financial oversight by the committee (again due to communication), which contributed to the large financial loss on the convention. These problems will be discussed with the incoming convention committee to be sure that this doesn't occur again. DG Leathers expressed confidence that PDG Bob and Lion CarlaJean Gingerich are capable of avoiding these mistakes.

New Business- None.

GLT Report- No report. Zone Chair training was held prior to the cabinet meeting.

GMT Report- IPDG Gaines requested help with membership this year, particularly with new club development. He needs contacts in the Gaylord area, one of the areas he will be working on this year, in addition to Tawas, where they have the genesis of a new club.

GST Report- In addition to her written report, GST Marie Leathers passed out an article – “Why Report Service” (attached). She noted that for the past two years we received a \$500 grant for Global Action Team funding which was awarded for a write-up of a service activity. This year’s deadline is 5/1, but it can be submitted any time. PDG Durflinger suggested a report on the Gaylord tornado activities, which she will work with GST Marie to prepare. GST Marie also noted that money isn’t the only way to serve. Several clubs have sent members to do clean-up work in Gaylord, and a Central Lake Lion donated cabinets from a kitchen upgrade to be used in Gaylord. Their club also has furniture which was donated for their annual sale and they are working with United Way and Habitat to donate that to people who lost everything in the tornado.

Zone Chair Reports- ZCs Gocha and Leathers turned in written reports. ZC Kane noted that she is just getting started.

Committee Reports Written Reports were provided by: **District Convention-** PDG Gingerich, **District Peace Poster-** Lion Jean Manning, **Environmental-** PDG Bodem, **LCIF-** PDG Durflinger, **Lions of Michigan Foundation-** PDG Zeller, **Project KidSight-** Lion Linda Harris

Oral Reports- **District Melvin Jones-** 1VDG Murch noted that he would be getting information out soon on nominating a member of your club for the District Melvin Jones Fellowship.

Presentations- DG Leathers presented the Hillman Lions Club members with a certificate and banner patch from Lions International for completing their Model Club commitment to Campaign 100.

VDG Comments- 1VDG Murch noted that on the last International monthly summary more than ½ the district clubs have not reported activities in more than 19 months. If your club is having troubling with filing, contact Lion Marie Leathers, and she can help you. He also said that he is available to assist clubs in figuring ways to use both social and conventional media to promote themselves.

DG Comments- DG Leathers reported that we started the year with 687 members in the district. We are currently at -2. We will also be losing 14 when the Prescott/Skidway Lake Club completes disbanding. He said each club should work on bringing in at least two members. He announced the cabinet meeting schedule for the year- 11/19 at the Indian River Lions Clubhouse, 12/10 via Zoom, 3/11 at the St. John Lutheran Church in Grayling, and the final meeting of the year will be at the district convention. He announced that 2VDG Drury has resigned as she will be moving to South Carolina. DG Rod is working on a district polo shirt. He will have details soon for those interested. He also announced that the district directories will be available at the next cabinet meeting, if not before.

With no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at noon. The next meeting date will be on 11/19 at 10 AM at the Indian River Lions Clubhouse.

Respectfully submitted,
PDG Barb Durflinger, Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer

GST Report - August 2022

The Garylord tornado recovery grant has brought us a great opportunity for everyone in our district to participate in a community service project in connection with Habitat for Humanity. So far the clubs that have participated are Hillman, Central Lake, East Jordan and Indian River. Another way that Central Lake Lions has contributed was by donating furniture from their barn sale to some of the tornado victims, and also delivered a full set of kitchen cabinets for one of the trailer rehabs.

If your club participates in the weekly cleanups or any other way, please be sure to take pictures and keep records of approximately how many Lions and how many work hours so we can include in the grant report, and either let Lion Barb Durlinger or me know.

Marie Leathers
District 11-E2 GST

Zone 2 report -August 2022

I have reached out to the clubs in my zone with 2 requests: to help in the planning of the district convention, and to encourage participation in the Gaylord tornado cleanup, especially since both of these things are closest to our clubs. Elk Rapids and Central Lake had a combined installation of officers in Central Lake. Club visits are also being planned.

Marie Leathers
Zone Chair



The District Convention will be held on April 21, 22 & 23, 2023 at the Ramada Inn, 2650 I-75 Bus. Loop, Grayling, MI 49738.

Room rates will be

\$94 for 2 double bed room

\$99 for 2 queen bed room

\$109 for 2 queen bed poolside room

Breakfast is provided each day.

The organizational meeting will be at the Ramada Inn on Monday, September 12 at 10 am. All district Lions are invited to attend and help.

Convention Chairperson

PDG Bob Gingerich

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From: "Dennis Gocha" <dennygocha@gmail.com>
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 4:05 PM
To: "ComDaC" <barb@comdac.com>
Subject: Zone Chair report - Dennis Gocha

East Jordan has 33 members and has good attendance at their meetings. They completed the following:

- 1). They did a 2-mile Adopt-A-Highway clean up
- 2). They had 23 members participate in the South Arm Classic car/boat show in July by helping with various activities all day long and selling their raffle tickets. They also gave out free small plastic bags of candy to the kids.
- 3). They have been refurbishing their pavilion in Tourist Park. They have anchored picnic tables, powered washed it, and will paint it soon.
- 4). They continue to provide wood to Tourist Park campers all summer for \$5 a bundle..
- 5). Two Lions from our club helped with the Gaylord Tornado Relief
- 6). They continue to pick up bags of trash/cans at 4 canoe river sites.

The club recently lost 4 members. Some of the members said we worked too hard, and didn't do fun things and they didn't like selling raffle tickets. We are trying to plan a fun activity this summer for our club.. We recently put up a Facebook page showing the activities and donations of our club. And we're getting good feedback and making the community more aware of our events.

Petoskey - has 10 members. They are doing their White Cane drive the end of July. We couldn't meet due to plumbing problems at the restaurant, so we plan to meet on Monday, August 22nd.

Boyne Valley Lions have 34 members. They just finished helping with Boyne Thunder Boat Races that hosted 700 people and had 120 boats registered. They have sent a member survey out and are still waiting responses. They are helping with the annual Drag Races on Labor Day weekend. They are a very active club and help with a lot of community events.

Cheyboygan - I plan to meet with them in September

8/16/22

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE REPORT for District 11 E-2 Cabinet
Meeting Saturday, August 20, 2022, Beverly Bodem, Chair

Have you ever wondered how the statement "Red skies in the morning, Sailors take warning....Red skies at night, sailors delight" came about?

As a child I had always heard adults repeat the statement. It seemed to help them in planning their daily activities. I searched the internet and it took me to the Bible, specifically Matthew, Chapter 16, verses 1 and 2 to the story of Jesus when he fed four thousand people with seven loaves of bread and some fishes. The Pharisees along with the Sadducees asked Jesus if he would show them a sign from heaven.

Jesus answered (according to Mathew 16, verse 1. "He answered and said unto them, **When it is evening, ye say, It will be fair weather: for the sky is red.**" Verse 3: **And in the morning, it will be foul weather to-day for the sky is red and lowering. O ye hypocrites, ye can discern the face of the sky; but can ye not discern the signs of the times?"**

According to Joe Sienkiewicz, chief of Ocean Applications Branch and a science and operations officer with the NOAA/NWS Ocean Prediction Center, there is some scientific validity to the adage. Joe says that because the sun rises in the east and sets in the west, the sun illuminates the mid and high clouds creating a red sky in the morning. If the sun is setting as a weather system exits and high pressure is building, the departing clouds are illuminated, creating a red sky at night, causing fair weather to follow.

This ends my sermon for the day. I'm not sure this counts as attending a service for the week.

Beverly Bodem, Chair of the Environmental Committee

Peace Poster Contest 2022

After the word went out to the District Clubs, the following clubs ordered a Peace Poster Kit: Central Lake, Elk Rapids, East Jordan, Alpena, Hillman and Boyne. It's not too late for the rest of you to come on board!

The kits will be distributed at the next Cabinet Meeting on August 20 at Barb D's house. If you're not attending, I'll be happy to mail the kit to you.

The timeline for the entries will be established soon. An approximate timeline is that posters will be due mid-October.

The contest is open to students aged 11-13. Please keep in mind that nothing may be glued, stapled or attached to the poster, and the size of the poster paper may not be larger than 20x24 inches. No words (captions) are permitted, and the name, age and school of the artist may only be printed on the back of the poster.

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

Jean Manning – Hillman Area Lions Club 989-808-4476

District 11-E2 Cabinet meeting
August 20, 2022

LCIF Report

Campaign 100 ended on June 30, having raised over \$325 million worldwide. Over the course of the campaign the Lions of District 11-E2 contributed \$66,739, or an average of \$96/member, so we did well. We had three clubs, Hillman, Elk Rapids and Rose City, that elected to become Model Clubs, which meant they committed to contribute (club and personal commitments) at least \$500/member. I am pleased to announce that the Hillman Club has completed their commitment to Campaign 100. Elk Rapids and Rose City have until 6/30/24 to complete their commitment.

On May 20, there was a devastating tornado in Gaylord. As there is no longer a Lions Club in Gaylord, the district took over relief coordination. Part of that was a \$20,000 Rebuilding grant from LCIF, which is being used to renovate mobile homes in the Nottingham Forest Mobile Home Park, which received severe damage. Part of that grant was a requirement that local clubs assist in the renovations, and we have had 3 work days so far to help out there, and I would like to thank all of the Lions that have been helping out. Our Foundation is always there to support us when disasters like this happen, so keep that in mind when your club is budgeting your support to LCIF.

If anyone would like me to do a presentation of LCIF, please feel free to contact me.

PDG Barb Durlinger

District 11-E2 Newsletter Editor Report: AUGUST 20, 2022 Cabinet Meeting

Lion Barb:

A few more clubs shared information in this 4-month stretch.

The number of club newsletter submissions for MAY through August: **9 Clubs - 33.3%**

Name	Months Participated	Name	Months Participated
➤ Beaverton	1	➤ Hillman	1
➤ Boyne Valley	4	➤ Lewiston	2
➤ Central Lake	4	➤ Oscoda	2
➤ East Jordan	3	➤ Petoskey	2
➤ Hale	1	➤	

A few photos are occasionally submitted without the names of those in the picture, or not identified by left/right/etc. location so most viewers don't know who is who. It would be very helpful if the every photo would be labeled to identify everyone pictured.

Again, any District Lions Leaders who want to share something inspiring or informing to submit letters/columns/notes/ or photos are welcome to do so.

Any suggestions for enhancement are also welcome.

Thanks to all for your support. Stay Safe.

Lion David J. Zimmer

District 11-E2 Newsletter Editor

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From: "Linda Harris" <lindish72@hotmail.com>
Date: Tuesday, August 16, 2022 10:13 AM
To: "Barb Durlinger" <comdac@comdac.com>
Subject: LIONS KidSight Report for 8/20/22

11E-2 District KidSight screening have been slow for the summer months.
 61 children been screened.

61 Screened
 51 Passed
 6 Referrals
 4 Unable to be screened

Please consider putting on a KidSight Screening in your club area.

You can contact Dr. Nate Slezak or Linda Harris to set up a screening in your area.

Community events are a perfect opportunity to provide this wonderful service and help out the children in your area.

The Kid Sight Trailer is available for any upcoming events.

Upcoming screening include:

Hillman Lions Club on 8/17/22

Alpena Lions Club on the weekend of 10/8/22

**CONTACT Dr. Nate Slezak at Bignate34@gmail.com or
 Linda Harris @ Lindish72@hotmail.com**

Sincerely,
 Linda Harris
 KidSight Co-Coordinator

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10children

Lions of Michigan Foundation report- 8/20/22

Once again our district was the leader in sight and hearing raffle ticket sales, led by the Oscoda Lions Club. There were a record number of tickets sold this year, 12,432, of which our district sold 2,725 or 12.7%. 20 clubs participated this year, up from 17 last year. It's such a great fundraiser that I don't understand why all clubs are not participating! We have 6 clubs that were in the 100+ ticket club, which means they received at least 50% of the tickets sales back as a refund.

Our district contributions for the 21-22 years totaled \$8,195, an increase from the \$6,610 last year with 22 clubs making a contribution. It would be great if we could get 100% participation this year.

The cookbook fundraiser is still going on. They make great Christmas gifts. The cookbooks are \$15 each, and when your club sells 20 or more you will receive a rebate of \$5/cookbook sold, so also a fundraiser for your club. If you don't think you can sell 20, the district purchased a supply of them, and if your club is interested, you can buy them from the district for \$10 each, sell them for \$15, and keep \$5 for your club.

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

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

We received a grant from the Foundation of \$7,500 to assist with the tornado recovery efforts in Gaylord. In addition we received \$3,000 in assistance to veterans or veteran families, and hearing aid assistance, so our district was the recipient of a great deal of aid from the Foundation. Please remember that without our contribution and our participation in Foundation fundraisers, this assistance would not be possible.

If you would like me to do a presentation on the Lions of Michigan Foundation for your club, please contact me.

PDG Barb Durflinger
Assistant Treasurer, Lions of Michigan Foundation



Why report service

How do clubs and districts individually benefit from reporting service?

- Reporting service helps transfer knowledge and best practices to your club's future leaders. Club officers can review past service activity reports, learn from the successes of the club's previous activities and better plan for their future activities.
- Reporting service is a matter of local pride. Reporting puts your club on the map as leaders in your local community, and it's an important way to share success with other clubs in your district and around the world.
- A high percentage of clubs reporting service is a sign of a healthy district.
- Reporting service allows you to become eligible for service awards.

How do clubs and districts collectively benefit from reporting service?

- Reporting shines a light on how and where local clubs are making a difference. This elevates the profile of Lions Clubs International as a global service club organization.
- Service reports provide tangible evidence of our global engagement and impact to prospective partners of Lions Clubs International. These relationships strengthen the organization and yield benefits at the local level.
- People want to participate in real, visible change. Service reporting allows clubs to continually engage communities, tell stories more effectively and ultimately grow their member base.

How does reporting service benefit the people we serve?

- Service data helps everyone understand the needs of communities around the world and how our Lions and Leas are serving those needs.
- Because service activities are scalable, one small service project can become the next global initiative of the organization. But Lions Clubs International is not aware of such projects unless they are reported.
- Service data enables Lions Clubs International to identify best practices that can be shared globally.
- Measurement leads to insight. Setting higher goals each year mobilizes the organization toward growth.
- Service reports show how Lions and Leas around the world are using funds from Lions Clubs International Foundation grants to serve their communities. This visibility encourages Lions and Leas to think creatively about their own projects and apply for LCIIF grants themselves.

Additional benefits

- Reporting is the final step in completing a service project. If it's not reported, it's not done!
- Reporting service is a lot like voting. You may think your report doesn't make a big difference, but the only way we'll be successful is if everyone does their small part.
- Reporting is considered service in itself. The time clubs and districts spend reporting their service are considered volunteer hours, and can be reported in MyLion.

For more information, please visit [here](#)



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Activity Reporting Form

Activity Name

Date(s)

Activity Type ☐ Service Project ☐ Fundraiser ☐ Meeting ☐ Donation

Cause ☐ Hunger ☐ Environment ☐ Childhood Cancer ☐ Diabetes ☐ Vision ☐ Other

Number of people served

Number of Volunteers

Number of volunteer hours

Funds donated

Funds raised

Description:

Other information:

Calendar of Events

SEPTEMBER 2022

Labor Day — September 5, 2022 —

Autumnal Equinox — First Day of Fall — September 22, 2022

NOVEMBER 2022

HALLOWEEN — **Tricks or Treats** — October 31

NOVEMBER 2022

Cabinet Meeting — November 19, 2022 — 10:00 a.m.— Location TBD —
Cabinet meeting and District Peace Poster Contest judging



PASSINGS REPORTED



NONE REPORTED for August

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

New Members Reported — August 2022

Boyne Valley Lions: WARD COLLINS — Joined: 08/01/2022 — Sponsor: LAWRENCE TAYLOR

Central Lake Lions: DANIEL J KROMMENDYK — Joined: 08/11/2022 — Sponsor: STEPHEN SHERMAN

Indian River Lions: AMY NUTT — Joined: 08/16/2022 — Sponsor: JAMES TESSADRI

DANA NUTT — Joined: 08/16/2022 — Sponsor: RONALD MORGAN

On the Mend Reported

NONE REPORTED for August 2022

Boyne Valley Lions

AUGUST 2022 (September)

Boyne Valley Lions have a food trailer they use at Boyne City High School football games and other school or community events. For the Labor Day holiday weekend, BV Lions were very busy:

"We had a very successful weekend. The Friday night football grossed \$899, and Boyne City even won the game."

"With the most racers and a large crowd along with perfect weather the trailer grossed \$3,413.50 on Sunday."

Kudos to the BV Lions!

East Jordan Lions

AUGUST 2022

East Jordan, Central Lake, Cheyboygan, and Hillman Lions helped clear debris from the Gaylord tornado. United Way and Habitat for Humanity workers were also there.

Pictured is Denny Gocha from East Jordan raking debris.



Lewiston Lions

AUGUST 2022

The 2022 recipients of the Lewiston Lions Club scholarship:

Pictured left to right:
Nolan Curtis, Logan
May and Joseph Perry.

1st Vice President
Bruce Waters is shown
presenting the
scholarships.



Petoskey Lions

AUGUST 2022

Petoskey Lion and Leader Dog puppy raiser Julie Haase, along with another puppy raiser, Melanie Ludy from Charlevoix, gave presentations in May to Northern Michigan Human Resources about the Leader Dog organization and puppy raising.

On June 2, 2022, Lion Julie received a letter from Christine Wilhelm thanking her for the presentations, writing that the presentations "were perfect . . . more than perfect! Fantastic!"

She also wrote "We want to send a donation to Petoskey Lions Club for the Leader Dog Project."

On August 23, an email from Petoskey Lions Treasurer Dave Carlson informed us that the Petoskey Lions Club had received a \$1,000 check for the Leader Dog program, accompanied by the letter from Christine Wilhelm.

The donation was cashed and a \$1,000 check from the Petoskey Lions was sent along to Leader Dog that week — all thanks to Lion Julie Haase giving a presentation that brought an unexpected outcome.

Good works bring more good works – the way it should always be.

CORONAVIRUS UPDATES September 01, 2022

This is a snapshot of the World, Nation, and State of Michigan statistics on **September 1, 2022**. Numbers may be different by the time you read this as the COVID-19 **Variants** continue to infect more more, or less.
(Info from worldometer.info, ourworldindata.org, WHO, CDC & michigan.gov. & other health websites)

World StatisticsCases: 603,485,787 ❖ Deaths: 6,496,389**U. S. Statistics**Cases: 94,608,572 ❖ Deaths: 1,046,676**Michigan Statistics**Cases: 2,770,359 ❖ Deaths: 38,038**Vaccinations (1 or more doses) Summary:**

World: 69.3% — United States: 79.1% — Michigan: 68.0%

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

11-E2 Counties	Cases Reported	Deaths	% Vaccinated
Alcona:	1,830	74	61.90%
Alpena:	6,094	145	59.07%
Antrim:	4,931	71	63.69%
Arenac:	3,562	76	56.00%
Charlevoix:	5,502	61	68.32%
Cheboygan:	5,803	120	60.15%
Crawford:	2,945	35	56.80%
Emmet:	7,132	96	72.20%
Gladwin:	6,159	122	52.75%
Iosco:	5,293	156	61.78%
Kalkaska:	4,136	62	51.80%
Montmorency:	1,845	49	59.76%
Ogemaw:	4,667	109	50.01%
Oscoda:	1,566	58	47.38%
Otsego:	6,298	109	58.92%
Presque Isle:	2,227	61	65.44%
Roscommon:	5,160	122	60.71%
Totals	75,150	1,526	59.22%

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

Info from John Hopkins,
NY Times, Bloomberg, and
other health websites

COVID Update: Latest Info

Whether to offer new COVID-19 booster shots this fall that are altered to improve matching recent changes of the shape-shifting Coronavirus is a critical decision facing U.S. health authorities. Current COVID-19 vaccines saved millions of lives around the world in their first year of use, and still offer potent protection, especially after a booster dose, against the worst outcomes – severe illness and death. However, these vaccines target the original Coronavirus strain. Protection against infections has dropped markedly due to waning immunity and a constant assault of variants. While tweaked boosters may blunt another pandemic surge, there is no way to predict which mutant will be the next main threat. “This is science at its toughest,” FDA vaccine chief Dr. Peter Marks told The Associated Press.

- The FDA said it has advised Trusted Source vaccine makers to update their COVID-19 vaccines to include a component that targets the spike proteins of the Omicron BA.4 and BA.5 subvariants.
- These subvariants currently comprise over half of the Coronavirus cases circulating in the U.S.

With about six and a half million people worldwide and over a million people in the U.S. Reported dead from COVID-19, the prospects are that the virus, in whatever variant form, will continue to spread, but maybe not as overwhelming as the prior Pandemic numbers.

We will probably never know the real numbers of cases and deaths as most health officials believe the numbers are under-reported - people dying from COVID-19 but are recorded as death from some other fatal cause. A patient with a fatal cancer may become infected with Covid and die. Without the cancer, the patient might fight off the virus infection, Without the COVID infection, the patient may live a month, or a year, longer before succumbing to the cancer. What is the real cause of the patient's death that should be officially registered? Most would see that that cancer brought the patient to the edge of the cliff, but COVID pushed the patient over the edge. Others might blame the cancer. Without consistency in recording, the data will never be precise.

What's Wrong With A Little Kindness?

Kindness — *the state or quality of being kind; a kind act; favor; kind behavior; mild, benign, benevolent, gentle, tender, compassionate.*

The Lions Clubs International views “Kindness” as the key to successful Service. Our acts of kindness, helping others, are the major part of what we do. Kindness is the “civil” in civilization.

While there have always been disagreements, hostility, intolerance, cruelty, and violence in our nation, it seems to be increasing for the last few years. There have been numerous reports of restaurants and other businesses where customers have accosted, yelled at, or even threatened staff members due to long waits or other complaints. Perhaps this comes from the upheaval of normalcy due to the Pandemic, and the snake pit of contentious politics, among other reasons. Whatever the cause, more people seem to be impatient and cantankerous than ever.

A good measure of this phenomenon is found on our highways and in the behavior of drivers. Virtually no one pays attention to the speed limit signs anymore (or should I say, the speed suggestion signs!). Sometimes I think I'm the only one who even sees the signs, much less obey them. I will admit to occasionally going a few miles over the speed limit by a mile or three, but even then almost every pickup, SUV, hatchback, and sedan behind me will blow past at 70 mph (or more) every chance they get. What's really amazing are the vehicles that pass me at 70 mph +, then within less than a quarter mile they turn off the road. A few months ago I was passed by a car in Petoskey, which then turned onto my lane, dangerously close, then about 200 feet later, turned right into a fast food place, causing me to slow down to avoid crashing into the turning car. That maneuver got the vehicle to its destination at least 2 seconds faster than being behind me.

We need kindness now more than ever. Lions have to continue to show compassion and serve as models of civility in a contentious world. A nation divided cannot stand, nor can it survive without compassion and civility.

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

Pictures of the Month



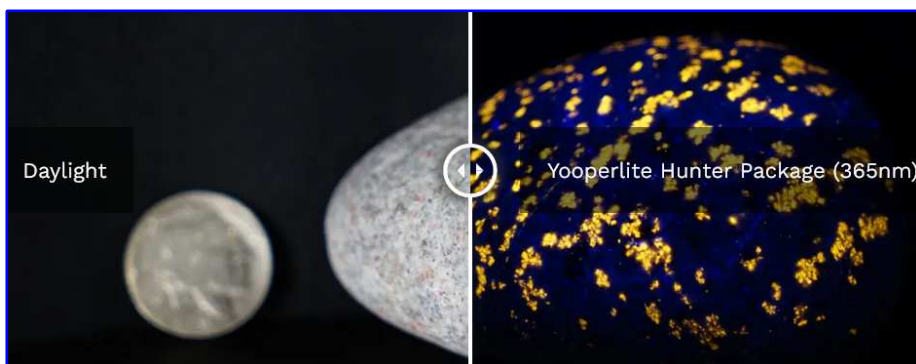
Rock Hound Paradise

The southern shore of Lake Superior has miles of beaches where millions of rocks of every color, pattern and type can be found.

Photos taken at a beach a about 12 miles east of Grand Marais in the U.P. on a sunny and windy day in early September, 2022



Below: "Yooperlites" were discovered by Erik Rintamaki in 2017. They're found along the shores of Lake Superior, they glow under certain UV lights, and they've been sitting there for who knows how long-until now. The left shows part of the



rock in regular light. The rock looks to be light gray. The right side shows the same rock under UV light, where the rock looks dark blue with yellow flecks.

Picture from Yooperlite website (Where rocks and UV flashlights can be purchased.)

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NOTE: Submissions received after the 4th 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.

#kindnessmatters

