DISTRICT 11-E2 NEWSLETTER



Notable Quotes: "We may not be responsible for the world that created our minds, but we can take responsibility for the mind with AUGUST 2023 which we create our world." — Gabor Maté, physician & author

District Governor's Message



DG Steve Murch

Hello fellow Lions. I hope you are having an enjoyable northern Michigan summer.

As individual Lions, we all have our reasons for being part of our local club, whether it's a specific mission of Lions International or a mission of our local club. While we all have specific causes that are local to the communities where we live, we also have the missions of LCI to try and achieve.

It is our shared interest in the missions of LCI – vision, hearing, diabetes, hunger, environment, pediatric cancer that links all of us throughout the district. And, as we help those in our local communities, we also should be trying to

help everyone throughout the district.

I'm sure you just thought "why is that Murch?" Well let me give you a bit of my life experience to explain.

I've lived in northern Michigan since just before I turned 12 years old. I was involved in sports of all kinds year-round growing up. I have volunteered and been volunteered (thanks, mom and dad) ever since. I spent 24 years – three as a parttimer and 21 years full-time – as a journalist. The last four years I have served as part of the MD 11 E-2 cabinet.

Throughout the last 50 years I have encountered thousands upon thousands of people from all over northern Michigan and I can say that we have a lot more in common than we have different. We live here because we love all the region has to offer and enjoy the things that make our area special.

The people of our region are caring and want to help their neighbors. That is the case whether you live in Mackinaw City or Beaverton, Harrisville or Elk Rapids. As Lions we can lead the way in helping our communities and make them a better place for all to live.

Our communities are unique, but they are inextricably linked. The healthier our neighboring community is the healthier our community can be. We all win when our communities win.

As Lions our goals don't vary that much from club to club, so we could and should aim to work toward our shared goals together. Let's strengthen our communities and help our neighboring communities when we can.

Let's aim to fulfill the goal of Lions International President Dr. Patti Hill and change the world.

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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, Oscoda, Ogemaw, Startobart 24 G/S Otsego, Presque Isle, Roscommon Distance 11 Det.

ZONE 1	CLUBS	ZONE 3	CLUBS
ZC Tim Timmers East Jordan Lions timmertcnsbismybank. com	Boyne Valley, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, East Jordan, Indian River, Mackinaw City, Petoskey	ZC VACANT	Alpena, Alpena Evening, Glennie, Hillman, Hubbard Lake, Mio
ZONE 2	CLUBS	ZONE 4	CLUBS
ZC VACANT	Central Lake, Elk Rapids, Grayling, Houghton Lake, Lewiston/Lewiston Lioness Lions, Roscommon- Higgins Lake	ZC VACANT	Beaverton, Hale, Harrisville, Lincoln, Oscoda, Rose City



Official Notice 2023 International Convention, Boston, Massachusetts, USA

The following proposed amendments to the International Constitution and By-Laws will be reported to the delegates for vote at the 2023 International Convention.

ITEM 1: A RESOLUTION TO REMOVE THE
MINIMUM DISTRICT REQUIREMENTS
FROM THE THIRD VICE PRESIDENT
QUALIFICATIONS. REMOVAL OF THIS
REQUIREMENT WILL PERMIT
QUALIFIED CANDIDATES FROM ANY
DISTRICT TO CONTEST FOR THE
OFFICE, PROVIDED ALL OTHER
QUALIFICATIONS ARE MET. (THIS
AMENDMENT TO THE BY-LAWS REQUIRES
A MAJORITY VOTE TO ADOPT)

SHALL THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BE ADOPTED?

BE IT RESOLVED, That the International By-Laws, Article II, Section 2(a)(3) be removed in its entirety, and all subsequent sections be renumbered accordingly.

ITEM 2: A RESOLUTION TO REMOVE THE
MINIMUM DISTRICT REQUIREMENTS
FROM THE INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR
QUALIFICATIONS. REMOVAL OF THIS
REQUIREMENT WILL PERMIT
QUALIFIED CANDIDATES FROM ANY
DISTRICT, INCLUDING TRANSITIONAL
AND PROVISIONAL DISTRICTS, TO
CONTEST FOR THE OFFICE, PROVIDED
ALL OTHER QUALIFICATIONS ARE MET.
(THIS AMENDMENT TO THE BY-LAWS
REQUIRES A MAJORITY VOTE TO ADOPT)

SHALL THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BE ADOPTED?

BE IT RESOLVED, That the International By-Laws, Article II, Section 3(c) be removed in its entirety, and all subsequent sections be renumbered accordingly.

ITEM 3: A RESOLUTION TO CREATE A DISTINCT
MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY FOR
MEMBERS PAYING DISCOUNTED DUES
AS A RESULT OF ANY DISCOUNT
PROGRAM OFFERED BY THE
ASSOCIATION. CREATION OF A NEW
CATEGORY WILL PREVENT MEMBERS
PAYING DISCOUNTED DUES FROM
INCREASING A CLUB'S TOTAL
DELEGATE ENTITLEMENT AT A
DISTRICT, MULTIPLE DISTRICT OR
INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION. (THIS
AMENDMENT TO THE BY-LAWS REQUIRES
A MAJORITY VOTE TO ADOPT)

SHALL THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BE ADOPTED?

BE IT RESOLVED, That the International By-Laws, Article XI, Section 7 be amended to include "Discounted" between "Associate," and "Honorary," to become effective January 1, 2024.

ITEM 4: A RESOLUTION TO UPDATE THE
DUTIES OF DISTRICT OFFICERS.
AMENDMENT OF THE DUTIES WILL
ALIGN WITH A FOCUS ON MEMBERSHIP
GROWTH AND LEADERSHIP
DEVELOPMENT MOVING FORWARD.
(THIS AMENDMENT TO THE BY-LAWS
REQUIRES A MAJORITY VOTE TO ADOPT)

SHALL THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BE ADOPTED?

BE IT RESOLVED, That Article X, Section 2(a) of the International By-Laws be amended by deleting the existing language in its entirety and substituting the following:

District Governor. As an international officer of this association, and under the general supervision of the International Board of Directors, they shall represent the association in their district. In addition, they shall be the chief administrative officer in their district and shall have direct supervision over the district cabinet. Their specific responsibilities shall be to:

- (1) Further the purposes of this association resulting in membership growth in the district.
- (2) Oversee the Global Action-Team at the district level and inspire other district officers to actively support membership growth and new club organization.
- (3) Oversee current district action plan focused on and working towards the successful achievement of district goals to
 - a. Charter new clubs.
 - b. Achieve net membership growth.
 - c. Ensure effective club operations.
 - d. Provide leadership development and skills training at the club and district levels.
 - Encourage clubs to conduct and report meaningful humanitarian service.
 - f. Support and promote Lions Clubs International Foundation and encourage club and member contributions to Lions Clubs International Foundation.
- (4) Oversee the administrative operations of the district as provided in the Standard District Bylaws
- (5) Guide clubs to operate in accordance with International Constitution and By-Laws, support activities that improve member retention and remain in good standing with the association.
- (6) Preside, when present, over the district convention, and cabinet and other district meetings.
- (7) Perform such other functions as required by the International Board of Directors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Article X, Section 2(b) of the International By-Laws be amended by deleting the existing language in its entirety and substituting the following:

First Vice District Governor. The first vice district governor, subject to the supervision and direction of the district governor, shall be chief administrative assistant to the district governor. Their specific responsibilities shall be to:

- (1) Further the purposes of this association resulting in membership growth in the district.
- (2) Actively work toward the success of the current district action plan.
- (3) With the district governor and second vice district governor, review strengths and weaknesses of the district; refine and further develop a draft of the ongoing district plan focused on and working towards the successful achievement of district goals.
- (4) Identify and prepare a highly effective team for the subsequent year to develop and implement action plans to achieve district goals.
- (5) Work closely with the club leadership to identify future district leaders.
- (6) Perform such duties and other directives as may be assigned by the district governor or the policies established by the International Board of Directors.
- (7) At the request of the district governor, supervise appropriate district committees.
- (8) Actively participate in all cabinet meetings and conduct all meetings in the absence of the district governor.
- (9) Participate in council of governors' meetings as appropriate.
- (10) Participate in the preparation of the district budget.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Article X, Section 2(c) of the International By-Laws be amended by deleting the existing language in its entirety and substituting the following:

Second Vice District Governor. The second vice district governor is subject to the supervision and direction of the district governor. Their specific responsibilities shall be to:

- (1) Further the purposes of this association resulting in membership growth in the district.
- (2) Actively work towards the success of the current district action plan.
- (3) Serve as the district liaison to region and zone chairpersons, at the direction of the district governor, working towards successful region and zone operations in support of club health.
- (4) Become familiar with resources to support club development
- (5) Prepare for the role of district governor.
- (6) Perform such duties and other directives as assigned by the district governor or the policies established by the International Board of Directors.
- (7) At the request of the district governor, supervise appropriate district committees.
- (8) Actively participate in all cabinet meetings and conduct all meetings in the absence of the district governor and the first vice district governor.
- (9) Participate in the preparation of the district budget.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Article X, Section 2(d) of the International By-Laws be amended by deleting the existing language in its entirety and substituting the following:

Region Chairperson. The region chairperson, if the position is utilized during the district governor's term, is subject to the supervision and direction of the district governor and shall be the chief administrative officer in their region. Their specific responsibilities shall be to:

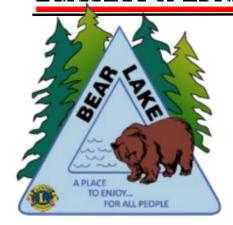
- Further the purposes of this association resulting in membership growth in the district.
- (2) Actively work towards the success of the

- current district action plan and encourage club and zone participation.
- (3) Supervise the activities of the zone chairpersons in their region and such district committee chairperson(s) as may be assigned by the district governor.
- (4) Support club health by identifying club strengths and weaknesses and encouraging growth, leadership excellence and meaningful service.
- (5) Become familiar with district operation and enhance leadership skills as needed for advancement.
- (6) Perform such duties and directives as may be required by the district officers or policies established by the International Board of Directors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Article X, Section 2(e) of the International By-Laws be amended by deleting the existing language in its entirety and substituting the following:

Zone Chairperson. The zone chairperson, subject to the supervision and direction of the district governor and/or region chairperson, shall be the chief administrative officer in their zone. Their specific responsibilities shall be to:

- (1) Further the purposes of this association resulting in membership growth in the district.
- (2) Actively work towards the success of the current district action plan and encourage club participation.
- (3) Serve as chairperson of the district governor's advisory committee in their zone and as such chairperson to call regular meetings of said committee.
- (4) Ensure club health by identifying club strengths and weaknesses and encouraging growth, leadership excellence and meaningful service.
- (5) Become familiar with district operations and enhance leadership skills as needed for advancement.
- (6) Perform such other functions and acts as may be required by the International Board of



Lions Bear Lake Camp Golf Classic

Sunday, August 20th, 2023 at Metamora Golf & Country Club



Deadline for registration is August 7th, 2023.

Please join us for the 19th Annual Lions Bear Lake Camp Golf Classic

Metamora CC offers 18 holes of championship golf. The course's scenic layout features rolling terrain, tree lined fairways, and strategically placed bunkers that will make for a fun and challenging event.

Proceeds from this event will support blind and visually impaired children at Bear Lake Camp.

Together, we can make this a great event for such a wonderful cause.

ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS

Use of Driving Range 18 Holes of Golf with Cart **Course Contests Buffet-Style Awards Dinner Door Prizes & Raffles**

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Registration 12:30 pm Shotgun Start 1:30 pm Awards Dinner 7:00 pm

EVENT FEES

Registration-\$125 per golfer/ \$500 per foursome Dinner-Only Guest-\$40 (Registration available online at www.bearlakecamp.org)

If you'd like to learn more about Bear Lake Camp and for online registration visit www.bearlakecamp.org To learn more about Metamora Golf & Country Club, visit www.metamoragolf.com For additional information - Rick Fleming 248 342 1702 or Leo Schaefer, Golf Outing Chair 586 292 4815

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C/O Rick Fleming

1600 Club Drive Metamora, MI 48455

For online registration visit www.bearlakecamp.org under events.

Lions Bear Lake Camp is a licensed 501(c)(3) charitable organization





Leader Dog Chair/Trustee Quarterly Update for Fourth Quarter (July 2022- June 30, 2023) *

Leader Dog Guide Dog Clients served Year to Date (FY 2022-2023): 123
Orientation & Mobility (White Cane) Clients Served Year to Date (FY 2022-2023): 149
Summer Experience Camp (FY 2022-2023): 18

States Served Year to Date (FY 2022-2023): Alabama, Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Iowa, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Mississippi, Montana, North Carolina, North Dakota, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia, Washington, Wisconsin, and Wyoming. We have also served people from Ontario, Canada, Chilie, Colombia, Costa Rico, Mexico, United Kingdom, and Spain.

Lions Club Donation Reports: www.leaderdog.org/lions-club/club-donation-reports/ These are now updated monthly. The end of the year report will be posted as soon as we close out the financials.

*Leader Dog's fiscal year is from July 1 – June 30 (same as the Lions' fiscal year)

News to Share:

Congratulations! Lions Clubs contributed over \$2,000,000 to Leader Dog this Lion's year. Your work to inform and inspire the clubs in your area to learn about and support Leader Dog played a vital role in impacting the lives of the individuals represented in the statistics above. Thank you for everything you do to further the Leader Dog mission. Leader Dog is 100% philanthropically funded which means we receive no government or insurance funding, so every bit of your individual and club giving is needed to supply our services for free. Thank you!

On June 25, we welcomed 18 campers from across the United States to our campus for our <u>Teen Summer Camp</u>. It is always wonderful to see this group of 16- and 17-year-olds, blind or visually impaired, gain leadership skills, have fun, get an introduction to Leader Dogs in training and spend time with peers.

As the Lions' year ended, we wished Lions Team member Lion Mike Dengate, Lions Engagement Specialist, a warm sendoff (he doesn't want to call it "retirement"). Mike provided over ten years of a listening ear, inspiring and informative presentations, and a passion for the partnership between Lions and Leader Dog. Kelsey Martin stepped into Lion Mike's role in mid-July. She will be stewarding Lions in the following multiple districts: MD-5, MD-5M, MD-27, MD-9, MD-38, MD-17, MD-26, MD-7, MD-8, MD 3, MD-1 and MD-2 (the central states). Keep an eye out for communications from Kelsey! If you'd like to reach out to her, her email is Kelsey.Martin@LeaderDog.org. Her direct line is (248) 218-6227

As the price of goods and services increases, so does our revenue goal for 2023-2024. Please consider changing the lives of individuals, families, and your community by making a personal gift to Leader Dog. A few dollars each month can affect people like US veteran Justin. (click here for the link to Justin's story). You can set up a monthly gift that can be credited to your club. Think your business would like to partner with the likes of AAA, Tevra, and more in supporting Leader Dog? Let us know! We have a team member dedicated to working with businesses, small and large, to make an impact.

Thank you for 84 years of partnership, Lions, serving your local communities.

Calendar of Events

AUGUST 2023

District Lions Cabinet Meeting — Saturday August 19— 10 AM — Boyne City, at the City Hall (319 N. Lake St.)



Grayling Lion HSIU LIEN CHERRY passed Thursday, 07/06/2023

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

New Members Reported — May 2023

Beaverton: CAMERON F SCHNEIDER — Joined: 07/10/2023 — Sponsor: JOHN ANDRIST Hillman: KAREN MAHER — Joined: 07/11/2023 — Sponsor: BARBARA DURFLINGER

Total: 2 New Members

On the Mend Reported

NONE REPORTED*

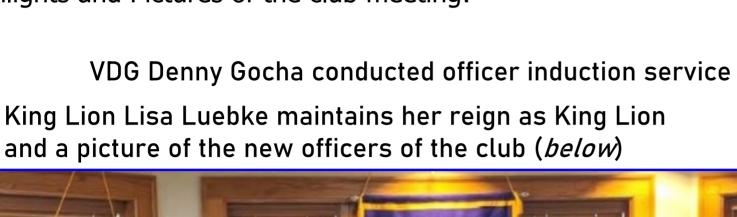
Boyne Valley Lions

JULY 2023

July 12, 2023

The Lions rang the Salvation Army bell at Louie's Fresh Market on July 1st. Salvation Army truly appreciated the Lion assistance and mentioned the club in a radio news report.

Highlights and Pictures of the club meeting:





Presentation of Lifetime Achievement Award Lion Bob Prebble (below)



Lion Julie Taylor finds that she locked herself in the library storage room



After a fire drill in the library, Lion Gow finishes his meal on the top of a waste container



Central Lake Lions

JULY 2023

Christmas in July bell ringing for the Salvation Army. Lions Rod Leathers, Dale Higbee, Kris Hoeksema, Mike Ring and Rebecca James. (*Right*)





(Above) Dedication of the new drinking fountain at the Pavilion on Main Street in downtown Central Lake. The drinking fountain was made possible through a generous donation to the Central Lake Lions Club from Lion Norma Clement's estate and includes a bottle filler, plus a pet watering dish to remember her furry friends! Her family and friends traveled from near and far to celebrate this momentous occasion.

Central Lake Lions Club welcomes new members Richard and Jennie Partin, inducted by Jennie's parents, Lions Rod and Marie Leathers (*Right*).



East Jordan Lions JULY 2023

East Jordan Lions had their annual South Arm Classic car show with 72 registrants. They sold t-shirts, gave out prizes, candy packets to the kids and had their summer raffle, and had Lion Smokin' Joe's (Krumholz) food truck (*below*). \$2000 of the money earned was given out in scholarships.

An overall great event!



Lions Sherry
Pursel and Linda
Michael are
pictured selling
t-shirts.



Oscoda Lions

JULY 2023

Oscoda Lions and the Oscoda Rotary jointly hosted their 10th annual community picnic on the 4th of July. There were games for the kids, tattooing and more fun things for all.

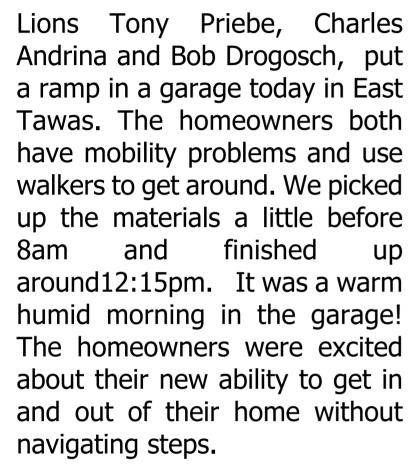


It was a great day to serve the community.











Picture - L to R - Homeowner, Charles Andrina, Tony Priebe



Tony Priebe, Bill Gaines, Tony Bol, Ann Bovan, Bob Drogosch and Chuck Andrina completed a ramp project at the Villages of Oscoda today. One of the residents needs a wheelchair for mobility and she and her husband were excited to have the improved access. The project consisted of two 4'x8' platforms, and two ramps of 2' and 21'. We picked up the material at 8am and finished up the construction at 3:15 pm just as the rain and lightning were hitting the area. Kay Gaines provided a great lunch to the crew of chicken salad on croissants and chocolate chip cookies. We Serve!





Editor's Notes — 2023by

by Lion David J. Zimmer

Volunteers Make Service Clubs Continue to Serve

Lions Clubs have a White Cane fundraiser each year. Different clubs have different ways to accomplish this fundraiser. Our Petoskey club has a simple approach: get permission from a business to set up a table outside their entry area and encourage customers going in or out to donate. The outcome of the fundraiser depends on 2 major factors – the number of club members volunteering to work the event, and the number of people choosing to donate something.

It is always unavoidable to try to determine which people approaching will make a donation or just walk past as if we weren't there. Experience has shown that there is no specific type of person that will donate. People of wealth, or not wealthy, men, women, young or old – any or all of these people may or may not give a donation, large or small. As you can't judge a book by its cover, appearance doesn't determine whether an individual is generous, or has a cold heart.

In essence, donating is an act of volunteering. Volunteering means a person willingly offers to give his time to perform a service or other undertaking that is not an obligation. When someone walks up and puts money in the White Cane, it is a moment he or she is willingly giving money to a good cause, without being forced to do so.

Another way to look at this to realize that both volunteering and donating are acts of Kindness, an action of goodness that enriches both giver and receiver.

I hope all the clubs everywhere had, or will have, a very successful donation volunteering White Cane fundraiser this year. Our small club did quite well as the Emmet County communities were very generous this year. There were more 10s, 20s and even 50s bills than usual. But the biggest surprise was that we received two \$100 bills in one day – not seen that before! Kindness Matters.

The Dog Days of Summer

We are about to end a phase of summer known as the "Dog Days of Summer." It occurs this year from July 3, 2023 to Aug 11, 2023 – 40 days in length. Despite the phrase 'dog days' of summer, it actually has nothing to do with canines panting in the heat. So where does it come from, and what does it mean?

The words "dog days of summer" might bring up images of canines heatedly panting, but the origin of the phrase actually has to do with the stars.

Historians say the phrase dates back to the ancient Greeks and Romans, who kept track of the seasons by looking up at the sky. The star Sirius was known as the "dog star" because it made up the nose of a constellation, Canis Major, or Alpha Canis Majoris, shaped like a dog. Sirius, known as the "Dog Star", or more officially, Alpha Canis Majoris, for its position in the constellation, is the brightest star in the sky viewed from Earth. Sirius was the dog of the hunter Orion in Greek mythology.

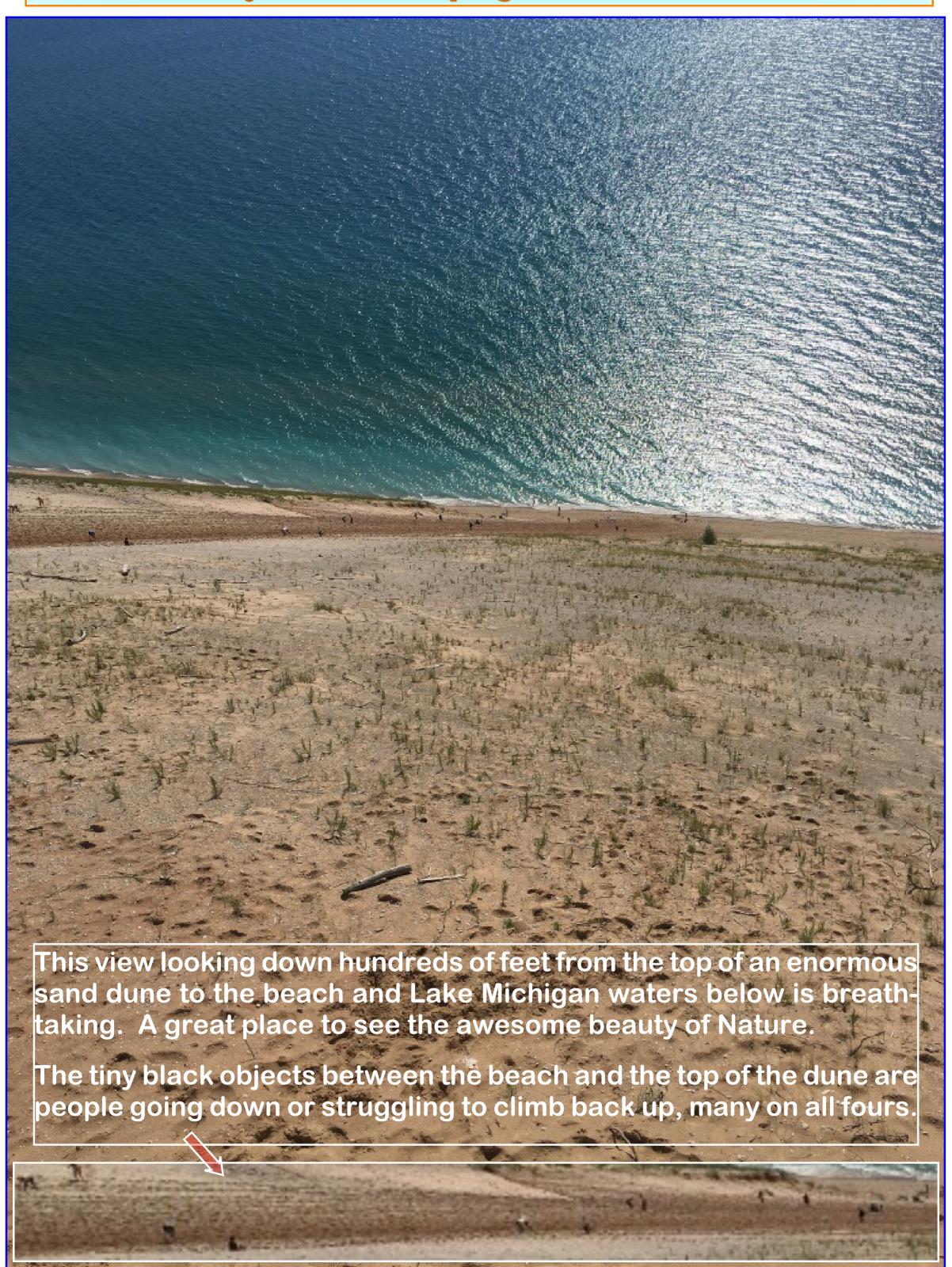
When Sirius appeared in the sky just before the sun, near the end of July in those days, that marked the beginning of the very hottest days of the year. It was thought that Sirius radiated heat, and the double-whammy of Sirius and the sun together caused the hot weather. The Romans referred to this period as "dies caniculares" or "days of the dog star," which was eventually translated as just "dog days."

According to National Geographic. ancient civilizations' predictions don't quite work for modern times, because the Earth's rotation wobbles, meaning Sirius does not appear in the sky at the same time of year as it did back then. The Farmer's Almanac lists the modern dog days as lasting 40 days from July 3- August 11. Since Earth's rotation will continue to wobble, one day, thousands of years from now, Sirius will rise with the sun during the "dog days of winter."

Dog days or not, the global average temperature for July 2023 is confirmed to be the highest on record for any month. The hottest day ever recorded globally was on July 6, 2023. We are lucky to live up here.

PICTURES OF THE MONTH

A Summer Day At The Sleeping Bear Dunes National Park



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 of the month will be printed in the <u>next month</u> 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.
- * <u>Photos</u>: Should be 300 pixels for good quality. <u>Include names of individuals in photos</u>, and/or describe <u>what the photo is showing</u>. <u>Text</u>: 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



