

Notable Quotes: " The meaning of life is to find your gift. The purpose of life is to give it away. — Pablo Picasso

SEPTEMBER 2023

District Governor's Message



DG Steve Murch

Greetings fellow Lions, welcome to September and the countdown to cooler temperatures (eventually, and short hours of daylight).

We Serve. As Lions we are well aware of that motto and we continue to do just that in our communities. But I have a question (or two) for you: How much service does your club do? When do you do that service?

Our clubs can only do as much service as our membership is capable of doing. We can't overextend and overwork our members because eventually they will reach a breaking point and will either quit volunteering, or worse yet quit our clubs.

However, the opposite also can be true. If we don't do any service we can lose members as well because they became Lions to serve their community.

So looking at my first question, how much service does your club do? Are you utilizing your membership well and doing enough service in your community?

Now let's look at the follow-up question, when does your club do that service? This is equally important and probably gets overlooked too much.

Does your club take the summer off from fundraising or performing service? How soon do you call it the holiday season and stop fundraising and service? And finally, if you do how quickly do you return to being active after the holidays?

If we frequently start and stop when we are visible in our community, we risk being forgotten. We don't need to fill every day of the calendar with something Lions related, but if we have huge gaps then we run the risk of some other organization stepping in and doing the things we have always done.

While there is enough need that one organization isn't enough to fill all the needs, we should be the leaders in service. Our clubs should be the standard others want to follow and try to emulate. When it comes to serving our communities, let's be leaders in every sense of the word.

Thank you for all you do.

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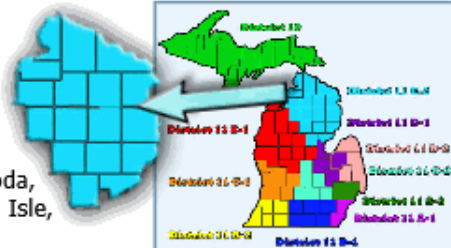
Note: This information is up to date at the time of this publication, but is subject to change as adjustments are needed.

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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 Tim Timmers East Jordan Lions timmert@cnsbismybank.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



VDG Dennis Gocha

September Message

Hello 11-E2 Lions,

I hope you have been enjoying your summer. And now my favorite time of year is about to begin!

In the August newsletter, I noticed we have three vacant Zone Chairperson positions. I have been a Zone Chairperson, and I'd like you to consider becoming one. The Zone Chairperson keeps the district leadership team informed of the clubs' activities and shares concerns and challenges the club may have. At first, as a Zone Chairperson, I was apprehensive about visiting clubs. But the clubs made me feel so welcome that it became a joy to visit.

It is a great opportunity to exchange ideas about programs, projects, activities and fundraising. With every club I visited, I came back with new perspectives, friends, and ideas. If you can't visit a club, you can call or email them to find out their recent activities, and if they have any areas you can help them with. You can always consult with me to find the answers to any questions they may have.

So please consider becoming a Zone Chairperson. Also, it is a stepping stone to other higher cabinet positions. We are Lions because we care and enjoy service, and these are important positions to fill.

CHANGING THE WORLD WITH YOU



Dear Lions,

I am truly honored and humbled to serve as your international president, and I am happy to share with you my message of Changing the World.

For years, Lions and Leos have been changing the world, one community at a time. Now, collectively, we are setting bold ambitious goals to meet the needs of our neighbors, our communities and our world. Boldness and action are exactly what we can deliver as we tackle the biggest challenges that lie before us.

Boldness, focused on success and excellence, and commitment to service: these are the benchmarks we must use to grow our clubs and districts so we can be there every

time we're called on to serve.

At our international convention in Boston, I had the privilege of announcing our annual priorities and our four-year initiative, *MISSION 1.5*, which is our drive to reach 1.5 million members worldwide by the conclusion of the 2027 Lion year. Although I've been a Lion for over 30 years, it never ceases to amaze me how, as Lions and Leos, we rise to any challenge placed in front of us. I'm excited to embark on this exciting mission with you as we grow our membership and capacity to serve.

I hope the stories in this issue will not only inspire you to grow your clubs and expand your service, but also to share your own stories. When you share your service and membership stories, you let the world know what it means to be a Lion. Every day is a great day to extend an invitation to a potential Lion to join us.

Let's be bold and lead the way to a better future and a world of change.

Sincerely,

Dr. Patti Hill

Dr. Patti Hill

International President, Lions Clubs International



We Serve.



Lions International

Dear Club President,

At Lions International, we meet the needs of the world and rise to the challenge every day. And now more than ever, at a time when there are over **27 million refugees worldwide**, Lions answer the call to help those in need.

We are proud to **partner with Welcome.US** on the groundbreaking Engage to Change co-sponsorship initiative, a pilot program that gives Lions the unique opportunity to:

- Partner directly with local refugee affiliates to welcome refugee families from all over the world
- Support refugee families as they rebuild their lives in the United States

We are thrilled to support the **Edison Visionary Lions Club** in Edison, New Jersey, which **welcomed a refugee family of seven** and are preparing for the arrival of a **second family this week!** In working closely with staff at Church World Service based in Jersey City, they have already made a lasting impact by:

- Providing three months' rent through a generous grant from Lions International to help the family secure permanent housing
- Helping to furnish the family's new home and get them settled in the community
- Mentoring the children and cultivating meaningful relationships with the family
- Working with other community stakeholders to provide support and a culture of welcoming

If your club is interested in participating in this life-changing initiative, email us at refugee.resettlement@lionsclubs.org. Be sure to include your **first and last name, club name, city and state**, and one of our Lions International staff will reach out with more information. Learn more and find resources on our Humanitarian Resettlement Services webpage. and then join us in helping families make a new start and a new life here in America.

In Service,

The Service Activities Division Team

This message was sent to Club Presidents in the United States of America

LIONS OF MICHIGAN

2023 Lions Leadership Events

Two training opportunities, one location

LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

The Michigan Lions Leadership Institute is a highly regarded leadership skills development event for Lions who are emerging leaders at the club, zone, region, and district levels.

FACULTY DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE

Graduates of this program will be able to plan, develop, and present training programs. FDI is directed at people who will do training and formal presentations at the district level and beyond

EVENT INFORMATION

Dates **November 3 – 6, 2022**

Location R. A. MacMullan Center
104 Conservation Drive
Roscommon, MI 48653

Questions? Email Lions@lionsofmi.com
Phone (517) 887-6640 ext. 103



More Information!

Lions Leadership Institute

There is a **\$250** fee. This includes registration, course materials, two nights of lodging, and six meals. **Arrival Saturday, November 4, registration 10:30-11:30 with lunch following**

Classes actively involve participants in the learning process and enable them to experience the concepts presented. The skills acquired can be used not only in Lions, but also at work and in everyday life.

When participants aren't in class, they make new friends, network, and exchange ideas from across the region.

Here's a sampling of classes:

Team building	Conflict resolution
Managing change	Leadership
Presentation skills	Effective listening
Action plans and goal setting	

Faculty Development Institute

There is a **\$350** fee. This includes registration, course materials, three nights of lodging, and eight meals. **Arrival Friday, November 3, after 4:30pm with dinner following.**

Lions who desire to lead and train others at the local level will benefit from the FDI, where they will learn fundamental training delivery skills and practice facilitating in a classroom environment.

Qualifications:

- Not attended an FDI within the last five (5) years. (International or Local)
- In-depth knowledge of Lions' culture, Lions leadership experience and comfort using PowerPoint is preferred.

Here's a sampling of classes:

Visual Aids	Training environment
Training preparation	Session management
Adult learners	Delivery skills
Interactive learning	

Application form Lions Leadership Institute and Faculty Development Institute



Deadline: October 13, 2023

Send completed form and payment to:
Lions Leadership Institute
5730 Executive Drive, Lansing, MI 48911

Applicant information

First name _____
 Last name _____
 Address _____
 City _____
 State _____ Zip _____
 Phone _____
 E-mail _____
 Club name _____
 District _____ # years in Lions _____
 Highest Lions office held _____

Have you previously attended a Michigan Lions Leadership Institute? yes ____ no ____

Which Institute do you plan to attend (check one)?

Leadership Institute _____
 Faculty Development Institute _____

Payment Information

Pay by check, payable to Michigan Lions Leadership Institute

Enclosed is my check for \$250 for Leadership Institute _____

Enclosed is my check for \$350 for Faculty Development Institute _____

Pay by credit card online:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/michigan-lions-leadership-institute-tickets-354586627147?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

Signature _____

DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION IS OCTOBER 13, 2023

A CANCELLATION FEE OF \$150.00 WILL APPLY AFTER OCTOBER 3, 2023

Lions of Michigan
District 11 E-2
Cabinet Meeting Minutes, August 19, 2023

Cabinet Members in Attendance- DG Steve Murch, IPDG Rod Leathers, 1VDG Gocha, 2VDG Marie Leathers, CST Durflinger, GLT Zeller

Cabinet Members Absent – ZC Timmers

Lions in Attendance – Jean Manning, Linda Gocha, Shirley Hill , Mark Lewis, Shelley Lewis, Larry Taylor, Julie Haase, Bethany Hedgepath, David Zimmer, Julia Cieslik

Guests- None

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM by DG Murch. The invocation was offered by 1VDG Gocha. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by 2VDG Leathers.

Secretary's Report - Minutes of the 4/21/23 cabinet meeting were presented by CST Durflinger. It was moved by IPDG Leathers, supported by 1VDG Gocha that they be accepted as presented. Motion carried. There was no correspondence.

Treasurer's Report- The 2022-23 financial reports were presented, showing a beginning balance in the admin account of \$38,625.41, income of \$15,770.22 and expenses of \$21,113.63, leaving an ending balance in the admin account of \$33,282.00 as of 6/30/23. This consists of \$31,860.89 in admin and \$1,421.11 in convention funds. The projects account showed a beginning balance of \$32,078.77, income of \$41,153.51 and expenses of \$40,695.07, leaving an ending balance of \$32,537.21 as of 6/30/23. It was moved by GLT Zeller, supported by 2VDG Leathers that the reports be accepted as presented. Motion carried. The administrative budget for 23-24 was presented showing income of \$15,675, and expenses of \$17,666.50, leaving projected ending cash of \$31,290.50. It was moved by GLT Zeller, supported by 1VDG Gocha that the budget be accepted as presented. Motion carried. The 2023-24 financial reports were presented, showing a beginning balance in the admin account of \$33,282.00 income of \$9,736.18 and expenses of \$4,778.04, leaving an ending balance in the admin account of \$38,240.14 as of 8/16/23. This consists of \$34,331.85 in admin and \$3,908.29 in convention funds. The projects account showed a beginning balance of \$32,537.21, income of \$1,008.13 and expenses of \$500.00, leaving an ending balance of \$33,045.34 as of 8/17/23. It was moved by GLT Zeller, supported by IPDG Leathers that the reports be accepted as presented. Motion carried. The dues collection summary was presented showing only one club has not paid their first half dues. They have been contacted both via email and USPS.

Old Business- PDG Gingerich was not at the meeting to do a convention report, so this will be carried over to the next meeting. CST Durflinger reported that she has received the financial report and the convention made a profit of \$334.16.

New Business- Approval of policy manual- The policy manual was reviewed. The new policies approved at the convention were incorporated, and references to Region Chairs that we no longer have were removed. There was some discussion of the section under 1VDG responsibilities in regards to the District Convention. The consensus was to remove it from the 1VDG and create new language as to responsibilities and put it in the District Convention section. CST Durflinger will work on the language and submit it to the cabinet for review so it can be approved at the next cabinet meeting. It was moved by IPDG Leathers, supported by 1VDG Gocha that the policy manual be approved with this paragraph removed. Motion carried.

Comfort Bags for Kids- DG Murch presented a service project idea. He would like to see us think about making up bags for kids with cancer. They would include things like stuffed lions, crayons, etc- age appropriate for the child. He wanted us to think about it and come up with ideas as to how it could be implemented on either a club or district level. It will be discussed further at the next meeting. Please give your comments/suggestions to DG Murch.

Leadership Institute- The district has a budget to send two people to the Leadership Institute in Higgins Lake. 1VDG Gocha has registered, and we will ask ZC Timmers if he is interested. If not, it will be opened up to anyone in the district who wants to attend.

Governor's Appreciation Dinner- The Appreciation Dinner for IPDG Rod Leathers will be hosted by the Central Lake Club on Saturday, October 14 in Central Lake immediately following the cabinet meeting. More information will be sent out as available.

2026 Convention- The Central Lake Club put in a bid for the 2026 District Convention. It was moved by CST Durflinger, supported by GLT Zeller that we approve their bid. Motion carried.

GLT Report- GLT Zeller reported that there are several Leadership training opportunities coming up- the Lions Leadership Institute in Higgins Lake in November, the USA/Canada Forum in September in Reno, and the Michigan Forum in February. Please contact him for more information on any of these events.

GMT Report- This position is vacant, but DG Murch reported that we ended the year at 672 members and right now we are down 4 to 668. He says we will be working on a new club this year. There are several communities that are promising.

GST Report- GST Leathers showed a short video about an organization called "Hope to Walk" that works on getting reasonably priced prosthetics to the millions of amputees around the world. They have developed a system for creating one for only \$250. The state GST is asking each district to donate \$250, and to ask clubs to donate also. It was moved by IPDG Leathers, supported by 1VDG Gocha that we donate \$250. Motion carried. Funds need to be turned in by the end of December. GST Leathers will forward a link to the video to CST Durflinger to send out to all clubs asking them to participate in this project. The GST also noted that the service project at the Forum this year is no-sew blankets. She encouraged clubs that have access to Joann's coupons to pick up kits for this project. The blankets will be made up at the Forum. She also reminded clubs about the Kindness Matters Service Award. Information and an application is attached to these minutes.

Zone Chair Reports- None. We have three vacancies for Zone Chairs. If anyone is interested, please contact DG Murch.

Committee Reports Written Reports were provided by: **District Editor-** Lion Dave Zimmer, **District Melvin Jones-** 2VDG Leathers, **District Peace Poster-** Lion Jean Manning, **Environmental-** PDG Bodem, **Eversight-** Lion Bethany Hedgepath, **LCIF-** PDG Durflinger, **Leader Dog-** Lion Julie Haase, **Leo Clubs-** Lion Scott Govitz, **Lions of Michigan Foundation-** Lion Diane Skop, **Michigan Forum-** IPDG Leathers, **Project KidSight-** Lion Nate Slezak and Lion Linda Harris, **Website/IT-** 2VDG Leathers. The following was added to the written reports- Lion Jean Manning reported that she has some left of the special size of paper needed for the Peace Posters for any club that needs more. Posters will need to be to her no later than 11/15, and they will be judged on 11/18 at a location to be determined. IPDG Leathers corrected the information in his written report that said administrative expenses for the Lions of Michigan Foundation are paid by state dues. They are actually funded by the LMF endowment. He also passed out information on the cruise this year. PDG Durflinger reviewed the goals for this year for LCIF that the District Chairs for Michigan developed. Among them are an increase in individual contributions to LCIF,

100% of clubs making contributions to LCIF, and encouraging current Melvin Jones Fellows to consider becoming a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

Oral Reports- Bear Lake Camp- PDG Zeller reported that camp activities are almost back to normal after Covid, but they are struggling financially, so please consider a contribution this year, or an increase to your normal contribution. **District Convention-** PDG Zeller reported that the next convention will be a one day convention in Alpena on 4/19-20, 2024. There will be a cabinet meeting and service project on Friday night, and the Saturday activities will probably run from 10 AM – 4 PM. This is an effort to reduce the expense and time commitment to attendees and hopefully increase attendance. **Honorary Committee-** IPDG Leathers reported that he wants to get the Honorary Committee (Past District Governors) more involved in the convention service project, and wants to have a picnic this year.

Audience Comments- None.

VDG Comments- 1VDG Gocha commented that membership is down, and we need to work on making our club meetings fun. We also need to have a balance in our activities- enough to be interesting, but not so many that members get burned out.

DG Comments- DG Murch reported that the All State Band had a great trip to Boston this year. The state band director has a goal this year of at least ten members from each district. He also reported on our International President's goal of 1.5 million members worldwide. He will be sending out a weekly letter to club presidents this year. The last one encouraged joint ventures and camaraderie between clubs. He encouraged club secretaries to be sure their service is reported to LCI.

With no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 11:50. The next meeting will be on October 14 in Central Lake.

Respectfully submitted,
PDG Barb Durflinger, Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer

Lions of Michigan Forum February 23-24, 2024

Friday evening service project

Saturday forum 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Marriott Grand Rapids, MI

More information at lionsofmi.com as it becomes available.

IPDG Rod Leathers

Lions of Michigan Forum committee chair

GST Report 08-19-23

Kindness Matters Service Award

This service award is designed for clubs who create high-impact service projects within one of the Lions International and Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) cause areas, including diabetes, childhood cancer, environment, hunger, vision, disaster relief, youth or humanitarian.

Club service chairpersons and Leo club presidents send one signed nomination to the district global service team (DGST) coordinator by September 15, 2023. See attached guidelines and nomination form. Submit completed and signed nominations to marie@centrallakerealty.com.

More detailed information can be found at the website:
www.lionsclubs.org/en/kindness-matters-service-award

Proposed district service project

Representatives from Michigan Ski for Light attended our entire 2023 district convention to help promote awareness of their annual event that takes place in January at the RAM Center in Higgins Lake State Park in Roscommon, which is in our district. Working at this event has been a signature activity for Roscommon Higgins Lake Lions Club, but they could use more help. I would like to propose that we promote participation at the 2024 event from Lions in our district as a district wide service project. More information including a promo video can be found at www.msfl.org.

MD-11 Service projects - more info to come

- Prosthetics project - asking for monetary donations by December 31, 2023
- No Sew blankets at Forum - asking for blanket kits from JoAnn Fabrics or monetary donations
- Food packaging at MD-11 convention (details to follow)

Service reporting

We ended the 2022-23 year with all but 1 club reporting a service project in MyLion (96%). The reporting system will be changing soon, so if you like the current reporting system be sure to keep reporting your service. If you don't like or don't know how to use the current system you can either email me the details of your service projects and I will input them for you, or you can wait for the new system to come out. Training will be available on the new system as needed.

Club Service Chairperson

Only 4 clubs in our district have a Club Service Chairperson. Consider finding someone in your club to fill this position. The GST club service chairperson is responsible for implementing impactful service and fundraising projects, increasing service project engagement of members, elevating awareness of Lions' collective impact in fulfilling global humanitarian needs, and reporting service in MyLion.



Lions International

KINDNESS MATTERS SERVICE AWARD GUIDELINES

This service award is designed for clubs who create high-impact service projects within one of the Lions International and Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) cause areas, including diabetes, childhood cancer, environment, hunger, vision, disaster relief, youth or humanitarian.

Overall objectives include:

- Encouraging creativity and recognizing high-impact service projects
- Rewarding clubs for high-caliber service activities within each of Lions International's causes

Eligibility

A total 30 awards this year will be awarded at the club level with a minimum of three awards reserved for Leo clubs that:

- Are in active status
- Reported their project(s)
- Did not receive the award within the last three fiscal years

Criteria

Award consideration will be given to clubs performing service that:

- Addresses needs within Lions International and LCIF's causes: diabetes, environment, vision, childhood cancer, hunger, disaster relief, youth, humanitarian
- Demonstrates creativity and innovation
- Achieves impact of scale and long-term sustainability
- Uses Lions International's values to shape positive experiences and create engagement and connection with the Lions brand (this is also known as "elevating the Lions brand")

THE NOMINATION PROCESS

The nomination process starts at the **club level**, then moves to the **district**, and then **multiple district**. Nominations must be sent electronically to the next level and endorsed to be considered complete. Nominations that are sent to Lions International without endorsements or signatures will not qualify.

Club

July 1 – August 15

The club service chairperson (or the Leo club president) nominates a single service project. If there's no club service chairperson, a member of the club cabinet can nominate.

August 15 – September 15

The club president (or Leo club advisor) must sign the nomination and the Lions club service chairperson (or the Leo club president) must send the endorsed nomination to the next level (D-GST) electronically.



District

September 15 – October 31

The D-GST nominates one Lion service project and one Leo service project from their district. If there's no D-GST, then a district governor can nominate the projects.

The nominator must consult with the district cabinet about their Lion and Leo nominations, but no signatures are required to endorse the nomination. The D-GST must send the nominations to the MD-GST electronically.



Multiple District

The MD-GST nominates a single Lion service project and a single Leo service project from their multiple district. If there's no MD-GST, then the council chairperson can nominate the projects. Nominations are due October 31.

The nominator must consult with the council of governors about their Lion and Leo nominations, but no signatures are required to endorse the nominations. The MD-GST coordinator may send the nomination to Lions International electronically.



KINDNESS MATTERS SERVICE AWARD GUIDELINES (continued)

Lions International Board of Directors Service Activities Committee

- **January**

Winning clubs are selected by the Lions International Board of Directors Service Activities Committee and notified.

- **March**

Winning clubs receive their award from Lions International.

What about undistricted clubs and clubs in single districts?

The process is mostly the same, except a Coordinating Lion simply sends the nominations to the GAT Area Leader. No signatures to endorse the nominations are necessary.

HOW TO RATE NOMINATIONS

The following section will help the district and multiple district levels rate received nominations to help determine which nominations advance to the next level.

Please note: It is highly recommended to assemble the district cabinet at the district level and the council of governors at the multiple district to help determine which nominations advance to the next level.

Rating questions to consider when reviewing nominations.

Ratings should be considered on a scale from 1-5 (1-lowest; 5-highest) for the following criteria on how well the nominated service project:

- Addresses needs within the global causes: diabetes, environment, vision, childhood cancer, hunger, disaster relief, youth, humanitarian
- Demonstrates creativity
- Demonstrates innovation
- Achieves impact of scale
- Achieves long-term sustainability
- Elevates the Lions brand

RECOGNIZE WINNERS!

Below are ways MD GSTs can help recognize and celebrate award winners.

- Winning clubs will be notified by January
- Recognize the winner in your local Lions' or Leos' publications and social media outlets
 - This will help promote your club and create community support of your service events!
- Prepare a press release announcing the winner.
 - Include a picture of the club in action at their service project!
 - Note the specific successes of the project.
- Ensure that the award is presented to the winning club at a prestigious event by the highest-ranking officer.
 - Invite the media to attend this event!
- Lions International may use the following mediums to celebrate and recognize award winners:
 - Lions International Blog
 - LION Magazine
 - Lions International social media
 - Lions International Convention booklet

KINDNESS MATTERS SERVICE AWARD NOMINATION FORM (continued)

SECTION B: DISTRICT GST COORDINATOR ENDORSEMENT

If your club does not have a current District GST Coordinator, your District Governor should endorse your nomination. Please note this next to the endorsement if this is the case.

If your club is currently in an undistricted area, you may have your coordinating Lion endorse and submit your nomination on your behalf to Lions International. Please note this next to the endorsement if this is the case.

I nominate the Lions/Leo (circle one) club _____ of district _____
for the Kindness Matters Service Award. My signature confirms that this nominee has been agreed upon by the district cabinet.

District GST coordinator name (Printed)	Member Number	District GST coordinator email (Printed)

District GST coordinator (Signature — hand or typewritten)	Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

SECTION C: MULTIPLE DISTRICT GST COORDINATOR ENDORSEMENT

If your club does not have a current multiple district GST coordinator, your council chairperson should endorse your nomination. Please note this next to the endorsement if this is the case.

I nominate the Lions/Leo (circle one) club _____ of multiple district _____
for the Kindness Matters Service Award. My signature confirms that this nominee has been agreed upon by the council of governors.

Multiple District GST coordinator name (Printed)	Member Number	Multiple District GST coordinator email (Printed)

Multiple District GST coordinator (Signature — hand or typewritten)	Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

Service Project Description Supplemental Document

SECTION A: Please provide answers typewritten in black ink for these questions. Answers should not exceed 200 words per question.

1. Please describe your service project in as much detail as you can.

2. What was unique, outstanding or innovative about this service project?

3. Why is this service project important to your community?

4. Which local partnerships helped make this project possible, if any?

5. How did this service project elevate the Lions brand?

6. Were any resources from Lions International's service resources (Advocacy Toolkit, Service Toolkit, Service Project Planners, or program webpages) used to plan and execute this project? If yes, please explain.

District 11-E2 Newsletter Editor Report: August 19, 2023 Cabinet Meeting

Lion Barb:

Clubs sharing information for June through August are shown in the table below.

*Club newsletter submissions for June-August: **7 Clubs - 27%***

Name	Months Participated	Name	Months Participated
➤ Alpena	1	➤ East Jordan	2
➤ Boyne Valley	3	➤ Hillman	1
➤ Central Lake	2	➤ Oscoda	3
➤ Cheboygan	1	➤	

It is quite obvious that a few clubs are consistently submitting information about their activities while the rest of the District remains quiet. As has been pointed out that Lions need to publicize their good works in their communities, we need to share the things we do within our own organization. Knowledge leads to growth and brings us closer together as Lions. As stated, Together We Can.

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 newsletter enhancement are also welcome.

Thanks to all for your support. Stay Safe and Serve on.

Lion David J. Zimmer

District 11-E2 Newsletter Editor

dlzim47@gmail.com

Melvin Jones Report 8-19-23

Our district awards a Melvin Jones Fellowship to someone who has contributed notably at the District level, State level and Club level. Nomination forms and instructions will be sent out to club presidents, as well as past and current district governors, so if you know someone who you think should be considered for this prestigious honor please contact your club president or any past or current governor.

This District Level Melvin Jones Fellowship will be presented at the annual District 11-E2 Convention April 20, 2024 in Alpena.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

2VDG Marie Leathers

Melvin Jones Chair

231-350-0286

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Peace Poster Contest 2023-2024

At the convention last spring, Peace Poster Kits and Paper were distributed to the following clubs:

Elk Rapids	Shirley Hill
Central Lake	Shelley Lewis
East Jordan	Linda Gocha
Houghton Lake	Pam Kincaid
Mackinaw City	Ginny Brew
Oscoda	Bill Gaines
Mio	Randy
Indian River	Ron Morgan
Alpena	Steve Murch
Hillman	Jean Manning

Some clubs wanted to distribute the rules and paper last spring so students would have more time to devote to their artwork. For others, the distribution of the rules and paper will happen as the school year begins.

The school district that I represent (Hillman) doesn't have an art department at this time. If your school district is in a similar situation, this is how I went about approaching the school about the contest (but, do what you feel comfortable with): I sent an email to the middle school principal and introduced myself and the project. I asked for her advice due to not having an art department. She provided me with the name and email of the middle school Social Studies teacher, and suggested I approach her about the contest. I did so (cc'd the principal) and that teacher responded to me with a suggested date that I am to come to her class to present the materials.

Upon receiving the upcoming Cabinet Meeting dates, I suspect that the posters will be judged at the October 14th meeting in Central Lake.

If you need additional poster paper, or have any questions, feel free to contact me.

Jean Manning, 989-808-4476 (text and phone)
daandjehill@gmail.com

Environmental Committee Report for the August 19, 2023 Cabinet Meeting.

The 16 Biggest Environmental problems of 2023 are as follows:

1. Global warming from fossil fuels
2. Poor governance
3. Food waste
4. Bio diversity loss
5. Plastic pollution
6. Deforestation
7. Air pollution
8. Agriculture
9. Melting ice caps
10. Sea Level Rise
11. Food and Water Insecurity
12. Ocean Acidification
13. Fast Fashion & Textile waste
14. Over fishing
15. Cobalt mining
16. Soil Degradation

These are just a few environmental issues which might come up in the coming years. You might hear more on a few of these concerns in upcoming reports. This information was obtained through Earth.org.

Also, if any Lion from any Club would like to do a guest report on any issue, please feel free to do so and let me know or inform Lion Barb Durflinger.

Beverly Bodem, Chair
District 11 E-2 Environmental Committee
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Eversight Committee Report District Chair-Lion Bethany Hedgepath

As of 8/14/2023, there have been 41 donors and 25 recipients from our district!

Updates from Eversight

Eversight has experienced some significant growth and change this summer. Namely, it was recently announced that we will provide eye banking services in Arizona in collaboration with Donor Network of Arizona (DNA), the state's federally designated organ procurement organization, as of July 1. The partnership will help maximize the gifts of life, sight and mobility in Arizona and beyond. We are very excited about the opportunities this partnership will offer. Please see below for additional highlights from the second quarter of the year.

Tissue Transplants

Every year, thousands of donors selflessly give the gift of sight to those in need. In Michigan, 967 donors gave the gift of sight as cornea/eye donors from January 1 to June 30, 2023. Below is a breakdown of how donated tissues were used.

Cornea Tissue Transplant Recipients by State	Tissues Placed for Research	Tissues Placed for Surgeon Education
MI - 714	MI - 458	MI - 143

Research & Innovations

Eversight's research team attended the Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology (ARVO)'s Annual Conference in April of 2023. We were excited to interact with fellow eye care professionals and learn about critical research advancing the field. An Eversight staff member also presented findings from her study on treating limbal stem cell deficiencies through the allogeneic-SLET technique.

Eversight is also currently seeking philanthropic support for the purchase of one optical coherence tomography (OCT) machine for our Center for Vision and Eye Banking Research. The purpose of this tool is to allow Eversight's research team to more thoroughly evaluate the eye tissues entering our lab. This machine will allow us to image and evaluate the back structures of the eye, which will allow better placement of tissues to researchers studying retinal diseases. We will also be able to help researchers better understand retinal disease by providing a detailed and comprehensive look at posterior eye structures. Finally, improvements in technology also allow for detailed maps of the retina structures, more precise measurements, and faster imaging times, all leading to improved research to help patients suffering from blinding eye diseases caused by retinal issues. The total cost for the purchase of this machine is \$150,000.

If you are interested in contributing to this cause, please contact Becky Harris, Philanthropy Director, Foundations & Corporations at (734) 780-2638 or bharris@eversightvision.org.

Education & Training

From January 1-June 30, 2023, Eversight staff held 32 educational wet lab trainings for 155 surgeons, residents and fellows at partner institutions on four common types of cornea transplant procedures: Descemet Membrane Endothelial Keratoplasty (DMEK), Descemet Stripping Automated Endothelial Keratoplasty (DSAEK), Penetrating Keratoplasty (PKP) and Deep Anterior Lamellar Keratoplasty (DALK). During these sessions, surgeons practiced graft insertion and positioning with individualized, real-time insights from trained, highly experienced surgeon instructors.

In May, Eversight partnered with the Cleveland Clinic Cole Eye Institute to provide wet lab training on the DMEK procedure for attendees at the annual American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery (ASCRS) conference. At this same conference, Eversight held a separate wet lab on the DALK procedure for Young Eye Society members and surgeons.

Global Development

In April, Eversight's global development team published an article in Ophthalmic Epidemiology titled "A Review of the Published Literature in Global Population-Based Studies of Childhood Blindness and Vision Impairment." The goal of this publication was to summarize the peer reviewed literature to date on measuring and reporting childhood blindness and vision impairment using population-based surveys and vision examinations. These studies help our organization to better understand the global scope of blindness and gather data to make a case for global eye banking development.

In May, Eversight's Global Development team was pleased to host two distinguished visitors from Al-Shifa Trust Eye Hospital in Rawalpindi, Pakistan. Dr. Wajid Ali Khan, Chief of Medical Services, and Ret. Major General Rehmat Khan, President of Al-Shifa, enjoyed a tour of our facilities and discussions with our team regarding our continued partnership.

Finally, Professor Timothy Dickinson of the University of Michigan Law School received Eversight International's Shared Vision Award in recognition of his generous legal support and guidance over the years. Through our partnership with Professor Dickinson, his colleagues, and his students in the International Transactions Clinic, Eversight has been able to pursue opportunities that either would not have been available to our organization, or that would have imposed a financial burden to an extent that was beyond our ability to absorb. His guidance has enabled us to create an enduring organizational framework for our international programs, and to expand the success of those programs.

MI: Every year, Eversight partners with Michigan's organ procurement organization, Gift of Life Michigan, to host a Donor Family Gathering to honor and celebrate the past years Michigan donors and their families who donate the gifts of sight and new life through eye, organ and tissue donation. This year's event will take place on Saturday, October 1 at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi.

More information about Eversight and events can be found at <https://www.eversightvision.org/>

LCIF Report- 8/19-23

Last year we ended the year with total contributions of \$21,229.09, an increase over the previous year of \$2,094.34. We had 22 clubs out of 26 that contributed to LCIF this year. It would be great if we could get all clubs in the district to make a contribution this year. We have received so much in this district over the years, including a \$20,000 grant last year for the Gaylord tornado. Since 2001 we have received over \$107,000 in grants in our district. In addition our state projects have received close to a million dollars in grants over the years, providing things like upgrades to the Leader Dog facility and KidSight trailers and cameras.

The Hillman Lions Club just received \$2200 for a Community Impact Grant to upgrade the local band shell. They were the only applicant to apply for the funds. As we earn more each year, it would be nice if clubs would look around their communities for a project that would help with the quality of life in their area- upgrades of trails, playground equipment, park upgrades, etc. Our available funds this year will be over \$4700.

I will be contacting clubs soon about a Hunger Grant to help with infrastructure for organizations within our district that could do more for their communities if they had some additional equipment, etc. This grant is a multi-club grant, so our local clubs will need to work together.

Several new giving programs were announced to reward clubs or individuals for their support of LCIF. The club program is called the Presidential Giving Award. For contributions levels from a \$50 average/per member through \$1000/member your club will receive a special Presidential banner patch.

The individual giving program honors Lions who make personal contributions to LCIF. For donations (cumulative over the year) of \$50-99 you receive the bronze pin, for \$100-199 the silver pin, and for \$200 plus the gold pin. It is easy to make personal contributions to LCIF on the website. You can make a onetime donation, or set up a recurring donation of any amount on your credit card.

If anyone would like me to do a presentation to their club on LCIF, just give me a call.

PDG Barb Durflinger

lionbarb@comdac.com

Leader Dogs Report

August 2023

Congratulations to District 11-E2 for meeting 100% participation during the 2022-2023 fiscal year! Lions Recognition Program includes the following:

100% Award

\$100+ Patches

\$150 Together We Serve

\$250/\$500 Brick

\$350 Medallion

\$500 Symbolic Puppy

\$500 Founders Tribute

\$5,000+ Top Dog

\$7,500+ Naming

Just a reminder that there is an easy way for clubs to do a non-event fundraiser for Leader Dogs that counts towards your club's contribution...

"Dollars for Dogs" is a great program with materials available from Leader Dogs for the Blind. For more information, contact Julie Haase.

If your club is interested in having a presentation or wants more information about Leader Dogs for the Blind, please contact Lion Julie Haase at haasejul@gmail.com or (231) 838-9394.

From: <scottgovitz@gmail.com>
Date: Monday, August 14, 2023 1:52 PM
To: "comdac@comdac.com" <barb@comdac.com>
Cc: <jandrist205@gmail.com>; "Glenn Smith" <smith.glenn55@gmail.com>; "Scott Govitz" <scottgovitz@gmail.com>
Attach: 23 4th of july.jpg
Subject: RE: Cabinet meeting

The Beaverton Leo Club had another great year of activity and membership remained strong. Summer has been a time of rest, with the exception of the group participating in the community's annual Fourth of July parade and carrying a large American Flag. The Club will be gearing up for new incoming members this fall and election of new officers and performing several school and community wide events.

Lion Scott Govitz
Leo Club Advisor



Lions of Michigan Foundation report-08/19/23

You may ask who is the Lions of Michigan (LMF)? Or how can the LMF help us? Or where does their money come from? We will try to answer these questions.

1. Who is the Lions of Michigan Foundation?

Every Lion member in the state of Michigan is a member of the foundation. Each district is represented by 2 Trustees elected by the district for a 2 year period. Every year one trustee comes off and we elect a new one.

This year your trustees are:

2nd year trustee Lion Diane Skop from Houghton Lake Lions 989-302-0122 email skopd@iserv.net.

1st year trustee IPDG Rod Leathers from Central Lake Lions 231-350-0567 email leathersrod@gmail.com.

Asst. Treasurer HOF Barb Durlinger from Hillman Lions Club 1-989-742-2790 email comdac@comdac.com.

Fund and development committee 2VDG Marie Leathers Central Lake Lions 231-350-0286 email marie@centrallakerealty.com.

You can contact any of us for information and assistance to get aid from the foundation.

2. How can the LMF help us?

- a) Provide KidSight equipment so we can do children's eye screening in our district.
- b) Provide financial assistance for sight and hearing.
- c) Provide emergency disaster relief.
- d) Provide military family and veterans relief.
- e) Provide mints for the military.

3. Where does their money come from?

- a) Foundation admin money comes out of our dues
- b) Project money comes from the fundraisers and the money clubs, individual Lions, and communities donate.

4. What are the fundraisers?

- a. Sight and hearing sweepstake raffle. Tickets should be out in November and the drawing is at the state convention in May. They are \$10 each for a chance to win. There are 10 money prizes with the grand prize of \$5,000. If a club sells 30-49 tickets the club receives \$3.50 per ticket. If the club sells 50-249 tickets they receive \$5.00 per ticket. If the club sells 250 or more tickets they receive \$5.50 per ticket. A great easy fundraiser for both the foundation and our clubs, and that is coming from a person that hates to sell anything. E2 has led the way in ticket sales over the past several years with Oscoda leading the way last year selling over 1000 tickets.

b. The foundation has 3 fellowships awards.

- Helen Keller fellowship \$750 donation
- Kenneth E. Lautzenheiser fellowship \$500 donation
- John S. Noel fellowship \$1000 donation

These all make great awards to present to your outstanding Lions in your Clubs.

c. Cookbooks - They are a great fundraiser for your club - sale price of \$15, cost of \$10. Or use them as a gift to your speakers at your club meeting.

For more information on all of the ways the foundation can help you and how you can support the foundation email or call one of us. You can also look at it on the website. www.lmsf.net.

IPDG Rod Leathers
Foundation Trustee

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From: "Nathan Slezak" <bignate34@gmail.com>
Date: Monday, August 14, 2023 12:56 PM
To: "comdac@comdac.com" <barb@comdac.com>
Subject: Re: Cabinet meeting

I am going to try to make the meeting in Boyne City this weekend.

So far this year 4 clubs have had screenings- Alpena, Hillman twice, Lewiston, and Central Lake.

Here are this year's totals

	Screened	Passed	Referred	Unreadable
Totals	67	62	5	1
			7.46%	

Last Year Totals

	Screened	Passed	Referred	Unreadable
Totals	591	534	51	1
			8.63%	

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From: "Linda Harris" <lindish72@hotmail.com>
Date: Monday, August 14, 2023 5:05 PM
To: "Barb Durflinger" <comdac@comdac.com>
Ce: "Linda Harris" <lindish72@hotmail.com>
Subject: KidSight Screening Report for 8/19/2023 Cabinet Meeting

Sent from Mail for Windows

11E-2 District KidSight has screened 203 children since the last meeting.

203 Screened

191 Passed

12 Referrals

Upcoming Screenings:

9/23/2023 Alpena / Kids Day at the Farmers Market

Please consider scheduling a KidSight Screening as it can make a big difference in a child's life.

Schools are a perfect place to start and actually the easiest!!

They only require a few people to conduct this valuable screening.

Fall Festivals area also a perfect arena for screenings and advertising your club.

Please contact Dr. Nate Slezak, Linda Harris or Barb Durflinger to set up use of the trailer and camera.

Dr. Nate Slezak @ Big Nate34@gmail.com

Linda Harris @ Lindish72@hotmail.com

Sincerely,

Linda Harris

KidSight Co-Coordinator

IT Report 8-19-23

Visit the district website at lionsdistrict11e2.org for district information including district calendar, newsletter and contact information.

District cabinet meetings will continue to be available on Zoom so anyone can attend. The Zoom Pro account is also available for clubs, committees, or any other functions in the district. Contact me if you would like to schedule a Zoom meeting.

Did you know every club has a free website available from Lions International? If you would like to get your club's website set up and running contact me and I can get you started.

IT Co-chair Marie Leathers
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DISTRICT NEWS

SCAM ALERT

comdac@comdac.com Tue, Aug 15, 6:07 PM

From: Steve Murch

Sent: Tuesday, August 15, 2023 5:17 PM

To: ComDaC

Subject: Scam email

Barb,

Gary Stevens just called me to let me know he got a scam email (sent during our meeting no less) posing as me trying to scam him. Can you send this out to the district?

Scam email is:

lionsdistrictinternational01@gmail.com

Thanks

Steve

Calendar of Events

SEPTEMBER 2023

Labor Day — September 04, 2023

OCTOBER 2023

District Lions Cabinet Meeting and Governor Appreciation Lunch — October 14, 2023 — Central Lake Veterans Center

NOVEMBER 2023

Lions Leadership Institute — November 02, 2023 — RAM Center Higgins Lake
Go to lionsofmi.com/leadership-institute for current information

DECEMBER 2023

District Lions Cabinet Meeting — December 09, 2023 — 10 a.m. — Zoom

FEBRUARY 2024

District Lions Cabinet Meeting — February 10, 2024 — 10 a.m. — Tait's Restaurant in Oscoda
Lions of Michigan Forum — February 24, 2024 — Marriott Grand Rapids

APRIL 2024

District Lions Cabinet Meeting — April 20, 2024 — Alpena District Convention Site
District Lions Convention — April 20, 2024 — Alpena



PASSINGS REPORTED



Harrisville Lion DAVID BLOWER passed Monday, 08/07/2023

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

New Members Reported — SEP 2023

Indian River:	LINDA PUGH — Joined: 08/15/2023 — Sponsor: BERTHA CLARK
Lincoln:	ROBERT M SCHWENINGER — Joined: 08/02/2023 — Sponsor: STEPHEN WEICHEL
Mackinaw City:	LAURA SMYDRA — Joined: 07/01/2023 — Sponsor: MICHAEL SMYDRA

Total: 3 New Members

On the Mend Reported

East Jordan: Lion Sally Lilak is on the mend for heart problems.

We'd like to add Michael Burr to the On the Mend list recovering from a car accident.

Boyne Valley: Lion Ron Grunch is at Boulder Park Terrace (14676 W. Upright in Charlevoix, MI

Boyne Valley Lions

August 2023

August 23 BV Lions Meeting

Lions had a board meeting last Wednesday. Here is a summary:

- a) Annual membership dues have increased to \$85 effective with July 2023 invoices.
- b) Donations - \$500 Big Brother/ Sisters, and \$500 to Manna who presented at our last club meeting.
- c) The board voted to NOT allow Stiggs to sell pulled pork sandwiches at the Drag Races because of the impact it would have on the Lions trailer sales.

Updates from Litzenburger/ Deer Meadows meeting/dinner:

- a) The Housing Authority was very appreciative of the great Lion turnout and assistance.

East Jordan Lions

August 2023

East Jordan Lions donated \$500 to Kiersten's Ride for suicide prevention on August 19th. Pledges were made to walk, ride a horse, or an ATV for this. VDG Denny Gocha was the auctioneer for the live auction of large items.



Oscoda Lions

August 2023

The Oscoda Lions ramp crew was busy again today (Aug.,10) helping local residents. Tony Priebe, Bill Gaines, Tony Bol, Ann Bovan, and Chuck Andrina built a 5' by 10' platform and 16' ramp to help a lady struggling with mobility issues. She is utilizing a walker and had a difficult time accessing her home. She was very thankful to have a new ramp to help her get in and out. The lumber was loaded at 8:00 am and the project was completed at 1:00 pm. Kay Gaines provided the crew with another great lunch of sandwiches, chips, and cookies.



The Lions ramp crew was busy again today (Aug 17). This is the fourth week in a row they worked to help area residents with home access needs. Tony Priebe, Bill Gaines, Ann Bovan, Bob Drogosch, and Chuck Andrina worked from 8:00 am to 1:30 pm to finish today's project. They built a 4'x6' platform and 26' ramp for John who recently had his second leg amputated. He has not been able to get in and out of his house without help since his surgery. He was very thankful for the work completed by the crew. The Hale Lions Club paid for the materials and the Oscoda Lions Club provided the workers to get the job done. Kay Gaines provided another fine lunch of sub sandwiches and small tarts.

Yum!



Rumor is the crew will be working on another project next Wednesday!

Bill Gaines,
Tony Priebe,
Chuck Andrina,
Ann Bovan,
John the owner

Continued ➡

Oscoda Lions CONTINUED:

The ramp crew made a quick change of plans last Wednesday due to the heavy rain in the area. They changed from the plan to build an exterior ramp in Hale to a project in an Oscoda garage. An individual using a walker for mobility is moving into a home that required navigating several steps for access. The crew built two 4'x4' platforms and ramps of 6' and 17' in the garage of the home to greatly improve the access for the individual. The material was picked up at 6:00 and the project was complete by 12:00 pm. Tony Priebe, Bob Drogosch, Ann Bovan, and Chuck Andrina worked on the ramp. We Serve!



A local resident had a stroke and was having difficulty getting up the four steps onto her deck to get in the house. We removed an aluminum ramp that was no longer needed in the location it had been installed at and moved it to the new area of need. The local VFW owns the ramp and loaned it to us for this resident's use. She is very happy to have the easier access to her home. Check out the picture of the resident using the ramp. Tony Priebe, Jason Vallier, and Chuck Andrina worked on the project.



Summer Observations In 2023

I love this planet. Our Earth spins around the sun in a 'Goldilocks orbit,' a location that is not too close and too hot, or too far and too cold, but just temperate enough to make it possible for the incredible spectrum of life that exists on it. It can be unbelievably beautiful, from oceans to deserts, canyons to mountains, and everything in between. It is a world filled with dazzling colors, and unending vistas of water, rocks, mountains, and plants - trees, flowers, even weeds - that can take our breath away.

That said, it is also a planet full of things that can kill you. The blue waters of the oceans, lakes, and rivers may also contain sharks, alligators, crocodiles, or hippos that can hurt or kill us, or have strong currents that carry you away and end in drownings. The blue sky that holds beautiful cloud formations may also produce tornadoes, hurricanes and torrential rains that flood the lower lands or cause mudslides and avalanches of rocks and soil that destroy anything in their path. Diseases caused by bacteria, fungi, and viruses constantly mutate, endangering plants, animals and humans alike.

The world is made of things humans judge to be good or bad, but are really just Nature following the Laws of Nature. Everything in Nature is balanced, and anything that changes that balance creates a new balance.

Our evolution from ape to human was long and difficult. By being able to adapt to the changes of Nature we have succeeded where the giant mammoths, sloths, sabre-toothed cats, dire wolves, and many other creatures failed. Only by adapting do the life forms of this planet continue to live.

We've not only thrived as a species, but we've changed the nature of our environment. Humans may never really control Nature, but we have certainly changed much of it, and not for the good.

We've taken away natural habitats from animals, building and replacing the trees and plants that animals rely on for food and refuge. Industrial chemicals and gases fill the air we breathe, the water we drink, and the foods we humans and other creatures eat. Toxins and poisons from human activities affect natural creatures, plants, and humans alike.

Just as human over-plowing of the prairies spawned the Dust Bowl of the 1930s, our pollutions are adding to natural gasses and particles, changing the weather patterns all over the globe. Earth just roasted under its hottest July on record, according to scientists from NOAA's National Centers for Environmental Information (NCEI). For the fourth-consecutive month in 2023, the global ocean surface temperature also hit a record high. Many states in the American South and West broiled under three-digit temperatures for days or weeks on end. Arizona, Florida, Maine and New Mexico all recorded their hottest July on record, while Louisiana recorded its second-hottest. Hundreds of deaths due to heat have been reported so far, and more to come.

We in northern Michigan had a warm to hot summer depending on the locations, but fortunately have been lucky to be spared from 100+ temperatures plaguing so much of the world.

Being curious, I kept notes on the daily high temperatures for the months of June, July, and August. The information I used came from the Harbor Springs Airport. From your location it may be much different.

Daily Highs June 2023:	Daily Highs July 2023	Daily Highs August '23	Total Summer 2023
60 ° or less: 10	60 ° or less: 2	60 ° or less: 4	60 ° or less: 21
70 ° : 12	70 ° : 22	70 ° : 19	70 ° : 53
80 ° or more: 8	80 ° or more: 7	80 ° or more: 8	80 ° or more: 23

There were 21 days of 60s (or 50s) degree highs, 53 days of 70s degree highs, and 23 days of 80s+ degrees. Surprisingly, the global hottest month of the year, July has one less 80s high than June or August. As many northern 'Snow Birds' flee Winter's cold, we can expect many more 'Sweat Birds' flocking north to avoid the sweltering heat of upcoming summers.

PICTURES OF THE MONTH

The August Super Blue Moon



On August 30, 2023, we were privileged to observe a rare and amazing moment in the sky - a Super Blue Moon (a.k.a. Blue Super Moon, Super Blue Blood Moon, or other tags).

It is a Blue Moon, a term that has come to mean a full moon that happens twice in one month. It isn't blue in color. August saw the moon full on the 1st and 30th days of the month. The term 'Super Moon' relays the fact that the moon is orbiting as close to the Earth as it ever gets, making the moon look bigger than usual. Being both 'blue' and 'super' together is rare.



The second picture was taken on a high hill at the Viewlands, northeast of Harbor Springs. Unfortunately, it doesn't come close to showing the enormous moon arise from the horizon. It was a beautiful sight, and fortunately devoid of the clouds that usually ruin sky events like meteor showers or northern lights in northern Michigan.

The next Super Blue Moon doesn't rise until 2037.



Central Lake Lions Bill Stenback Annual Golf Scramble

18 Holes of Golf with Cart & Deluxe Meal

Antrim Dells - Atwood

September 24, 2023

\$80.00/Golfer - \$320/Team

Prizes

Entry Door Prizes

Free Raffle Tickets/Golfer

Individual Mulligans Available

Hole-In-One Prize
\$10,000

Sponsored by Nustar Insurance

Two Closest To The Pin
Men & Women Prizes

Two Longest Putt
Men & Women Prizes

Two Longest Drive
Men & Women Prizes

Low Team Score Prizes
Men, Women & Mixed

Email your registration form and
\$320 check made payable
to Central Lake Lions Club,
P.O. Box 233, Central Lake, MI 49622
Must arrive by September 21st, 2023

Sorry, I can't play golf, but I would like to support Central Lake Lions Club. Enclosed is my check for \$_____.

Central Lake Lions Club - P.O. Box 233, Central Lake MI 49622

Player No. 1 _____ Player No. 2 _____

Player No. 3 _____ Player No. 4 _____

Name of person submitting form _____

Address of person submitting form _____

Telephone No. _____ Email address _____

Number for Dinner _____ Our check for _____ is enclosed PLEASE return form & check to be received by Sept. 21, 2023

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 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

