

Notable Quotes: “No moral, no message, no prophetic tract, just a simple statement of fact: for civilization to survive, the human race has to remain civilized.” - Rod Serling, *Twilight Zone* commentary

NOVEMBER 2023

District Governor's Message



DG Steve Murch

Greetings fellow Lions. I want to start this by drawing your attention to the Oscoda Lions Club, which recently celebrated its 60th anniversary of serving its community. I was at the meeting where club members celebrated and it was obvious that like all clubs, they are proud of their accomplishments.

One of the ways the club serves its community is by building ramps for people who need easier access into their homes. The club recently built a ramp in Standish for a woman after I was contacted by a neighbor.

Why Standish you ask? Because we don't have a club there (and that's an entirely different story). That didn't stop Lions, and specifically the Oscoda Lions, from doing what we do, and that's serve.

This was the 91st ramp the Oscoda club has built, and if I recall correctly, it was the 12th or 13th this year. That's an amazing accomplishment and highlights how the club has made ramp building a signature part of its service.

We all serve our communities in a number of ways, and we need to tell our stories. Whether it's through the local media, social media, our Lions communications, we need to make sure we let people know what we do. It's not like the early days where our message wasn't competing for attention. People knew who the Lions were and what we did.

But nowadays everyone is competing to be heard and our messages might not be heard as well ... or at all. So when you do something in the community, say it loud and say it proud. Let others know what your club is doing to help your communities.

Send in your club news to the local newspaper, report it on social media, send it in to our district newsletter. And, please have your secretary (or designated person) to report it on the LCI website. Every person we reach is a potential donor or future member – or both.

Thanks for all you do.



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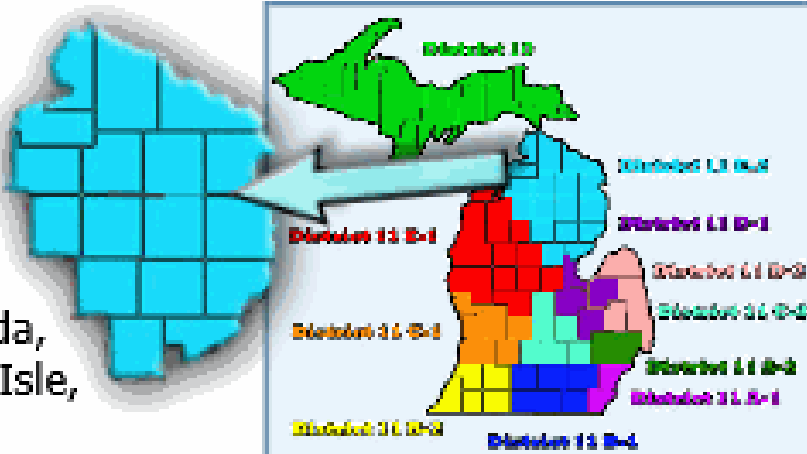
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Lions Of Michigan Multiple District 11-E2 Counties

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

October Message

Hello District 11-E2 Lions,

Fall is in the air and the rain has stopped, for awhile anyway. I hope you had a chance to enjoy the colors.

Some Lions Clubs are struggling to replenish their Admin account. Here are a few ideas for you. Although their main objective is to create a fun club atmosphere, your tail-twister can earn money for the Admin account. In good nature, he can fine members, but not beyond the amount set by your Board of Directors. Possible fines could be for not wearing a Lions shirt or badge, not addressing members as Lion (first name), talking on the phone during the meeting, or arriving late to the meeting. There are many fun possibilities. Use your creativity!

To help with the Admin funds, your club could bring in slightly used items, and raffle them off at your meetings. These could include gift basket items, such as bottles of wine you don't prefer, candy, jewelry, etc. Or you could have each member bring in returnable cans and cash them in. You'd be surprised at how they add up.

Here is a tidbit about how the term tail-twister originated. It originated from Melvin Jones, the founder of the Lions in 1917. One fellow, who had been born on a farm, said that when a cow refused to go through the gate, someone would grab her by the tail and twist. They all laughed and adopted the name. It has stayed with us through the years.



We Serve



President's Message Changing the World with International President Dr. Patti Hill

Dear Lion,

You are making such a big difference in people's lives every single day. Now imagine how much more your club could accomplish if everyone in your community knew of all the good they could do as part of your club.

Let's show our pride in our clubs by shining a light on our service every day. We are the global leader in humanitarian service, and we need to make sure that our communities know how we serve and how they can participate. Let's use great marketing and communication to show our communities that we are changing lives—and that they can change the world with us by becoming Lions and Leos.

Yours in service,

Dr. Patti Hill
International President

**Dear Lions Club Officer,**

Effective clubs provide meaningful service, maintain a strong and active membership and continually develop new leaders. The tools below focus on these elements to help your club function effectively while meeting the needs of your community and your members.

- [Your Club, Your Way!](#) – This guide will help you customize your club meetings to better suit the needs and lifestyles of your club members. It includes a simple, fun exercise to help determine which elements of your meeting to keep and what to change as well as a process for phasing in change.
- [Plan for Your Club's Success \(Global Membership Approach\) Webpage](#) – This webpage has been designed to assist clubs in attracting new members, overcoming challenges and developing new goals and strategies. Clubs can use the [planning guide](#) and [PowerPoint](#) to discover their strengths, ways to improve and new opportunities that will help them grow and thrive! Planning forms help develop a vision, assess your club's needs and organize your plan for a successful implementation.
- Take time to review the [Club Excellence Award](#) – The Club Excellence Award serves as the club's roadmap to excellence, focusing on the key elements of a quality club: membership, service, organizational excellence and marketing. This award is more than an award...it is proof that a Lions club is strong! Review the criteria that is outlined in the [2023-2024 award application](#) and see how your club can strive for excellence. If you have any questions about the Club Excellence Award, please contact us by email at clubexcellenceaward@lionsclubs.org or by phone at (630) 468-6828.

To learn more about these resources and more, visit the [Improving Club Quality webpage](#). If you are interested in receiving a copy of the Your Club, Your Way! and Plan for Your Club's Success guides, please email us at clubofficers@lionsclubs.org.

Finally, hosting a Peace Poster contest gives youth in your area the opportunity to share their visions of peace and inspire the world through their art. Help foster creativity and order your kit before the October 1 deadline.

If you have any questions or inquiries, please contact us by email at clubofficers@lionsclubs.org or by phone at 630-468-7084.

We look forward to supporting your club this year!

Sincerely,

Your District & Club Administration Division Team



Lions International

Dear Lions Club Officer,

As the first quarter of this Lion year comes to an end, you are in a unique position to empower your Lions club and guide it to success during your term.

Help grow your membership with **MISSION 1.5**. It is a dedicated effort to reach 1.5 million members by July 1, 2027. Every Lion has an important part to play in reaching this goal. Together, we can grow Lions clubs to extraordinary new heights, serving an untold number of people in need. Our Global Membership Approach is designed to revitalize existing clubs, charter new ones and inspire all Lions through fellowship and exciting service. Lions International has many resources to help you reach your **MISSION 1.5** goals. To learn more and download available resources, [visit the MISSION 1.5 webpage](#).

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- Financial Reporting
- Reimbursement Procedures
- Bank Account Management
- Conducting Audits/Reviews
- And much more!

This helpful resource was designed to provide you with general best practices, but it's a good idea to consult with an accounting professional to ensure that your club is compliant with local regulations and that it is engaging in appropriate business practices.

If you are a Facebook user, visit us at [Improving Lions Club Quality](#) where you will find helpful information from Lions around the world. You can post questions, comments, stories and share new ideas to help improve your club.

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

Thank you for your service!

Sincerely,

Your District and Club Administration Support Team



A message from:

Patricia Vannett

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



MISSION 1.5

Dear Lion Leader,

Do you hear the buzz? Do you feel it? Do you sense the Lions' spirit awakening peoples' hearts in a new way, creating more opportunities to serve? Have you noticed new Lions among us? Are you aware of all the people finding their place to serve and grow?

Our **MISSION 1.5** train has left the station by adding 7,555 members. Our growth so far is plus 814. Toot, Toot! But some tough curves and high mountains are approaching as we typically experience dropped members in November and December. Let's make sure to hold on tight, by ensuring our members are satisfied with their service opportunity. This will help your club grow through these tight curves and steep mountains. All Lions jump aboard the train to success!!

Eighteen new clubs have been added with 13 pending. Toot, Toot! Will you get on board and bring valuable service back to those communities where Lions are no longer present?

We need to pick up speed if we are to reach our **MISSION 1.5** targets in CA1. Will you hop on board the MISSION 1.5 train and Just Ask a friend, family member or colleague to join us in service? Will you help new, young and diverse members serve in the way that's best for them so that the important needs of our communities are met? Let's Join Together with other organizations to build our membership stronger than ever before.

Like the Johnny Cash song says "I hear the train a-comin', It's rollin' 'round the bend." Hop on board and enjoy the ride!

Challenge Accepted!

Lion Pat Vannett
Past International Director
Global Action Team
Constitutional Area Leader, CA1





THE LOUISVILLE PACESETTER

Louisville 2024
SEPTEMBER 5-7, 2024

*The Latest News & Information for the 2024
USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum*

OCTOBER 2023

SAVE THE DATE TO SET THE PACE

STEVE SHERER, GENERAL CHAIRPERSON

I am truly honored to be General Chair for the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum to be held in Louisville, Kentucky, September 5-7, 2024. We are off to a great start due to the foundation that was set in Reno, Nevada, last month.

Thank you to our General Chair Lion Jama Wahl, Host Committee Chair Linda Wagner-Griffin, and their committees for a great Forum in Reno. There were outstanding seminars and dynamic speakers. Nearly all who attended had a great time. The fellowship and exchanging of ideas that takes place at the Forum are the greatest reasons for attending, and Reno was no exception.

We have put together a great committee and there is no time to rest. We have made our initial trip to Louisville and the planning has already begun to put on a quality event next September. The Kentucky International Convention Center (KICC) is a great facility and will house all the Forum events, except for the delegation breakfasts. The education team is already putting together the list of seminars to be presented. We have great speakers and events planned and will outline them in future newsletters.

The headquarters hotel is the Galt House, which

is the only hotel with a river view in Louisville. It is within walking distance of the convention center, and you can use the enclosed walkway on the second floor. The only street to cross is to enter the KICC. In fact, all five hotels under contract for the event are within walking distance and shuttle transportation should not be necessary.

Please keep up to date on all info about the Forum at our website www.lionsforum.org. Registration is also now open on the website.

We promise to put on an outstanding Forum and look forward to your being in Louisville next September, where we, like the racehorses at Churchill Downs, will SET THE PACE to leadership and service.



Future Host Cities

2024 Louisville, Kentucky

2025 Atlantic City, New Jersey

2026 Memphis, Tennessee

2027 Huntsville, Alabama



PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS AVAILABLE TO HELP SPREAD THE WORD FOR LOUISVILLE

DEBBIE DOTY, MARKETING CHAIRPERSON

The Forum would not happen if Lions were not aware of this fabulous event. You can help us spread the word of the fun, fellowship and education that happen at the Forum by building a display board and/or downloading copies of the Forum brochure to share at your club meetings, district conventions, Council of Governors meetings, Zone meetings and multiple district events in your area.

The Marketing Team has developed two different types of display boards for download on the Forum website. One can be printed on 24" wide paper at a local printer and attached to a 48" x 36" display board. The other is designed to print

on letter-size paper from your home printer or business copier and attached to a display board.

We've also uploaded a letter-size flyer that can be printed and shared with your local Lions, as well as the legal-sized version of the official Louisville Forum brochure.

Another way you can help spread the word is to like our social media sites. The Lions Forum has established accounts on Facebook, Instagram, and X (formerly Twitter). We've also added this year a YouTube channel and a TikTok account. If you are on any of these social media outlets, please find us, like us, and share with your friends and fellow Lions.

4 INSPIRATIONAL SPEAKERS
during meals



THURSDAY EVENING LUNcheon
LEE GALT has nearly three decades of experience in the insurance industry and is a past president of the Louisville Lions Club. He is a past president of the Louisville Lions Club and a past president of the Louisville Lions Club.



FRIDAY LUNCHEON
DAVID HARRIS is a past president of the Louisville Lions Club and a past president of the Louisville Lions Club. He is a past president of the Louisville Lions Club and a past president of the Louisville Lions Club.



LATE AFTER LUNCHEON
DAVID HARRIS is a past president of the Louisville Lions Club and a past president of the Louisville Lions Club. He is a past president of the Louisville Lions Club and a past president of the Louisville Lions Club.



SATURDAY EVENING
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Setting the Pace



Louisville 2024
SEPTEMBER 5-7, 2024



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SEPT. 5-7, 2024
Louisville, Kentucky



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ENDS APRIL 30, 2024

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Lions of Michigan
District 11 E-2
Cabinet Meeting Minutes, October 14, 2023

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

Cabinet Members Absent ZC Timmers

Lion in Attendance- PDG Bob Gingerich, PDG Don Seifried, Lions Jean Manning Linda Gocha Mark Lewis, Shelley Lewis, Bill Chase, Linda Chase, Elizabeth Chace, Brian Chace, CariaJean Gingerich and Nancy Weston, VIA Zoom- PDG Bev Bodem, Lions Dave Zimmer, Gary Stevens and Linda Harris

Guests- Duane Durlinger

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 AM by DG Murch. The invocation was offered by IVDG Gocha. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by 2VDG Leathers.

Secretary's Report - Minutes of the 8/19/23 cabinet meeting were presented by CST Durlinger. It was moved by IPDG Leathers, supported by IVDG Gocha that they be accepted as presented. Motion carried. There was no correspondence.

Treasurer's Report- The 2023-24 financial reports were presented, with a beginning balance in the admin account of \$33,282.00, income of \$10,112.71 and expenses of \$6,082.26, leaving an ending balance of \$37,312.45 as of 10/11/23. This consists of \$33,397.66 in admin and \$3,914.79 in convention funds. The projects account has a beginning balance of \$32,537.21, income of \$3,332.84 and expenses of \$1,388.38, leaving an ending balance of \$34,481.77 as of 10/9/23. It was moved by IVDG Gocha, supported by IPDG Leathers that the reports be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

Old Business- PDG Gingerich did not have a final convention report. He will have it for the next meeting.

New Business- State All State Band Chair Tom Macnaughton gave us a presentation on the Band. The trip this year is to Australia, and will cost \$6,299. The students, in addition to marching in the International Parade and performing concerts at nursing homes, orphanages, etc, will be touring the Koala Conservation Center will have a penguin experience, go on the Great Ocean Road Tour and other activities while in Australia. On the way home, they will break the long plane trip with a stop in California where they will perform more concerts and have a trip to Disneyland. The cost of the trip includes transportation, meals, housing and tickets for all planned events. Additional funds will only be required for souvenirs, etc, on the trip. Materials are being sent out to state band directors, but please contact them now and give them the website for more information - lionsmiband.org. The audition deadline is 12/15. Details are on the website about ways to audition. Band members also become Leos, which is a great way to incorporate them into your club when they are old enough. The district will provide financial assistance (in the past it has been \$500/student), and clubs are encouraged to support all district students, which will reduce the financial commitment of the parents. There was a discussion on the lack of communication last year which may have led to one of our students dropping out. Chair Macnaughton will work with the DG's and the ADB board to attempt to get information to us on student accounts so we can be sure no one drops out due to lack of funds. Please contact your local band director ASAP to try and get your local students involved in this great program.

GLT Report - GLT Zeller turned in a written report. He added that we need club presidents to identify members in their club who might be interested in leadership positions.



GST Report- GST Leathers showed short videos about “Hope to Walk”, “Sleep in Heavenly Peace”, and “Kids Coalition against Hunger.” “Hope to Walk” is a statewide project this year. The district has made a contribution, as well as at least three clubs and several individuals. If your club or you personally would like to support this, please send your check to CST Durflinger made out to the district. “Sleep in Heavenly Peace” will be supported by making No-Sew blankets at the Michigan Forum on Feb. 23, 2024. “Kids Coalition against Hunger” will be supported by a food packing project at the state convention on 5/16/24. More details are in her written report.

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: **Bear Lake Camp-** PDG Zeller, **Constitution and By-Laws-** PDG Zeller, **District Editor-** Lion Dave Zimmer, **District Melvin Jones-** 2VDG Leathers, **District Peace Poster-** Lion Jean Manning, **Environmental-** PDG Bodem, **Eversight-** Lion Bethany Hedgepath, **Hunger-** Lion BJ Sander, **International Convention-** 1VDG Gocha, **LCIF-** PDG Durflinger, **Leader Dog-** Lion Julie Haase, **Leo Clubs-** Lion Scott Govitz, **Lions of Michigan Foundation-** IPDG Leathers, **Michigan Forum-** IPDG Leathers, **Pediatric Cancer-** Lion Gary Stevens, **Project KidSight-** Lion Nate Slezak and Lion Linda Harris, **USA/Canada Forum-** PDG Zeller. The following was added to the written reports- Lion Jean Manning reminded clubs participating in the Peace Poster contest she needs their winning poster by 11/9. Judging will be held on 11/10 at Patchwood Plaza in Hillman at 2 PM. Everyone is welcome to come and vote on the district’s winning poster.

Oral Reports- **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 will reduce the expense and time commitment of attendees and hopefully increase attendance. **MD-11 Convention-** PDG Gingerich reported that the state convention will be in Grand Rapids at the Sheraton on 5/16-18, 2024. The rooms will be \$109. The International guest will be PIP Justice Brian Stevenson of Canada.

Audience Comments- PDG Durflinger reported that the statewide LCIF challenge this year will be to have the largest percentage of individual donors to LCIF. The prize for the district with the highest individual contribution % will be a Melvin Jones Fellowship to be awarded by the district. If you want to contribute to LCIF, contact PDG Durflinger at lionbarb@comdac.com, and she will let you know how. You may donate on the LCIF website as well.

VDG Comments- 2VDG Leathers commented that she is excited to see so many people at the meeting. She believes the next few years will be an exciting time. 1VDG Gocha commented that if you wish to attend the International Convention in Melbourne, register now to save money. You will need both a visa and a passport.

DG Comments- DG Murch reported that the new Lions portal will be available probably in January. He thinks a district-wide new member orientation is something we need to look at. He also commented that we will most likely have a state dues increase this year. The amount is yet to be determined. The next cabinet meeting (12/8) will feature a presentation on Lions Quest. He reported that the state has a contest for the club with the highest % increase in membership, the district with the highest increase in membership, and the club or district with the most creative project for increasing membership. He is working on the establishment of a new club (or clubs) this year. Target areas include Tawas, Gaylord and Kalkaska.

With no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30. The next meeting will be on December 18 via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,
PDG Barb Durflinger, Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer



Cabinet Meeting Report

October 14 2023

Bear Lake Camp See

Separate report GLT

Leadership Institute Nove 3 - 6, great amount of learning, highly recommended clubs send their President or other officer. Lions of Michigan Forum, Feb 23rd - 24th in Grand Blanc, this is another opportunity for training, actual training date is the 24th. Lots of training exercises on the LCI website, take advantage of what LCI has to offer

Constitution and Bylaws

No new changes since last report

USA/Canada Forum

Future Forums 2024 Louisville KY Sept 5 - 7, 2025 Atlantic City, NJ Sept 18- 20.

Respectfully Submitted

PDG Dave Zeller

District 11-E2 Newsletter Editor Report: October 14, 2023 Cabinet Meeting

Lion Barb:

Clubs sharing information for September through October issues are shown in the table below.

*Club newsletter submissions for September – October: **7 Clubs - 27%***

<u>Name</u>	<u>Months Participated</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Months Participated</u>
➤ Alpena	1	➤ East Jordan	2
➤ Boyne Valley	2	➤ Lewiston Lioness Lions	1
➤ Central Lake	1	➤ Oscoda	2
➤ Cheboygan	1	➤	

There were 24 club pictures in the October issue of the Newsletter, a record number since I came on board. Seven clubs submitted the pictures, the regular active clubs that usually participate in spreading the word that Lions are Serving. Both Alpena and Oscoda had 5 pictures. Two things that I'd like to see submissions do each time is to include the date of the club event, and the names of all the Lions and other people shown. Volunteers who work the events deserve to be known for donating their time and efforts. Most do date their events and name their Lions, but when these are not included it leave the readers wondering when and/or who the pictured people are.

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



GST Report 10-14-23

Kindness Matters Service Award

Congratulations to East Jordan Lions Club for winning the District and the Multiple District Award! Their service project will be forwarded on to Lions Club International, and the winners at the international level will be notified in January.

Start planning a service project for your club now to nominate for next year's award.

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/kindness-matters-service-award>

MD-11 Service projects

- Hope to Walk Prosthetics project - The district has pledged \$250 which will provide one prosthetic. East Jordan Lions Club and Charlevoix Lions Club also have donated \$250 each. If your club would like to donate please mail your donation payable to Lions District 11-E2 to Barb Durlinger, Please be sure to mail your donation to the district instead of donating directly. For more information go to hopetowalk.org where there are links to inspirational and informative videos
- No Sew blankets at Forum Feb 23-24, 2024 in Grand Blanc - The twin size blanket kits will be purchased by the Multiple District. The service project will take place on Friday evening before the Forum on Saturday. Tables will be set up so groups can work together assembling the blankets for Sleep in Heavenly Peace. Since there are no Sleep in Heavenly Peace locations in our district we can donate our share to other organizations. Please let me know if there is an organization that you would like to see them donated to.
- Food packaging at MD-11 convention May 16-18 in Grand Rapids. The Multiple District will be purchasing the food to be packaged and then donated to Kids Coalition Against Hunger.

ES
Hillman
Charlevoix

Service reporting

The new service reporting platform is currently slated to roll out in January. Training will be available as needed. Continue reporting on the current Mylion, or send me the information and I will report it for you.

Marie Leathers

11-E2 Service Chair

Peace Poster Update

We have ten clubs within our District that are participating in the Peace Poster Contest of 2023- 2024! The theme is, "Dare To Dream".

The participating clubs will need to choose the winning poster from their club, attach the completed "Winner Sticker" to the back (the sticker is in the Poster Packet), and then submit the winning poster to me (Jean Manning) by November 7. Either mail the poster to me in a mailing tube (purchased at the Post Office), or make arrangements to meet me at a half-way point to pick it up from you. My mailing address is: Jean Manning, 22661 W. County Road 459, Hillman, MI 49746.

The winning entries from each club within our District will be judged on Friday, November 10 at 2:00 pm, at Patchwood Plaza, 14797 State Street, Hillman. All are welcome to come and judge!

Jean Manning 989-808-4476



Lions Bear Lake Camp Update/Report

September 2023

The last update was back in August and the summer camps were finishing up. August was a busy month; we had over 400 campers attend 2 new partnerships. One was Sandcastles/Henry Ford Hospital grievance counseling camp and the other was PBJ Foster Kid Camp. Both camps went so well both are already booked for next year.

The fall season rentals are in full swing. Every weekend is booked except for Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's.

New this year was a weekend for all the Lions around Michigan. It was held August 25-26. Twenty-five Lions attended: 5 from C2, 1 from A2, 1 from B2 and 18 from A1. Great job A1!!!

We received new radios (walkie talkies) and they are working great. Bedford Twp. Lions paid for the repeater for the radios, so we have an even further range.

We received grant money to add heat and AC, new LED lighting, and ceiling installation for the Nature center. This will be a winter project and we will need help to install all this new stuff. So look for something in the near future for installation dates.

We had a successful golf outing this year; thanks to all the clubs that sponsored in many different ways. Thanks to the 2023/2024 COG for giving money out of their own pockets to become hole sponsors.

Again this year we had a good turnout for the Jimmy John's Baseball game fundraiser.





Continued

We have no results as of now regarding the Mike Kurdy's 100 mile walk fundraiser.

Upcoming fun for the month of October includes the Ultra Marathon and the Beer and Wine tasting.

Then way ahead on February 10 we will have the Polar Plunge at the camp.

Please go to the camp website for all the fundraiser flyers.

Fundraiser sponsorships and camper scholarships are always welcome.

As stated many times, the Lions Bear Lake Camp is a state project and we need all Michigan Lions to support this awesome camp. There is not any camp like this in the state with all the programs we provide for the kids in Michigan. So when your club does their budget this year, please put some money aside for this special dream that Big Al had for the kids of Michigan. Kids from all over the state are welcome.

Thank you for what you do in the name of Lionism.

Lion Jack Patton,

State Committee Chairman

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Leo Club Advisor,
Beaverton
989-429-9502



Melvin Jones Report 10-14-23

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 have been 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

Hello Everyone,

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BJ Sander

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ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE REPORT for DISTRICT 11 E-2 October 14, 2023

Change of seasons is in the air. I tried to think of a different type of concern for our environment. I'm not sure how many of you have pets such as dogs or cats. One doesn't think about environmental issues with a favorite dog or cat. However, they can impact our immediate surroundings whether we live in a city or in the country.

I'm reminded of the last two fall, winter and spring seasons in our town. Our community seems to be overrun with stray or feral cats throughout the year and winter is not kind to our felines. We enjoy our indoor cats. We also enjoy communicating with our outdoor strays that come to our house to enjoy a meal or two and during the extremely cold weather they try to follow us inside. There are programs called "catch and release" that require someone to catch the felines in a cage, take them to get "fixed" and a shot or two. They are then released back to the area where they were found. This still doesn't take care of controlling our outdoor cat population.

The other animal is the canine or dog population. We often see stray or lost dogs around town. However, my biggest concern with dogs and their owners, especially if the owner does not pick up after they use the sidewalk or area between the curb and the sidewalk to relieve themselves. When the owner of a dog lets the dog defecate where we walk and doesn't carry "poopy" bags to clean up after our pets, we have a problem. Last winter a certain area of our neighborhood was filled with piles of feces in the snow, on a snowy/icy sidewalk or even a sidewalk without snow, depending on which homeowner shovels the snow. Evidence of someone stepping in the waste did not create a particularly good picture. I consider animal waste on city sidewalks or streets to be a negative contribution to our environment and poor actions by those who walk their pets daily. Animal owners, please take care of your pets properly. I've often thought about bringing this issue before City Council, but I'd probably be laughed right out of the meeting. We have more important political issues for our leaders to put their energies into and other problems that affect all of us in our daily lives.

Since I didn't get all of the information on a specific environmental issue in time for this Cabinet Meeting, I thought I'd keep things light or humorous level today.

TRICK OR TREAT! Have a Happy Halloween!

Beverly Bodem
Environmental Committee
District 11 E-2

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Eversight News

Here is the link to purchase tickets for the Red Wings fundraiser:

<https://give.eversightvision.org/event/detroit-red-wings-game-supporting-eversight/e504066>

Eversight will be a featured charity at the Red Wings game on Saturday, November 11th. We will have an informational booth on the concourse and a cornea recipient will be riding the Zamboni during the ice clearing. Tickets are on sale until October 26th.

Eversight held our annual Lion Leadership Training on October 5th. The recording of the program and the PowerPoint presentation will be sent out to all invitees this coming week. Thank you to all who spoke during the program and to those who attended!

Updated fellowship numbers for each cub will be sent out once we have tied out our third quarter.

As always, If any Lions in your district are interested in touring Eversight, please have them reach out to Amanda Frederick at Eversight.

District donors and recipients attached.

2023 MI RECIPIENTS BY LIONS DISTRICT

11-E2	Total	31
Arenac	3	
Emmet	2	
Iosco	6	
Otsego	1	
Roscommon	3	
Alcona	2	
Alpena	1	
Antrim	3	
Charlevoix	4	
Cheboygan	1	
Gladwin	2	
Kalkaska	1	
Montmorency	1	
Ogemaw	1	

2023 MI DONORS BY LIONS DISTRICT

District	County	Donors
11-E2	Total	46
	Alcona	1
	Alpena	5
	Arenac	2
	Cheboygan	1
	Crawford	3
	Emmet	16
	Gladwin	5
	Iosco	4
	Kalkaska	1
	Ogemaw	3
	Otsego	5

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Date: Wednesday, October 4, 2023 7:16 PM
To: "comdac@comdac.com" <barb@comdac.com>
Subject: International Convention Report

Here is my International Convention Report:

The International convention is in Melbourne Australia, June 21-25, 2024. This is our 106th Annual convention. Melbourne is known as the cultural capital of Australia. There will be exciting speakers such as International President Dr. Patti Hill, LCIF Chairperson Brian Sheehan and First Vice President Fabricio Oliveira. Registrations are now being taken. Go to Convention@lionsclubs.org to register. It is \$190 through January 12th and \$265 after that. We will celebrate service with our fellow Lions and Leos!

FVDG Dennis Gocha

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Leader Dogs for the Blind October 2023 Report

October is Blindness Awareness Month in the United States which was created to help people understand the realities of living without sight. According to the Centers for Disease Control, 6 million Americans have vision loss and 1 million are blind. More than 1.6 million Americans with blindness or vision loss today are under the age of 40.

The National Eye Institute expects the number of people who are blind to double by 2050. Some common causes of vision loss include cataracts, macular degeneration, glaucoma, and diabetic retinopathy.

Last year, District 11-E2 had 100% participation from clubs donating to Leader Dogs. Thank you! In honor of Blindness Awareness Month, please make a gift to Leader Dogs.

Lion Julie Haase
Leader Dogs for the Blind Chair

Here is one of many opportunities to support Leader Dogs!

From their wet little noses to their tiny, furry paws, cuteness abounds with these five Future Leader Dogs! However, there's more to these canines than just their lovable traits. Right now, puppies Brandy, Juno, Mali, Raider and Toffee are learning from their volunteer puppy raisers, gaining the skills they'll need to become a life-changing guide dog one day.

But as a 100% donor-funded organization, we can't train and match our canine heroes with their human partners who are blind or visually impaired without you. With your \$500 donation, you can symbolically sponsor one of these puppies today. Your gift can aid in the growth, training, and matching of incredible puppies like these and every dog who graduates from Leader Dog.

BrandyJunoMaliRaiderToffee

Your symbolic sponsorship includes: a 5x7 photograph of your sponsored Future Leader Dog suitable for framing, four wallet-size photos to share, a profile of your Future Leader Dog, an official sponsorship certificate and a matching plush puppy!

Whether you sponsor a puppy yourself or give a sponsorship as a gift, you make an impact by supporting all the steps Future Leader Dogs like these need toward becoming graduated and matched guide dogs. Choose your favorite puppy and sponsor them today. Your gift truly makes people unstoppable!



LCIF Report- 10-14-23

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. This year so far we have contributed \$4,240, which came from 9 clubs and 4 individuals, so a good start.

We have \$4200 available for a Community Impact Grant/grants this year. All clubs were sent the application form and a list of possible projects earlier this year. If your club wishes to apply for some or all of the grant money available to us, the applications need to be in to me or DG Murch by 12/31. Club requests received will be reviewed by the cabinet and a project or projects will be selected to apply for the available funds. Community Impact Grant funds come from district contributions to LCIF. We are allocated 15% of our contributed funds each year when our cumulative funds exceed \$10,000.

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. LCIF is stressing individual donations this year, and there is a statewide goal to increase our individual contributions. Last year our district individual donations totaled \$2,810, so our goal this year is \$2,950. So far this year, individuals in our district have contributed \$440. Individual contributions count toward Melvin Jones Fellowships, and are counted in the total contributions from the district, which increase our available Community Impact Grant Funds. There is an attached flier on ways you can give to YOUR Foundation.

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



October 14, 2023 Lions of Michigan Foundation Report

1. Just a reminder the foundation is here to help us serve our communities. We were just able to get a \$300 emergency individual assistance grant for a veteran in our district to purchase a washing machine. If you have a veteran in your community needing assistance please contact us. It is possible to receive a grant up to \$2500. It is also possible for anyone who is in need to get help with medical expenses up to \$2500. You can get eye glasses and hearing aids and much more feel free to contact us. The info will be at the bottom of the report.
2. How does the foundation support these grants? It is supported through your club and individual donation and supporting their fundraisers. One of the best fundraisers is the Sight and Hearing raffle tickets. It's a win-win for both the foundation and your club. The tickets and info will be out hopefully at the beginning of November. Tickets are \$10 and it is possible for your club to make \$5.50 on each ticket sold depending on the amount of tickets your club sells. More info to follow.
3. Don't forget the Lions of Michigan Foundation 2024 Group Cruise. See attached flier. The deadline to register is October 31st. Final Payment due Nov 20th.

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LIONS OF MICHIGAN FOUNDATION—2024 GROUP CRUISE
ROYAL CARIBBEAN - NAVIGATOR OF THE SEAS
7-Night Cruise: February 2 - February 9, 2024
ROUNDTRIP - LOS ANGELES, CA
Cabo San Lucas, Mazatlan and Puerto Vallarta, Mexico

PRICING: 2 PEOPLE - \$50 ONBOARD CREDIT PER ROOM

4V - Interior Stateroom: \$1,240.00 + \$268.68 Taxes/Fees + \$224.00 Gratuity

Stateroom Size: 150 square feet - occupancy up to 4 guests

4N - Ocean View Stateroom: \$1,690.00 + \$268.68 Taxes/Fees + \$224.00 Gratuity

Size Stateroom: 160 square feet - occupancy up to 4 guests

2D - Balcony Stateroom: \$2,418.00 + \$268.68 Taxes/Fees + \$224.00 Gratuity

Stateroom size: 185 square feet + 50 square feet balcony - occupancy up to 4 guests



☐ I would like an Interior Stateroom for _____ Adults and _____ Children (Age 12 or under).

☐ I would like an Oceanview Stateroom for _____ Adults and _____ Children (Age 12 or under).

☐ I would like a Balcony Stateroom for _____ Adults and _____ Children (Age 12 or Under).

Stateroom Deposit - \$250 Per Person: _____ Check _____ Credit/Debit Card _____ Pay Pal (info@lmsf.net)

Credit/Debit Card Number: _____ - _____ - _____ - _____

Expiration Date: _____ CVV Code: _____ Zip Code: _____

Signature: _____

Legal Names: _____ - Birth Date: _____

_____ - Birth Date: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City/State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

5730 Executive Drive - Lansing, Michigan 48911 - 517-887-6640 - 517-887-6642 (Fax) - info@lmsf.net



Lions of Michigan Forum Report save the date.

Date: February 23-24, 2024

Location: Gateway Hotel & Convention Center, Grand Blanc

Room Rate: \$109

Keynote Speaker: Lion Carl Webster

Topic: An Autopsy of a Deceased Lion Club

There will be 16 Breakout sessions to be finalized at the next forum meeting Info will be coming.

Friday night Service Project: See GST Report

Go to lionsofmi.com for updates as they come available

Michigan Forum Committee chair, PDG Rod

Childhood Cancer Report- 10/14/23

Recent Activity- A \$500 check that the Alpena Lions Club received from the district was presented to the family of the pediatric cancer patient in Alpena by Lion Lew Kunze. I work with the cancer support group Friends Together which is headquartered in Alpena. Friends Together has satellite support groups in Tawas and Roger City and is working to develop a group in Hillman. Counties covered by this group include Alpena, Presque Isle, Iosco, Alcona and Montmorency. They let me know of pediatric cancer families in our area when possible. The last report I received indicated 4 children in the district that included 2 in Alpena, 1 in Presque Isle and 1 in Montmorency. The three most common types of cancer diagnosed in children ages 0 - 14 years are leukemias, brain or other central nervous system (CNS) tumors, and lymphomas. Childhood cancer often causes financial difficulties for families due to the fact that one parent has to quit their job to care for the child. This can be devastating for children in a single parent home.

Please let me know if families in your service area could use district assistance with the difficulties that occur when their child is ill.

Gary Stevens, Chair

gstevens.gs@gmail.com



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From: "Linda Harris" <lindish72@hotmail.com>
Date: Sunday, October 8, 2023 7:24 PM
To: "Barb Durflinger" <comdac@comdac.com>; "Linda Harris" <lindish72@hotmail.com>
Subject: KidSight Screening Report for 10-14-2023

11E-2 District KidSight has screened **202** children since the beginning of the July 2023.

202 Screened
185 Passed
16 Referrals
1 Unreadable

Upcoming Screenings :

10-14-2023 Alpena Antique Tractor
10-21-2023 Central Lake
10-25-2023 Boyne Valley School Screening

Please consider scheduling a screening to get your club and members involved in this wonderful program.

School Screenings are the perfect place to start.

Please contact Dr. Nate Slezak at Bignate34@gmail .com **OR**

Linda Harris at Lindish72@hotmail.com 989-225-1396

Please call with any questions to have.

Sincerely,
Linda Harris
KidSight Co-Coordinator
989-225-1396

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2024 Lions Clubs of Michigan Scholarship for the Visually Impaired

Four \$3,000 scholarships to be awarded

Please mail completed scholarship application to:

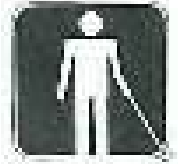
The Lions of Michigan State Office

Attn: Scholarship Committee
5730 Executive Drive, Lansing, MI 48911
www.lionsofmi.com

Phone: (517) 887-6640

Fax: (517) 887-6642

email: lions@lionsofmi.com



Scholarship Criteria:

1. Must be legally blind and provide verification (letter from optometrist or ophthalmologist or letter from vocational counselor).
2. Applicants must be a resident of the State of Michigan and a United States Citizen (International students must provide proof of citizenship) and either attending or accepted by an accredited trade or business school, college or university.
3. Applicants must complete the official scholarship application (both sides).
4. Must submit two letters of recommendation.
5. Must submit an essay outlining why you need the scholarship.
6. Must have a minimum GPA of 2.5 (transcript required).
7. Completed scholarship applications must be postmarked NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 15th annually.
8. Must attend the Lions of Michigan Forum to accept scholarship during a ceremonial presentation.
(Actual check(s) will be issued to the school/university/equipment manufacturer upon submission of documentation. Two weeks notice required).

Scholarship Selection Process:

1. Lions of Michigan Scholarship Committee will review all applications during January.
2. This scholarship will be awarded in February annually at the Michigan Forum.

Name				Phone	()
Address					
City		State		Zip	
Email Address					
Date of Birth		* Degree of visual acuity			
* Legally blind is defined as best corrected vision in both eyes of 20/200 or less and/or visual fields of less than 20 degrees.					
How did you hear about the scholarship?					



DISTRICT NEWS

Golf Hole In One Worth a Rousing Lion Roar for Jean!

Lion Jean Manning of Hillman Lions Club scored a Hole In One on October 2, 2023 at White Pine National Golf Course in Hubbard Lake!

Few ever achieve this awesome mark. Congratulations!



Hillman Area Chamber of Commerce Honors Hillman Lion's Club



2023 Community Service Organization of the Year: Hillman Lion's Club



Calendar of Events

NOVEMBER 2023

Daylight Savings Ends — November 5, 2023

Election Day — November 7, 2023

Veterans Day — November 11, 2023

Thanksgiving — November 23, 2023

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



NONE REPORTED

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

New Members Reported — OCT/NOV 2023

Boyne Valley: ELISE FREED — Joined: 10/05/2023 — Sponsor: MICHAEL CAIN

MICHELLE MITCHUM — Joined: 10/25//2023 — Sponsor: JULIA TAYLOR

JAMES MITCHUM — Joined: 10/25//2023 — Sponsor: LAWRENCE TAYLOR

Central Lake: JANELL M CLAYTON - Joined: 10/12/2023 — Sponsor: DIANE LABEAU

KEVIN J CLAYTON — Joined: 10/12/2023 — Sponsor: ROBERT LABEAU

RANDALL W THOMAS SR — Joined: 10/12/2023 — Sponsor: RANDAL MILLER

East Jordan: KIM B BURZYCH — Joined: 10/01/2023 — Sponsor: DENNIS GOCHA

Lewiston Lioness: SUSAN COLE — Joined: 11/01/2023 — Sponsor: DEBORAH RUBENSTEIN

PAMELA GENTGES — Joined: 11/01/2023 — Sponsor: SUSAN SANDERSON

KAREN A GIBSON — Joined: 11/01/2023 — Sponsor: DEBORAH RUBENSTEIN

JODI RENE GORDON — Joined: 11/01/2023 — Sponsor: GRACE HUTCHENS

MARTI HELZER — Joined: 11/01/2023 — Sponsor: DEBORAH RUBENSTEIN

PAM NAGEL — Joined: 11/01/2023 — Sponsor: CARA LYNN PENDER

ELIZABETH RIVARD — Joined: 11/01/2023 — Sponsor: DEBORAH RUBENSTEIN

LINCOLN JASON W LOYER — Joined: 09/29/2023 — Sponsor: GEORGE LOYER

Total: 15 New Members



Alpena Lions

OCTOBER 2023

September:

Three new Alpena Lions were inducted into the organization on Tuesday September 12th.

Tim Gapske, Mike Vought and Priscilla Homola were welcomed at the weekly luncheon meeting. Priscilla holds a picture of her Father Orville, her inspiration and a long time Lion Member with the City of Huron, South Dakota.



The Alpena Lions Club held their second Kids Sight screening of 2023 on Saturday September 23rd. This event was part of Kids Day at the Alpena Farmers Market. A total of 84 screenings were performed and 4 referrals were made. Special thanks go out to Alpena Lion Steve Garant and volunteer Desiree Miller of Thunder Bay Eye Care. These two individuals performed the screenings and provided their expertise as Doctors of Optometry.

— Alpena Lions Mike Vought and Pat Rondeau greet and register participants



The Kid Sight screening is designed to identify treatable and preventable causes of vision loss in preschool children (ages 6 months to 5 years) The next Kids Sight screening will take place at Apple Pumpkin Fun Day being held at the Tractor Club on Saturday October 14th from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. The Alpena Lions have performed 131 screenings year to date and have made eight to ten referrals.

Lion Mascot (Bernie Lamp) Mike Vought and B.J. —Sanders greet the kids attending Kids Day



Continued



Alpena Lions

OCTOBER 2023

Continued

Alpena Annual Mint Sales

The Alpena Lions Club held their annual Mint Sales on September 21st and 22nd. The Alpena Lions greeted the public at Walmart and Perch's IGA. The fund raising effort was supported by 16 Alpena Lions members working a total of 48 service hours. Top collectors were Alpena Lions Bill Haase and District Governor Steve Murch. Lion Gary Stevens was recognized as an ironman for working three shifts, while Lion Tom Woizeschke organized and chaired the event.



Ken Dully at Walmart



Lew Kunze at Perch's IGA



Dave Zeller at Perch's IGA

Hospital Chaplain Shares Experiences with Alpena Lions (10/17/23):

The Alpena Lions club hosted Laura Hoffman, MyMichigan Hospital Chaplain, at the luncheon meeting held on October 17th. She entertained the group with humorous experiences and stories of her life journey. As Hospital Chaplain she sees spiritual care as inclusive care for patient, family and staff.

One of her primary goals is to establish a grief support group. The group is aptly named "Walk a Mile in My Shoes" and looks to provide a healing journey from any sort of loss. If you have experienced a recent loss; death, divorce, job loss, retirement, illness, recent relocation, empty nesters situation and are looking for a community to connect with on your journey feel free to join. Laura holds the group session every Tuesday from 4:00 - 5:00 pm at ACC in the Donald Newport Center Room 106. There is no fee for this group, no registration, for further information please contact Sonia or Laura at myshoesalpena@gmail.com.



The Alpena Lions meet weekly on Tuesdays at noon. For more information visit alpenalionsclub.com or Alpena Lions Club on Facebook.



Boyne Valley Lions

OCTOBER 2023

October 25 BV Lions Meeting notes

Michelle Mitchum and James Mitchum have attended 3 meetings before their induction today (10/25/2023). ———



The rain stopped and the Boyne Valley Lions Club cleaned up M75 October 28.

Central Lake Lions

OCTOBER 2023

The Central Lake Lions annual golf outing in memory of PDG Bill Stenback was a great success.

Photo: PDG Rod Leathers and Lion Sarah Leathers.





Lewiston Lioness Lions

OCTOBER 2023

The night was cold, the welcome warm, as members of the Lewiston Lioness Lions Club gathered for the much anticipated, deeply revered Induction Ceremony, Wednesday evening, November 1st. at the lovely Events at 612 venue. Arriving, members were greeted with embraces and kind greetings, clearly revealing the family feeling and close connection shared by all. In a day when some civic organizations and clubs are struggling with waning membership and lackluster participation, not this robust group. The impressive Induction Ceremony clearly confirmed this as seven new members joined this coalition of committed individuals, bonded in service and sharing the vision of a better world. The Lioness Lions mantra and mission is WE SERVE! Following the pledge of allegiance and a prayer—visible values distinguishing the group, a sumptuous catered meal was enjoyed, rivalling a family Thanksgiving feast. Conversation around every table was positive and affirming. Club President Deborah Rubenstein then directed the attention to honorably inducting and graciously welcoming the new members, flanked by their sponsors, whose promise to support them continues throughout the year. There is clearly a deep bond with the sponsor—one even representing a mother and her daughter. Assisted by Membership Director Nancy White, District Governor Steve Murch led in the induction and swearing in of the new members: Elizabeth Rivard, Pam Nagel, Marti Helzer, Jodi Gordon, Pam Gentges, Susan Cole and Karen Gibson. Each received a Lioness Lions pin, certificate of membership and bouquet of flowers. Each brings their gifts and graces to the group and will very soon, lend their effort and energy to the myriad of service projects ongoing in the group. Even during the evening meeting, when the holiday project of providing new winter hats for Lewiston moms through the community's Caring and Sharing initiative was presented, new members were seen passing checks to the Lioness overseeing the project. This is the light of the Lioness Lions, determined to brighten the community in which they live and serve.

(Writing and photo by Rik Cryderman)



(Photo identification, left to right: District Governor Steve Murch, Pam Gentges, Karen Gibson, Susan Cole, Pam Nagel, Jodi Gordon, Marti Helzer, Elizabeth Rivard, Club President Deborah Rubenstein)



Mackinaw City Lions

OCTOBER 2023

10/25/2023 Mackinaw City MI

What a nice morning for a ribbon cutting to celebrate the unveiling of our new community sign with our community! The sign is more than just a piece of technology but is a testament to businesses, local organizations, and community members working together for the betterment of Mackinaw City to enhance our means of communication for both residents and visitors.



Lions Dave Morthland, Chuck Brew, Angie Morthland and Bob Desy were on the sign committee that approached the city with the idea of the sign 3 years ago. They helped to raise awareness and funds for the project.

A huge thank you to the following contributors; Enbridge, TC Energy, Mackinaw City K-12 School Comets, Mackinaw City Lions Club, Mackinaw Area Historical Society, Mackinaw Womans Club, Mackinaw City Area Arts Council, Sam Staffan with Mackinaw Art & Sign, the community sign committee, and the Village of Mackinaw City.





Oscoda Lions

OCTOBER 2023

The District asked the Oscoda Lions if we would build a ramp in Standish for a lady needing chemotherapy for cancer. She was unable to get out of the house due to her health. The district said they would arrange to pay for the materials. We said yes and built the ramp today.

Lions Tony Priebe, Tony Boll, Bob Drogosch, and Chuck Andrina performed the work on the project. The project included a 6'x8' platform and a 30' long ramp. We started the work later than normal today due to the rainy weather. We picked up the materials here in town at 9:15 am, got to the site at 11:00 am, and left Standish at 4:15 pm. The family was very happy with the finished ramp. They look forward to the use of the ramp to get the lady of the house to her treatments.



WE SERVE!



Thank you so much for your service! The cost is being shared between the District and the Lions of Michigan Foundation. It's so wonderful being part of an organization that has these resources available to be able to serve our communities, even if they don't have a local Lions club.

Lion Marie Leathers
District 11-E2
Service Chair

NOV. 2, 2023: Oscoda Lions had a visit from Governor Steve Murch yesterday, He informed us about his goals and the need for growth in membership and new clubs, He helped celebrate Oscoda Lions 60th Anniversary. We would like to thank everyone who has made our club a success in serving the community of Oscoda Township.



Pres. John Novak, cake, Gov. Steve Murch



Gov. Steve



Gratitude – and A Dog

The month of November harbors a major holiday that gives us more than football - Thanksgiving. This holiday celebrates a feast that was appreciated by early colonials; but it can also remind us all that being thankful for what we have in life, what we appreciate, is a healthy and necessary part of life.

In researching this subject I came across many different ways to understand what gratitude is and means. Cicero, the Roman philosopher and statesman believed that "Gratitude is not only the greatest of virtues, but the parent of all others." A dictionary definition of Gratitude: The quality of being thankful; readiness to show appreciation for and to return kindness. Also, there are the 3 types of gratitude, the "4 A's" of gratitude, the 5 pillars of gratitude, and the 6 pillars of gratitude. It turns out that gratitude is both simple and complicated, which seems to be a common attribute of human thought. Let's just keep it somewhat simple and, well, be grateful that gratitude exists at all.

Gratitude involves being thankful, but it is more than that. Gratitude means expressing thankfulness and being appreciative of life daily even when nothing important, either good or bad, happens. Where thankfulness is an emotion, gratitude is an attitude of appreciation under any circumstance. Life on earth can be wonderful for some, and it can be horrible for some others. Gratitude helps people refocus on what they have instead of what they lack. It may be one of the few thoughts that sways some people not to commit suicide.

So take time this Thanksgiving holiday to allow gratitude into your thoughts, and appreciate what it means to be human, what an incredible miracle it is. Remember, we humans are all and always a work in progress.

Many of you may have heard or read about this dog in Bellaire, Michigan, that broke out of an animal shelter and went to a nursing home — 3 times. It was written up in local newspapers, statewide news, and carried nationally. It's an incredible story I think everyone should know, as what happened should have been impossible.

The dog, an unknown stray mutt, was brought to an animal shelter, where he was named "Scout" by the shelter staff. He acted as if he had been abused, fearful, and apparently he had been shot with BBs or birdshot by somebody as he had round pellets imbedded in his jowl. One night Scout escaped, climbing over a ten-foot chain fence and over a solid six-foot fence, crossed a busy highway, walked up to a nearby nursing home not too far down the road, entered the building when the automatic door opened, went into the lobby where he jumped up on a couch and curled up to sleep.

Scout was found there the next morning by a nurse, who called the nearby Antrim County Animal Control shelter - the shelter he had escaped from. He was taken back.

A few nights later, Scout again escaped and was found the next morning on the same nursing home couch. A call was made again, and Scout was taken back again. A couple nights later, the same thing happened again, for the third time. It finally dawned on everyone that Scout had decided that he wanted to make the nursing home his home.

The nursing home staff formally adopted him, and the nursing home's new pet really delighted the residents. As one staff person said, "Having a dog around makes it feel like home." Scout now has free rein to go anywhere he wants to any time. He wanders down the halls, visits residents when he wants. He learned how to open doors to get into their rooms by using his paw to pull down on the door handles. He knows which residents have dog biscuits in their walkers. He's taken on the job of protecting his people, going in and out of rooms checking to make sure they are alright. When a resident is dying, Scout will stay in the room with them until they pass. He senses when someone isn't feeling good and stays with them. As noted by a staff member, "He makes a good nursing house dog. He knows his job, and he's good at what he does."

While this story seems more like the fiction of a Disney happy-ending film, it is a true story that brings out a lot of questions. How did a stray dog know where to go to get to the nursing home? How does he know how to be a nursing home dog without being trained? He just seems to know things. Is he a rare genius dog? Have his combined breeds' DNA given him an understanding ability about humans that most dogs don't have? Can he feel gratitude for his new home? He seems to have intelligence dogs are incapable of — or, are they?

I've always been surprised by our dogs intelligence, how they connect to us by body language and doing things we didn't teach or train them to do. What is behind those puppy eyes? We've got a lot to learn.



PICTURES OF THE MONTH

Nature's Anomalies



October 7, 2023

While walking my dog along the Hiawatha road bike trail I caught this rainbow over Round Lake with a weirdly abrupt termination. No pot of gold at that rainbow's end.



October 24, 2023

Misty mystery at Round Lake. Again walking my dog on the bike path next to Round Lake, I saw this wispy fog strand begin to rise as if to go over the trees as it approached the shore. Probably warmer water or air lifted it above the water. A very strange but beautiful sight, with the calm water acting as a mirror.



October 31, 2023

This was the view that we saw getting up on the morning of October 31 - Halloween. While many areas didn't get much more than a dusting of snow, the Little Traverse Bay area got dumped on, some up to 5 inches I heard. Though there was a lot of snow, by sunset it had all melted away except for a few spots. Too early for winter weather yet, but Mother Nature seems to have used Halloween to pull a trick on us.



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- 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.

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Racism has no place in our world.

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

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