

JANUARY 2023

Notable Quotes: "One thing took deep root in me — the conviction that morality is the basis of things, and that truth is the substance of all morality." — *Mahatma Gandhi*

District Governor's Message



DG Steve Murch

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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

October Message

Happy 2024 to all! I hope everyone had a wonderful Holiday Season with family and friends. It is hard to believe the Holiday Season is over and 2024 is here.

Lions members have not forgotten those less fortunate than them, especially during the holiday season. Many clubs filled food shelves in local food pantries, had gift collections, and participated in parades for the community. And some clubs have been actively making a difference in the lives of those families needing some assistance to make their holidays special.

We are at the beginning of a new year, and its time to come up with ideas on how to improve in the year to come. You may want to brainstorm on those things that worked this last year and some that didn't. One small change can make a big difference!

Keep up the good work of continuing to serve your communities. I wish you all a happy and safe 2024.

Yours in service,
1VDG Dennis Gocha





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

Dear Lion,

Every day, we're changing lives for the better. With every life we change, we are Changing the World. The best part of our mission is that we're doing it together, as a global community of caring and dedicated Lions and Leos.

The greatest gift we can give is our care and our kindness, and our kindness means even more to people and families in need during the holiday season. You can make the holiday season brighter by planning a project to fight hunger in your community or make a gift to our global foundation, LCIF. Your contributions will make a profound difference in someone's life.

Yours in service,

Dr. Patti Hill

International President



Dear Club Secretary,

As we near the second half of the Lion year, it is important to review your club's roster and ensure that it is accurate by updating it as needed. Log onto [MyLCI](#) or your regional reporting system today and review your club roster to make the necessary updates. While reviewing and updating your roster is important, it is recommended that you log on monthly to keep your club's information up to date to ensure that the correct billing takes place.

By maintaining your club roster, you are protecting your club's good standing and making sure that it is not billed for members who are no longer active in your club. It also helps your members receive all the benefits of being a Lion. If you have any questions about accessing MyLCI, please contact us at mylci@lionsclubs.org or by phone at (630) 468-6900.

Finally, to guarantee all active members are receiving communication from Lions International, take time to review the email address of each member and make sure that no one is sharing an email and that they are unique to each member.

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.

Sincerely,

Your District & Club Administration Team

This message was sent to Club Secretaries.

Lions International





A message from:

Patricia Vannett

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



MISSION 1.5

Dear Lions,

Your leadership continues to inspire me.

The [New Voices](#) that you are bringing into your clubs are bringing new and exciting ideas. This new voice of service brings positive engagement for current and new members and is a definitive way for service and membership growth in all our clubs and districts.

Sometimes our role becomes that of mentor to assist those New Voices in making new and exciting service opportunities come to fruition. Lions' leadership never goes away. Let's be the positive voice for others to grow into their own voice and their full leadership potential.

Branching Out
Expanding your Lions Club presence

GAT WEBINAR | January 22, 2024 | 7:00-8:00 PM CST

One way to achieve the diverse membership goals of **MISSION 1.5** is the [Club Branch](#). This just might be the perfect place for a New Voice to grow in the Lions family. Once that smaller group of like-minded Lions grows, they, too, can form their own Lions club. This is a great steppingstone to club extension.

Join me for a fireside chat with guests Past International Director Jerome Thompson and Past District Governor Daniel Marney Elkins. We will explore the transformative potential and community impact possible through club branches. Learn how adding branches to existing clubs can support **MISSION 1.5** by extending your service reach within your community and fostering collaboration in neighboring areas. Come discover the strategic advantages of expansion—empowering diversity in both membership and service initiatives for a broader, more inclusive Lions club presence.

Register today

With LCIF Support, Lions Always Answer



Hello Lions, Leos and fellow humanitarians,

As we close 2023, I encourage you to reflect on everything you and your fellow Lions accomplished this year through your acts of service and generosity. Together with funding from our global foundation, Lions worldwide continued to create amazing impact in communities whenever and wherever we were needed. Congratulations on all that you have accomplished.

This month, we highlight a story about how LCIF grant funds helped Nepal rebuild after a devastating earthquake struck in 2015, just as new funding is helping the country recover after another quake struck last month.

As we enter a new year, please continue to be an ambassador for our global foundation and share with fellow Lions, Leos and others around the world how LCIF empowers our humanitarian service. Through LCIF, we can think bigger and implement projects that our individual clubs or districts couldn't do alone. Your [donations to LCIF](#) make this life-changing service possible.

Make a great day.

Brian E. Sheehan

Chairperson, Lions Clubs International Foundation



THE LOUISVILLE PACESETTER

Louisville 2024
SEPTEMBER 5-7, 2024

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

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2023

A MESSAGE FROM OUR GENERAL CHAIR - Steve Sherer



The Planning Never Stops

The planning never stops. We are continuing to plan things for the Forum in Louisville. The Forum Committee spent three days in October in Louisville putting together the initial plans for next September. We spent extensive time at the Kentucky International Convention Center making sure we were using the facility to the best benefit of the Forum attendees. We met with all the hotel venues to make sure they were prepared for the 2,000-plus Lions we are expecting in Louisville.

Since that week in Louisville, my email has been buzzing. The committee is working hard to provide quality programs and seminars. We believe we have a great group of keynote speakers lined up for the event. We will highlight them in a future issue of the newsletter, but for now you can read about them on the website.

Speaking of the website, there are updates being made weekly, so be sure to check the site for new information as it becomes available. As we mentioned in the last newsletter, there are also various promotional resources available on the website which can be used to help promote the Forum to Lions in your local area.

I do want to take a moment to thank our sponsors who step forward and assist us with the Forum. Their sponsorship and dedication to the Forum help us to put on a high-quality program at the lowest cost possible.

We are especially thankful to our Friends of the Forum participants who make the commitment to support the Forum each year. This program continues to grow each year and is another way we can continue to hold down the overall cost of the Forum to individual Lions.

If you have not attended a Forum before, please consider coming to Louisville. You will have the opportunity to attend any of the 80+ seminars, hear four great keynote speakers, visit the exhibitors and sponsors booths, shop at the Forum store, but most of all, learn from the interactions you will have with all the other Forum attendees.

You have our promise that we will continue to work over the next ten months to make the Louisville Forum the best ever.



FROZEN PAW 5K

In conjunction with the Downtown Rochester Frost Festival festival, Leader Dogs for the Blind is proud to present the 2nd Annual Frozen Paw 5K, presented by Tevra Pet! Participants will enjoy a course filled with wintry scenery through downtown Rochester, Rochester Municipal Park and Paint Creek Trail.

The 5K run/walk includes a race shirt, race medal, and a coupon for a free, age-appropriate beverage from Rochester Mills Beer Company.

After the race, the Rochester Fire Department is hosting a pancake breakfast (\$8/person) to benefit Leader Dogs for the Blind!

Date: Sunday, January 21 at 9 a.m.

Race starts and finishes near the [Rochester Mills Beer Company](#)

[Register to Walk/Run](#)

Thank You to Our Sponsors





MICHIGAN LIONS FORUM

2024: MICHIGAN LIONS CHANGING THE WORLD

February 23-24, 2024

NEW Location: Delta Marriott Kalamazoo

2747 S 11th Street, Kalamazoo, MI 49009

Call Marriott Reservations 1-888-236-2427 using code MCG
or call direct to the hotel 269-375-6000 using code MCG.

Room rate \$114 by 2.10.2024

Please complete the registration form and send it along with
a check to: Lions of Michigan

5730 Executive Drive • Lansing, MI 48911

Telephone 517-887-6640 or Fax 517-887-6642

Name _____

Address _____

Club Name _____

District _____

Contact Phone _____

Email _____

Names of Registrants

1. _____

2. _____

Register online at www.lionsofmi.com

_____ Registrants at \$50.00/person* = \$ _____

*Registration includes lunch, Forum, and proceedings
booklet.

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:
Lions of Michigan
5730 Executive Dr., Lansing, MI 48911

List food allergies or dietary requirements:

REGISTER EARLY

To help us plan, prepare materials
and guarantee lunch!

FRIDAY NIGHT SESSION 7:00 p.m.

FRIDAY EVENTS:

- ☐ Service Project at Delta Marriott Hotel
- ☐ Hospitality Suite – 9:00 p.m.

SATURDAY SESSIONS: *Please note some sessions may change due to last-minute scheduling conflicts.*

7:00 a.m. – Registration

8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Breakout Sessions - Lunch to follow

Session 1 Breakout Session - 8:30 a.m. (Check One)

- ☐ Leader Dogs for the Blind – Lion Beth Slade
- ☐ Demystifying Dementia & Brain Health – PDG Bert Sexton
- ☐ Zone Chair Training – PCC Jeff Mayuiers
- ☐ Lions and Service – PDG Terri Huffman

Session 2 Breakout Session - 9:30 a.m. (Check One)

- ☐ Eversight – Lion Alex Teska
- ☐ Lion Traditions – PDG Julie Mayuiers
- ☐ Building Healthy Clubs – VDG Carl Webster
- ☐ Membership

Session 3 Breakout Session - 10:30 a.m. (Check One)

- ☐ Lions Bear Lake Camp – Executive Director Lion Traci Tribley
- ☐ Childhood Cancer – Lion Darlene Anderson
- ☐ Servant Leadership – PDG Brent Beracy
- ☐ Hope to Walk -Kristen Staples

Session 4 Breakout Session - 11:30 a.m. (Check One)

- ☐ Diabetic Retinopathy Screening - LMF
- ☐ Michigan Forestry and our Environment – DG Michael O'Loneragan
- ☐ Social Media & Marketing Your Club – Lion Doug Klein
- ☐ Lions All-State Band – Lion Deborah Davis

12:30 p.m.: Lunch, Scholarships, Keynote
Speaker VDG Carl Webster: Autopsy of a
Deceased Lions Club -Why Lions Clubs Die

Michigan Lions...Changing the World

February 23-24, 2024 – Delta Marriott Kalamazoo, MI

Featuring Keynote Speaker, Lion Carl Webster, TN on Saturday, 2/24/24

"An Autopsy of a Deceased Lions Club"



Lion Webster, District 12-S, Tennessee, 2nd Vice District Governor

Is your club headed toward the obituary column in your local paper? Why do you think a Lions Club dies? Lion Carl Webster will help us understand the reasons and teach us possible solutions! Fresh off his highly acclaimed presentation at the USA/Canada Forum, Lion Webster interviewed well over 250 Lions for his presentation, ***An Autopsy of a Deceased Lions Club***.

Lion Carl Webster, aka Webster, a Lion since May 2017, is a member of the Tullahoma Lions Club and, in his brief tenure, has been a tail twister, Club President, Region IV Chair, District Admin, and now 2nd VDG for District 12-S (Tennessee). Webster has a 47+ year history in the IT industry and has presented at computer conferences in the United States, Belgium, Denmark, England, Germany, Italy, Norway, Oman, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, and the United Arab Emirates. Webster has received Lifetime Achievement and Career Achievement Awards and has held over 100 technology certifications. Webster retired from IT community service on July 1st and is now dedicating his passion for service to Lionism.

See you in Kalamazoo for another outstanding Lions Michigan Forum!



NO KID SLEEPS ON THE FLOOR IN OUR TOWN!

Join us at the MD Lions of Michigan Forum February 23,



2024, to tie 100 blankets for kids. Districts are asked to donate at least 10 blanket kits and we will complete the blanket service project as a group. All blankets will be donated to Sleep in Heavenly Peace.

Blankets will be purchased in advance and ready to assemble during the group service project taking place at the Delta Marriott Kalamazoo. Program begins at 7:00 p.m.

Contact PDG Terri Huffman, GST Chair, or your District GST for details on how we can make an impact on the lives of children in need at the Lions Michigan Forum. terri_huffman@hotmail.com

LIONS OF MICHIGAN – CHANGING THE WORLD!

2024 LIONS OF MICHIGAN FORUM ADVERTISEMENT OPTIONS

Listed below are several options to sponsor a personal or business ad in the 2024 Lions of Michigan Forum Proceedings Book. Placing an ad shows fellow Lions you support the Michigan Forum!

ADVERTISING RATES AND SIZES

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| 1. 1/8 page ad business card size 3.6 x 2.3" | \$15.00 |
| 2. 1/4 page ad 3.6 x 4.8" (vertical) or 7.5 x 2.3" (horizontal) | \$20.00 |
| 3. 1/2 page ad 3.6 x 10" (vertical) or 7.5 x 4.8" (horizontal) | \$25.00 |
| 4. 3/4 page ad 7.5 x 7.4" | \$40.00 |
| 5. Full page ad 7.5 x 10" | \$50.00 |

EXHIBITOR'S SPECIAL!

Rent an exhibitor's table (**includes one lunch ticket**)
and run a full-page ad in the Michigan Forum book for just \$85.00!

LIONS OF MICHIGAN FORUM ADVERTISING FORM

Name: _____

Billing Address: _____

(City, State, Zip) _____

Phone: _____

Email address: _____

CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

☐ Included is a print ready ad or message

☐ Please design my personal or business ad to read: (use separate paper if needed)

Ad Size: 1/8 page 1/4 page 1/2 page 3/4 page full page TOTAL COST: \$ _____

Signature: _____ DATE: _____

Please note that all ads MUST be prepaid. Deadline to submit: 2-1-2024
Please send completed form and checks to: Lions of Michigan Forum
5730 Executive Drive • Lansing, MI 48911

EXHIBITOR'S AGREEMENT

MICHIGAN LIONS FORUM 2024: *Michigan Lions – Changing the World!*

Please reserve a display table for the undersigned at the 2024 Michigan Lions Forum, held at the Delta Marriott Kalamazoo, 2747 S 11th St., Kalamazoo, Michigan. (Set up available on 2/23/24) Enclosed is a check covering the exhibition fee of \$55.00 OR \$85, which includes an ad in the Forum proceedings booklet and one lunch ticket. The charge is fully refundable only if, for any reason, the Forum is canceled or moved to another city or in case of fire or other catastrophic occurrence to the property. All conditions stated in the letter of invitation shall be accepted and followed by all exhibitors and their representatives. *Note new location for 2024!

The undersigned releases the Lions of Michigan Multiple District 11 and its agents from any and all liabilities that may arise or be asserted as a result of participation in this exhibition. The Lions of Michigan Multiple District 11, Inc. will determine the eligibility of any company or product for exhibit. Acceptance of an exhibitor for the MD 11 Michigan Forum does not imply endorsement of the product or services, nor does rejection imply lack of approval of the product or manufacturer.

Exhibitors shall take precautions to provide security to safeguard their property during show hours. It is understood that neither the Lions of Michigan Multiple District 11, Inc. nor the Delta Marriott Kalamazoo (nor legal entities which own, lease and/or operate it), nor their members, officers, directors or employees shall be responsible for injury to any person or persons for loss or damage to property belonging to the exhibitor or any person or persons while in transit to or from the hotel or while in the hotel property or otherwise. The exhibitor assumes complete responsibility and liability for all injury to any and all persons or property in any way connected with exhibitor's display caused by the exhibitor, his agents, representatives or employees. The exhibitor indemnifies and agrees to hold harmless the Lions of Michigan Multiple District 11, Inc. and the Delta Marriott Kalamazoo (and legal entities which own, lease and/or operate it), their members, officers, directors and employees against any and all liability whatsoever arising from any or all damage to property or personal injury caused by exhibitor or his agents, representatives, employees or any other persons.

EXHIBITOR'S SPECIAL

Exhibit Table; 1 Lunch Ticket and

Full-page Ad in the Michigan Forum Proceedings Booklet for just \$85.00!

EXHIBITOR TABLE ONLY: \$55.00

Registration Deadline: February 7, 2024

MAIL FORM AND CHECK TO: LIONS MICHIGAN FORUM

5730 EXECUTIVE DR., LANSING, MI 48911

PHONE: 517.887.6640 FAX: 517.887.6642 EMAIL: wburns@lionsofmi.com

Name:	
Business:	Club:
Billing Address:	
(City, state, zip)	
Home Phone:	Business Phone:
Email address:	Cell Phone:
DO YOU REQUIRE AN ELECTRICAL HOOK-UP? <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no	
<input type="checkbox"/> Enclosed is my check for \$	

White Cane Supplies

Popular Picks: For photos of items visit our website at www.lionsafmi.com

Certificate of Appreciation

Recognize businesses and individuals who support your White Cane Drive.

60¢/each

Bib Apron

Over-the-shoulder apron made of heavy duck. Durable and good for all your Lions projects.

\$14.00/each

White Cane Placemats

Very colorful and great for public relations! (measures 10"x13")

\$21.00/500

String Tags

Blue tag with cane on front. White Cane Law printed on back.

\$57.00/1000



Eyeglass & Hearing Aid Collection Boxes

White fiberboard collection boxes include stickers on three sides.

Small box measures 9x9x14 1/2, large box measures 14x14x30.

\$6.50/each (small)

\$8.50/each (large)

Waist Apron

Cloth apron with two large pockets for collecting money and holding white cane supplies.

\$8.00/each

Extra Eyeglass Collection Box Stickers

Each set consists of two large stickers promoting used eyeglass and hearing aid collection and one small sticker with club contact information.

\$3.00/each (set of 3)

CHECK OUT SOME OF OUR OTHER GREAT ITEMS!!

White Cane Leader Patch

Recognize club members who are leaders in your White Cane Drive.

\$3.00/each

White Cane Leader Pin

Recognize club members who are leaders in your White Cane Drive.

\$1.50/each



White Cane Law Pamphlet

Tri-fold brochure which features the White Cane law and Public Accommodations act. It also explains what an individual should do when encountering a blind person.

\$20.00/250

White Cane Bookmarks

Bookmark with White Cane Law printed on back. Great giveaway for libraries.

\$10.00/100



White Cane Stickers

Two-color stickers on a roll. Design features the Lions logo and White Cane traffic symbol. 2 1/2" in diameter.

\$25.00/1000



District 11 E-2
Cabinet Meeting Minutes, December 9, 2023- via Zoom

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 – PDG Bev Bodem, Lions Linda Gocha, Dave Zimmer, Linda Harris, Shirley Hill, Julie Haase, and BJ Sander

Guests- Lion Stan Masters

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 AM by DG Murch. The invocation was offered by 1VDG Gocha. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by 2VDG Leathers.

Special Guest Stan Masters gave a presentation on the Lions Quest program, a program which could be implemented in schools to provide Social and Emotional Learning. The program needs to have the support of the school system it is being implemented in. You can get more information at lionsquest.org/explore-our-sel-curriculum/. DG Murch asked how it would work with the Michigan Health Model. Lion Masters responded that each school would need to review the curriculum to see how Lions Quest would fit in with their current activities. He was asked how many systems in Michigan had implemented it, but didn't know. The state office is working to gather that information. They just know who has ordered materials.

Secretary's Report - Minutes of the 10/14/23 cabinet meeting were presented by CST Durflinger. It was moved by 2VDG Leathers, supported by 1VDG 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 \$6,842.98, leaving an ending balance of \$36,551.73 as of 12/8/23. This consists of \$32,636.94 in admin and \$3,914.79 in convention funds. The projects account has a beginning balance of \$32,537.21, income of \$7,573.85 and expenses of \$3,480.28, leaving an ending balance of \$36,630.78 as of 12/8/23. It was moved by IPDG Leathers, supported by GLT Zeller that the reports be accepted as presented. Motion carried. CST Durflinger reported that we have two CD's coming due, and she recommended renewing them for 9 months for the best rates. She also noted that she has been automatically renewing the CD's at Edward Jones after the interest has been sent to the district. The cabinet approved continuing this practice.

Old Business- None.

New Business- We currently have one All State Band student, but the deadline has been extended to 1/13 to be accepted. It was moved by GLT Zeller, supported by 1VDG Gocha that we donate \$500 to the accounts of all accepted students. Motion carried.

It was moved by GLT Zeller, supported by IPDG Leathers that we make a donation of \$250 to the Lions of Michigan Foundation in memory of PDG Gingerich. Motion carried.

There was some discussion of the LCIF Community Impact Grant funds available (\$4200). PDG Durflinger and Hunger Chair BJ Sander are working with the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan to request a \$100,000 hunger grant to the district. The matching for this would be \$25,000, of which the District and District Lions Clubs would be required to provide at least \$12,500. The CIG grant funds can be used toward this

matching, so along with the \$5000 we already have in the district hunger fund, we would only need to raise \$3,300 more. The cabinet approved pursuing the hunger grant and using the CIG funds toward the required match.

District 11-D2 is hosting a Melvin Jones Fellowship Celebration to raise funds for LCIF. All districts in the state have been asked to help sponsor it. It was moved by 1VDG Gocha, supported by 2VDG Leathers that we do a \$100 sponsorship. Motion carried. The sponsorship comes with a ticket to the Saturday event, and CST Durflinger recommended that the ticket go to DG Murch to represent our district. The contribution will still be credited to our district's MJF account.

Bear Lake Camp is hosting a polar plunge fundraiser on 2/10 and is looking for sponsors. It was moved by 2VDG Leathers, supported by GLT Zeller that we do a \$1000 sponsorship (we have almost \$4000 in the camp fund). Motion carried. This comes with 4 tickets to the event, so please let CST Durflinger know if you are interested in attending the event. The flier is attached for more information.

GLT Report- GLT Zeller turned in a written report.

GST Report- GST Leathers showed a short video about "Ski for Light." This event is being held in Roscommon from 1/12-1/14, and they need help. You can sign up to assist on the district website. She also noted that the Council of Governors approved asking district to send in \$264 to help purchase the supplies for the service projects to be held at the Michigan Forum and at the State Convention. It was moved by 1VDG Gocha, supported by IPDG Leathers that we provided these funds. Motion carried.

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.

Oral Reports- **District Convention-** PDG Zeller reported that the convention planning for the convention in Alpena on 4/19-20, 2024 is proceeding. 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. East Jordan will be heading up the raffle. The next convention meeting is on 1/9.

Audience Comments- 1VDG Gocha reported that the East Jordan Lions would like to host the 2025 district convention. It was moved by 2VDG Leathers, supported by IPDG Leathers that we accept their bid. Motion carried.

VDG Comments- 2VDG Leathers commented that her DG training is going well. 1VDG Gocha commented that while you are participating in holiday activities, it is a good time to ask people to join your club.

DG Comments- DG Murch reminded people that if you wish to be a voting delegate you need to be a regular member. If you are currently a discounted family member and wish to be a voting delegate, you

have until 12/15 to pay the difference in dues. The state convention will be 5/15-18 in Grand Rapids. You can look for details on the Lions of Michigan website. The Michigan Forum will be at the Delta Marriott in Kalamazoo on 2/23-24. The room rate is \$114/night. The Hope to Walk money needs to be sent to the state office prior to the Forum. If your club would still like to make a contribution, please send it to CST Durflinger by 2/1. The next Leadership Institute will be the weekend of 11/8/24. It will be open to Lions from other states next time.

With no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 11:22. The next meeting will be on Saturday 2/17/24 at Tait's in Oscoda.

Respectfully submitted,
PDG Barb Durflinger, Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer

Cabinet Meeting Report

December 9th 2023

Bear Lake Camp

Good news coming from the camp, all most all weekends booked for 2024. Working with a Balanced Budget. Help at camp always needed and tours available.

GLT

Lions of Michigan Forum, Feb 23rd – 24th in Grand Blanc, this is another opportunity for training, actual training date is the 24th, Service Project on the night of the 223rd. 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



LIONS BEAR LAKE CAMP **"SUBZERO HERO"** **POLAR PLUNGE FUNDRAISER**

FEBRUARY 10TH, 2024 2:00PM

3409 N. FIVE LAKES RD
LAPEER, MI 48446

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Event Sponsorship Opportunities
Due by January 25th, 2024

SOUPER Hero Dinner Sponsor \$1,000

Sponsor's Logo will be featured on back of
T-shirt and sponsor banner, 4 Dinner tickets

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back of T-shirt, 2 Dinner Tickets

Frosty Drink Sponsor \$100

Sponsor's name will be featured on
back of T-shirt

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Donated raffle and prize items are appreciated.*

*Donors will be acknowledged throughout the
event via announcements*

*Please contact Traci Tribley, Executive Director
tracitribley@gmail.com
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page on
bearlakecamp.org or
send check to:

Lions Bear Lake Camp
3409 N. Five Lakes Rd
Lapeer, MI 48446



GST Report 12-9-23

Michigan Ski For Light - Service Opportunity

Volunteers are needed for this amazing annual event at the Ralph A MacMullen Conference Center on Higgins Lake. You don't need to be a skier to volunteer! The Lions Club of Roscommon-Higgins Lake has made a long term commitment of financial and time support by providing transportation to and from the ski area, and picking up and returning about 40 pairs of rental skis, and much more. *This year let's bond together as a district and help even more!* You can sign up to volunteer at lionsdistrict11e2.org

Annual event guides. For each visually or mobility impaired skier, at least one sighted skier is required. Guides do not need skiing experience.

Annual event worker bees. Worker bees are also needed. They do everything from attending to dogs while their owners are skiing, help in the kitchen, chaperone, coordinate schedules, run errands, and more.

MD-11 Service projects

- Hope to Walk Prosthetics project - So far between the district, clubs and individuals we have collected \$2,875 to be presented at the Forum in February. If your club would like to donate please mail your donation payable to Lions District 11-E2 with Hope to Walk in the memo 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. See attached list of donations.
- No Sew blankets at Forum Feb 23-24, 2024 in Kalamazoo - 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.
- Each district is being asked to contribute \$264 towards the Multiple District purchasing the items for the service projects rather than bringing the items.

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. Currently 33% of clubs have reported at least one service project.

Marie Leathers, 11-E2 Service Chair

lionmarieleathers@gmail.com

Call or text: 231-350-0286

More information on service opportunities at lionsdistrict11e2.org

Thank you to all the Hope to Walk donors:

Boyne-\$500

Indian River- \$500

Central Lake- \$250

Charlevoix- \$250

East Jordan- \$250

Elk Rapids- \$250

Glennie- \$250

Houghton Lake- \$250

Hillman- \$100

Durflinger (personal)- \$25

District- \$250

District 11-E2 Newsletter Editor Report: December 9, 2023 Cabinet Meeting

Lion Barb:

Clubs sharing information for November through December issues are shown in the table below.

*Club newsletter submissions for November – December: **9 Clubs - 35%***

Name	Months Participated	Name	Months Participated
◆ Alpena	2	◆ Hillman	1
◆ Beaverton	1	◆ Lewiston Lioness Lions	1
◆ Boyne Valley	2	◆ Mackinaw City	1
◆ Central Lake	2	◆ Oscoda	2
◆ East Jordan	1		

There were 25 club activities pictures in the December issue of the Newsletter, a new record number. Eight clubs submitted the pictures. Again, the regular 6 active clubs that usually participate each month were the entered most. Occasional clubs Beaverton sent 2 pictures for the December issue, while Lewiston Lioness Lions sent 1 picture and Mackinaw City offered 4 pictures for the November issue.

As mentioned in the last report, I'd like to see submissions include the date of the club event, and the names of all the Lions and other people shown, which I think are getting a little better.

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 12-9-23

The deadline of December 31, 2023 is fast approaching for the District Melvin Jones Fellowship. It is given 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
marie@centrallakerealty.com

Peace Poster Wrap-Up

We had eleven clubs within our District that received a Peace Poster Contest Packet for 2023-2024! The theme was, "Dare To Dream".

There were five winning entries submitted from area clubs within our District for judging on Friday, November 10: Nevaeh Cahoon from East Jordan, Alyvia Snyder from Beaverton, Cameron Shiffer from Hillman, Ryeleigh Thivierge from Houghton Lake and Amber Steele from Central Lake. All of the posters were really nice!

The judging resulted in Nevaeh Cahoon's entry (East Jordan) as being the District winner! Her poster will now move onto the next section of the competition.

Thank you to all who participated!

Lion Jean Manning 989-808-4476

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE REPORT FOR 12/9/23 DISTRICT CABINET MTG.

Winter is fast approaching with a few snowstorms already gracing our landscape. Benefits of Snow is a timely topic. Some of us look forward to the "white stuff" while others would rather it came only for a short season or not at all.

What are the benefits of snow and ice? In the northern part of the country where we live the insulation of snow helps protect perennials, bulbs, ground covers & strawberry plants from the freezing and thawing cycles. Without snow, cold temperatures freeze the soil deeply. Snow also helps protect root systems of trees and shrubs. It also provides moisture in the soil for farming.

The amount of snow and ice covering the earth's land and oceans, changes with altitude, latitude and the seasons. Beginning in the 1960s, weekly maps of snow extend in our Hemisphere were made from satellite imagery. Today satellites provide daily maps of snow cover for the hemispheres.

What are the impacts of snow loss? One-third of the earth's land surface is covered by snow for parts of the year. Bright white covering affects global conditions by reflecting solar energy away from surfaces that would otherwise absorb it. Therefore, the earlier decrease in snow cover increases the amount of sunlight absorbed by the earth and that causes surface temperatures to rise.

Some drawbacks to heavy snow include damaging trees and shrubs as snow accumulates and breaks the branches. One positive affect of snow is the contrast between the "white stuff" and the trees and shrubs with ornamental bark and berries. This creates a beautiful sight that we can enjoy in the winter season.

I guess, if there is a moral to the story of snow, we should just sit back and enjoy the sparkling white snow and shovel where we need to walk and drive.

Beverly Bodem

Environmental Committee

**The above information was taken from Google internet and from Nebraska Extension.

- \$ available for Oversight fellowships,
- individuals who received them

11-E2					
	Alpena Evening Lions Club	2/14/2020	Gift	50	
		3/5/2021	Gift	50	
		6/21/2023	Gift	50	
				150	<-- Total Available
	Alpena Lions Club	5/26/2020	Gift	1000	
		2/8/2021	Gift	1000	
		5/16/2022	Gift	50	
		6/27/2022	Gift	1000	
		4/5/2023	Gift	1000	
		3/13/2023	Weir Fellowship	-500	
		3/13/2023	Weir Fellowship	-500	
				3050	<-- Total Available
	Au Gres Lioness Club	2/20/2020	Gift	100	
				100	<-- Total Available
	Beaverton Lions Club	6/2/2020	Gift	500	
		8/26/2021	Gift	500	
				1000	<-- Total Available
	Bellaire Lioness Club	2/20/2020	Gift	100	
				100	<-- Total Available
	Boyne Valley Lions Club	4/26/2023	Gift	500	
				500	<-- Total Available
	Central Lake Lioness Club	2/20/2020	Gift	200	
				200	<-- Total Available
	Central Lake Lions Club	2/3/2020	Gift	1000	
		5/29/2020	Gift	500	
		2/5/2021	Gift	1000	
		7/22/2021	Weir Fellowship	-500	
		11/20/2021	Gift	1000	
		6/20/2022	Gift	294.5	
		12/31/2022	Gift	1000	
		7/14/2023	Weir Fellowship	-500	
		7/14/2023	Weir Fellowship	-500	

				3294.5	<-- Total Available
	Charlevoix Lions Club	5/29/2020	Gift	500	
		11/17/2021	Gift	500	
		4/4/2023	Gift	1000	
		11/21/2023	Gift	1000	
				3000	<-- Total Available
	Cheboygan Lions Club	6/23/2022	Gift	100	
				100	<-- Total Available
	District 11-E2	3/1/2021	Gift	500	
		1/24/2022	Gift	150	
		3/1/2023	Gift	500	
		4/22/2023	Weir Fellowship	-500	
				650	<-- Total Available
	East Jordan Lions Club	11/16/2020	Gift	100	
		1/10/2022	Gift	100	
		5/31/2022	Gift	250	
		12/12/2022	Gift	100	
		5/17/2023	Gift	200	
				750	<-- Total Available
	Elk Rapids Lions Club	6/14/2021	Gift	500	
		5/25/2022	Gift	500	
				1000	<-- Total Available
	Ellsworth Lions Club	1/15/2020	Gift	50	
				50	<-- Total Available
	Glennie Lions Club	1/23/2020	Gift	100	
		8/11/2020	Gift	100	
		12/7/2020	Gift	100	
		6/21/2021	Gift	100	
		12/8/2021	Gift	100	
		6/14/2022	Gift	100	
		12/7/2022	Gift	100	
		7/18/2023	Gift	100	
				800	<-- Total Available

Grayling Lions Club	10/9/2020	Gift	250	
	11/9/2021	Gift	250	
	10/19/2022	Gift	250	
			750	<-- Total Available
Hale Lions Club	7/14/2020	Gift	100	
	6/4/2021	Gift	100	
	6/15/2022	Gift	100	
	5/24/2023	Gift	100	
			400	<-- Total Available
Hillman Area Lions Club	6/12/2020	Gift	125	
	4/9/2021	Gift	330	
	6/14/2021	Gift	100	
	3/7/2022	Gift	175	
	2/22/2023	Gift	175	
	6/13/2023	Weir Fellowship	-500	
			405	<-- Total Available
Houghton Lake Lions Club	7/14/2020	Gift	50	
	12/11/2020	Gift	75	
	1/31/2022	Gift	50	
	5/3/2023	Gift	50	
			225	<-- Total Available
Hubbard Lake Lions Club	6/12/2020	Gift	850	
	6/12/2020	Gift	850	
	6/12/2020	Gift	850	
	6/12/2020	Gift	850	
	7/17/2020	Weir Fellowship	-500	
	7/17/2020	Weir Fellowship	-500	
	7/17/2020	Weir Fellowship	-500	
	6/21/2021	Gift	850	
	6/21/2021	Gift	850	
	6/15/2022	Gift	850	
	6/15/2022	Gift	850	
	5/23/2023	Gift	1700	
			7000	<-- Total Available
Indian River Lions Club	5/21/2020	Gift	100	
	6/25/2021	Gift	150	
	12/13/2021	Gift	200	
	5/16/2022	Gift	100	
	3/6/2023	Gift	200	

				750	<-- Total Available
Lewiston Lioness Club	4/30/2020	Gift	150		
	12/9/2020	Gift	100		
	5/18/2022	Gift	100		
	4/26/2023	Gift	100		
			450	<-- Total Available	
Lewiston Lions Club	2/8/2021	Gift	100		
	2/8/2021	Gift	1500		
	12/31/2021	Gift	100		
	12/31/2021	Gift	1500		
	6/30/2022	Gift	100		
	10/10/2022	Gift	100		
	10/10/2022	Gift	1500		
			4900	<-- Total Available	
Lincoln Lions Club	4/21/2020	Gift	100		
	2/26/2021	Gift	350		
	2/7/2022	Gift	350		
	3/15/2023	Gift	600		
			1400	<-- Total Available	
Mackinaw City Lions Club	2/5/2021	Gift	150		
	2/9/2022	Gift	150		
	11/2/2022	Gift	150		
			450	<-- Total Available	
Mio Lions Club	10/30/2020	Gift	125		
	10/18/2021	Gift	125		
	10/11/2022	Gift	250		
	10/25/2023	Gift	250		
			750	<-- Total Available	
Oscoda Lioness Club	2/30/2020	Gift	100		
	6/12/2020	Gift	50		
			150	<-- Total Available	

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Oscoda Lions Club	12/28/2020	Gift	200	
	10/26/2021	Gift	200	
	1/18/2023	Gift	500	
			900	<- Total Available
Petoskey Lions Club	6/26/2020	Gift	25	
	6/23/2022	Gift	25	
	6/21/2023	Gift	25	
			75	<- Total Available
Prescott Skidway Lake Lions Club	1/23/2020	Gift	275	
	2/22/2021	Gift	275	
			550	<- Total Available
Roscommon Higgins Lake Lions Club	6/4/2021	Gift	250	
	5/6/2022	Gift	500	
	3/15/2023	Gift	500	
			1250	<- Total Available
Rose City Lions Club	5/21/2020	Gift	600	
	6/21/2021	Gift	540	
	6/20/2022	Gift	600	
	7/12/2023	Gift	600	
			2340	<- Total Available

FELLOWSHIP	HONOREE	SPONSOR	PRESENTATION DATE
WEIR	Ronald Gwilt	Mackinaw City Lions Club	1/1/2014
WEIR	Lion/Lioness Pam Stewart	District 11-E2	5/3/2014
BARR	Tim Haske	Hubbard Lake Lions	8/18/2014
WEIR	Arnold Degen	Hubbard Lake Lions	8/18/2014
WEIR	David Shafto	Rogers City Lions Club	6/6/2015
WEIR	John Childs	Mackinaw City Lions Club	6/10/2015
WEIR	James T. Alexander	Oscoda Lions Club	6/25/2015
WEIR	Joseph Braun	Central Lake Lions Club	5/26/2016
BARR	John Righi	Lewiston Lions Club	4/1/2017
WEIR	Richard Schmidt	Lewiston Lions Club	4/1/2017
BARR	William Cash	Lewiston Lions Club	5/1/2017
WEIR	Robert Sonner, Jr.	Lewiston Lions Club	5/1/2017
WEIR	Corky Roberts	Lewiston Lioness Club	6/7/2017
WEIR	L. Ward Parker	Grayling Lions Club	6/15/2017
BARR	Lion Dennis Richardson	Central Lake Lions Club	9/1/2017
WEIR	Lion Michael Bachmann	Central Lake Lions Club	9/1/2017
WEIR	Francis D. LaBlond	District 11-E2	4/27/2018
BARR	Kenneth Radke	Hubbard Lake Lions	7/15/2018
WEIR	Elmer Degan	Hubbard Lake Lions	7/15/2018
BARR	Raymond Marshke	Hubbard Lake Lions	8/5/2018
WEIR	Victor Galea	Hubbard Lake Lions	9/30/2018
BARR	Kevin Degen	Hubbard Lake Lions	9/30/2018
WEIR	Clairene Jorella	District 11-E2	5/4/2019
WEIR	Herbert Kitzman	Hubbard Lake Lions	6/1/2019
WEIR	James Nye	Hubbard Lake Lions	6/1/2019
BARR	Ken Lobert	Hubbard Lake Lions	6/1/2019
BARR	Terry Ferguson	Hubbard Lake Lions	6/1/2019
WEIR	Devon Tasiar	Oscoda Lions Club	6/13/2019
WEIR	Marie Leathers	Central Lake Lions Club	6/27/2019
WEIR	Randy Miller	Central Lake Lions Club	6/27/2019
WEIR	Dennis Lamb	Hubbard Lake Lions	8/5/2019
WEIR	Chuck Brew	Mackinaw City Lions Club	8/14/2019
WEIR	Lou Vassilakos	Mackinaw City Lions Club	8/14/2019
WEIR	Dale Broecker	Mio Lions Club	6/4/2020
WEIR (PROG)	Arnold Degen	Hubbard Lake Lions	7/17/2020
WEIR	Wes Thiem	Hubbard Lake Lions	7/17/2020
WEIR	Tim Haske	Hubbard Lake Lions	7/17/2020
BARR	James T. Alexander	Oscoda Lions Club	9/1/2020
WEIR	April Cikity	Central Lake Lions Club	7/22/2021
WEIR	James R. Broome	Central Lake Lions Club	6/29/2022
WEIR	Douglas Gamble	Central Lake Lions Club	6/29/2022
WEIR	Stephen Sherman	Central Lake Lions Club	7/14/2023
WEIR	Gary Wight	Central Lake Lions Club	7/14/2023
WEIR	Steve Garant	Alpena Lions Club	6/1/2023
WEIR	Audra Smith	Alpena Lions Club	6/1/2023
WEIR	Pat West	Hillman Area Lions Club	6/13/2023
WEIR	Linda Harris	District 11-E2	4/27/2023

December 4, 2023

Hello,

Barb and I are moving forward with an opportunity to write a grant through the Lions Clubs International Foundation Hunger Grant Program to help fund a new satellite location, Northern Hub, in Gaylord. This location is a needed addition for the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan, which through their partnerships with numerous grocery chains procures food that would otherwise go to waste, ensure its quality, and redistribute it to partner agencies who then get it to those in need. Feasibility studies are showing that this project would save money and serve the Northern Hub community more efficiently.

Currently, the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan serves the following counties Alcona, Alpena, Arenac, Cheboygan, Crawford, Gladwin, Iosco, Montmorency, Oscoda, Ogemaw, Otsego, Presque Isle and Roscommon. Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet and Kalkaska counties are served by Feeding America West Michigan and there is potential that they will be utilizing the northern hub.

Growing inflation rates, stagnant wage increases and the uncertainty of global events have had a negative impact on all of us. The Food Bank of Eastern Michigan realizes that the time to adjust to better serve our community has presented itself.

Barb and I are waiting for additional information regarding the building renovation so that we can proceed with the grant. We will keep everyone apprised of this exciting and much needed project, the Northern Hub Project, moves forward.

Respectfully Submitted,

BJ Sander
District Hunger Chair

comdac@comdac.com

From: "Dennis Gocha" <dennygocha@gmail.com>
Date: Monday, December 4, 2023 6:28 AM
To: "ComDaC" <barb@comdac.com>
Subject: International convention 2024

The registration for the International convention in Melbourne Australia is \$190 until January 12th and \$265 after that. The onsite registration is \$340. You would want to book all reservations through LCI.

When you register you can also register for the Melvin Jones dinner at \$95 each or the Past District Governor's Banquet at \$150.

You can email any questions to convention@lionsclubs.org.

FDG Dennis Gocha

LCIF Report- 12-9-23

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 last 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 \$8,150, which came from 12 clubs and 12 individuals, so a great 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.

Lion BJ Sander and I are working now on a hunger grant for the district in coordination with the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan. We hope to bring in \$100,000 to help them with the acquisition of a new facility in Gaylord, which will improve their ability to provide services for our rural communities.

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 \$2810, so our goal this year is \$2950. So far this year, individuals in our district have contributed \$850. 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.

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

PDG Barb Durlinger
lionbarb@comdac.com

Leader Dogs for the Blind Report December 2023

Changes at Leader Dogs

Sue Daniels, President & CEO retired

After a nationwide search, Melissa Weisse was appointed as the new President & CEO. Melissa was Leader Dog's Chief Philanthropy Officer since 2008. She has extensive nonprofit experience and has made a very positive impact during her tenure at Leader Dogs! You can read more about Melissa in the Update newsletter.

In case you missed it, Lion Mike Denegate retired this past summer

Lion Kathleen Breen will be retiring at the end of December
Kelsey Martin is joining the Lions Team

Giving Opportunities

\$100 or more earns a banner patch

\$350 Tribute Medallion inscribed with Lion's name

\$500 Symbolic Puppy Sponsorship

- photos of chosen puppy
- puppy's profile
- banner patch
- certificate

See website for additional opportunities (leaderdog.org)

Resources

Newsletters

Materials (e.g., pens, pencils, brochures, placemats)

Downloadable Materials and videos such as client stories

Go online under the Lions tab for more information including club donation data. Have a safe and happy holiday season!

Beaverton Leo Club Elects New Leadership

The Beaverton Leo Club recently elected leadership for their 23-24 school year. The Club is one of 7,400 student clubs worldwide and one of the largest in the State of Michigan.

Sponsored by the Beaverton Lions Club the Leo Club has a number of annual projects and kicked off with participation in the Beaverton, Fourth of July parade.

Leo Clubs are designed to help members grow as individuals and as a leader joining a global family of young people making their community and world a better place.

Club projects already underway include Christmas baskets, food distribution assistance, Festival of Lights Parade and a variety of other school and community volunteer efforts.

Executive Leadership L to R: President Kaelyn Fischer, Vice President Reese Mishler, Secretary Bryar Pollard, Treasurer Myah Hubble.

December 9, 2023 Lions of Michigan Foundation Report

1. Just a reminder the foundation is here to help us serve our communities. 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. 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 tickets are available if you need them.

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Lions of Michigan Foundation Trustee PDG Rod

See More MI Forum Info on Page 10

December 9 2023 Lions of Mi Forum Report

Lions of Mi Forum had to change locations; it will now be held at the DELTA MARRIOTT KALAMAZOO you can now register at lionsofmi.com.

2747 S 11th Street, Kalamazoo, MI 49009

Call Marriott Reservations 1-888-236-2427 using code MCG

or call direct to the hotel 269-375-6000 using code MCG.

Room rate \$114 by 2.10.2024

Keynote Speaker: Lion Carl Webster

Topic: An Autopsy of a Deceased Lion Club

There will be 16 Breakout sessions

Breakout Sessions

- Steps to become an International Director
- Lions of Michigan Foundation- Grants: What's available and how to apply
 - Leader Dogs for the Blind
 - Eversight
- Social Media & Marketing Your Club
- Our Environmental World - Michigan Forestry
 - Leadership Styles
 - Global Service
 - Global Membership
 - Global Leadership
 - Zone Chair Training
- Demystifying Dementia and Brain Health
 - Wills and Trusts- Elder Law
- Lions of Michigan All State Band
 - Lions Bear Lake Camp
 - Childhood Cancer

Friday night Service Project: See GST Report

Go to lionsofmi.com for updates as they come available

Michigan Forum Committee chair, PDG Rod

Pediatric Cancer Report
Lion Gary Stevens
Alpena Lions Club

I am not aware of any changes in the number of pediatric cancer cases in Northeast Michigan. My review still shows 2 families in Alpena County, 1 family in Presque Isle County, and 1 family in Montmorency County. None of the cases noted have military affiliation. A **CDC map** shows that the Northeastern United States has a childhood cancer rate of **188** out of every 1 million children, which is the highest in the United States. According to the **Michigan Department of Health and Human Services**, around 490 children and adolescents under the age of 20 are diagnosed with cancer each year in Michigan. One of the difficulties we have is finding and reaching out to families dealing with a childhood cancer diagnosis. How do we get the word out that Lions Clubs can help?

Sometimes when a family member has a cancer diagnosis the families have a difficult time talking to their children. The University of Michigan Rogel Cancer Center has a program dedicated to helping children of all ages who have a loved one diagnosed with cancer. They offer recommendations on how to have conversations with children, how to parent during illness, finding necessary resources, and interactive programs that support children in their understanding and abilities to cope. The program also provides resource kits for talking with children and age-based activity books.

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From: "Linda Harris" <lindish72@hotmail.com>
Date: Tuesday, December 5, 2023 5:29 PM
To: "Barb Durlinger" <comdac@comdac.com>
Cc: "Linda Harris" <lindish72@hotmail.com>
Subject: KidSight Screening Report for 12/9/2023 Cabinet Meeting

11E-2 District KidSight has screened 243 children since the last meeting.

243 Screened
212 Passed
5 Unreadable
26 Referrals

Currently there are no scheduled screenings.

This is the time of year to schedule a school screening for your club.

Please contact Dr. Nate Slezak, Linda Harris or Barb Durlinger to set up a KidSight Screening.

Dr. Nate Slezak @ Big Nate34@gmail.com
Linda Harris @ Lindish72@hotmail.com

Sincerely,
Linda Harris
KidSight Co-Coordinator
Sent from Mail for Windows

LIONS Michigan Forum

Fellow Lions –

While we can't all go to the Lions USA/Canada Forum, we CAN all go to the Lions Michigan Forum!

Please join us on February 23-24, 2024, for the Lions Michigan Forum featuring keynote address by VDG Carl Webster of Tennessee.

Details are attached, and I encourage you to share this with your members. Club secretaries have been mailed the attached details.

Also included is a copy of the White Cane Scholarship form that you are welcome to pass on to any qualified candidates.

I look forward to seeing you in Kalamazoo at the Delta Marriott! Rooms will fill quickly, and additional rooms are available at the near-by Best Western Kalamazoo.

Delta Hotels Kalamazoo Conference Center for 114 USD per night [Book your group rate for Lions Club of MI FEB 2024](#)

Booking Link to Best Western Kalamazoo: \$117 per night
https://www.bestwestern.com/en_US/book/hotel-rooms.23163.html?groupId=8D6QX5G2

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DISTRICT NEWS

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Fri, Dec 22, 2023, 2:23 PM

Lions Clubs International Foundation has asked us to see if clubs will find someone in their club to be an LCIF club coordinator. It isn't a particularly onerous job - just pass on the information I send out about disasters, encourage their club to support LCIF, and pass on the information I provide about available grants, etc. If you could talk to your club members and see if someone might be interested, I would appreciate it. If you have someone who wants to know more, just have them contact me. If we do not designate someone from our club, they have asked me to set up the Immediate Past President of the club in the position. Obviously I would rather have someone who wants to do the job!

Merry Christmas!

PDG Barb Durflinger
District 11-E2 LCIF Coordinator
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I forgot in my last email to list the clubs that already have a coordinator- Cheboygan, East Jordan, Hillman and Lincoln. If the rest of you could work on this, I would appreciate it!

Barb



LIONS OF MICHIGAN HALL OF FAME OFFICIAL NOMINATION FORM

The LIONS OF MICHIGAN HALL OF FAME is a project of the Lions of Michigan Foundation. The purpose of the Hall of Fame is to recognize and honor those individuals who have had a significant impact on Lionism in Michigan and to preserve a memory and record of their service.

SELECTION

A maximum of seven individuals may be selected annually for enshrinement into the Lions of Michigan Hall of Fame. The inductees shall include up to four living and two deceased individuals. Past International Directors will automatically be inducted at the end of their two year term as International Director, and each year, one Hall of Fame inductee will be selected by a special committee consisting of the current members of the Lions of Michigan Hall of Fame.

SELECTION COMMITTEE

The primary Hall of Fame Selection Committee will be comprised of the members of the Lions of Michigan Foundation's Fund Development and Marketing Committee.

NOMINATIONS

Nominations will be received annually, no later than March 1. All nominations must be made using the Nominating Forms provided by the Lions of Michigan Foundation. All portions of the Nomination Form must be completed in order for a nomination to be considered. A detailed Narrative for each Nominee should accompany the Nomination Form to provide the Selection Committee with additional information about the nominee. However, the Narrative shall have no numerical score.

Nominations may be initiated by an individual or individuals, a Lions Club or a District. Nominations must have the endorsement of the District Cabinet (**one nominee per category**) before they are submitted to the Foundation office. Individuals nominated and not selected, in any given year, may be nominated in a subsequent year through the endorsement of a current District Cabinet.

INDUCTEES

Inductees and their spouse/guest will be invited guests of the Lions of Michigan Foundation at their scheduled induction ceremony. The time and location of the induction ceremony will coincide with the Foundation's Annual Meeting.

RECORDS

The Lions of Michigan Foundation will be the official repository of records of the LIONS OF MICHIGAN HALL OF FAME. All records will be retained at the Lions of Michigan State Office.

Lions of Michigan Foundation - 5730 Executive Drive - Lansing, Michigan 48911
www.lmsf.net (Web) - info@lmsf.net (Email) - 517-887-6642 (Fax)

NOMINEE: _____

LIONS CLUB: _____

DISTRICT: _____ DATE: _____

POINTS WILL **NOT** BE AWARDED FOR MULTIPLE TERMS IN A SPECIFIC OFFICE.

SECTION 1: LIONS MEMBERSHIP & EXTENSION	POINTS	POINTS GIVEN
YEARS OF SERVICE (_____)	1 PT. EACH YEAR	
NEW MEMBERS SPONSORED		
1 - 25 MEMBERS	10 POINTS	
26 - 50 MEMBERS	25 POINTS	
51+ MEMBERS	50 POINTS	
EXTENSION AWARD	25 POINTS	
GUIDING LION AWARD	25 POINTS	
TOTAL POINTS FOR SECTION 1		0

SECTION 2: LIONS CLUB SERVICE	POINTS	POINTS GIVEN
PRESIDENT	15 POINTS	
VICE PRESIDENT	10 POINTS	
SECRETARY	10 POINTS	
TREASURER	10 POINTS	
MEMBERSHIP CHAIR	10 POINTS	
BOARD MEMBER (OTHER THAN ABOVE)	5 POINTS	
TOTAL POINTS FOR SECTION 2		0

SECTION 3: DISTRICT LIONS SERVICE	POINTS	POINTS GIVEN
DISTRICT GOVERNOR	30 POINTS	
VICE, LIEUTENANT OR DEPUTY DISTRICT GOVERNOR	15 POINTS	
CABINET SECRETARY	15 POINTS	
CABINET TREASURER	15 POINTS	
REGION CHAIR	10 POINTS	
ZONE CHAIR	5 POINTS	
COMMITTEE CHAIR	5 POINTS	
ATTENDED A CONVENTION	5 POINTS	
TOTAL POINTS FOR SECTION 3		0

SECTION 4: MULTIPLE DISTRICT LIONS SERVICE	POINTS	POINTS GIVEN
COUNCIL CHAIR	35 POINTS	
VICE COUNCIL CHAIR	20 POINTS	
TREASURER	20 POINTS	
COMMITTEE CHAIR	15 POINTS	
COMMITTEE MEMBER	10 POINTS	
ATTENDED A CONVENTION OR FORUM	10 POINTS	
PRESENTED AT A CONVENTION OR FORUM	10 POINTS	
TOTAL POINTS FOR SECTION 4		0

SECTION 5: INTERNATIONAL LIONS SERVICE	POINTS	POINTS GIVEN
COMMITTEE CHAIR (Convention, USA/Canada Forum, Sight First, Etcetera)	25 POINTS	
COMMITTEE MEMBER	15 POINTS	
ATTENDED AN INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION	15 POINTS	
ATTENDED A USA/CANADA FORUM	10 POINTS	
PRESENTED AT A CONVENTION OR FORUM	10 POINTS	
TOTAL POINTS FOR SECTION 5		0

SECTION 6: MD 11 & SD 10 LIONS PROJECT SERVICE	POINTS	POINTS GIVEN
PRESIDENT	25 POINTS	
VICE PRESIDENT	15 POINTS	
SECRETARY	15 POINTS	
TREASURER	10 POINTS	
BOARD MEMBER	10 POINTS	
COMMITTEE CHAIR	10 POINTS	
COMMITTEE MEMBER	5 POINTS	
TOTAL POINTS FOR SECTION 6		0

SECTION 7: AWARDS & HONORS RECEIVED	POINTS	POINTS GIVEN
INTERNATIONAL AMBASSADOR OF GOODWILL	150 POINTS	
INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENTIAL AWARD	75 POINTS	
INTERNATIONAL LEADERSHIP AWARD	50 POINTS	
INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT'S CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION	25 POINTS	

INTERNATIONAL 100% DISTRICT GOVERNOR	25 POINTS	
LCIF - MELVIN JONES FELLOWSHIP	25 POINTS	
MD 11 - S.A. DODGE AWARD	50 POINTS	
LIONS OF MICHIGAN FOUNDATION – FELLOWSHIP – AWARD	50 POINTS	
LEADER DOGS FOR THE BLIND – FELLOWSHIP – AWARD	50 POINTS	
LIONS BEAR LAKE CAMP - FELLOWSHIP – AWARD	50 POINTS	
EVERSIGHT – FELLOWSHIP – AWARD	50 POINTS	
WELCOME HOMES FOR THE BLIND – FELLOWSHIP – AWARD	50 POINTS	
NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL AWARD RECEIVED	25 POINTS	
STATE/LOCAL GOVERNMENT AWARD	25 POINTS	
TOP LIONS SINGLE DISTRICT AWARD (Ralph Sheehan Award, Other _____)	20 POINTS	
TOTAL POINTS FOR SECTION 7		0

SECTION 8: NON-LIONS SERVICE	POINTS	POINTS GIVEN
STATE/LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD OFFICER (Mayor, City Council Chair, County Commissioner, School Board, Other _____)	25 POINTS	
STATE/LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD MEMBER	15 POINTS	
COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION – CHURCH – YOUTH ORGANIZATION LEADER (Scouting, 4-H, School, Church, Other _____)	10 POINTS	
COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION – CHURCH – YOUTH ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE MEMBER	5 POINTS	
TOTAL POINTS FOR SECTION 8		0

POINTS AWARDED: Section 1: _____ Section 2: _____ Section 3: _____ Section 4: _____
 Section 5: _____ Section 6: _____ Section 7: _____ Section 8: _____

TOTAL POINTS AWARDED: 0

I certify that my District selected this nominee at an official meeting of our District Cabinet, and a quorum of voting members was present.

Signature - Cabinet Secretary

District

Date

Revised 08/06/2016

NARRATIVE

Please list the reasons why your nominee should be considered for membership in the Lions of Michigan Hall of Fame? Explain how your nominee has had a significant impact on Lionism in Michigan. Utilize additional pages as necessary.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT LEGIBLY

Calendar of Events

FEBRUARY 2024

District Lions Cabinet Meeting — February 10, 2024 — 10 a.m. — Tait's Restaurant in Oscoda

Lions of Michigan Forum — February 24, 2024 — Kalamazoo Delta Marriott —

Visit lionsofmi.com for more information and online payment. Registration form attached

APRIL 2024

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

District Lions Convention — April 20, 2024 — Alpena

May 2024

MD-11 Convention — May 16, 2024 — Grand Rapids Sheraton by Marriott, Grand Rapids.

Go to lionsofmi.com for details on registration and hotel reservations.



PASSINGS REPORTED



BOYNE VALLEY LION — RONALD J GRUNCH passed Tuesday, 12/05/2023

GRAYLING LION — RONALD RAKOCZY passed Sunday, 08/05/2023

INDIAN RIVER LION — ARTHUR CLARK passed Tuesday, 12/14/2023

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

New Members Reported — DEC. 2023 (or Earlier)

BOYNE VALLEY LIONS: KECIA FREED — Joined: 12/27/2023 — Sponsor: NA

HALE LIONS: GENE N GOODMAN — Joined: 11/13/2023 — Sponsor: ROGER HOUTHOOFD

JAMES J WEBBER — Joined: 12/04/2023 — Sponsor: FRED LEWIS

CRYSTAL C YACHCIK — Joined: 12/12/04/2023 — Sponsor: FRED LEWIS

OSCODA LIONS: SCOTT BUCICH — Joined: 11/09/23 — Sponsor: ANTHONY PRIEBE

WILLIAM A LAIDLAW — Joined: 11/09/2023 — Sponsor: WILLIAM SHIFLET

Total: 6 New Members Reported

Information From MyLCI Monthly Reports & Club Activities Sent In

On the Mend Reported

East Jordan Lion Joe Krumholz on the mend from hernia surgery.

Alpena Lions

DECEMBER 2023

The Alpena Lions held their 3rd annual potato sale fundraiser in November. This year, according to Lion Chairman Andy Lamp, the Lions sold 700 bags of potatoes. Andy also stated that 300 of these bags were donated to local food banks, largely due to the generosity of the Alpena Community.

The Alpena Lions Club extends their thanks to R.A. Townsend, Besser Company, Styma Potato Farms of Posen and all the Lions who participated in the 2023 Fundraiser. Over twenty Lions volunteered to assist in distributing the load of potatoes. Also the club would like to recognize B.J. Sanders, Ken Dully, Jon Emerson and Dave Zeller for their outstanding sales efforts.

We thank the community for their support and look forward to next year's 4th annual Alpena Lions Potato Fundraiser.

Picture: Lion Gary Stevens stands in front of the load of potatoes flanked by representatives of Styma Potato Farms and Besser Company.



Boyne Valley Lions

DECEMBER 2023

Info from Dec. 27 Meeting Notes

December Pasty Results: Sold 385 beef and 121 Veggie - total 506. Fall 2022 402 beef, 142 veggie - total 544. Fundraiser profit: 2023 - \$2,531.56 . 2022 - \$2,996.84.

Induction of Kecia Freed into the club —



— Presentation of the Melvin Jones Fellow Award to Lion Rex Judkins



East Jordan Lions

DECEMBER 2023

East Jordan Lions had a Christmas party live auction. The proceeds of \$861 was given to the Care and Share Food pantry to purchase hams and turkeys. Lions and guests each brought a \$25 gift to be auctioned. Pictured are Lions Bill Chase and Dan Miller who ran the auction.



Central Lake Lions

DECEMBER 2023

Central Lake Lion's annual Christmas dinner party this year, with a presentation from and donation to The Antrim Attic.



— Ringing bells for the Salvation Army during the holidays.



Sponsor of Santa's reindeer on Window Night in Central Lake

Hillman Lions

DECEMBER 2023

Here are the pictures from the 5th grade activity yesterday (12/18/2023) sponsored by the Hillman Lions Club.

Merry Christmas everyone!



THE HILLMAN LIONS CLUB enjoyed their first project with this year's fifth grade Adopt-a-class project! After doing a fall art project, the kids enjoyed snacks we brought in. Another great class & we appreciate the teachers letting us work with their classes again this year!



Lewiston Lions

DECEMBER 2023

For over 40 years, the Lewiston Lions have been delighted to provide fruit baskets to our less privileged neighbors during the Holiday season.

For approximately the last 10 years we have joined forces with Community Sharing of Lewiston in order to reach more of our residents.

Pictured are Lions Jim Hilgendorf & Brian Grachel.



Oscoda Lions

DECEMBER 2023

The Oscoda Lions Club ramp crew helped another local family in need today. They built a 4x4' platform and 12' ramp in the garage at the family's home. One of the occupants has had a health issue confining him to a wheelchair. The new ramp will enable him to get in and out of the house and get to therapy. The homeowners said the ramp was a great Christmas present! The crew picked up the material at 800 and finished the project a little before 1100. Tony Priebe, Bob Drogosch, Scott Busich, and Chuck Andrina worked on the project. WE SERVE!



Picture: Homeowner, Chuck Andrine, Scott Busich Tony Priebe



— Oscoda Lions were notified by Residential Home Health that a client felt unsteady when climbing the steps to get on his deck and enter his home. Chuck Andrina went out to his home in the Jose Lake area this morning and built a handrail for him. He was very happy and felt it would be a big help for him. No job is too big or too small. We serve!!

Below: Oscoda Lions and the Rotary club held a joint Christmas party. We had a delicious meal of spareribs. After the meal we were entertained by the Flute players from the Oscoda high school band. The most enjoyable part of the evening was the fellowship. Everyone brought gifts for the Oscoda United Methodist Church food pantry.



2024 Has Arrived. What Will We Do With It?

As we say farewell to 2023, we look forward to 2024 with the hope that it will be better than the previous year. It's a cultural tendency to think that the New Year will be better in some way than the ending one.

One ritual many people choose to make is the "New Year's resolution", a promise to yourself to do something to enhance your life. It may be by doing something new - travel more, take an educational course, try yoga, learn a new skill or hobby, or spend more time with family and friends. Or it may be to stop doing something that's been diminishing the quality of your life - quit smoking, or alcohol, or drugs; lose that unhealthy weight, stop judging people, allow an open mind to be more forgiving.

New year's resolutions date back to the ancient Babylonians, a 4,000 year old tradition according to archaeology finds. Unfortunately, despite centuries of resolution practice, recent surveys find that we usually fail miserably. Roughly 80% of people fail to keep their resolutions by February, and 23% of adults quit the first week of the year. Only 8%-9% stick with their resolutions for the entire year.

Why do so many start with genuine motivation, and then fall off the resolution trail? There are many reasons people fail, including choosing something too big or impractical, forgetting the real "why", and becoming bored or disenchanted with the effort needed to continue. They may not be ready for any major change. Many resolutions are made because it is a new year tradition, and their motivation is weak, not a need. To succeed, the motive to change must be an essential need, not just an idea.

The belief that the new year will be better than the last is a form of hope. We all want many things in life to be better, and that is a very human characteristic. The truth is that yes, there were many bad things that happened last year. But there were also many good things, inventions and progress in areas of human culture. Things happened last year, and whether it was a good year or a bad year depends on everyone's point of view, how any particular happening, whether human act or natural event, impacted an individual personally. Some gained something, some lost something.

The reality is that in the year 2024 good things and bad things will continue to happen. There will be thousands, or millions, of world-wide deplorable actions - wars, murders, mass shootings in schools and anywhere else, domestic violence, women and children beaten, rape, robberies, fraud, lies that harm others, hate, and greed that fuels so many awful actions, to name a few - all bad things fabricated by human stupidity.

On the other side of the coin, there will continue to be significant world-wide efforts for better things in life, new ideas and actions that will continue to improve human civilization. Despite the daily news of human depravity, there are millions of people helping others, volunteering time and effort to create a better world. Lions aren't the only people who want to help others in need. There are kindly, thinking people making changes to the ways things have been done for a better outcome for everyone. Innovations in human activities such as justice, engineering, economy, environment, technology, and health are being discovered, or implemented in some way, every year - all the possibilities of the smart, the wise, the genius, people at a level of intelligence can advance humanity to a peaceful future.

While we have no power over natural events - storms, volcanos, earthquakes - that destroy and kill all over the planet, humans continue to find ways to predict events, with warnings that give people time to evacuate an area, and better constructions for protection against destructive threats.

So 2024 will have all the same actors and props, just with a different script. Whether it is more good than bad, or the other way around, will be determined when we examine the outcome at 2024's end.

As Lions in 2024, we will lose some members, hopefully just a few, and we will welcome some new members, hopefully several dozens or more. We will continue to have some say in what's better or worse with humanity by our own actions. With the properties and influence of Forgiveness, Gratitude, Joy, Kindness, and Love, together we can change the world and help determine humanity's positive future.

The Past is what it was, but the Future is what we make of it.

PICTURES OF THE MONTH

What's Wrong With These Photos?



These pictures show different seasonal weather. The top one taken looks like normal autumnal weather along the Bear River biking and hiking trail in Petoskey – trees losing their leaves, walking the dog on a cool day.

The bottom picture portrays a winter wonderland, with 4 to 5 inches of snow on my back yard and beyond – a typical winter vista. Both taken this year

So, what's wrong with that?

Well, what's wrong is that the bottom winter photo was taken not in winter, but in October, on Halloween Day. Many parts of Michigan got slammed with snowfall on that day, including the Little Traverse Bay area. The temperature got up to 37 for a high, after a night of below freezing temps.

Mother Nature's more trick than treat weather had us wondering if this was the beginning of an early winter. As you know, it turned out not to go that way.



The top photo was taken just before Christmas day, no snow in sight. Not only was there no snow, but on Christmas day the temperature in our area reached 56 or 57 degrees. Since then there have been a few dusting snows but not enough to get out the snow blower. The drastic turning of weather, Christmas snow on Halloween, and a rather sultry October temperature on Christmas Day, seems like a mistake, as if the weather elves accidentally delivered switched climate dates. It seems that chaotic weather patterns – storms, floods, winds – have become the new normal, so we better be ready to “batten the hatches” – it could be a very bumpy ride ahead of us.

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NOTE: Submissions received after the 4th of the month will be printed in the next month issue

- **Activities:** Service Projects, Fundraising Events, Club Events – What You DO!
- **Club Milestones:** Awards, Club Officers, New Memberships, Passings – What Is Happening With Your Members!
- **Photos of Service Activities, Fundraising Events, Awards, etc.**

*** Photos: Should be 300 pixels for good quality. Include names of individuals in photos, and/or describe what the photo is showing. Text: Include dates and names (if applicable) for all events submitted. Text will be edited as needed for space, spelling, corrections, etc.**

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

DON'T BE LEFT OUT!!

Racism has no place in our world.

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

#kindnessmatters

