

APRIL 2024

Notable Quotes: "Step out of the history that is holding you back. Step into the new story you are willing to create." — Oprah Winfrey

District Governor's Message



DG Steve Murch

I recently had a club visit with the Boyne Valley Lions, and during that visit the question was brought up asking why someone should get involved with the district. Rather quickly I turned it into being engaged with the district. It wasn't that I was trying to discourage people from getting involved, quite the contrary – please get involved.

My reason from shifting to being engaged with the district is the more you understand what it happening with the district the better informed you are. All clubs at some point will need some assistance from the district and by being engaged you more easily will be able to find the help you need.

The other reason for being engaged with the district is you are more connected to the other clubs within the district. When you are more connected it is easier to share ideas on service projects and fundraisers, get some help on a project or simply make more connections with people who might have the answers you need.

While we can connect and be engaged with the district at any time, April 20 is a great opportunity for you to engage with district and so much more. The annual district convention will be held that day on the campus of Alpena Community College.

You not only can connect with other Lions and learn more about the district, you can find out more about the state projects we support as Lions. It's a day where you can learn more about the clubs you share so much with, the district you are part of, and some of the ways Lions are helping their communities and the people who call northern Michigan home.

The convention is a one-day event this year and there is so much you can learn that day. I encourage you all to attend. Every member who has a registered email with Lions received a registration form and itinerary. Those members were encouraged to share with their club members who might not have had an email address. If you did not, let me know and I will make sure you receive one.

I hope to see you all in Alpena on April 20. And as always, thanks for all you do.

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District 11-E2 Website:
lionsdistrict11e2.org

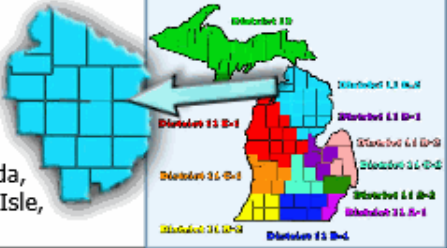
Note: This information is up to date at the time of this publication, but is subject to change as adjustments are needed.

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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



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

Dear Lions,

There is strength in numbers. Throughout my 34 years of service, I've always been grateful for the close teamwork and friendships that I've experienced volunteering alongside my fellow Lions.

Teamwork generates fresh perspectives and inspires others to join the good work we do—work that would not be possible without your dedication to service, which is shared by Leos and Leo-Lions. When we bring young people into our clubs, everyone benefits. We can learn from one another, help even more people together and strengthen the future of our service.

So collaborate with your Leos, or start a new Leo club. Encourage young people in your circle to become Leos and Lions, so we can grow our clubs and grow together through our service.

Yours in service,

Dr. Patti Hill
International President



A message from:

Patricia Vannett

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



MISSION 1.5

Have you ever run into resistance from other Lions when trying to start new clubs? They might ask, "Why should we start new clubs? Shouldn't we focus on growing our existing clubs?"

It's not an "either/or." We can and need to start new clubs—and support our existing clubs. The future of our association depends on it. In fact, of the top 10 growing districts across CA1, all are among the strongest in both membership and new club growth.

Membership results for CA1

July 2023 – February 2024

- **Added Members:** 20,588
- **Members Dropped:** 22,168
- **Net Growth:** -1,580 (6% Increase over last year)
- **New Clubs:** 41 (12 more or 41% Increase over last year)
- **New Club Applications Entered into MyLCI:** 26

Continued



Leading Districts and MDs in New Club Development

Top 10 Districts in Net Growth

District	Gain in Fiscal Year
2 X1	142
21 N	95
1 A	90
20 R2	73
43 K	72
20 K2	67
4 C4	51
5 NW	45
22 C	44
22 B	40
5M 5	40

District/Multiple District	New Clubs in Fiscal Year
District 21 N	3
District 2 S4	2
District 2 T3	2
District 2 X3	2
District 22 C	2
District 34 C	2
District 4 L3	2
Multiple District 2	14
Multiple District 4	4
Multiple District 21	3
Multiple District 22	2
Multiple District 34	2
Multiple District 5	2
Multiple District 13	2



Membership will grow where Lions want it to. Serving community needs is key. Friends and family will join if you ask. Leaders like you must gather the support of your fellow Lions so we can grow into the association our communities need us to be. The success of *MISSION 1.5* depends on your leadership.

Ask family members and friends to join you in changing the world.

Lion Pat

Resources

Worldwide Induction Day (WWID) | International President Dr. Patti Hill >

MISSION 1.5 >

Start A New Club >

Club Branch >

Global Membership Approach >

**Lions International**

Dear Lions Club Officer,

As your club prepares for annual elections and to welcome a new leadership team, use these helpful resources to get your incoming officers ready to take the lead.

- **Standard Club Constitution & By-Laws** – This outlines the election process and describes key positions within the club structure as outlined in the Standard Club Structure. Immediately after your club completes its elections (and no later than May 15), your club secretary should report the incoming officers and directors.
- **Standard Club Structure** – The sample structure includes the officers, board of directors and standing committees. It also provides an overview of a club's layout.
- **Club Quality Initiative (CQI)** – This is a strategic planning tool to help clubs identify opportunities for improvement. Change is critical for each club. By understanding our current operation, identifying areas that may be improved and taking measured steps to accomplish our goals, every club can be even better.
- **MISSION 1.5** – As your club develops a plan to foster membership growth and achieve **MISSION 1.5**, connecting with the incoming officers and membership committee is a great way to discuss your club's strengths, ways to improve and new opportunities that will help your club grow. In addition, reaching out to current members within the club will help enhance their experience as Lions. Change starts at the club – Introduce your club to some useful resources and **utilize the tools** provided to help it function effectively.

As you prepare for the elections, discussing the following important items with the candidates is key and helpful to a successful continuation within your club.

- Review the incoming officers contact information in the **Member Portal**. As a club officer, you may need to help them update their information to ensure they have a unique, unshared email. Help us keep them in the loop by providing email addresses for future communications.
- Review the service your club provided this year and discuss how your club can grow in service next year. Reviewing past service reports helps your club set realistic service goals and choose future service activities. Ensure your service is reported through the **Member Portal** to provide long-term service insight to future club officers. Visit the **Service Reporting webpage** for more information and contact serviceactivities@lionsclubs.org if you have any questions.

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 and leadership!

Sincerely,

Your District & Club Administration Division Support Team



Dear Lions and Leos,

Preparation is underway to begin rolling out the new Lion Portal. Here is some important information to prepare you for launch.

Phased rollout for Lion Account Users

Our target launch window is April 15 – May 13*. During this time, all current Lion Account users will receive an email inviting them to access the new Lion Portal**. We're doing this phased rollout to ensure staff are available to provide the best support possible and offer you a positive introductory experience.

- **Now – April 11:** MyLion, MyLCI and Insights will continue to function as normal.
- **April 12 and beyond:** MyLion, MyLCI and Insights are no longer available.
- **April 15 – May 13:** Invitations to access the new Lion Portal sent via email on a rolling basis to existing Lion Account users. Please note: User permissions will not change. In other words, those who can report service, access member data and other key functions remains the same.
- **May 13 and beyond:** All visitors attempting to access the previous digital tools will be automatically redirected to the new Lion Portal.

*Dates are subject to change. Our number one goal is to create a positive experience for Lions and Leos. If determined more time is required to ensure the product is in an optimal state, the dates may be adjusted accordingly.

**If you don't see the email in your everyday inbox, please check all spam and junk folders for it first before contacting Member Support.

Note that the new Lion Portal will require a unique, unshared email, and phone numbers will no longer be supported as a log in credential.

Information and resources

Be sure to visit lionsclubs.org/portal-updates for the latest information and resources, which includes handy how-to videos for help accessing the new portal once you've received your Lion Portal invitation email.

We appreciate your support and thank you for your continued service as we prepare for the new Lion Portal – together.

[Learn more](#)

Sincerely,

Sue Ben
Chief of Technology
Lions International



Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION



The massive earthquake and strong aftershocks that struck south of Taipei killed at least nine people, injured more than 900 others, collapsed buildings, caused landslides and blackouts, and triggered tsunami warnings in surrounding regions. The 7.4 magnitude quake is the strongest to hit the region in 25 years.

When a humanitarian crisis of this magnitude strikes, we, as Lions, are ready to help. Right beside us is Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), our global foundation. LCIF is mobilizing funds, including a US\$100,000 Major Catastrophe Grant, to empower Lions in impacted areas to help their communities recover.

Your donation can make a difference.

HELP NOW ▶

Your generous donation to LCIF's Disaster Relief Fund, specifically reserved for all disaster relief, helps Lions continue to serve!

To learn more about LCIF Disaster Relief grants, visit lionsclubs.org/disastergrants or email LCIFGlobalGrants@lionsclubs.org.

100% of donations benefit grants and programs and qualify for Melvin Jones Fellowship (MJF) or Progressive MJF.



This email was sent to all Lions worldwide.



Lions Bear Lake Camp Buffalo & Boar Wild Game Dinner

Metamora Lions Club House, 3790 N. Oak St. Metamora, Mi. 48455

Saturday, April 27, 2024

Doors open at 5pm-Dinner at 6

Gourmet Wild Game Dinner Catered by Metamora Country Club!
3 Drink tickets! Cash Bar for Mixed Cocktails!
Door prizes! Win a Ruger 10/22! Hourly Drawings!

SPONSOR OPPORTUNITY AVAILABLE

Platinum \$2,500

Gold \$1,000

Silver \$500

See the second page for sponsorship and event details.

Order your tickets today online

www.bearlakecamp.org "under the event tab"

Or to purchase tickets via mail send check payable to Lions Bear Lake Camp

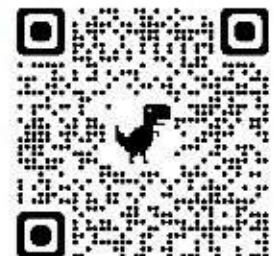
Mail to: 3409 N. Five Lakes Rd. Lapeer, Mi 48448

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EVENT SPONSORSHIP

Platinum \$2,500.00

Logo placed on event banner & program
 Sponsor recognized throughout the event
 Table of 8 with 3 drink tickets each
 Golf for a foursome at the Lions Bear Lake Camp Golf Classic and the awards dinner.

Gold \$1,000

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 Table of 8 with 3 drink tickets each

Silver \$500

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 Sponsor recognized throughout the event
 Table of 4 with 3 drink tickets each

Contact Jack Patton for more details

248-535-9011 or japlapelp@gmail.com

\$100 MEGA Ticket Raffle

CHANCE TO WIN 1 of 5 BIG GUNS

Smith & Wesson M&P Sport II

Ruger American Go Wild 450

Ruger American 350

Glock 45, 9mm

Springfield Hellcat Pro

1 CHANCE TO WIN A 30 GUN SAFE WITH
 MYSTERY GUN

\$20 Mystery Gun with Gun Safe Raffle

Silent Auction Items

Kayak
 Fishing Rod Combo Kit
 Gas Grills
 Camping Tent
 Booze Baskets
 Trail Cams
 And More

Live Auction Items

\$500 Value or More
 Fishing Charters
 Pheasant Hunts
 Play & Stay Golf Pkg
 Weekend Stays

\$20 Card Gun Raffles

Combo of Guns & Crossbows
 Gun Mfg. like Glock, Henry,
 Smith & Wesson, Savage,
 Ruger, etc.

CASH Square Boards

\$10 per square / 100 squares

1st Drawing \$250

2nd Drawing \$150

3rd Drawing \$100

ITEMS SUBJECT TO CHANGE BASED ON AVAILABILITY



2024 MD 11 Lions Convention
Michigan Lions: Changing the World!
LCI Guest Speaker Past International President Sid Scruggs, III
May 16-18, 2024 Sheraton by Marriott, Grand Rapids, MI
 Call for reservations today: (866) 610-0198 Code M11
(April 28th is the deadline to receive discounted price of \$109)

Name _____ Lion Leo Spouse Guest

Club Name _____ District _____

Name _____ Lion Leo Spouse Guest

Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____

Is this your first MD Convention? Yes No **How many years a Lion member?** _____

QUANTITY	AMOUNT
_____ Thursday Picnic @ \$10.00, May 16, 2024	\$ _____
_____ Thursday Bus Trip Rockford Picnic	\$ _____ -0- _____
_____ Registration @ \$15.00 for each Lion/Leo	\$ _____
_____ Registration @ \$15.00 for each Spouse/Guest	\$ _____
_____ Friday Evening Welcome Party @ \$25.00/person	\$ _____
_____ Saturday Breakfast @ \$16.00 per person	\$ _____
_____ Saturday Night Banquet @ \$45.00 per person	\$ _____

Entrée: ___ *Chicken Breast Stuffed w/Boursin & Baby Spinach & Champagne Cream Sauce*

Entrée: ___ *Shrimp Scampi over Angel Hair Pasta in a Citrus Wine Sauce*

Gluten Free ___ Vegetarian ___ **Total:** \$ _____

Please Note any special needs (i.e., deaf interpreters, dietary restrictions, food allergies, etc.)

Everyone **MUST** pay the registration fee. No meal tickets may be purchased unless the registration fee is paid. Deadline for pre-registration and purchase of tickets is **May 1, 2024**. No refunds after May 1, 2024. Tickets and registration packets will be distributed at the Lions Registration Desk at the Sheraton by Marriott, Grand Rapids. They will not be mailed to you. The registration desk will be open Thursday at 5:00 p.m.; Friday, 8:00 a.m. -5:30 p.m. and Saturday 8:00 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. Saturday Banquet tickets may be picked up Saturday evening at the Ballroom entrance.

Mail to: Lions of Michigan, 5730 Executive Dr., Lansing, MI 48911
 or
Register and pay online at: www.lionsofmi.com

MD 11 CONVENTION DELEGATE FORM

In accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws, all Lions Clubs in good standing with Lions International and the Multiple District are entitled to one (1) vote for each ten (10) members, or major fraction thereof, who have been enrolled for at least one year and a day in the club, as shown by the records of the International Office on the first day of the month last preceding the month during which the convention is held. The major fraction referred to is five (5) or more members.

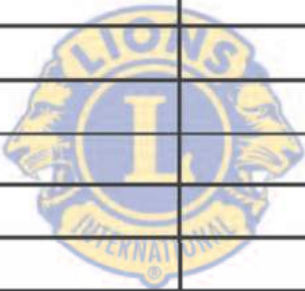
The number of delegates your club is entitled to for the MD 11 Convention is figured from your Membership Report as of the end of March - provided it is submitted to Lions International in a timely manner. When you complete your Membership Report for March, you can compute the number of delegates and alternates your club is entitled to and select your representative(s). List their names below on the left side of this form. Also indicate whether each representative listed is a Delegate or an Alternate.

Your delegate(s) must register and obtain a name badge before they can be certified to vote. Then they must sign this form at the convention and receive a delegate sticker from the Certification Desk. All delegates must be REGISTERED AND CERTIFIED by 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 18, 2024 in order to vote at the convention.
VOTING WILL TAKE PLACE ON SATURDAY AT THE SHERATON AIRPORT, GRAND RAPIDS, MI

Return this form prior to April 30, 2024 to: Lions of Michigan State Office • 5730 Executive Drive • Lansing, MI 48911

_____ **Total Number of Lions in YOUR Club as of April 1, 2024 who have been enrolled for at least one year and one day.**

THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY CLUB SECRETARY Name Delegate or Alternate	THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED AT CONVENTION SITE Signature



I hereby certify that the delegates and alternates listed above are in good standing with
 Lions Clubs International and the Lions of Michigan Multiple District 11.

Lions Club of _____ District _____

 President's or Secretary's Signature

 Signature of Governor or Governor-Elect
(Valid only at convention and only if President/Secretary of club is not present)

NOTE: THIS IS NOT A REGISTRATION FORM. All Lions must register before they can be certified to vote. Please advise your delegates to arrive early. The Certification Desk at the Sheraton Airport, Grand Rapids, MI is open from 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m. Friday, May 17, 2024 and from 8:00 to 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 18, 2024
 Any Lion who is not in line by 11:30 a.m. Saturday will not be certified as a delegate and will not be allowed to vote.
 Voting will take place between 12:00 and 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 18, 2024

Multiple District 11 Proposed Dues Increase

The subject of a dues increase for Multiple District 11 was discussed at a Council of Governors meeting after it was recommended by MD 11 Council Treasurer Paul Hemeryck.

A committee was appointed to review and make a report a to the Council of Governors with a recommendation.

Based on the committee's report the Council of Governors approved the following resolution to be presented and voted on by the club delegates at the Multiple District 11 Convention Business Meeting to be held on Saturday, May 17th at the Marriott Sheraton Hotel in Grand Rapids to be voted:

Resolved That Article VIII Section 1 the administrative fund tax (member dues) be increased to \$12.00 effective July 1, 2024 with semi-annual payments of \$6.00 be collected September 10, 2024 and March 10, 2025; and

Be it further Resolved That the dues be increased to \$14.00 with semi-annual payments of \$7.00 be collected September 10, 2025 and March 10, 2026 and each year thereafter.

This requires an amendment to Article VIII, Section 1 of the MD11 By-laws.

Currently Article VIII Section 1 reads:

Section 1. MULTIPLE DISTRICT REVENUE. To provide revenue for approved multiple district projects and to defray the administrative expenses of the multiple district, an annual multiple district administrative fund tax of \$10.00 is hereby levied upon each member of each club in the multiple district and shall be collected and paid in advance by each club in two (2) semi-annual payments as follows: \$5.00 per club member on September tenth of each year to cover the semi-annual period July 1 to December 31; and \$5.00 per club member on March tenth of each year, to cover the semi-annual period January 1 to June 30, with billings of the same to be based upon the roster of each club as of the first days of July and January, respectively. Said tax shall be paid to the council secretary/treasurer by each club in the multiple district, except newly chartered and reorganized clubs, which shall collect and pay said tax on a pro-rata basis from the first day of the second month following the date of their organization or

reorganization, as the case may be. Said tax shall be disbursed only for administrative expenses of the multiple district and only upon approval by the Council of Governors. Disbursement therefrom shall be by checks drawn and signed by the council secretary-treasurer and countersigned by the council chairperson.

The proposed new amendment would read as follows:

Section 1. MULTIPLE DISTRICT REVENUE. To provide revenue for approved multiple district projects and to defray the administrative expenses of the multiple district, a multiple district administrative fund tax of \$12.00 is hereby levied upon each member of each club in the multiple district and shall be collected and paid in advance by each club in two (2) semi-annual payments as follows: \$6.00 per club member on September tenth of 2024, to cover the semi-annual period July 1 to December 31; and \$6.00 per club member on March tenth of 2025, to cover the semi-annual period January 1 to June 30, with billings of the same to be based upon the roster of each club as of the first days of July and January, respectively.

Section 2. An annual multiple district administrative fund tax of \$14.00 is hereby levied upon each member of each club in two (2) semi-annual payments as follows: \$7.00 per club member on September tenth of each year following to cover the semi-annual period July 1 through December 31; and \$7.00 per club member to cover the semi-annual period January 1 to June 30, with billings of the same to be based upon the roster of each club as of the first days of July and January, respectfully.

Said tax shall be paid to the council secretary/treasurer by each club in the multiple district, except newly chartered and reorganized clubs, which shall collect and pay said tax on a pro-rata basis from the first day of the second month following the date of their organization or reorganization, as the case may be. Said tax shall be disbursed only for administrative expenses of the multiple district and only upon approval by the Council of Governors. Disbursement therefrom shall be by checks drawn and signed by the council secretary-treasurer and countersigned by the council chairperson.

There are many ways to serve the membership of MD 11. Participating as a State Chairperson or District Representative on one of our many State Committees is just one of several opportunities. **Thank you** to the many Lions who have volunteered to serve our membership in this capacity!

2023-2024 Lions of Michigan State Committees

Lions All State Band -Chair, Tom MacNaughton
Lions Bear Lake Camp-Chair, Jack Patton
Childhood Cancer-Chair, Darlene Anderson
Constitution and By-Laws-Chair, Dick DeLong
Diabetes-Chair, Roger Blackwell
District Editors Advisory-Chair, Bob Tetzlaff
Global Leadership Team-Chair, Traci Tribley
Global Membership Team-Chair, Shawn Blaszczyk
Global Service Team-Chair, Terri Huffman
Hearing-Chair, Bev Bodem
Hunger-Chair, Lloyd Foster
Information Technology-Chair, Ray Robins
Lions Clubs International Convention-Chair, Wendy Burns
Lions Clubs International Foundation-Chair, Harold Stephens/Justin Faber
Leader Dogs for the Blind-Chair, Frank Cunningham
Leo Clubs-Chair, Larry Wegrzyn
Lions Michigan Forum-Chair, Jim Leach, Jr.
Lions Quest-Chair, Stan Masters
MD 11 Lions Convention-Co Chairs, Brenda & Dave Hacker
Michigan Eversight-Chair, Kurt Stromlund
Public Relations/Social Media-Chair, Doug Klein
Reading Action Plan-Chair, Don Spinks
Sight Conservation/White Cane-Chair, Roger Bosse
Youth Exchange-Chair, Elvie Marfil

Many of the state chair terms will expire on 6-30-2024. Anyone interested in serving during the 2024-2025 Lions year is asked to submit a request in writing to: Executive Director Wendy Burns, 5730 Executive Dr., Lansing, 48911 or email your letter of interest to: wburns@lionsofmi.com Please submit no later than April 20, 2024.

**MD 11 Council Chairperson – 2025-2026
Application Form**

Please type or print:

Last Name First Name Middle Initial

Spouse’s Name (if applicable)

Address City and State Zip/Postal Code

Residence Phone (Include Area Code) Business Phone (Include Area Code)

Fax (Include Area Code) Cell Phone (Include Area Code)

E-Mail Address

Your Lions Club District # Year Served as a DG

For complete position description contact Executive Director Wendy Burns

wburns@lionsofmi.com

PLEASE INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ON A SEPARATE SHEET OF PAPER:

Offices held at the club level:

Offices held at the zone, region, and district level (including committee assignments):

Offices held at the multiple district level (including committee assignments)

Special awards, honors, and recognitions you have received:

Skills or talents you bring to the position:



The MD 11 Global Action Team Applications now being accepted for the 2024-2025 Lions year

The Global Action Team is a vast network of dedicated Lions of all levels who are focused on helping districts achieve their goals. This important team helps foster club membership growth, increase Lions visibility in the community through impactful service and build strong, innovative leaders.

As a member of the GAT, your success is our success. Whether you're a part of the Global Service Team (GST), Global Membership Team (GMT), Global Extension Team (GET) or Global Leadership Team (GLT), you'll find helpful information and resources on LCI's website that will help you better understand your role and make a greater impact. **You can also learn more about the GAT by taking the Global Action Team course available in the Lions Learning Center using your Lion Account login credentials.**

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/resource-center/global-action-team-roles-resources>

This is a one-year term and candidates selected by the Multiple District Governors. For a complete overview of each of the GAT positions, please refer to LCI's website. www.lionsclubs.org Applications now being accepted for the 2024-2025 year. Send your letter of interest along with your resume and Lion's history to the Lions State Office. Interview date is yet to be determined.



STATE OF MICHIGAN



CERTIFICATE OF PROCLAMATION

ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF MICHIGAN,
I, Gretchen Whitmer, governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim

April 26 – May 5, 2024
as
WHITE CANE WEEK

WHEREAS, the white cane has become an international symbol, identifying individuals who are blind or who have low vision and alerting Michigan drivers to observe caution for the safety of drivers and pedestrians alike; and,

WHEREAS, for decades, White Cane Week efforts have supported projects and organizations that benefit people who are blind or who have low vision and help provide examinations, eyeglasses, and white canes to those in need; and,

WHEREAS, during this week, we encourage Michiganders to learn more about White Cane Week and support projects and services that facilitate the independence of people who are blind or who have low vision; and,

WHEREAS, the Lions Club of Michigan is an organization dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for all people, particularly Michiganders who are blind or who have low vision, and providing them opportunities to achieve greater autonomy; and,

WHEREAS, we recognize the dedicated volunteers of the Lions Club of Michigan for their continued commitment to community service;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gretchen Whitmer, governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim April 26 – May 5, 2024, as White Cane Week in Michigan.

Gretchen Whitmer

Gretchen Whitmer
Governor



ADVERTISING ORDER FOR PROGRAM

2024 Lions

District 11 E-2 Convention

April 19-20, 2024

Alpena Community College Granum Theater, Alpena, MI



Individual or Club _____

Contact Person _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

SIZE OF AD BEING ORDERED:

Width x Height

5 x 8	(Full Page)	\$ 125.00	_____
5 x 4	(Half Page)	\$ 69.00	_____
2.5 x 4	(Quarter Page)	\$ 49.00	_____

(Sizes shown include borders around the ad)

Customer Signature _____

ATTACH CHECK OR MONEY ORDER (made payable to District 11-E2 Convention Fund) along with printer ready copy.

Please note that this year all ads are full color.

Ad artwork can be emailed to edw@allegraalpena.com

FINAL DEADLINE TO GET AN AD IS APRIL 5, 2024

MAIL TO:

DG Steve Murch
130 Tuttle St.
Alpena, MI 49707

**If you have any questions,
please contact**

Lion Ed Klimczak:
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*Life is short, so forgive quickly.
Believe slowly. Love truly.
Laugh uncontrollably. Never regret
anything that makes you happy.
And have a wonderful journey!!*

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We Serve

It's 2024 and we're coming to Alpena!

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Not only will you be gaining exposure for your business or organization, you'll be supporting an important group of volunteers in your community.

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Wednesday April 17, 2024
4-6 PM

Pancake Chef Restaurant

327 E Central Ave., Mackinaw City

\$10 per person 5 years and up! 4 and under are free!



Get your tickets from any Lions Club Member or at the door!

DISTRICT NEWS

All State Band students

comdac@comdac.com

Sat, Mar 16, 3:13 PM (8 days ago)

As you are probably aware, we have 4 district students who are in the All State Band this year and will be going on a trip to Australia. The trip costs \$6,299, so they can use all the help they can get. Please consider what you can do to help them out. If you want to make a contribution, please make the check out to Lions of Michigan All State Band and send it to the state office- Lions of Michigan, 5730 Executive Drive, Lansing, MI 48911. Be sure and note on it that your contribution is for the 4 District 11-E2 students. Please let me know what your club sends in so I can keep a rough track of how our students are doing. I would hate to have any of them drop out of what will be a once in a lifetime experience due to financial problems. The district has already contributed \$500 for each student, but with a trip this expensive, more is needed. Thanks for your consideration! Let me know if you have any questions.

CST Barb Durflinger

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District LCIF Fundraiser Contest

In order to encourage individual contributions to LCIF, we are having a contest to win a Melvin Jones Fellowship for your club (\$1000 value!). The contest will end on June 30, 2024.

To be fair to all size clubs, the winning club will be the club with the highest % of members contributing to LCIF.

Rules-

- 1) Clubs must contribute at least as much to LCIF as they did last year.
- 2) Individual contributions must be at least \$5.
- 3) If there is a tie, the club with the highest average individual contribution wins.

If you need to know how much your club gave last year, or what your member's individual contributions have been so far this year, please contact me.

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I wanted to give everyone an update on our district LCIF contest. Right now in individual contributions:

Hillman Lions- 68.8%	Lewiston Lions- 6.3%
Alpena Lions- 11.3%	Boyne Valley Lions- 3.1%
East Jordan Lions- 9.8%	Central Lake Lions- 3.0%

I have attached a multiple donor form so you can take up collections at your club if you like, as well as a copy of the contest rules. You can either send the multiple donor form directly to LCIF, or send it to me and I can fill in member #, etc for you. Keep up the good work! Let me know if you have any questions.

PDG Barb Durflinger

District 11-E2 LCIF Chair

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Multiple Donor Contribution Form

Individual Completing this Form Name _____ Phone _____
 Date _____ E-mail _____

Gift Type Make donations via the web at www.lcif.org _____ **US\$ Check Enclosed** (payable to LCIF, drawn on US bank)
 _____ **Wire/Bank Transfer** (please attach bank transfer receipt) _____ **Local LCI Deposit** (please attach bank deposit ticket)

Total Amount US\$ _____ (must total individual amounts below)

Individual Donation Amount	*Preferred Fund	Donor First/ Given Name	Donor Last/ Family Name	Donor Member #	Donor Club Name	Donor Club #	Donor District	*Type of Recognition	Lions Share Recognition (select one)
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*Please choose one category for use of donation in second column:
E - Empowering Service Fund
 A donation to LCIF and all the causes the foundation supports.
D - Disaster Relief Fund
 A donation to LCIF specifically reserved for disaster relief.

*Please indicate in the appropriate column the type of recognition requested:
TYPES OF RECOGNITION
MJF - Melvin Jones Fellowship
PMJF - Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship
 If donor credits need to be transferred, please contact Donor Assistance for a Credit Transfer Release Form.

The Lions Share program is an annual program that recognizes individual donors for three levels of support. Lions Share supporters will earn a specially designed pin based on the level of support given. Donations are also eligible to go toward Melvin Jones Fellowship recognition.

US\$50 - 1 star
US\$100 - 2 stars
US\$200 - 3 stars

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Calendar of Events

APRIL 2024

Solar Eclipse — April 8, 2024 — 85%-90% coverage in Northern Michigan

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

District Lions Convention — **April 20, 2024** — **Alpena**

Earth Day — April 22, 2024

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.

JUNE 2024

Lions International Convention — June 21, 2024 — Melbourne, Australia —
More info at <https://lionscon.lionsclubs.org/>



PASSINGS REPORTED



No passings were reported this month.

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

Information From MyLCI Monthly Reports

New Members Reported — MAR. 2024 (or Earlier)

INDIAN RIVER LIONS CLUB: JAN H. OSWALT — Joined: 03/19/2024 — Sponsor: PAMELA MARKS

Total: 1 New Member Reported

Information From MyLCI Monthly Reports & Club Activities Sent In

On the Mend Reported

No Reports Received

Alpena Lions

MARCH 2024

The Alpena Lions Club provided financial support for the "Special Needs Prom" hosted by the Alpena Aplex.

A great event with a formal setting for persons with special needs to enjoy.



The Lion of Today

By Lion Steve Williams

Past District 18-I Governor

Forsyth County Lions Club, Cumming, Georgia USA

We, the Lions, to continue the proud tradition of Lionism in our community, our nation, and our world, must become

THE LIONS OF TODAY.

As **THE LIONS OF TODAY**, we must...

- Be proud of our past, but **NOT STUCK IN THE PAST.**
- **EMBRACE CHANGE.**
- Ask our community "How can **WE SERVE** you?"
- Have a positive "**CAN-DO**" attitude.
- Show **KINDNESS** to everyone we meet.
- **PUSH FORWARD** in spite of nay-sayers.
- **LEAD BY EXAMPLE.**
- **CARE** about our community, our nation, and our world.
- Take the initiative.
- **ENCOURAGE, NURTURE** and **LISTEN** to our fellow Lions.
- **REACH OUT** to people from all walks of life.

TOGETHER WE CAN and **TOGETHER WE WILL**

become **THE LIONS OF TODAY!**

Copy of author Lion Steve Williams, P.D. 18-1 Governor. Forsyth County Lions Club, Cumming, Georgia, USA.—Contributed by Alpena Lion David Zeller, from the District Facebook website.

East Jordan Lions

MARCH 2024

East Jordan Lions Linda and Dennis Gocha attended the Forum in Kalamazoo where they participated in making 160 no-sew blankets for Sleep in Heavenly Peace.



East Jordan Lions Club hosted their annual Easter Fun and Games for kids ages 5-12.

Kids were given prizes, candy and played games. Two fishing poles/tackle boxes, and bikes were given away



Hillman Lions MARCH 2024

Our Mobile Pantry volunteers go above and beyond. This is Duane Durflinger making sure we get all of the cabbages out of the box!



Oscoda Lions MARCH 2024

Oscoda Lions held their annual bowling tournament (best Ball). They had 96 bowlers, prizes for everyone.

Picture Von Mallak, Jane Myer, Newana Visser



April 2024: Spring Thoughts

As the Earth continues its journey around the sun, the planet's tilt has brought us beyond March's Spring Equinox and into the month of April – the month known for the beginning of nature's return to life for plants, animals giving birth to offspring, and also the reappearance of insects, for good or bad – good for bees and other pollen carriers, and bugs that feed birds and many animals; bad for mosquitoes, flies, and any annoying, plant damaging, or dangerous disease-carrier bugs.

Speaking of insects, the 13-year and 17-year cicadas cycles are both occurring this year, an event that happens only once every 221 years, and 2 of the largest broods of cicadas will emerge at once. Trillions of cicadas will be munching plants, which may include some food crops, mostly in the mid-west, eastern and southern states, where the cicadas will appear. Although their potential damage isn't considered nearly as serious as locusts, some of the agricultural community are still a bit worried. The loud buzzing sound cicadas create, which reaches up to 106.7 decibels, is more than annoying. Normal conversation is about 60 decibels, and a motorcycle engine running is about 95 decibels. Noise above 70 decibels over a prolonged period of time may start to damage your hearing. Loud noise above 120 decibels can cause immediate harm to your ears. Michigan will be in part of the 17-year cicada area, so we northern Michiganders may hear some of the buzzing of these insect multitudes.

We Lions live on a planet of immeasurable diversity of life, boundless beauty, unceasing danger and endless mystery. We can only help what needs to be helped if we have at least some understanding of our earth, whether it be social or cultural human activity or the environment and natural causes.

As Lions we also like to learn and have fun. So with that in mind and in the spirit of April Fools Day, the following list of interesting facts about our planet and its diverse life is provided for your enjoyment. There is one item on this list that is not true. Can you guess which one is false? (*The answer is on the last page of this newsletter*)

- A:** Aboriginal Australians are the world's oldest continuous living culture. A 2016 study gathered genomic data showing this group arrived on the continent around 50,000 years ago, after leaving Africa 70,000 years ago.
- B:** Blue whales are the largest known animals to have ever lived. North Atlantic and North Pacific blue whales can grow up to about 90 feet and are over 100,000 pounds, but in the Antarctic, they can reach up to about 110 feet and generally weigh more than 330,000 - 400,000 pounds. Their tongue alone is about 18 feet long and can weigh up to 8,000 pounds. Female blue whales are generally larger than males.
- C:** Chemical spray is the extraordinary super power defense the bombardier beetle — ejecting a boiling, noxious chemical spray from its abdomen to deter or injure predators when threatened. The mixing of two substances, hydroquinone and hydrogen peroxide, stored in separate chambers in the beetle's abdomen react violently when combined and expelled. Heat from the reaction brings the mixture to near the boiling point of water, producing gas that drives the ejection, which can be fatal to attacking insects.
- D:** Discoveries have revealed that many dinosaurs, including Tyrannosaurus Rex, likely had feathers. In 2003 a fossil T-Rex bone with soft, unfossilized material inside was found, allowing scientists to compare that genetic matter with many other living animals. Turns out that the closest connection to fierce T-Rex is the humble chicken. Both species evolved from the same ancient ancestor dinosaur millions of years earlier. Over 10,000 species of birds alive today are the modern descendants of certain dinosaur lineages.
- E:** Elephant trunks have up to 40,000 muscles — humans only have 640 muscles in their entire body.
- F:** Fishermen use earthworms, the standard bait for hooking a fish. But earthworms are much more than fishbait. They help aerate the soil with their tunneling by bringing in oxygen, drain water, and create space for plant roots. Earthworms have no eyes, yet they can tell light from dark. The recent discovery of a new species of earthworm named "Moai" after the giant statues on Easter Island where these large earthworms were found. A lab researcher noticed a Moai earthworm swaying its front end left and right. He finally realized that the worm, which has no ears, was feeling the vibrations from the music coming from a radio in the room. After days of testing, the researcher found that Moai earthworms seemed to enjoy the vibrations from rock and classic music, but reacted negatively to country and jazz music.
- G:** Golden poison frogs (*Phyllobates terribilis*), contain enough poison to kill 20,000 mice or 10 people. It is probably the most poisonous animal on Earth; it is so toxic that even touching it can be dangerous.
- H:** Honey properly preserved will not go bad. Archaeologists in 2015 found 3,000-year-old honey in sealed containers while excavating tombs in Egypt, and it was perfectly edible. This durability is thanks to its low water content, high acidity, and bee enzymes that combine to prevent bacteria from growing on it.

PICTURES OF THE MONTH

"What Is Wrong With These Pictures?"

wetland habitat

Amphibian Habitat

Nearly all of Michigan's amphibians such as frogs, toads, turtles and salamanders are wetland dependent, at least for breeding. Amphibians are sensitive to changes in wetland quality and quantity. Many scientists correlate declines in amphibian populations with wetland degradation worldwide. Some of the frogs found in this wetland are the spring peeper, the chorus frog, the leopard frog, and the bull frog.

Can you locate any amphibians along these trails?



—This is a picture of a sign at the Spring Lake park on M-119 just north of the highway US-31 and M-119 intersection, north of Petoskey. Read it.

It is one of a few signs provided to help visitors learn and appreciate the natural plants and animals in the area. It's been there at least 2 decades.

When I first saw it I was quite surprised by the obvious mistake in the first sentence. The topic is amphibians, but the text also lists "turtles". Turtles are not amphibians, they are reptiles. Oops... It hasn't been corrected yet.



—Sign at the Petoskey State Park. While no glass of any type should be taken to the beach, the glass animal problem is very rare. It might be less confusing if the wording was "No Animals or Glass Containers".



Recently, I parked at the Petoskey Walmart next to a humongous black pickup. The graphics on the driver side door caught my eyes. It is a list like WWII airplane kill graphics, only this list supposedly contains the numbers of motorcyclists, elderly or hiker walkers, bicyclers, and wheelchair-confined people the pickup driver has dispatched. I assume this is an attempt to get a laugh and not a depiction of real events. Still, I can't imagine how upsetting this would be to anyone who lost a family member or friend when hit by a vehicle, and then saw this truck. Too macabre, unkind, not funny.

You Make the News – We Publish It!

Didn't find any mention of YOUR Lions Club in this issue

Send your information to: dlzim47@gmail.com

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

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

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

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

Don't be left out!!

Racism has no place in our world.

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

#kindnessmatters



FALSE: Trivia item **F:** Moia is made up, totally bogus. All the others are true as far as science knows now – it is always possible that some future discovery will change what we now think.