

MAY 2024

Notable Quotes: "We moved from being a part of nature to being apart from nature." — David Attenborough

District Governor's Message



DG Steve Murch

Spring is in full bloom in northern Michigan, and with it is clubs swinging into action. Like many flowers and plants, some of our clubs lie a bit dormant during the winter months, but now they are tackling their service.

I love baseball, really any sport, in the early stages of the season when hopes are high. Like those teams, many of our clubs have high hopes for the warmer weather and set their goals high.

Sure, many of our favorite teams will disappoint us with subpar seasons. Unlike those teams, our clubs don't have an end date and we can keep working toward our goals. And, those we help aren't going to be disappointed.

"We Serve" isn't a time-sensitive motto and allows us to keep working to that end year-round, year after year. Everyone in our clubs knows that we help when needed and where needed. The clubs in our district are filled with caring, generous people who want nothing more than to help make our communities happier and healthier.

Roll up those sleeves and keep working on those service projects; keep raising funds to help with projects throughout the community and the district. We all make a difference every day and help those who need it.

Don't get down if you are struggling to finish a service project. Don't be discouraged if you hit a few hurdles along the way. Just keep going, knowing what the ultimate goal is.

Unlike our favorite sports teams, we don't run out of time. We keep working toward helping our communities. For us, hope springs eternal.

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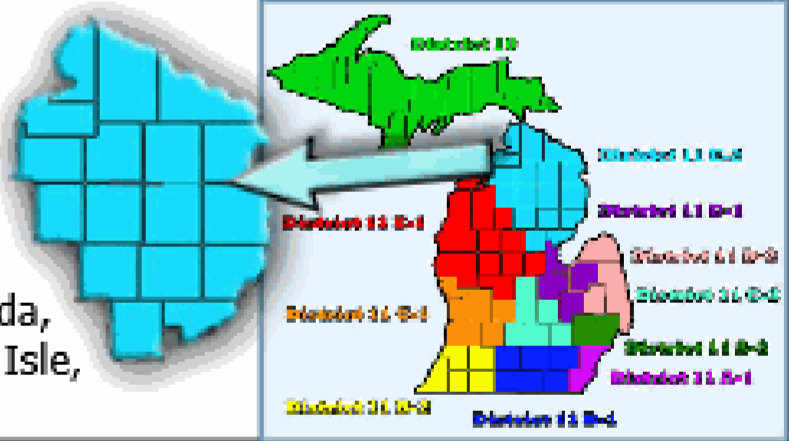
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Lions Of Michigan Multiple District 11-E2 Counties

Alcona, Alpena, Antrim, Arenac, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Crawford, Emmet, Gladwin, Iosco, Kalkaska, Montmorency, Ogemaw, Oscoda, Otsego, Presque Isle, Roscommon



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



VDG Dennis Gocha Message

Hello District Lions,

Spring is in the air and I'm hoping to pick some mushrooms soon! I'd like to thank the Alpena Lions for hosting the 2024 District Lions Convention in Alpena at the Community College. It was a great venue for our needs. We had some nice state and national project displays. We also had informative presentations and videos on Eversight, KidsSight, Leader Dog, Lions Club International, and Bear Lake Camp. In 2025 the East Jordan Lions will be hosting a two-day convention at the Treetops Resort in Gaylord. It is later than usual on April 25-27th. since Easter is the weekend before that. It is a beautiful resort and we will try to accommodate your needs. The convention committee will begin meeting in August as they usually do. It's a time-consuming process! The convention is a time when you can reacquaint yourself with old friends and make new ones. You can learn how other clubs are coping with the same issues you have. It will be a time to network, expand your knowledge and connections. Hope to see you there next year!

Vice District Governor

Dennis Gocha



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

When you became a Lion, you also became a leader. Lions and Leos lead their communities in service and bring people together to achieve greater outcomes than we can alone.

Every time you invite a new member, or we charter a new club, more people are helped, and more communities are served. We are making a tremendous impact all over the world thanks to your leadership.

So, let's continue to grow our impact and share your amazing projects on social media to encourage others to join you. Take an online course to enhance your skills and encourage others to do so, as well. Let's continue to be the leaders that our communities and world need us to be.

Yours in service,

Dr. Patti Hill
International President



A message from:

Patricia Vannett

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



What a great job we are doing improving our net loss to only 642. Thank you for your new club extension efforts by chartering 54 clubs with over 20 new clubs pending. Your Global Action Teams and GAT ambassadors continue to provide leadership and support for your endeavors.

As we continue to strive for excellence and growth in our organization, it's essential to recognize that this is the time of year when members are deciding if they will renew. Engaged members are not just assets; they are the heartbeat of our organization, driving innovation, productivity and ultimately, success. Member satisfaction will help your club retain its members.

Here are some key aspects of member satisfaction in Lions clubs:

1. Meeting expectations: Members feel the club lives up to their reasons for joining, which could involve fellowship, making a difference or professional development.
2. Feeling valued: Members feel respected, have opportunities to contribute their talents and are involved in decision-making.
3. Enjoying the experience: Meetings are engaging, projects are fulfilling and there's a sense of camaraderie among members.

By embracing these principles and actively engaging our members, we can create a vibrant and inclusive culture in which everyone feels valued, motivated and empowered to excel.

Let's commit to prioritizing member satisfaction, so our Lions clubs can retain members and ensure their continued positive impact on communities. It will help you sustain the growth you've achieved this year. Happy members stay as members.

Thank you for your dedication and leadership.

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Current *MISSION 1.5* Top 20 Districts in CA1 Membership Growth Leaders

Rank	District	Gain or Loss in Fiscal Year
1	District 2 X1	158
2	District 21 N	123
3	District 1 A	90
4	District 20 R2	87
5	District 2 X3	78
6	District 4 C4	77
7	District 20 K2	72
8	District 43 K	70
9	District 2 S4	57
10	District 2 E2	51
10	District 22 C	51
10	District 5 NE	51
13	District 5 NW	50
14	District 5M 8	44
15	District 5M 5	42
16	District 22 B	41
17	District 2 X2	39
18	District 27 D2	39
19	District 35 I	37
20	District 31 O	36

Current *MISSION 1.5* New Club Growth Leaders

District	New Clubs in Fiscal Year
District 2 X1	4
District 21 N	4
District 2 A2	2
District 2 S3	2
District 2 S4	2
District 2 T3	2
District 2 X3	2
District 22 C	2
District 32 C	2
District 34 C	2
District 4 L3	2



Dear Lions Club Officer,

Congratulations on your Lions club officer elections for the upcoming Lion year! You have taken the first step in helping your club continue to grow. Now that you have elected your officers, it is important to report them to Lions International in the [Member Portal](#) or your local reporting system. You may also complete the [Club Officers Reporting Form](#) (PU101).

When you report your officers, your club will continue to receive important information, such as updated billing statements as well as have access to your club's roster to make updates. It will also allow you to keep your meeting information current. Reporting your officers will update your district and multiple district and Lions International so you can receive support. In addition, your club will be able to display the correct club officer information on the Club Locator for the new Lion year.

As your club works toward providing helpful information to the newly elected officers, here are some helpful tips.

1. Encourage your club's newly elected officers to visit the [Lions Learning Center \(LLC\)](#) and take the club officers training courses available as they prepare for their terms.
2. Familiarize yourself with the upcoming international dues increase. The approved dues adjustment took effect July 1, 2023. Dues for the 2024-2025 Lion year will increase to US\$48 per year. To learn more about the updated dues billing and see the pro-rated billing for new members, visit the [New Membership Dues Billing and Fees table](#).
3. Year-end reporting: As always, we encourage you to complete your year-end reporting as early as possible before the close of the year. This includes making sure that all of your club's service activities are reported in the Member Portal and your member rosters are up to date. Not only will this help you avoid the year-end crunch, it will also help ensure a smooth transition to the new Lion year.

We recommend that you provide your new officers with the helpful links below as they prepare for their upcoming term in office:

- [Club President/Vice President webpage](#)
- [Club Secretary webpage](#)
- [Club Treasurer webpage](#)
- [Club LCIF Coordinator webpage](#)
- [Club Marketing Chairperson webpage](#)
- [Club Membership Chairperson webpage](#)
- [Club Service Chairperson webpage](#)
- [Improving Club Quality Webpage](#)
- [Facebook Group - Improving Lions Club Quality](#)

Finally, make sure you assign your club's voting delegate for international elections by June 19 so they can vote in the international election. If the delegates are not registered by end of day June 19, they will have to register in person with an authorized officer. Delegates must also register and attend Lions International Convention in Melbourne, June 21-25.

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

Thank you for your outstanding service!

Sincerely,
Your District and Club Administration Division Support Team



The 106th Lions Clubs International Convention is nearing. Our records indicate that your club does not have a delegate assigned to vote during LionsCon 2024. In order to vote, club delegates must:

1. Be assigned as a voting delegate by their club secretary or other duly authorized officer in the Lion Portal.
2. Be registered for LionsCon 2024. [Register for the convention.](#)
3. Provide their member identification number when registering for the convention.
4. Have a unique email address. Use the same email as registering for the international convention 2024.

All delegates must be assigned by June 19, 2024 at 23:59 CST. You may assign a delegate in the Lion Portal until the June 19 deadline. If you are assigning a delegate with your local system or through your council office, please check with your council chairperson for their submission deadlines, as it will likely be before June 19, 2024.

For more information visit:

[International Election webpage](#)

[International Election Frequently Asked Questions](#)

If you think you have received this email in error, please contact MemberServiceCenter@lionsclubs.org and include your club number.

Thanks for your service and your leadership!

LIONS OF MICHIGAN



SAVE THE DATE 2024 Multiple District Convention

May 16-18th, 2024

Sheraton by Marriott, 5700 28th St SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546

Michigan Lions - Changing the World!

Wendy Burns

Hello Lions!

One month from today we will have enjoyed the May 16th picnic in Rockford and the Lions Prom! Please continue to share the details of the MD 11 Lion Convention to be held May 16-18, 2024 at the Sheraton Airport Grand Rapids. The convention planning committee is working hard to make this another successful Lions event. We hope you'll help by encouraging your members to attend. If each club has just one member come to the convention, we will have hit a milestone in attendance. Help us get there!

Click the link for complete details. <https://www.lionsofmi.com/index.php/md11convention-24>

Items to note: Hotel room cut-off date to receive the Lions discount rate of \$109.00 **has been extended to May 1.** Don't miss out! You can call the hotel directly at **(866) 610-0198 Code M11** or **use the link to the hotel on our website.**

Rockford Lions Club is excited to host our Lions! They've made arrangements with the Wolverine Shoe store to offer a 50% discount on shoes and most merchandise to any Lion wearing their yellow vest or convention name badge. Other shops in town are open late on Thursday's. We have complimentary, roundtrip bus transportation from the hotel to Rockford, thanks to the generosity of the Muskegon Northside Lions. Board the bus at 5:30 at the hotel for departure to Rockford.

Watch for more details via email, the Lion Pride, and on our website!

Lions Dave & Brenda Hacker, Convention Co-Chairs

Lion Wendy Burns

Wendy Burns, Executive Director

Lions Clubs of Michigan

5730 Executive Dr., Lansing, MI 48911

517-887-6640 ext. 103 517-887-6642 (fax)

www.lionsofmi.com



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

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.

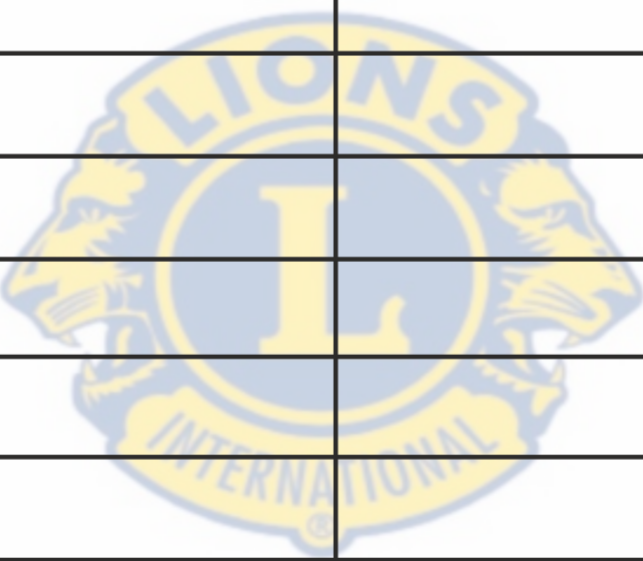
The number of delegates your club is entitled to for the MD 11 Convention is figured from your Membership Report as of the end of March - provided it is submitted to Lions International in a timely manner. When you complete your Membership Report for March, you can compute the number of delegates and 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



_____ 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



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 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

**MD 11 Convention May 16- 18, 2024 Grand Rapids Sheraton
Michigan Lions -Changing the World! LCI Guest PIP Sid Scruggs, III**

Thursday, May 16, 2024 6:00 p.m.

Convention Kick-off Picnic Rockford Rotary Pavilion Catering by
Sparta Lions Club Host: Rockford Lions Club
Roundtrip Bus transportation sponsored by Muskegon Northside Lions Club

Friday, May 17, 2024

9:00 am Council of Governors Meeting

Exhibitor's Hall Open 9:00 am – 6:00 p.m.

10:30 a.m. Breakout Session Succulent Gardening – Lion Sandra Simon-Pease.
In this class you will learn to make a succulent garden in four easy steps. Basic
instruction from type of soil to selecting the perfect planter! *Open to first 25 registrants.*

On your own - Take advantage of Grand Rapids attractions such as Meijer Garden &
Gerald R. Ford Museum

1:00 p.m. District Governor-Elect 2024-2025 Planning Meeting

2:00 pm-4:00 pm Breakout Sessions

Fun with the Tail Twister – Become the Best! PDG Ron Riebschleger
Servant Leadership – PDG David Wineman
Club President & Region Chair Best Practices PCC Dave Hill & PDG Paul Hodge
Hope to Walk – Changing the World with Prosthetic Legs Lions Kristen & Phil

6:00 p.m Welcome Reception & Party

Lions Senior Prom themed event & Crowning of the King and Queen
Dress in Prom attire or wear our Lions school colors – purple, yellow/gold, blue!

Saturday, May 18, 2024 – Michigan Lions – Changing the World!

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Exhibitor's Hall Open

8:00 a.m. Awards Breakfast

10:15 a.m. Business Session featuring news from around our state and world.

2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Breakout Sessions:

Service Project – Kid's Coalition Against Hunger

Lions Informational Panel Discussion with PIP Sid Scruggs

Lions of Michigan Foundation – Disaster Grants and More for Michigan

5:45 p.m. Awards Reception & Banquet

LMASB Performance 5:45 p.m. (TBD)

S.A. Dodge Recipients PDG Wes Wagester, D2 and PDG Pam Schroeder, E1

Keynote Address by Past International President, Sid Scruggs, III

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 18th** at the Sheraton by Marriott Airport Hotel in Grand Rapids:

***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.



JUVENILE DIABETES CAMP 2024

Mark your calendars! Juvenile Diabetes Camp at Lions Bear Lake Camp is happening July 21-26, and we want your child to be a part of it!

We understand the concerns and challenges that come with sending a child with T1D to an overnight camp. That's why we're dedicated to providing a flexible and accommodating schedule that meets the needs of both campers and parents. Whether you'd like to join your child for a few days or the entire week, we're here to support you every step of the way.

At Juvenile Diabetes Camp, your child will:

- Learn valuable life skills
- Bond with peers who understand their journey
- Enjoy the magic of camp through engaging outdoor adventures and team-building exercises
- Enjoy activities such as swimming, ziplining, fishing, archery, arts & crafts, nature, and more.

Our staff members undergo additional training to ensure they're equipped to provide the specialized care and support that campers with T1D require.

Join us July 21-26 as we embark on a journey of learning, growth, and adventure at Juvenile Diabetes Camp. Together, we can make this summer an unforgettable experience for your child.

Register now to secure your spot, and feel free to reach out if you have any questions or concerns. We're here to support you every step of the way. Don't have a child with T1D? Please help us by spreading awareness of this amazing opportunity for youth with T1D.

Warm regards,

Traci Tribley
Executive Director

Lions Bear Lake Camp
3409 N. Five Lakes Rd.
Lapeer, MI 48446
traci@bearlakecamp.org
810-245-0726

LIONS BEAR LAKE CAMP JUVENILE DIABETES CAMP 2024

JULY 21-26

YOUTH WITH TYPE 1 DIABETES
AGES 5-16

LIONS BEAR LAKE CAMP

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Lapeer, MI 48446



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SATURDAY, MAY 11, 2024

11AM

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OF THE COWELL CANCER CENTER



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REBECCAHERNST@GMAIL.COM

Lions of Michigan
District 11 E-2
Cabinet Meeting Minutes, April 19, 2024, Alpena

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

Cabinet Members Absent –None

Lions in Attendance – PDGs Bill Gaines and Beverly Bodem, Lions Linda Gocha, Shirley Hill, Jean Manning, Adam St. Onge, Alan Guest, Jan Kane, Joe Bonfoey, Linda Chase, Bill Chase, Eric Szymanski, MB Casassa, Brian Chace and Elizabeth Chace; Guest Duane Durflinger; via Zoom- Lion Dave Zimmer

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM by DG Murch. The invocation was offered by 1VDG Gocha. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by 2VDG Leathers.

Secretary's Report - Minutes of the 2/10/24 cabinet meeting were presented by CST Durflinger. It was moved by IPDG Leathers, supported by 1VDG Gocha that they be accepted as presented. Motion carried. There was no correspondence.

Treasurer's Report- The 2023-24 financial reports were presented, with a beginning balance in the admin account of \$33,282.00, income of \$18,283.57 and expenses of \$14,044.98, leaving an ending balance of \$37,520.59 as of 4/17/24. This consists of \$34,267.80 in admin and \$3,252.79 in convention funds. The projects account has a beginning balance of \$32,537.21, income of \$12,867.66 and expenses of \$13,129.28, leaving an ending balance of \$32,275.59 as of 4/17/24. It was moved by GLT Zeller, supported by 2VDG Leathers that the reports be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

Old Business- None.

New Business- Zone Chair problem- DG Murch started a discussion of the possible reasons we are having problems recruiting ZC's. Among the problems suggested were the zones are too large and spread out, people don't know what a ZC actually does, people don't like to travel long distances at night among others. There was no consensus about what should be done, so it will be discussed more next year.

Increase in Social Media Presence- DG Murch passed out an overview of social media in general, and how clubs in the district are currently using social media. 1VDG Gocha noted that you could get free publicity on local radio stations, and Lion Shirley Hill suggested using local Chamber of Commerce sources. While it was agreed that it could be a valuable tool and should be used more, there was no consensus about what should be done, so it will be discussed more next year.

Bear Lake Camp Sponsorship- It was moved by GLT Zeller, supported by IPDG Leathers that we sponsor the BLC Wild Game dinner in the amount of \$500. Motion carried.

GLT Report- GLT Zeller turned in a written report.

GMT Report- This position is vacant, but DG Murch reported that we are the only club in MD-11 with positive membership at +9. The MD is down 300 members so far this year.

GST Report- GST Leathers turned in a written report.

Zone Chair Reports- None. ZC Sander is very new in the job, so has not done any club visits yet.

Committee Reports Written Reports were provided by: **Bear Lake Camp**- PDG Zeller, **Constitution and By-Laws**- PDG Zeller, **District Editor**- Lion Dave Zimmer, **District Peace Poster**- Lion Jean Manning-**Environmental**- PDG Bodem, **Eversight**- Lion Bethany Hedgepath, **Hunger**- Lion BJ Sander, **LCIF**- PDG Durlfingler, **Lions of Michigan Foundation**- IPDG Leathers, **Leo Clubs**- Lion Scott Govitz, **Pediatric Cancer**- Lion Gary Stevens, **Project KidSight**- Lions Linda Harris and Nate Slezak, **USA/Canada Forum**-1VDG Gocha.

Oral Reports- District Convention- PDG Zeller reported there are 57 people registered for the convention, **International Convention**- 1VDG Gocha reported that the convention hotels are filling up, so if you want to go, register soon. He also noted that you need to remember that it is winter in Australia.

Audience Comments- PDG Gaines inquired about Certified Guiding Lion training, and DG Murch said he is working on it, and it will be coming soon.

Presentations- DG Murch presented IPDG Leathers his plaque honoring his service as DG last year. In addition, IPDG Leathers was presented with the District Melvin Jones as he will not be at the meeting tomorrow. Congratulations to IPDG Leathers.

VDG Comments- 2VDG Leathers commented that she hopes people will reach out tomorrow to Lions they don't know, and try to network with other Lions. 1VDG Gocha commented that if you are looking for new members, be sure to consider your family- spouse, children and grandchildren.

DG Comments- DG Murch reported that registration for the Leadership Institute will start on 8/1. It is being held from 11/8-11/10 this year. The Michigan Forum will be from 2/28-3/1/2025 at the Kalamazoo Delta Marriott. On 6/2 at 3 PM there will be an LCIF Tell-a-thon on You Tube. He reminded clubs that when they elect officers this year that clubs should have a service chair and a club LCIF Coordinator. He wished everyone a great convention.

With no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 5:12 PM . The next meeting date will be August 17 at the United Methodist Church in East Jordan.

Respectfully submitted,
PDG Barb Durlfingler, Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer

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From: "Jean Hill" <daandjehill@gmail.com>
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Subject: Re: cabinet meeting reports

Regarding the Peace Poster Contest: The packets were ordered by our District, and the certified sized poster paper is also available for your convenience. You may pick up the packet and paper at the Convention, or make arrangements with Jean Manning of the Hillman Club for pick up at another time. The contest usually doesn't get underway until Fall, but some groups appreciate the extra time in getting the poster completed.

Jean Manning 989-808-4476

SOCIAL MEDIA OVERVIEW

There are 4.95 billion users worldwide. The average social media user engages with 6.7 different social media sites; 61.4% of the global population uses social media; it's as high as 80.88% for those 18 and older. Globally, the average consumer of social media spends 2 hours and 24 minutes per day, with U.S. Users averaging 2 hours and 15 minutes.

USERS

Facebook	3.03 Billion	YouTube	2.49 Billion
WhatsApp	2 Billion	Instagram	2 Billion
WeChat	1.33 Billion	TikTok	1 Billion
LinkedIn	1 Billion	X	368 Million

In the United States, 72.5% of the population (246 million people) are on social media of some sort. Of those users, 54% of them are female and 46% are male compared to 46.4% female and 53.6% male worldwide.

USAGE BREAKDOWN (by percentage)

	Female	Male
Facebook	54.7	45.3
YouTube	51.4	48.6
Instagram	56	44
TikTok	55.6	44.4
LinkedIn	49.4	50.6
Snapchat	54.9	45.1
X (formerly Twitter)	37.1	62.9
Pinterest	78.4	12.9

BREAKDOWN BY AGE (by percentage)

18-29	84
30-49	81
50-64	73
65+	45

NUMBER OF USERS (in the U.S.)

Facebook	177.5 million
Instagram	138.5 million
TikTok	107.8 million
Snapchat	90.5 million
Pinterest	86.8 million
X (Twitter)	50.5 million

DAILY USAGE (by percentage)

	Less often	Weekly	Daily
Facebook	9	17	74
Snapchat	22	17	61
Instagram	16	21	63
X (Twitter)	29	29	42
YouTube	17	32	51

Source: Backlingo

FACEBOOK USAGE IN DISTRICT 11 E-2

	(as of April 17)
	Last post
Alpena Evening Lions	Sept. 23, 2022
Alpena Lions	March 23 (also a Private Page)
Beaverton Lions	Jan. 7
Boyne Valley Lions	March 28
Charlevoix Lions	April 29, 2022
<i>Cheboygan Lions</i>	<i>NONE</i>
Central Lake Lions	April 12
East Jordan Lions	April 16
Elk Rapids Lions	Aug. 5, 2023
<i>Glennie Lions</i>	<i>NONE</i>
Grayling Lions	June 2, 2022
Hale Lions	Feb. 13, 2023
<i>Harrisville Lions</i>	<i>NONE</i>
Hillman Lions	April 11
<i>Houghton Lake Lions</i>	<i>NONE</i>
<i>Hubbard Lake Lions</i>	<i>NONE</i>
<i>Indian River Lions</i>	<i>NONE</i>
<i>Lewiston Lions</i>	<i>NONE</i>
Lewiston Lioness Lions	Private
<i>Lincoln Lions</i>	<i>NONE</i>
Mackinaw City Lions	April 17
<i>Mio Lions</i>	<i>NONE</i>
Oscoda Lions	March 20
<i>Petoskey</i>	<i>NONE</i>
Roscommon Lions	May 12, 2017
Rose City Lions	March 4

Cabinet Meeting Report

February 19th 2024

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

Lots of training exercises on the LCI website, take advantage of what LCI has to offer. Secretaries, new LCI reporting has occurred

Constitution and Bylaws

No new changes since last report

USA/Canada Forum

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

Respectfully Submitted

PDG Dave Zeller

District 11-E2 Newsletter Editor Report: April 20, 2024 Cabinet Meeting

Lion Barb:

Clubs sharing information for March and April issues are shown in the table below.

Club newsletter submissions for January – February: 7 Clubs - 27%

Name	Months Participated	Name	Months Participated
◆ Alpena	2	◆ Oscoda	2
◆ Boyne Valley	1	◆ Petoskey	1
◆ East Jordan	2	◆	
◆ Ellsworth	1	◆	
◆ Hillman	1	◆	

As normal, the submitting clubs are the same ones who usually, if not every month, send in data to share with our District Lions Clubs. The Winter and early Spring months are not the most active seasons for Clubs, so there are reasons for fewer submissions. I was glad to see 7 clubs send in data in April. I expect May and June to have more submissions as Clubs get busy with Service activities and fundraisers.

We Lions are all a group of clubs doing our best to Serve our communities, and a little publicity is not only a sign of success, but makes members that they are appreciated, and that feels good.

As always, 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

April 19, 2024
GST Report

The new Lion Portal is now live! If you had an account with the prior system you can go to www.lionsclubs.org and click on "Member Login" to access the new portal. The first time you use the new portal you will need to click on the "Get Started" and follow the instructions to set up your account in the new portal. Once you're set up in the new portal you will click on "Lion Portal" to login in the future. Once you're logged in you can report service under the Service tab. At this time there is no training set up, but if you need assistance please let me know and I can either walk you through reporting or I can still report for your club. If you have never set up an account with the prior system you will need to wait in order to create an account. At this time 74% of the clubs in our district have reported at least one service project, and I am confident we will reach the goal of 100% of clubs reporting by the end of the Lions year.

Thanks again to all the clubs that donated to the Hope to Walk state project! Our district added to the total to make our total district contribution \$3,000, which tied for first in the most contributions from any district!

- o Boyne Valley- \$500
- o Indian River- \$500
- o Central Lake- \$250
- o Charlevoix- \$250
- o East Jordan- \$250
- o Elk Rapids- \$250
- o Glennie- \$250
- o Houghton Lake- \$250
- o Hillman- \$100
- o Grayling- \$50
- o Durflinger (personal)- \$25

Sleep in Heavenly Peace blanket project cut and tied over 130 blankets at the Forum. We had 8 Lions and one family member from our district that helped out. **WE SERVE!**

Food packaging at MD-11 convention May 16-18 in Grand Rapids. With the donations from all the districts, the Multiple District will be purchasing the food to be packaged and then donated to Kids Coalition Against Hunger.

District Convention service project is collecting food for emergency meals for area senior citizens in conjunction with the Alpena Senior Center. Thank you in advance to everyone donating to this year's service project.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE REPORT FOR District 11 E-2 Cabinet Meeting, April 20, 2024.

Spring is here! Today's report is about the dandelion flower or weed, whichever you wish to call it. The genus and species name of dandelion is *Taraxacum officinale* and probably originated from the ancient Persian term "talkh chakok". This translates to "bitter herb." "The officinale portion of the name refers to it being a medicinal herb once listed in official European pharmacopeias."

"The French word for dandelion is pissenlit, which translates to "pee the bed." Dandelions are a diuretic and are as strong as some commercial products." Dorothy Dobbie of Manitoba Gardener Magazine says dandelions are full of vitamins. The leaves, flowers and roots are edible. One cup of dandelion greens has about 112 percent of the recommended daily amount of vitamin A and 535 percent of the recommended daily amount of vitamin K. It also has things like calcium, iron and magnesium. "According to WebMD, dandelion root tea contains polysaccharides known to relieve stress on one's liver. The English name "dandelion" comes from "tooth of the lion" in French.

In Euell Gibbons "Stalking the Healthful Herbs", he describes the ancient Egyptians as the first ones to use the dandelion flower to brew beer and flavor wine.

Those (gardeners, etc.) who think of dandelions as an enemy should know that they improve soil quality. Ethylene gas is exhaled by the leaves and flowers of dandelions. However, Ethylene gas does have a downside. One would not want to have other types of greens in the refrigerator next to dandelions.

The choice is yours....to like or not to like dandelions. Some of us enjoy the simple beauty of dandelions and some of us would prefer not to have them dominate the environment in the beautiful green grass in our yard. There's much more information out there on dandelions and their use.

Submitted by Lion Beverly Bodem, Environmental Committee, District 11 E-2

Information found on websites for Extension/University of Nevada, Reno, The Good Weed Series: Common Dandelion....

Thank you

First, Eversight wants to thank the District 11-E2 Lions for their continued and loyal support – Lion support has always been vital to ensuring that Michiganders have access to the gift of sight since 1957

Every year, thousands of donors selflessly give the gift of sight to those in need. In Michigan, 576 donors gave the gift of sight as cornea/eye donors from January 1 to March 31, 2024. Below is a breakdown of how those donated tissues were used.

Cornea Tissue Transplant Recipients by State	Tissues Placed for Research	Tissues Placed for Surgeon Education
MI - 326	MI – 214	MI - 57

We are also able to share the breakdown of that impact for District 11-E2:

Donors:

Alpena	3
Arenac	1
Cheboygan	1
Crawford	2
Emmet	6
Iosco	2
Ogemaw	4
Otsego	3
Antrim	1

Recipients:

Otsego	2
Alpena	1
Antrim	1
Crawford	1
Gladwin	2
Ogemaw	1
Presque Isle	3

With your help, we’re honored to continue to serve individuals in your district with their last altruistic gift and help those in need with a sight-saving cornea transplant.

Research & Innovations Update

Our breaking news of 2024: Eversight is partnering with Emmecell, a private clinical-stage biotechnology company, to advance cell therapies for the treatment of eye disease. Emmecell’s minimally invasive cell therapy injects healthy corneal endothelial cells obtained from donor corneas into the eye to repopulate the patient’s diseased cornea with functioning endothelial cells, potentially eliminating the need for transplantation. Eversight is providing tissue to Emmecell for the continued advancement of this technology and for clinical trials.

Michigan Update

Golf for Good! The Eversight Vision Classic will be taking place from **May 23-June 13** and all are welcome to participate! Golf anywhere, anytime between these dates to raise awareness and charitable support for sight-saving transplants and vision research. Not a golfer? Be sure to check out the online silent auction during the last week of the outing – 100% of the auction proceeds benefit the gift of sight. Learn more and register today Eversightgolf.givesmart.com.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a report – if you would like a tour of the Eversight building please don’t hesitate to let us know!

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Hello Everyone,

For those who don't know much about me, I want to share just a small snippet of my life. My paying job is the Program Manager at the Alpena Senior Center. This job has many different parts to it, including fundraising for our Meals on Wheels Program, which is struggling thanks to inflation. Prices are going up; more people are depending on our program and funding doesn't increase to help supply the need. So, what does that mean to our senior population?

As I look at our community in Alpena County, I know that we have organizations, such as the Senior Center, that are trying to help supply food to those in need. Our local Lions Club is holding another bowling fundraiser, which will provide some additional funds for those organizations in our community providing food where needed. We recently donated money to a couple of organizations who grow food and donate it where needed. I wonder quite often is it enough and how we can, as Lions, do more.

I'm looking for someone from each club in our district to let me know what your club is doing to address hunger in your community. Let me know about other organizations in your community that are addressing hunger. Let's compile all this information we gather to see if there are any gaps in the services provided in our district.

I will be working on ideas that I will share with you as I learn what each club is already doing to address hunger. I've been rather quiet as the District Hunger Chairperson, but I believe it's time to act!!

I have heard wonderful things about the clubs in our district and I look forward to working with each of you. If you have any questions, please feel free to email me at bjsander618@outlook.com or call me on my cell at 989-464-9885.

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From: "Dennis Gocha" <dennygocha@gmail.com>
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Subject: Cabinet report USA/Canada forum

The USA/ Canada Forum will be September 5-7th in Louisville Kentucky. All hotels are within walking distance of the Kentucky International Convention Center where the convention will be. They will have 80 seminars with 4 keynote speakers, and exhibits. It will cost \$325 in April and May to register. They have 1281 people registered so far.

VDG Dennis Gocha

LCIF Report- 4-20-24

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 \$15,805, which came from 20 clubs and 27 individuals, so a great start!

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 \$2,441. 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

April 19, 2024 Lions of Michigan Foundation Report

Remember the Lions of Michigan Foundation is here to help.

1. You can get up to \$2500 for people needing Medical needs.
2. \$2500 for people that are Veterans in need.
3. VSP certificates for people needing eye glasses.

Looking for a Service Project? Try contacting your local School and set up a KidSight screening.

Looking for a good money maker for your club? The Sight and Hearing Sweepstakes raffle tickets are an easy way to make money. It's a win-win for both the Foundation and your club. \$10 a ticket. If you sell 30-99 your club makes \$3.50 per ticket, 100-249 your club makes \$5.00 per ticket, 250 and up your club makes \$5.50 per ticket. More tickets are available if you need them. The drawing will be May 18 at the state convention. If you have any questions contact one of us. Our contact info is below.

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Lions of Michigan HALL OF FAME

The Lions of Michigan Foundation officially opened the **LIONS OF MICHIGAN HALL OF FAME** on July 25, 2009 to begin celebrating the rich history that Michigan Lions have at all levels of our association - local, state, district and international. The goal of the Hall of Fame is to keep alive the memory of our great leaders and to document their service so that Lions in the present and future can share a sense of the service that our great state has given to our association. Nominations for the Hall of Fame must be submitted to the Lions of Michigan State Office no later than March 1 of each year.

The 2024 Lions of Michigan Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony, the 15th Annual, will be held on Saturday, August 3, 2024 at 6:00 PM at the Sheraton Grand Rapids Airport Hotel in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Lodging is \$150.00 plus tax per night for a standard guest room. Lodging reservations can be made by contacting the Lions of Michigan State Office at 517-887-6640 - info@lmsf.net.

HALL OF FAME MEMBERS

Dr. Gary Anderson, PID
 Harold "Hop" Anderson, PCC
 Gerald "Gary" Babcock, PDG
 R.G. Bamum, PDG
 William "Doc" Barr, PDG
 Jack Becher, PDG
 Dennis Bellinger, PCC
 David Bennett, PDG
 Terry Bowerman, PCC
 Don Brown, PCC
 Tony Capozzo, PDG
 Jim Chipman, PDG
 John Cioroch, PDG
 Dr. Dennis Cobler, PID
 George Cole, PDG
 Pete Conarty, PDG
 Charles Cone, PDG
 Frank Cunningham, PCC
 Granville Cutler, PDG
 George Daly, PID
 Ray DeWitt, PCC
 Glen Dings, PDG
 Nancy Dings, PDG
 S.A. Dodge, PIP
 Wendell Doty, PDG
 Dr. Sara Doubledee, PCC

Dr. Tom Doyle, PDG
 James Dunn, PCS
 Barb Durlinger, PDG
 Bill Erickson, PDG
 Justin Faber, PID
 Duane Farnsworth, PDG
 Richard Foust, PST
 Charles Frederick, PCC
 Paul Frederick, PDG
 James Friendewey, PID
 Harold "Hal" Geppert, PDG
 Dan Gibbons, PDG
 Stuart Goodrich, PDG
 Budd Goodwin, PSS
 Gerald Griffin, Sr., PDG
 William "Bill" Hanel, PID
 William "Bill" Hansen, PID
 Dale Hart, PDG
 Robert "Bob" Heft, PDG
 Paul Hemeryck, PCC
 Jerry Hinton, PCC
 Robert "Bob" Jenkins, PCC
 Harry Johnson, PDG
 Al Kassin, PDG
 Al Kelpinski, PDG
 Lloyd Kilbreath, PDG

William "Bill" Klingensmith, PDG
 Wayne Kreltner, PDG
 Esther LaMothe, PID
 Roger LaMothe, PCC
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 Stuart Lozon, PDG
 Ralph Lynam, PIP
 Robert "Bob" Lutze, PDG
 Lynn Mast, PDG
 Jim Maynard, PDG
 Jeff Mayuiers, PCC
 Janalee McClure, PCC
 Dr. John Meyer, PCC
 John Morgan, PDG
 John Noel, PIP
 Dr. Wallace O'Brien, PDG
 Ron Papa, PDG
 Harold Pocklington, PID
 Rodney "Rod" Prys, PDG
 LaVern Robbins, PID
 Karen Routson, PDG
 Clem Ruiz, PDG
 Dr. Irving Scheel, PDG
 Wayne Schultz, PDG
 Donald Schmalz, PCC

Pam Schroeder, PDG
 Don Seifried, PCC
 Ralph Sheehan, PID
 Karl Sorrick, PIP
 Eugene "Gene" Staelens, PCC
 Robert "Bob" Sturgis, PDG
 Linda Tate, PCC
 Dale "Tom" Thompson, PDG
 Loyst Trombley, PDG
 Albert Van Thomme, PDG
 Wes Wagester, PDG
 John Walker, PID
 Jennifer Ware, PID
 Andrew Watson, PDG
 William "Bud" Weber, PDG
 Ed Weessles, PCS
 A. Charles "Chuck" Weir, PID
 William "Bill" Whippen, PCC
 Jim Williams, PDG
 Walter Wilson, PID
 Robert Wyatt, PID
 William "Larry" Young, PID
 Alice Zajac, PDG
 Louis "Bud" Zanner, PCC
 David Zeller, PDG

2024 Hall of Fame - Registration Form

Name(s): _____

Registrant(s): \$45.00 Each = \$ _____

Choice of Entrée: Berkshire Pork Chop #: _____ Shrimp Scampi #: _____ Vegetarian #: _____

Lions Club: _____

Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

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DEADLINE: July 1, 2024

Pediatric Cancer Update

15 April 2024

Gary Stevens**Alpena Lions Club**

I am not aware of any changes in the number of pediatric cancer cases in Northern Michigan. The District worked with the Alpena Lions Club to provide a \$1,000 donation to a young family in Alpena that has a five year old with Neuroblastoma. They have made many trips to Ann Arbor and will continue to for months to come. Doctors were able to remove 1 tumor but the other is wrapped into her spine.

Supporting families dealing with pediatric cancer is incredibly important. Here are some ways you can make a positive impact:

Emotional Support:

Listen Compassionately: Be there to listen without judgment. Families often need someone to talk to during difficult times.

Offer Encouragement: Remind them that they are not alone and that their feelings are valid.

Share Stories: Connecting with other families who have faced similar challenges can provide comfort and encouragement.

Practical Assistance:

Meals and Chores: Offer to prepare meals or help with household chores. Families dealing with pediatric cancer may be overwhelmed, and practical support can be a huge relief.

Childcare: If they have other children, offer to babysit or assist with childcare.

Transportation: Help with transportation to medical appointments and treatments.

Financial Support:

Fundraisers: Organize or participate in fundraisers to help cover medical expenses. Pediatric cancer treatments can be financially draining.

Connect with Local Organizations: Research local charities or organizations that provide financial assistance to families dealing with pediatric cancer.

Continued

Advocacy and Awareness:

Raise Awareness: Educate others about pediatric cancer. The more people understand, the better support families will receive.

Advocate for Research: Support organizations that fund research for pediatric cancer treatments and cures.

Create a Support Network:

Online Communities: Connect families with online support groups or forums where they can share experiences and find encouragement.

Local Support Groups: Help them find local support groups or events where they can meet other families facing similar challenges.

Be Respectful and Sensitive:

Avoid Unsolicited Advice: While well-intentioned, unsolicited advice can sometimes add stress. Ask if they want advice before offering it.

Remember Important Dates: Acknowledge milestones, anniversaries, and special occasions related to their child's journey.

Remember that every family's needs are unique, so it's essential to ask how you can best support them. Your kindness and empathy can make a significant difference during this challenging time. □

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Subject: KidSight Screening Report for 4/19/2024 Cabinet Meeting

11E-2 District LIONS KidSight screened 11 children since the last Cabinet meeting.

11 Screened
9 Passed
2 Referrals

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

Dr. Nate Slezak at Bignate34@gmail.com
Linda Harris at Lindish72@hotmail.com or 989-225-1396

Sincerely,
Linda Harris
KidSight Co-Coordinator

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Subject: Re: cabinet meeting reports

Hillman Screening on 3/4/24
Screened- 11
Passed- 9
Referred- 2

YTD totals
Screened - 313
Passed - 275
Referred- 33
Unreadable- 5

Leo Clubs

The Beaverton Lions Club Recently installed a new outdoor eyeglass drop box. The secure box is located streetside near the Club's Community Center. The Club continues to participate in numerous eyeglass and leader dog efforts at the local and State Lions level.

The Beaverton Leo Club remains strong. Students participated in the Lions Christmas basket program in December. Club members also purchased in conjunction with the Lions Club new LARGE American flag. The oversized flag was presented by Leo members for the National Anthem at some boys basketball games and will be carried in the annual 4th of July parade. Club Members will be participating with members of the school National Honor Society in a Leadership Academy in April and volunteering to paint at the local Activity Center.

Register Today for the May 16-18 MD 11 Convention

Registration is **still open** for the MD 11 Lions Convention May 16-18 at the Grand Rapids Sheraton! PIP Sid and Lion Judy Scruggs will be our LCI VIP guest speakers. Please share this reminder with your club/district members. Anyone registering after May 13 will be registered on-site at the hotel.

Learn at the Convention! Breakout sessions to be held include:

Friday, May 17

Succulent Gardening Class @ 10:30 am

2:00-4:00 pm

Servant Leadership – PDG David Wineman

Club President & Region Chair Best Practices PCC Dave Hill & PDG Paul Hodge

Hope to Walk – Changing the World with Prosthetic Legs Lions Kristen & Phil

Lions of Michigan Foundation – Disaster Grants and More for Michigan

Saturday, May 18

2:00 Service Project: Kid's Coalition Against Hunger

2:30-4:30 p.m.

Mission 1.5 and Michigan Lions. Changing the World!

Lions Informational Panel Discussion with PIP Sid Scruggs

The Lions of Michigan All State Band will perform at 5:45 pm on Saturday, followed by a reception to honor State Treasurer Paul Hemeryck for his many years of service as the Lions of Michigan State Treasurer.

See you soon!

Lion Wendy

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DISTRICT NEWS

Leadership Officers Confirmed at 11-E2 District Convention

Lion Marie Leathers was nominated and confirmed as Vice District Governor and Lion Dennis Gocha was nominated and confirmed as District Governor at the Alpena convention.

Congrats to our future leaders!



District Governor Steve Murch, next year's Vice Governor Marie Leathers, and next year's District Governor Dennis Gocha

Calendar of Events

MAY 2024

State Of Michigan Proclamation: WHITE CANE WEEK — April 26 — May 5, 2024

Mother's Day — May 12, 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.

Armed Forces Day — May 18, 2024

Memorial Day — May 27, 2024

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

New Members Reported — APR. 2024 (or Earlier)

N/A

Total: 0 New Member Reported

Information From Club Activities Sent In

On the Mend Reported

Petoskey Lion Julie Haase is mending a broken left arm caused by a fall.

Alpena Lions

APRIL 2024

The Alpena Lions Club welcomed Patti Ahlgren and Brad McRoberts to their Tuesday lunch meeting. Patti was invited to discuss her experience in being a Kidney Donor, Brad was there as a Recipient of a donated kidney. Patti's story is one of selfless giving which has provided a new lease on life for Brad. Through their friendship at church Patti learned that Brad was on a list for a donor kidney, a list that can be as long as five years.

Patti discussed the idea of donating a kidney with her husband and family. With very little hesitation Patti advised Brad of her intent to donate her kidney in an effort to get Brad the kidney he needed. Since her blood type, AB, was not compatible with Brad's, B, a direct donation was not possible. The University of Michigan located a donor for Brad and they found a recipient for Patti's kidney.

So on October 18th of 2023 she donated her kidney in Brads name, in turn Brad received a kidney from a compatible donor. Forward to today; both are doing well, the donation and transplant provided the miracle that Brad was looking for. They are now serving as mentors; guiding others through the process of kidney donation.

Kidney donation is promoted by the Alpena Lions Club, through their committee "Donate Life". Working with the Gift of Life Michigan and Eversight Michigan we encourage organ and eye donation. Local Lion Ken Dully chairs this committee and is supported by fellow Lions Bev Bodem and Pat Hentkowski. For more information on the Alpena Lions please visit the Alpena Lions on Facebook or our website alpenalionsclub.com



The Alpena Lions Club celebrated Earth Day by cleaning the trash up along US 23 North between Long Rapids and Hamilton Road. The Alpena Lions adopted this section of highway as a part of the State of Michigan Department of Transportation, Adopt-A-Highway program. They will be back for the summer pickup the end of July. The Alpena Lions Club meets weekly on Tuesday at the First Congregational United Church of Christ.



For more information, visit the Alpena Lions Facebook page or the Alpena Lions website at alpenalionsclub.com.

Boyne Valley Lions

From April 24 Meeting Notes

APRIL 2024

There was a Lions board meeting last Wednesday (April 17):

- The Boyne Valley Lions donated \$750 Eta Nu.
- Board agreed to schedule more social activities for the club. Lions James, Judy, and Julie are working on this.
- Lions will schedule a meeting at Camp Daggett to review clean up and repair issues for the Lions cabin.

The Lions had a booth at the Boyne Expo where 15 Lion applications were handed out. Additionally a QR code was created so visitors could sign up on-line

The plush 3" Lions and Lions key chains that were given out were a huge success.

Upcoming Events:

- Adopt - a - Highway. Saturday, May 4th from 9 am - 11 am. Meet in the Great Lakes Energy parking lot.
- Mushroom Festival beginning May 16th - May 19th.

The Boyne Valley Lions Club was supported Boyne City Main Street and help feed all the volunteers who helped clean up Boyne City today (April 27). The event was called Buff Up Boyne, and the spring cleaning results and the town, look great!



Central Lake Lions

APRIL 2024

Central Lake Lions hit the road doing road cleanup on the two mile stretch of M-88.

Photo 1: Randy Thomas, Rebecca James, Bob Samuel, JJ & Heather Lambrecht.



Photo Chantal



Photo 3: Di LaBeau, Kevin & Janell Clayton

Cheboygan Lions

APRIL 2024

Cheboygan Lions club members helping cleanup trash on US-23.

(L-R) Gary Ashcroft, Cindy Bauer, Chris Bauer, Richard Pollex, and Mark Tamlyn taking the photo.



East Jordan Lions

APRIL 2024

Lions Bill Chase, Linda and Denny Gocha raked, cleaned and power washed the Tourist Park pavilion for upcoming events.



MAY 2024 — 11-E2 Convention April 20

The calendar has turned to May, the 5th month of the year. May, like so many months, is named from a Roman deity, the goddess Maia (Latin Maius), taken from the Greek goddess Maia, a goddess of fertility and spring—appropriate for the growth and increase we see in the month of May. The day of Maïos celebrates the final victory of the summer against winter as the victory of life against death. May Day is a popular celebration on May 1, a day we in the northern hemisphere have historically reserved for fun springtime activities, like the dances around a maypole — a high wooden pole adorned with colors and flowers -- and picnics; “a day when we can see summer and sprinklers and Popsicles right around the corner.”

While we celebrate May Day, there is a very different use of the word “Mayday”, an internationally recognized radio word to signal distress (“Mayday! Mayday!"). It came into use in England, the early 1920s, when S.O.S had been used for decades as the distress signal on the telegraph. But it was harder to hear the words “S.O.S.” clearly over the telephones and radios of the time, so it was necessary to use an easily understood word that couldn’t be mistaken for something else. The United States formally adopted it as an official radiotelegraph distress signal in 1927.

A Few Words About The April, 2024 District 11-E2 Convention:

For those of you who didn’t attend the District 11-E2 Convention, here is a short look at it:

The Annual District 11-E2 Convention was held in the Alpena Community College building in Alpena this year. This year the Convention was Saturday April 20th, a one day event instead the 3 days done in the past. Three activities were scheduled for Leadership and District Cabinet members Friday evening: Registration and Certification for early Lions, a District Cabinet Meeting, and a District Project Org Meeting.

The opening Convention Saturday Morning started at 9 am, with District Service Projects and Registration & Certification for arriving Lions. Then there was a 10 am Memorial Service for Lions we’ve lost this year, and a short business session on some of what the District has done, is doing or planning to do.

Multiple District Projects, the things we Lions do, were brought up. A very interesting Leader Dog new video about the prison puppy raisers program was shown. We learned that puppies trained by prison inmates train a higher percentage of dogs that become Leader Dogs than puppies trained by regular citizens — puppies are with prisoners 24/7, unlike people who have to work.

We also learned things about Lions Bear Lake Camp and Kidsight with slide shows. The growing Bear Lake Camp, near Lapeer, Michigan, gives visually impaired and deaf and hard of hearing children opportunities to experience swimming and boating, archery, climbing tower and zipline, arts and crafts, make friends, and many other things they may never had. The Kidsight program examines the condition of young children’s eyes to find any problems and get the child to medical care when needed. This and several other interesting things were offered.

District Awards were given out to deserving Lions for their Service over the year or years. The District Elections confirmed East Jordan Lion Dennis Gocha District Governer, and Central Lake Lion Marie Leathers Vice District Governer for next year. The District Raffle, with many items to win, was the last event of the Convention.

I can speak only for my own experience at the Convention. I thought it was done very well, moved fast enough to avoid boringness, covered a load of topics, and kept serious business mingled with sprinkles of laughter. Dare I say — it was fun! I also have to say you could feel the Leadership’s dedication to Lionism concepts and their conviction to keep it growing for a strong future.

I recommend attending the next Convention. Learn, laugh, meet other Lions, experience Lionism. [\(To be held at Tree Tops Resort, Gaylord — 1 day Convention, TBD April, 2025\)](#)

PICTURES OF THE MONTH

Photos of the Solar Eclipse

Photos from Space.com



Total solar eclipse

April 8, 2024 solar eclipse from full sun to total eclipse to full sun again

Pictures of Lions District Convention in Alpena

Photos by Duane Durflinger



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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.

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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.