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Notable Quotes: "The root of happiness is altruism — the wish to be of service to others." — Dalai Lama

District Governor's Message



DG Steve Murch

Greetings fellow Lions, I hope everyone is doing well. We are in the home stretch of our Lions year and we will see some leadership change in most of our clubs. And for me it's the end of the line as your district governor.

I have thoroughly enjoyed this year and have been honored working with you. We have hundreds of hard working Lions throughout our district and we continue to do great things helping our communities. The Lions of MD 11 E-2 are some of the best in the state.

As we get ready to move in to a new Lions year, those of us who are either stepping down or moving into new positions need to help those new to their positions as make the transition and welcome more Lions into leading our clubs. My thanks go out to those of you who have been working in leadership and to the new leaders of our clubs. You epitomize the motto We Serve.

District Governor-Elect Dennis Gocha needs our help to make our district hum. Anyone and everyone who is interested in working and helping at the district level is encouraged to contact Denny and see what kind of role might be available for you.

As Lions, we are used to continuing our service day to day without worrying about the change of a fiscal year. But this year, take a moment to reflect on all the things your club accomplished, from service to the community, fundraising, and adding members.

None of our clubs are exactly the same as when the current year began – we should take the time to enjoy what happened the last 12 months. While we had a successful 2023-24 Lions year, let's try and make the 2024-25 year even better.

Thanks for all you do.

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<u>Note</u>: 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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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 Lion,

We're almost at the end of the Lion year, and I've been so fortunate to meet many of you during my travels. I experienced first-hand one of our association's greatest strengths-the diversity of our membership and service.

For more than 100 years, Lions have opened their arms to the world and embraced new people, projects and ideas. We provide eyeglasses to those with low vision, welcome displaced people to our communities, care for the elderly and so much more.

As Lions, we don't just accept the status quo-we innovate to meet the ever-changing needs of our communities. Let's continue to find new ways of supporting all people who need us and inviting all people who want to join us in service.

Yours in service,

Dr. Patti Hill International President

Bring positive change by finishing strong

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Finishing the year strong is a great way to ensure you feel positive, accomplished, and ready to help your district transition into the new year with momentum.

Here are some strategies to help you and your team end the year on a high note:

- 1. **Set clear, attainable goals**: Define what "finishing strong" means for you. Set specific, measurable, and realistic goals for the remaining weeks. Break these down into smaller tasks so they are less overwhelming and more manageable.
- 2. **Prioritize tasks**: Prioritize your tasks based on urgency and importance. Focus on completing tasks that will have the most significant impact first.
- 3. **Stay flexible**: Finally, be prepared to adapt to unexpected changes or challenges that may arise. Flexibility can help you manage stress and respond effectively to situations that require a quick change in plans.

By focusing on these three strategies, you can better position yourself to finish the year with a sense of accomplishment and readiness for what's next. You will have set your district up for further success toward reaching our *MISSION* **1.5** objectives in the coming years.

Thank you for your leadership and best wishes for a strong finish!

Lion Pat

MISSION 1.5 Membership and New Club Growth Leaders

Congratulations to all district leaders. You have been instrumental in moving Constitutional Area I to be very close to ending the year on a positive note for the first time in more than 40 years.

- With just -452 in membership to date, we can get there by continuing to add members NOW!
- We are 11% behind the new member growth of last year. Let's get every member entered so they can be a part of history!
- You have done a tremendous job of keeping our dropped members down by 9% this year. Can we keep that rate through June 30?



Dear Club Secretary,

As we approach the end of the Lion year, please review these important steps to help your club maintain up-to-date information in the Lion Portal.

- Update your Club Roster: As club secretary, it is important to maintain an accurate club roster. Log in and make sure that your club's roster is current, and that each member's contact information is correct including email address. We recommend that you log on monthly to keep your club's information up to date.
- Report newly elected officers: Make sure to include email addresses for each officer. These emails should be unique (not shared with another Lion) and accurate to ensure the club officers receive important information, updated billing statements and continued access to your club's roster.
- Review your club's meeting information: If your club's meeting location, date and/or time have changed, make sure to update this information so that Lions International has the most up-todate information.
- Review the criteria for the Club Excellence Award! It is not too late to see if your club qualifies. <u>Visit the webpage</u> to view the criteria to see if your club qualifies.

If you have any questions about accessing the Lion Portal, please contact the support team at lionsupport@lionsclubs.org.

And finally, don't forget to make sure your club's service projects are reported through the new <u>Lion Portal</u>. For the latest information about service reporting, visit the <u>Service Reporting webpage</u>.

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 <u>clubofficers@lionsclubs.org</u>.

Sincerely,

Your District & Club Administration Team



Dear Lions Club Officer,

The annual meeting for the installation of club officers is a long-time Lions club tradition, usually held as the first meeting of the new fiscal year. It is a celebratory event that is an opportune time for a club to express gratitude, honorably transfer authority and responsibility, recognize club members and celebrate the club's service! You may also use this occasion to acknowledge community members and recognize long-time members. To further assist you, download your copy of the <u>Club Officer Installation Ceremony guide</u> today. This guide also provides helpful tips in the areas of:

- · Officiator of the Installation Ceremony
- · Seating for a Formal Installation
- Scripts for Installation of Directors and Officers
- Logistics
- Promotions
- · Formal Set Up
- And much more

Help the newly elected officers prepare for next year by reviewing the <u>Club Excellence Award</u> (2024-2025 applications will be available July 1), <u>Club Quality Initiative</u> and <u>MISSION 1.5</u>. Each of these programs are a tool for a road map to success and to help clubs achieve excellence.

In addition, it's never too early to start planning for next year. Be sure your incoming club president, secretary and treasurer are aware of the training courses available for their roles in the <u>Lions Learning Center</u> (<u>LLC</u>).

Encourage Lion and Leo members in your club to apply for the 2024-2025 Lions International Institutes available for your constitutional area. To see when your area's institute is being held, visit the Lions International calendar today.

Looking for ways to recognize your members' achievements? Visit the Lions Shop for awards, certificates and much more to help make your Installation Ceremony one to remember.

Take the time to explore the new Lions Heritage Collection in the Lions Shop. Our newest collection features timeless styles that stand out no matter where or how you serve. <u>View this new collection</u> now.

Finally, we are here to assist you. If you have any questions, please contact us by phone at (630) 468-7084 or by email at <u>clubofficers@lionsclubs.org</u>.

Sincerely,

Your District and Club Administration Division Team





MATCH DEADLINE EXTENDED!

Two generous donors giving from their donor advised fund and IRA have now joined the Matching Gift Challenge provided by our friends at **Chief Financial Credit Union** giving us a grand total of \$99,000 in matching funds!



That means that our match has been extended and that now through **May 31**, every donation to Leader Dog will be matched dollar for dollar.

Juanita came to Leader Dogs for the Blind as a teenager for Teen Summer Camp and later took part

in our Orientation and Mobility (O&M) program. When Juanita decided she wanted a guide dog, she chose Leader Dog because of her experience as a youth here.

Juanita says, "It's just phenomenal. It definitely is exciting, emotional and nerve racking when you meet your new dog, but Resi B is the perfect match for me, she's resilient and ready to work."

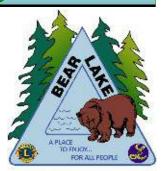
Today, so many others like Juanita are waiting to receive their very own Resi B, waiting to tell their own stories of the deep bonds and incredible impact that happens when we make a perfect match between a person who is blind and their Leader Dog.

Please take advantage of the \$99,000 Matching Gift Challenge provided by **Chief Financial Credit Union** and our donors to continue creating more perfect matches in the future.

Leader Dog accepts gifts from your Donor-Advised-Fund, Stock, and IRA. Find out more about non-cash giving at https://www.freewill.com/ smartgiving/leaderdog.

LIONS BEAR LAKE CAMP CHALLENGE

Dear Fellow Lions,



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The Unionville Sebewaing Area Lions Club is challenging your Lions Club!

We have exciting news and an urgent call to action. Under the dedicated leadership of Executive Director Traci Tribley, Lions Bear Lake Camp is gearing up to provide more kids than ever with the opportunity of a lifetime. Lions Bear Lake Camp has doubled the number of campers this year, which means double the amount of expenses. More campers require more staff, food, supplies, and utilities, pushing the camp into a financial crunch.

The USA Lions Club has already stepped up by donating an additional \$1000 beyond their annual giving, and now they're challenging all Michigan Lions Clubs to beat their donation. This is your opportunity to show that MD11 Lions are united in supporting Michigan kids with disabilities, ensuring they have more amazing opportunities at Lions Bear Lake Camp.

Let's come together and show Lions Bear Lake Camp – and more importantly, the kids – just how m uch we care. Every contribution counts and will go directly towards creating more amazing opportunities for children at Lions Bear Lake Camp.

Together, we can make a difference.

How You Can Help:

Donate Online: Click the button below to make a secure donation on our website.

Or send a check to:

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

Questions?

Call Traci Tribley at 810-245-0726 or Lindy Wineman at 989-450-3644

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

A MESSAGE FROM THE GENERAL CHAIR



General Forum Chair Steve Sherer

Only Four Months Left Until We Kick Off the Louisville Forum

We are heading down the back stretch and it's only four months till we kick off the Forum in September.

We are pleased to have Sam Glenn as our keynote speaker at the opening Thursday night general session. For nearly three decades, Sam Glenn's inspirational and artistic speeches have impacted audiences of all sizes - some audiences as large as 75,000 people at stadium events. Sam has spoken for just about every industry you can imagine. When it comes to attitude nobody is excluded. Organizations get better when their people get better, and it all starts with attitude. It promises to be a great way to start the Forum.

As we reported last month, the Strides Walk is back on. The walk will commence at noon on Thursday and the Strides shirts will be handed out beginning around 11:00 a.m. The walk will take place around the convention center. Please note that there will be no meal involved but there are several restaurants downtown around the convention center where you will be



Sneaker Sam Glenn

Please also note that the current registration rate is only good until the end of this month. The rate will increase from \$325 to \$340 on June 1st so make sure you get your registrations in before the increase.

Registration before June 1, 2024 -\$325.00 able to eat lunch on your own.

Even though we have put the walk back into the schedule, we will still be holding a hat decorating contest on Thursday night. Please bring your decorated hats from home and wear them to the general session. The winner will receive a \$100 gift card to the Forum Store. It only seems proper to open the Forum in Kentucky Derby style.

Registration rate after May 31, 2024 - \$340.00

That's all for now, I must get back to the stables to make sure the horses are well rested and will be ready to "Set the Pace" in September.

Forum Store to Feature Old Faves and Louisville Exclusive Items

Tom Gregg, Forum Store Chair

The Forum Store will have the same vendors as last year: Lions International, Blue Frog and Lady Jayne. They thank the attendees for their support and are looking forward to having items that all Lions will appreciate. In addition to the usual items that the store has, we will also have items that represent the Louisville area, especially the Bourbon Trail. Those items are:

- 1-liter oak spirits barrel with stand and laser engraved Forum logo
- Air pump wine stopper with Forum logo
- 2-ounce shot glasses with Forum logo
- Mint Julep cups with laser engraved Forum logo

If there are any items that you may wish the store to have, please email me at tomgregg1@verizon.net and if we can we will include it in our inventory.



As with any event of this size, volunteers are needed. These two Kentucky Lions, Pam J. Elrod pamjelrod@icloud.com and Pam Powers ppowers1122@gmail.com, are scheduling volunteers for the Forum Store. Please contact them to schedule your time. The biggest need in number of volunteers will be on Wednesday, Sept. 4 all day and Saturday afternoon, Sept. 7, for set up and tear down. During store hours, we will need to have 10 to 15 volunteers at all times. The cashier volunteers will be scheduled by me, so if you would like to be a cashier/ bagger, email me tomgregg1@verizon.net.

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The store will open the morning of Sept. 5 with the differently-abled shopping time first. We will close the store for all meals, including lunch on Thursday.

If anyone would like to learn more about the store operations, please contact me and we can schedule a time that you could shadow me. This is also a great way to learn about Forum operations in general.

Once again please plan on being a volunteer and enjoy the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum September 5-7, 2024.

PLEASE NOTE: This newsletter is being sent to you as a club president or secretary to share with your club members. The newsletter is also sent from a separate media platform to all past attendee of the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum. It is not possible to avoid duplicate emails across the platforms, so we apologize in advance for any duplicate emails you may receive.

Calendar of Events

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

AUGUST 2024

Cabinet Meeting — August 17, 2024 — 10:00 a.m. — East Jordan United Methodist Church, 201 4th St, East Jordan

NOVEMBER 2024

Cabinet Meeting — November 02, 2024 — 10:00 a.m. — Hillman Patchwood Plaza,

14797 State St, Hillman



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

New Members Reported —May, 2024 (or Earlier)

No New Members Reported

Total: 0 New Member Reported

Information From Club Activities Sent In



Alpena Lions MAY 2024

The Alpena Lions Club performed their annual spring cleanup at Sytek Park last Thursday, May 9th. Every spring the Alpena Lions clean up the winter debris along the river pathway and into the cemetery.



This year 13 volunteers dedicated two hours cleaning up the area; from Sytek Park as far as the Facebook.



If you are interested in learning more about the Alpena Lions please visit our website alpenalionsclub.com or join us on facebook. The Alpena Lions meet weekly on Tuesday at the First Congregational United Church of Christ.

Boyne Valley Lions

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Lion volunteers were out cleaning up the 2 mile section of M75 today (May 4). The winner of the best find for the clean up was Kecia Freed who found a morel mushroom! Hopefully it is not the last morel in Boyne City!





Central Lake Lions MAY 2024

Central Lake Lions bowling tournament raised funds to support the Pediatric infusion clinic at the Cowell Cancer Center in Traverse City.



Cheboygan Lions MAY 2024

Cheboygan Lions Club members bartending at the NRA Banquet.

(L-R) Pollex, Bauer, Tamlyn, Neuman, Ashcroft, & Bauer



East Jordan Lions

East Jordan Lions splitting and bundling wood for Tourist Park campers.

Pictured are Lions Kim Forester with the wood splitter.

Lions Bill Thompson and Bill Chase who helped bundle wood.



Eight East Jordan Lions did maintenance, inside and out, on the Boys Chippewa Cabin at Camp Daggett. We Serve!

Right: Pictured are East Jordan Lions Ron Warnos, Greg McGeorge, Linda Reich, Richard Russell, Faye Miller, Dan Miller, Bill Thompson and Tim Timmer.



Left & bottom. Lion Ron Warnos used the power washer to clean the outside cabin and the concrete fire circle.





Right: Lion Richard Russell cleans under roof over hang.



Oscoda Lions May 2024

Small 7 ft ramp John and Tony built today (May 9). For a Veteran 88 yrs old who recently had a stroke. Ron Whitney of the VA got a hold of us to build this small ramp so the homeowner could access his back yard easily.

John and Tony met at lumberyard at 8:30am loaded materials and 8:45 we were unloading and working on the ramp. Finished around 11:30 and had a cup of coffee with the homeowner. The homeowner was very satisfied when we left.

And as Chuck would say, We Serve.

Thanks Tony and John



Tony Priebe, John Novak, Tony Boll, Scott Busich, Bob Drogosch, and Chuck Andrina finished a ramp project today that Tony Priebe and Scott Busich started last week. Tony and Scott spent a combined seven hours on demolition and the start of a platform last week. The six workers met at the lumber yard to load materials at 8:00 this morning and the project was completed at 2:45 this afternoon $A 4' \times 8'$ platform and two ramp sections of 8' and 24' were constructed. The home owner who needs a walker or wheelchair to get around was very happy with her new ramp. WE SERVE!



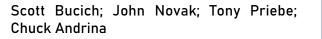
Scott Busich , Tony Bol, Tony Priebe, Bob Drogosh. John Novak



Oscoda Lions (Continued) May 2024

Tony Priebe, John Novak, Scott Bucich, Ann Bovan, and Chuck Andrina were busy building another ramp for a local resident in need today (May 19). The homeowner has mobility issues and was having difficulty managing the steps into her home. We built her a raised platform and 16' ramp to help her get in and out of the house. She paid for the materials and provided a plate of homemade chocolate chip cookies to the crew for a snack. We picked up materials at 8:00 am and finished the project at about 1:30 pm.

WE SERVE!





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Editor's Notes — 2024

JUNE 2024 — Tech Tok

June ultimately comes from the the Latin *Junius*, if Juno, referring to the Roman goddess, identified as a counterpart to the Greek goddess Hera. Juno, an important and powerful ancient Italian deity, protector of Rome, wife of Jupiter, king of the gods, and so became queen of thre gods, was also the goddess of marriage, childbirth, and fertility.

The month June has several celebrations and holidays. **D-Day** (June 6) recognizes the WWII sacrifices of those who, on June 6, 1944, landed in Normandy, France, to liberate Europe from the Nazis. **Flag Day** (June 14) is celebrates the day the stars and stripes became the official flag of the United States. It's the month we honor our fathers with **Father's Day** on the third Sunday (June 16, 2024). **Juneteenth** (June 19) celebrates the end of slavery for African Americans in the United States. The **Summer Solstice** (June 20), is the first day of summer and the longest day/shortest night of the year.

The month of June is **Pride Month** a month-long observance in celebration of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer people and the history, culture, and contributions of these people and their communities. It's also **African-American Music Appreciation Month**.

We had a nasty thunder storm on May 7 in the Little Traverse Bay area with wind, rain and lightning. I was at my computer that evening, typing the email to send the finished issue of the May 11-E2 District Newsletter while the storm was raging outside. Suddenly a lightning strike hit VERY close to our house, with a huge shocking BANG! My wife and I were startled, and our dog was totally freaked out. Shivering with fear, he ran into a bathroom and jumped into the bathtub, where he huddled all night – and he wouldn't be coaxed out.

I checked around the house, and fortunately nothing was damaged, it hadn't struck our house. No power outage, lights didn't blink, everything seemed OK. The only thing affected was that we lost our connection to the Internet. Rebooting both computers, and rebooting the modem and router a couple times, didn't work. I couldn't send an email, Newsletter, or go to any website. I thought maybe a wire had been downed by a tree.

The next morning I checked if the connection problem had been fixed. It wasn't. Still no Internet. I tried rebooting the modem and the router again. Finally, around noon I called Spectrum, our Internet provider, to determine when the Internet connection would be repaired. It took part of an hour for the automatic phone answer device to finally connect me with a living human being technician.

The woman Tech was not only sharp and knowledgeable, she was very pleasant to talk to, a very nice person. She asked questions, honed in on the problem, and had it fixed in less than 10 minutes. She checked and confirmed there had been no outages in my area. She was able to connect her computer to our modem and router, and told me that they "weren't talking to each other". That was the problem. The modem and router had both been turned off and turned on by pulling out the station plug from it's socket, and plugged back together to turn them back on. The Tech woman said I needed to turn on the modem first, let it boot up, then turn on the router. I did that, and the Internet connection was back. So, I learned something I hadn't known.

This incident led to me thinking about how much we humans depend on our technology, to the point that we can't live without tech. We humans have changed, creating new or improving current technology. In some ways technology has made our lives much better. In some other ways, technology has made our lives worse.

Some people live a life on a computer or smart phone screen. Media programs have allowed people to have "friends" they've never met physically. You really don't know them, who they really are. And too often someone gets scammed by someone they met online, a con man or woman they thought they knew and trusted. Being "social" once meant going out and about with human friends. Now it means having apps like Facebook, X (formerly Twitter), TikTok, and others that connect us through the internet.

Artificial intelligence, or AI, is the technology that empowers computers and machines to mimic human intelligence and problem-solving capabilities. It may be used for good or bad. AI can be very helpful for businesses and scientific procedures, as well as military purposes. It is being used to control self-driving cars, which may be the norm in the near future. There are some questions as to what could happen if AI becomes smarter than humans.

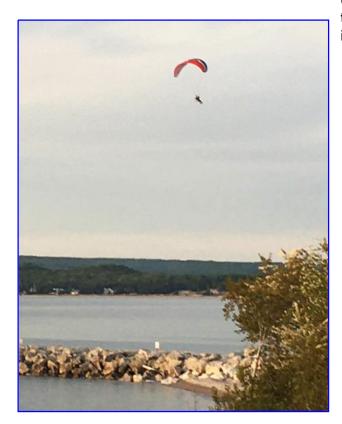
Like it or not, we are in a world of technology that is continuing to grow. We are immersed in amazing gadgets and incredible programs that allow us to do things that we never dreamed of. However, we are also vulnerable to disasters and catastrophes that could turn off the power and separate us from our inactive tech devices , leaving us with only our human abilities to rely on. Let's hope we can find ways to keep us going if that occurs.

PICTURES OF THE MONTH

Photos of a Northern Michigan Spring



Above: The Elk herd in Gaylord were grazing in their fenced-in park near the trail we were walking in Aspen Park on June 1. The males were still in velvet, the soft covering of growing antlers. These majestic creatures of the deer family are second only to the Moose in size.



May 19: As we were walking our dog along the shore of Little Traverse Bay, we heard a faint sound coming from somewhere above us. A person hanging from a wing parachute with a motor strapped to his back appeared, flying over the water near the Petoskey waterfront. It is called <u>Paramotoring</u>, where a motor is strapped to a pilot's back — like a backpack — along with a parachute, that helps to push the pilot high in the sky like a plane. Looks like fun, if you're of an age where risky behavior is commonplace.

On one of the Aspen Park hiking trails, near the Elk fence, there is a small memorial for victims of Covid-19. Small in size, but big in kindness and heart. (*April 5, 2024*)



On May 25th, we were at a picnic table on the shore of Otsego Lake Park. A young man casually went over the closed pier gate with a "Closed For The Season" sign on it, and began to fish. I don't know if he caught anything, or if <u>he</u> got caught!



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

Send your information to: **dlzim47@gmail.com**

<u>NOTE</u>: Submissions received after the 4th of the month will be printed in the <u>next month</u> 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.

* <u>Photos</u>: Should be 300 pixels for good quality. <u>Include names of individuals</u> <u>in photos</u>, and/or describe <u>what the photo is showing</u>. <u>Text</u>: 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!!

