

Notable Quotes: " Kindness begins with the understanding that we all struggle." – Charles Glassman, author

JULY 2024

District Governor's Message



DG Dennis Gocha

To my fellow Lions of District 11-E2:

It is my honor and privilege to be elected your District Governor for 2024-2025. I do not take this role lightly and plan to do my best.

Our new 1VDG is Marie Leathers of Central Lake and we still need a 2VDG. We also need Zone chairs in the following zones. (Zone 2) Central Lake, Elk Rapids, Grayling, Houghton Lake, Lewiston/Lewiston Lioness Lions, Roscommon Higgins Lake, and (Zone 4) Beaverton, Hale, Harrisville, Lincoln, Oscoda, and Rose City.

There are also several District committee chair vacancies. You can email me at dennisgocha557@gmail.com or call me at 231-350-1906 to discuss these positions and their duties.

Training new leaders is critical to the continuation of Lionism. There are training sessions available in MYLION for Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Chair, and President. The training is under the Learn option of the screen.

Our first cabinet meeting will be Saturday, August 17th at 10:00 am at East Jordan United Methodist Church, 201 Fourth St. In East Jordan, and will be available through Zoom. The District Cabinet, District Committee Chairs, Club Officers and all Lions are welcome to attend. We will have a 2025 convention meeting directly following the cabinet meeting. Lion Dave Zeller will be teaching a Zone Chair class to our two new Zone Chairs during the convention meeting. So let me know if you'd also like to attend this training.

I'm looking forward to an exciting year!

"You can't help everyone, but everyone can help someone." – Ronald Reagan

**District Governor
Dennis Gocha**

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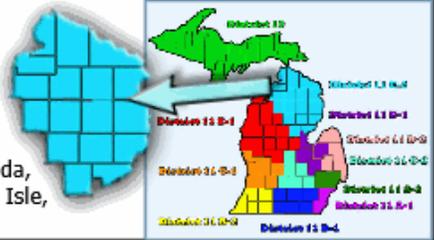
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Lions Of Michigan Multiple District 11-E2 Counties

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



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

Dear Lion,

What an incredible year it has been. A year ago, I asked you to commit to changing the world by setting bold, ambitious goals to meet the needs of our neighbors, our communities and our world—and you did!

I loved seeing the diversity of our clubs, members and service, and I wish I could have met every Lion and Leo because you are so inspiring. Your innovative ways of serving people and your passion for protecting the planet are at the heart of what it means to be a Lion.

The Lion year may be coming to an end, but our service continues. So, reflect on the impact of your service and the people you served—those unforgettable experiences are why we serve—then let's get ready to take up new roles and create new opportunities to help more people in need. Let's invite even more service-minded people to share the joy of being a part of Lions International.

It has been my greatest honor to serve as your international president. Thank you for an extraordinary year.

Yours in service,

Dr. Patti Hill
International President



Dear Lions Club Officer,

As the 2023-2024 Lion year comes to a close, Lions International wants to make sure that your club receives the recognition it deserves.

The [Club Excellence Award](#) serves as the club's roadmap to excellence, focusing on the key elements of a quality club: membership, service, organizational excellence and marketing. This award is more than an award...it is proof that a Lions club is strong! Review the criteria that is outlined in the 2023-2024 [award application](#) and we encourage you to apply for the award today.

Please note that while all award applications should be submitted to the District and Club Administration Division no later than August 31, 2024, **the time to accomplish the goal requirements is now.**

If you have any questions about the Club Excellence Award, please contact us by email at clubexcellenceaward@lionsclubs.org or by phone at (630) 468-6828.

Finally, as the new year approaches, make sure to meet with your incoming club officers to help them as they get ready to take office. To ensure their success, review some helpful resources and tools with them, such as:

- **Webpages and e-Books** – Take a minute to visit the webpage designed for your position. Each page provides materials and resources as well as e-Books to assist you as you begin to serve in your new role.
 - [Club President/First Vice President](#)
 - [Club Secretary](#)
 - [Club Treasurer](#)
- [Standard Club Structure](#) – Help your club officers understand their roles and responsibilities in the new Standard Club Structure. The sample structure includes officers, board of directors and standing committees. This provides guidance to the overview of your club's layout.
- [Standard Club Constitution & By-Laws](#) – Provides key club responsibilities, policies, guidelines and other helpful information to guide your club. It may be amended and customized to meet your club's needs.

If you have any questions regarding the year end or resources available, please contact us by email at clubofficers@lionsclubs.org or by phone at (630) 468-7084.

We congratulate you on a great year as club officer!

Sincerely,

Your District & Club Administration Division Support Team



THE LOUISVILLE PACESETTER

Louisville 2024
SEPTEMBER 5-7, 2024
The Latest News & Information for the 2024 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum

JUNE 2024

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A MESSAGE FROM THE GENERAL CHAIR

We continue to work diligently to make sure we have everything in place to make the Louisville Forum the best it can be. Just as the jockeys and horses gave it their all at the Kentucky Derby last month, the members of the Forum committee continue to give it their all for a successful Forum.

We are fortunate to have Lion Randy Pierce as our keynote speaker at the Friday Luncheon. During two short but significant weeks in 1989, a devastating neurological disease transformed Randy from a healthy and ordinary young man to a blind man completely uncertain of his future. Randy’s passion for experience encouraged him to use adversity as a positive catalyst for growth and opportunity, resulting in such amazing adventures, honors, and accomplishments. He will share some of his life experiences with us.

On Saturday evening you will have the opportunity to hear from Trish Wilson. Trish believes life is more than just doing life, it is about experiencing it, enjoying it and seeing how one life intersects another and makes a difference in both lives. Her motto is “you have one more day, to do one more thing, to change one more life, so don’t miss the opportunity.” What would happen if you started looking at



Friday Lunch Speaker Randy Pierce

Saturday Night Speaker Trish Wilson



Committee Continues to Work Diligently Towards Successful Forum

every day as different, special, impactful, adventurous, challenging and life-changing?

We will kick things off Thursday Morning with our speed learning sessions. We have secured a larger room and are looking forward to a great group of presenters as the education team has been working hard since October.

The Strides walk is set to take off at noon on Thursday with T-shirt pickup available at 11 a.m. in the KICC Center on the first floor. You should be done with the walk in plenty of time to grab a bite to eat as there are plenty of restaurants around the KICC. The first set of seminars starts at 2 o’clock Although we were unable to do the hat

Although we were unable to do the hat decorating in Louisville at the KICC, we will still be judging hats during the opening session on Thursday night. Bring your best decorated hats from home. We will pick a winner who will receive a \$100 gift certificate to the Forum Store.

Registrations are tracking well and the Forum Committee and the Kentucky Lions are looking forward to a great event.



Hello Lions, Leos and fellow humanitarians,

Thank you for giving me the amazing opportunity to serve as chairperson of Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF). Throughout the past year, I was continuously inspired by the breadth and depth of service Lions were empowered to provide because of our global foundation. Lions across the globe continue to be resilient while facing the unimaginable challenges that follow natural disasters. We meet the needs in our communities every day in so many ways. We perform vision and cancer screenings in underserved communities, feed the hungry through food banks and other programs, help youth develop life skills in their schools and communities, improve hospitals and health care centers and so much more. In addition, LCIF partners with some of the most influential organizations in the world to expand our impact. Our worldwide reach is truly awesome because of the work we can do through LCIF.

Thank you to everyone who supported LCIF this year. Every gift you made brought us closer to achieving the US\$70 million stretch goal and will enable the foundation to award even more [grants](#) to enhance your service next year. Please remember to share the importance of supporting LCIF with current and future Lions and Leos and set an example through your continued [individual donations](#). Continue to share your stories of service made possible through the foundation. I look forward to the collective impact we will make together in the future.

Make a great day,

Brian E. Sheehan

Chairperson, Lions Clubs International Foundation



We are proud to announce that Leader Dogs for the Blind is expanding our free Guide Dog and Orientation & Mobility (O&M) programs to people residing in the United States and Canada who prefer receiving training in Spanish.

For over 60 years, Leader Dog has provided our Guide Dog program to clients from Spanish-speaking countries who could not access guide dog training locally. Now, this exceptional programming will also be available to Spanish-speakers in the U.S. and Canada.

Leader Dog is also providing our ground-breaking Orientation & Mobility (O&M) program (often referred to as white cane training) in Spanish. O&M training teaches people how to safely travel using a white cane. Clients also learn orientation skills to effectively know where they are, where they want to go and the skills to get to their destination. Skills learned may include crossing streets and problem-solving obstacles along a route, such as maneuvering through barriers, crowds, etc.

"According to the CDC, Hispanic and Latino communities experience a higher risk of vision loss, offering our free programs to those who speak Spanish allows us to meet this critical need and empower more people with travel safety and independence," said Melissa Weisse, Leader Dog president and CEO. "People often learn best in their native language, especially when acquiring skills as impactful as guide dog handling or orientation and mobility."

Both free programs will follow Leader Dog's same high standards, simply conducted in Spanish rather than English.

This expansion allows Leader Dog to further our vision that "every person who is blind or visually impaired travels safely and independently."

Those interested in accessing Spanish-language Guide Dog or Orientation and Mobility training can get started by applying at LeaderDog.org or calling **888-777-5332** then press 1 to speak with client services.

Leader Dogs for the Blind | 1039 S. Rochester Rd. | Rochester Hills, MI 48307 US



VOTE FOR LIONS BEAR LAKE CAMP IN CURRENT ROUND FOR KAPALA CARES

Dear Lions and Friends of Lions Bear Lake Camp,

Lions Bear Lake Camp is in the current round for Kapala Cares, and we need YOUR support! 🙌

About Kapala Cares

Kapala Cares, run by Kapala Heating & Air Conditioning, is an amazing initiative designed to raise awareness and support for local nonprofits. Each quarter, three local nonprofits vie for the public's votes, with a chance to win cash prizes to support their programs and services.

How You Can Help

Voting is simple, easy, and free. The nonprofit with the highest votes will receive \$750; second highest will receive \$500; and third place will receive \$250. All three nonprofits will receive a gift from Kapala Heating & Air Conditioning.

Vote for Lions Bear Lake Camp

📱 Vote for Lions Bear Lake Camp by scanning the QR code below or visiting [Kapala Cares website](#) and selecting Lions Bear Lake Camp. Every vote counts!

And while you're at it, you can also enter for your chance to win a \$500 gift card to a local grocery store! Simply fill out the form at the bottom of the Kapala Cares page.

Why Your Vote Matters

Your vote can help us continue to provide premier outdoor educational and recreational experiences to all, regardless of ability. Together, we can make a significant impact on our community and our campers.

Thank you for your support! ❤️

Sincerely,

Traci Tribley
Executive Director

P.S. Share this email with your friends and family to spread the word!

Calendar of Events

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



PASSINGS REPORTED



Central Lake Lions: Sorry to report the passing of PDG Don Seifried. 97, and a Lion for 58 years. PDG Don served our district as District Governor in 1973-74, and he will be sorely missed. Please keep PDG Don's family in your thoughts and prayers

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

New Members Reported — June, 2024 (or Earlier)

Alpena Lions welcomed new Lions Jodi Hutton and Griffin James on July 4th

Total: 2 New Member Reported

Information From Club Activities Sent In

On the Mend Reported

No Reports Received

Alpena Lions**JUNE 2024**

The Alpena Lions Club held a social dinner event on June 4th at the Tractor Club. New Lions Jodi Hutton and Griffin James were inducted into the Alpena Lions Club at this event. The duo were warmly welcomed by the Lions in attendance and will be a valuable addition to the club.

**Boyne Valley Lions****JUNE 2024**

BV Lions deposited \$2,100 from field days. The cost of goods is still being calculated – approximately \$500.

(info from June 12 meeting)

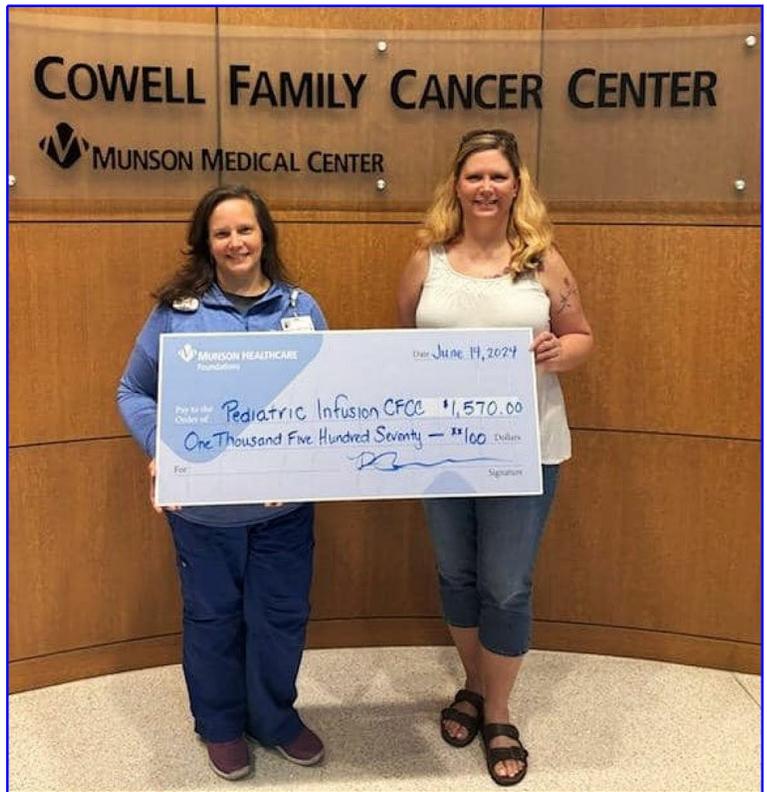
The Boyne Valley Lions Club inducted their new officers last evening (June 26) at the Pavilion. The induction service was conducted by District First VP Lion Marie Leathers and Past District Governor Rod Leathers. Definitely a strong leadership team. We serve!



Central Lake Lions

JUNE 2024

Back in May, the Central Lake Lions Club held a bowling fundraiser at the Bellaire Lanes. The proceeds went to the Cowell Cancer Center to help fund art therapy for the kids undergoing treatment. Lion Rebecca James had the pleasure of presenting a check two weeks ago (June 25) for the funds raised (\$1,570). So grateful for all the help and the bowlers who made this event possible.



East Jordan Lions

JUNE 2024

East Jordan DGE Dennis Gocha inducted officers in the East Jordan Lions Club meeting.



DGE Dennis Gocha was sworn in as Michigan’s District 11-E2 Governor in Melbourne Australia at the 106th International Lions Convention.

He's pictured with his wife, Linda.

Mackinaw City Lions

JUNE 2024

Mackinaw City Lions Club's 2024 Board of Directors: Mike Smydra, Bill Alexander, Dave Wallis, Genny Brew, Les Jackson, Laura Jackson, Bob Desy, and Chuck Brew



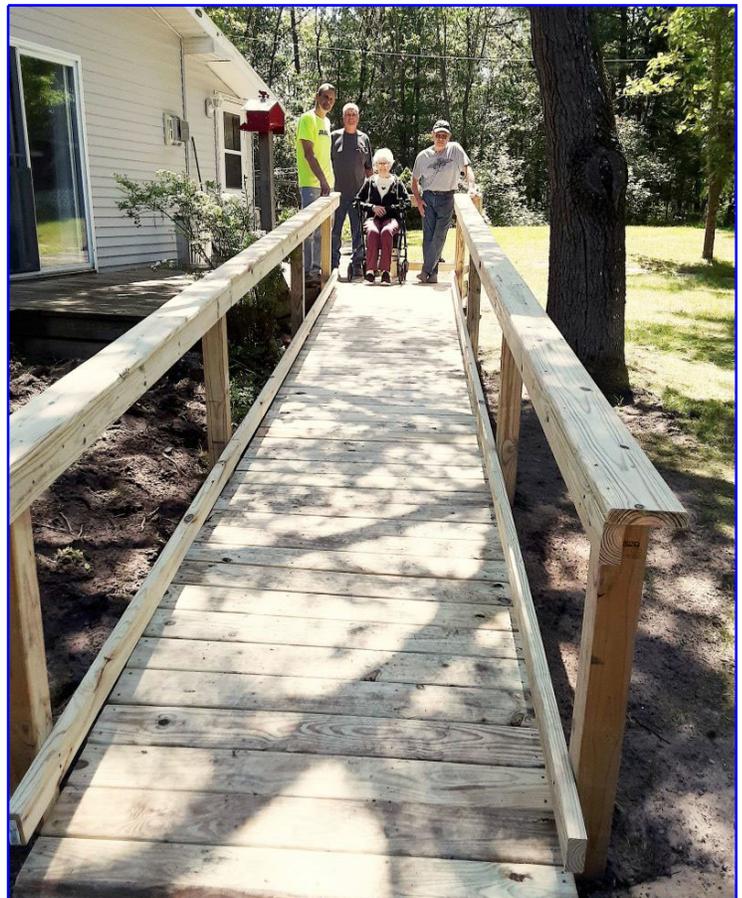
Oscoda Lions

JUNE 2024

Wednesday John Novak, Tony Priebe and Bob Drogosh met at the lumberyard at 8am loaded up the materials and left for the job. We built a 4x4 platform with an angle and a ramp approximately 23ft long with handrails. Scott Bucich and a friend Tim showed up at 10am and helped for 2 hours. It was one of those ramps that a lot of digging was involved. So, everyone got to use a shovel today. The homeowner is going through cancer treatments and has had multiple falls recently. So the ramp will be very helpful.

She was very happy when we left.

Picture - Tony Priebe, Bob Drogosh, Homeowner, John Novak



Rose City Lions

JUNE 2024

Rose City's "Evening of Giving" was on 6/13. They gave out over \$10,000 of donations to both local projects and to Lion projects.



DG Murch and CST Durflinger received checks for the District, LCIF, Lions of Michigan Foundation and Eversight.



DISTRICT NEWS

LCI Updates

Lions District Newsletter

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Jun 29, 2024, 12:06 PM

VDG Marie just let me know that some people are having trouble logging in to the new portal. If you cannot get in and need to drop/add members or put in your new officers, please email me the information and I can enter them for you. The drops and adds to membership need to be done by end of day tomorrow, so get them to me ASAP.

If you have service information you wish to get entered, email that to Lion Marie (lionmarieleathers@gmail.com) and she can enter it for you.

If I don't hear from you before, have a great Fourth of July!

989-742-2790

CST Barb

lionbarb@comdac.com

JULY 2024 — Good and Bad

We are now in the month of July, the first full month of the Summer season, and the beginning month of the Lions fiscal year. "July" ultimately comes from ancient Rome. The Roman calendar during the early reign of Julius Caesar from 46 to 44 B.C. only counted 10 months. The winter season was 61 days, essentially two months not added to the calendar year. Absence of the two winter months made March the first month of the year. The confusing Roman lunar calendar was based on the moon's monthly cycles. Julius Caesar and his advisors reformed it, changing the calendar to a solar-based system, an idea from the Egyptians. Tracking how long it took the Earth to revolve around the sun, this change resulted in a calendar with 365.25 days, closely resembling our current calendar. The Julian calendar was put into use in 45 B.C. This new and improved system included the winter months we know as January and February. An extra day was added to February every four years to make up for that extra quarter of a day in the original solar-calendar calculations of 365.25. In the middle of this new 12-month calendar was the month called Quintilis, which is Latin for "fifth month", which now became the seventh month of the year, not the fifth. Strangely, the month's name wasn't immediately changed to reflect this. Some accounts claim that Caesar changed the name of Quintilis to "Julius" because it was his birth month, though his actual birth date unknown. A counter-theory suggests that Mark Anthony, Caesar's second in command, changed the name of Quintilis after Caesar was assassinated on March 15, 44 B.C. in remembrance for the fallen leader. The name Quintilis became "Julius", and eventually July.

While researching some variations of human behavior, I came across a question people have asked for thousands of years: **Are humans Good or Bad?**

"Most people in this world are Good." — "Most people in this world are Bad."

Which statement resonates with you? Which do you believe? And why do you think what you think? Humanity seems to have a need to categorize people "Good" or "Bad". I am an optimist, and I believe that most people have goodness in them. Yes, there are also a lot of people who are evil — just listen to the news and you'll hear about the murders, criminal fraud, rape, theft, abused victims, wars and a very long list of other bad behaviors. In our culture we tend to learn more about people doing bad things than those who do good things. And yet, if you think about it, there may be thousands of murderers out there, but there are millions of people on this planet who aren't — millions who strive to prolong and enhance human life — doctors, therapists, farmers, teachers, scientists, regular people working and taking care of their families — humans helping others.

I wondered if the constant negative media collection of human's bad behavior might sway people to think we humans are mostly evil. But many reputable polling results showed that more than 50% of people world-wide believe there are more "good" humans than "bad" humans.

In the end, we may have to conclude that all humans are both "Good" and "Bad." We are born with the ability to know right from wrong, and we all possess the ability to be Good, and also to be Evil. We see the world from our own perspective, often different from others. Our behaviors are chosen by knowledge, or ignorance, or by what we were taught, by our experiences, by circumstances, by what we want, by what we need, by our own survival. We can be Good for most things, but Bad for other things. In the Good lives the Bad, in the Bad lives the Good. From Compassion and Kindness to Greed and Hate, we have the ability to choose. I found the following story profoundly clarifying:

The Story of Two Wolves

Once upon a time, an old Cherokee was teaching his grandson about life. "A fight is going on inside me, it is a terrible fight and it is between two wolves," he said to the boy. "One is evil — he is anger, envy, sorrow, regret, greed, arrogance, self-pity, guilt, resentment, inferiority, lies, false pride, superiority, and ego." He continued, "The other is good — he is joy, peace, love, hope, serenity, humility, kindness, benevolence, empathy, generosity, truth, compassion, and faith. The same fight is going on inside you — and inside every other person, too."

The grandson thought about it for a minute and then asked his grandfather, "Which wolf will win?"

The old Cherokee gave a simple reply: "The one you feed."

From medium.com

As Lions, we define and show the Goodness side of humanity through our Service. Feed it well.

PICTURES OF THE MONTH

Photos of Summer 2024

The famous Navy flying daredevils, the Blue Angels, performed at Traverse City on Sunday, June 30, over the West and East Traverse Bays. The weather was perfect for the outdoor event for the thousands who came to watch the aerial display.



Summer is known for its sunny days, but not all days are sunny. This photo of five large birds, probably vultures, atop an abandoned house on a cloudy day looks like a picture out of a “don’t go in that house!” kind of horror movie.

The summer sun’s daily journey is about to end as it shines in a spectacular sunset over the Little Traverse Bay. A northern Michigan treasure.



You Make the News – We Publish It!

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

Send your information to: dlzim47@gmail.com

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

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

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

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

Don't be left out!!

Racism has no place in our world.

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

#kindnessmatters



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