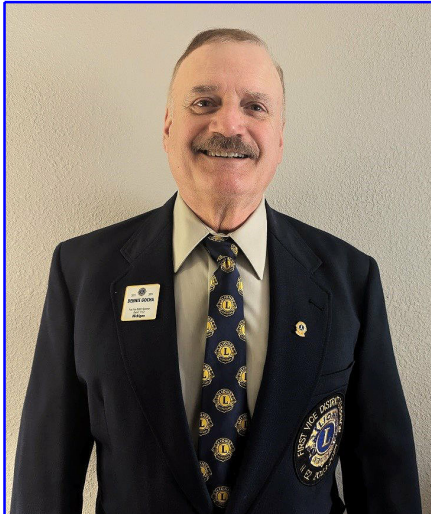


Notable Quotes: "The highest forms of understanding we can achieve are laughter and human compassion."- *Richard Feynman, physicist*

August 2024

District Governor's Message



DG Dennis Gocha

Hello 11-E2 Lions,

I am looking forward to a year where we can all serve well.

I want to thank everyone who has volunteered to help at the District level so far. Your leadership and assistance is greatly appreciated. As you know it takes dedication to keep our organization alive. I would like to make 11-E2 the best it can be, but there are still positions to fill.

These positions start at the club level, President, Secretary, Treasurer and Member chairperson. Many positions at the district level also need to be filled. Where would the Lions be without the dedication of our members? Open positions are 2nd Vice District governor, Zone Chair for Zone 4, GMT-Global membership team officer, Website/IT, White Cane, and Diabetes Chairpersons. You may be apprehensive at first, but just remember, we are all here to work together and help each other. If you would like to discuss these positions and their duties call me at (231) 350-1906 or email me at

dennisgocha557@gmail.com.

Our new International President, Fabricio Oliveira has a theme to "Make Our Mark". He has a goal for us in four areas. Fabricio says, "Everywhere we serve, every time we give, we bring kindness and compassion, change and hope. And we make our mark on the lives we touch, the communities we serve and the world we share."

His four main goals are to:

1. Increase membership – more new members mean we can do more service for those in need. Try to have plans to expand your club membership. I'd personally like each club to bring in one member this year.
2. Becoming stronger through LCIF support - Support LCI with increased donations. Some donations count as credit toward club awards. We need to show compassion for those affected by disasters.
3. Improve Service reporting and develop new leaders - who can pass on the legacy of your clubs to the upcoming generation. Designate a person to do your MyLion entry. It is usually the secretary.
4. Great marketing – capture the imagination of our communities through great marketing, such as Facebook, websites, newspapers, radio, etc.

As a reminder, our first cabinet meeting will be Saturday, August 17th at 10 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 three new Zone Chairs during the convention meeting.

As always thank you for your continued service and hard work. Now go and make your mark!

DG Dennis Gocha

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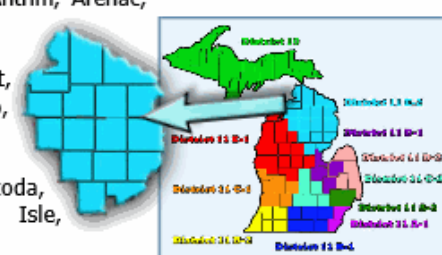
Note: This information is up to date at the time of this publication, but is subject to change as adjustments are needed.

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 Charlevoix,
 Cheboygan,
 Crawford, Emmet,
 Gladwin, Iosco,
 Kalkaska,
 Montmorency,
 Ogemaw, Oscoda,
 Otsego, Presque Isle,
 Roscommon



ZONE 1	CLUBS	ZONE 3	CLUBS
ZC Bill Chase East Jordan Lions Club	Boyne Valley, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, East Jordan, Indian River, Mackinaw City, Petoskey	ZC BJ Sander Alpena Lions Club	Alpena, Alpena Evening, Glennie, Hillman, Hubbard Lake, Mio
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Dear Lions and Leos,

Welcome to a new Lion year!

I am excited to serve alongside you as LCIF chairperson. We are starting the year strong, following tremendous generosity and successful service efforts last year. Thank you to everyone who contributed to our foundation, both financially and as an ambassador for the work we do together. Because of your generosity and leadership, LCIF raised more than US\$70 million to empower our future service.

As you read this month's newsletter, I hope you are inspired to continue finding ways to support our foundation by donating, exploring grant opportunities and sharing stories of impact. I look forward to seeing the grant projects and programs that Lions and Leos will implement through LCIF funding this year, and I hope to have the opportunity to visit with many of you as we continue to change the world together.

Yours in Service,

Dr. Patti Hill

Chairperson, Lions Clubs International Foundation



THE LOUISVILLE PACESETTER

Louisville 2024
SEPTEMBER 5-7, 2024

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

July 2024

A MESSAGE FROM THE GENERAL CHAIR, STEVE SHERER

FORUM LOOKING TO BE THE BEST YET

STEVE SHERER, GENERAL FORUM CHAIR

The horses are out on the track taking their final warmups as we are now just two months from the start of the Forum in Louisville. The forum Executive committee will be in Louisville the end of this month to make sure everything is in place.

We had reported this past month from all committee members, and we are looking forward to a store stocked with several new items, you should have no trouble finding some new Lions apparel to take back home with you. The last report indicated we would have an additional vendor in the store this year. Exhibitor applications keep coming in and it appears we will have many vendors for you to visit with offering various Lions Club services. We appreciate the support of our vendors and sponsors who help to make the Forum a great success.

Also, we offer a special thank you to our Friends of the Forum for their contributions to the event. You will be able to recognize these individuals at the Forum as they will have a ribbon attached to their name badges identifying them.

The seminars committee is finalizing their list, the Strides Walk is ready to step off and we are looking for a huge collection of warm winter clothing for our service project.

We also look forward to the Saturday afternoon luncheon, where we will all have the opportunity to hear from our 2024-25 Lions Clubs International President Fabricio Oliveira from Brazil. International President Oliveira will share his vision as the leader of the greatest service organization in

the world. Every Lion can have an impact!

I am sure we will also get an update from LCIF and hear the great things that are going on at Lions Clubs International.

You also want to mark your calendars to attend the Mission 1.5 Seminar that is scheduled to take

place on Thursday, Sept. 5 at 3:30 p.m. in Hall C. The information to be shared is of vital importance to all the Lions of the United States and Canada.

Remember, the last price increase goes into effect Aug. 1 - to \$365 for Lions and \$175 for Leos. Register at members.lionsforum.org.

Well, I have to get back to the track to make sure everything is in order, and we stay on target to SET THE PACE.



President Fabricio Oliveira



DRESS FOR THE DERBY!

Pack your Kentucky Derby outfits to wear to the Thursday night opening banquet. One lucky winner will receive a \$100 Forum Store certificate for the best decorated hat.



Pack Your Best Derby Gear

Cindy Gregg, General Sessions Chair

Are you getting ready to "Set the Pace" at this year's USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum? Well, this year's Planning Committee has been working very hard to make this a fun and educational event.

Starting with Thursday night's General Session, we are asking EVERYONE to come dressed as if you were really attending the Kentucky Derby. Women are asked to wear dresses and hats. Of course, one lucky winner will receive a \$100 gift certificate to the Forum Store for the best decorated hat. Get your creative juices flowing and make that winning bonnet! Men can also get into the spirit with Derby shirts, a sport coat, bowtie, polo shirt, or jockey outfit. Let's have some fun!

In last month's newsletter, you read about our outstanding General Session keynote speakers. Sam Glenn will share his artistic talents with us. Of course, one lucky winner will take home his beautiful artistic creation.

Randy Pierce's story will demonstrate his determination and fortitude to transform his life into a beacon of hope and a role model for others who encounter major life altering challenges.

International President Fabricio Oliveira will discuss his theme, while LCIF Chairperson Dr. Patti Hill will update us on the numerous humanitarian projects that our foundation has recently been supporting.

Finally, Trish Wilson will challenge each of us to change someone's life EVERY day. In addition to these inspiring keynote speakers, we will have a few surprises, some skits, awards, presentations by our sponsors, raffles, a preview of the 2025 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Atlantic City, and the announcement of the venue for the 2028 Forum.

So, "Set the Pace" and wear your best Kentucky Derby outfit for a weekend of fun and learning in Louisville, Sept. 5-7!



Kentucky Sponsor Celebrates 70th Birthday During Louisville Forum

Jennifer Hunt Spurling, Kentucky
Lions Eye Foundation

The Kentucky Lions Eye Foundation (KLEF) is honored to be a sponsor of the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, and we look forward to sharing the wonderful work of our Kentucky Lions with you! We hope that while you're at the Forum, you will take some time to enjoy the beauty and hospitality of the city where our organization is proudly headquartered, Louisville, and our Commonwealth!

Our mission is to provide vision services through education, detection, prevention, treatment and empowerment. Through collaborative partnerships, we enable greater independence and increased quality of life for all Kentuckians while focusing on children and adults in financial need.

In the 2023-2024 fiscal year, over 31,000 Kentucky children and adults have received a FREE vision screening

through our vision screening programs, more than 41 low-income individuals from across the Commonwealth have received FREE eye surgeries or sight-saving procedures through the work of our foundation, and more than 47 legally blind individuals from the Louisville area have received financial support to help enhance their lives. We have also been working diligently to open our NEW Low Vision Clinic later this year; the Clinic will provide low vision services to Kentuckians and individuals from surrounding states and will help us touch more lives in support of our mission.

In 2024, KLEF is celebrating 70 years of saving sight! We hope that you will stop by our booth at the Forum in September for a free birthday gift from us and to learn how YOU can support our work and mission. For more information about the Kentucky Lions Eye Foundation, please visit our website at www.kylionseye.org.

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.



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2024

Time	Activity
8:00am-5:00pm	Operations Office/ Planning Committee Office
8:00am-5:00pm	Host Office
8:00am-5:00pm	Seminar Office
8:00am-5:00pm	Lions University Office
10:00am-5:00pm	Pin Trading
10:00am-5:00pm	Exhibitor Booth Set up

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2024

Time	Activity
7:00am-5:00pm	Registration
8:00am-5:00pm	Operations Office/ Planning Committee Office
8:00am-5:00pm	Host Committee Office
8:00am-5:00pm	Seminar Office
8:00am-5:00pm	Lions University Office
8:00am-5:00pm	Exhibitor Booths Open
8:00am-5:00pm	Pin Trading
8:00am-8:30am	Forum Store – Special Needs ONLY
9:30am-11:00am	Lions Speed Learning
9:00am-5:00pm	Forum Store Open
1:30pm	Strides Photo & Hat decorating
2:00pm-3:10pm	1st Seminar Session
3:30pm-4:40pm	2nd Seminar Session
3:30pm-4:40pm	Lions University Graduation
5:40pm	Table Host Seating
5:45pm	Special Needs Seating
5:50pm	General Seating by Color
6:00pm	Opening Banquet/Ceremonies

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2024

Time	Activity
8:00am-5:00pm	Operations Office/ Planning Committee Office
8:00am-5:00pm	Host Committee Office
8:00am-5:00pm	Seminar Office
8:00am-5:00pm	Lions University Office
8:00am-5:00pm	Registration Distribution
8:00am-11:15am	Forum Store Open
8:00am-5:00pm	Exhibitor Booths Open
8:00am-5:00pm	Pin Trading
8:30am-9:40am	3rd Seminar Session
10:00am-11:10am	4th Seminar Session
11:20am	Table Host Seating
11:25am	Special Needs Seating
11:30am	General Seating by Color
11:40am	Call to Order/Lunch
1:00pm-5:00pm	Forum Store Open
2:00pm-3:10pm	5th Seminar Session
3:30pm-4:40pm	6th Seminar Session

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2024

Time	Activity
8:00am-3:00pm	Operations Office/ Planning Committee Office
8:00am-3:00pm	Host Committee Office
8:00am-5:00pm	Seminar Office
8:00am-5:00pm	Lions University Office
8:00am-11:15am	Forum Store Open
8:00am-3:00pm	Exhibitor Booths Open
8:00am-3:00pm	Pin Trading
8:30am-9:40am	7th Seminar Session
10:00am-11:10am	8th Seminar Session
11:20am	Table Host Seating
11:25am	Special Needs Seating
11:30am	General Seating by Color
11:40am	International President's Luncheon
1:00pm-3:30pm	Forum Store Open
2:00pm-3:10pm	9th Seminar Session
3:30pm-4:40pm	10th Seminar Session
5:40pm	Table Host Seating
5:45pm	Special Needs Seating
5:50pm	General Seating by Color
6:00pm	Closing Banquet/Ceremonies



Hey Julie,

Wednesday, July 31 from 3 to 4 p.m. EST is a [virtual Collaboration Event with Ski for Light!](#)

Join us to learn about [Ski for Light's](#) 50th Anniversary Celebration! Ski for Light is an all-volunteer not for profit corporation matching sighted, experienced cross-country skiers with people who are blind or visually impaired to guide and teach skiing.

Additionally, Leader Dog will discuss our free orientation and mobility program including in-home opportunities.

Everyone is welcome to join! You can [register on Zoom for our monthly Collaboration Events.](#)

Please send any questions to Leslie Hoskins at leslie.hoskins@leaderdog.org.



We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday, July 31 at 3 p.m. EST via Zoom!

- Leslie

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Outreach Services and Community Engagement Manager
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248-650-7104

Calendar of Events

AUGUST 2024

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

SEPTEMBER 2024

Labor Day— September 2

Autumn Equinox—September 22

NOVEMBER 2024

Cabinet Meeting — November 02, 2024 — 10:00 a.m. — Hillman Patchwood Plaza,
14797 State St, Hillman



PASSINGS REPORTED



Passing of another great Lion, PDG Bob Tetzlaff, at age 80, on Wednesday, July 10, 2024. A longtime member of the Holt Lions Club, Lion Bob Tetzlaff served District 11-C2 as District Governor in 1990-1991, held many positions within the district and state over the past several years, most recently serving as a Trustee for the Lions of Michigan Foundation and State Chair of the District Editors. He will be missed.

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

New Members Reported — July, 2024 (or Earlier)

Alpena Lions Club inducted Larry Garant on July 2nd sponsored by Steve Garant,

Total: 1 New Member Reported

Information From Club Activities Sent In

On the Mend Reported

No Reports Received

Alpena Lions AUGUST 2024

The Alpena Lions Club inducted Larry Garant on July 2nd at a special ceremony at their new meeting location, the First Presbyterian Church. Larry was sponsored by Steve Garant, introduced by Joe Garant and welcomed by all the Lions in attendance.

New Lion Larry Garant —



The Alpena Lions Club celebrated the 4th of July by participating in the parade. Lion Bernie Lamp is seen entertaining children along the parade route. It takes a strong Lion to walk the parade route in a costume on a hot day.

The Alpena Lions Club performed their highway cleanup as a part of MDOT-Adopt A Highway program on July 18th. The group participated in the summer cleanup on US 23 North from Long Rapids Road to Hamilton Road



The Alpena Lions Club meets every Tuesday at noon at the First Presbyterian Church on the corner of US23 and Long Rapids Road. If you are interested in joining the Alpena Lions please check us out on Facebook or our website Alpenalionsclub.com

Boyne Valley Lions

AUGUST 2024

Info from Meeting Minutes for July 17, 2024

Annual Litzenburger Meeting and Lions Club meeting on August 14, 11 am - 1 pm

- (1) Lions will not have a regular meeting, but talk about the Lions and potentially recruit members
- (2) Lions will cook hot dogs and serve food

Donation Requests:

- a) Lions Bear Lake Camp
 - Motion by Wagner to donate \$100 now and \$500 in Q1, 2025
 - Motion supported by Lion Taylor
 - All voted AYE
 - Motion carried
- b) Fields of Dreams speaking to Club on 7/24
 - May board meeting voted to donate \$500. Will hand check to speakers next week at the club meeting

East Jordan Lions

AUGUST 2024

Eight East Jordan Lions trimmed shrubs, tore out an old stump, cleared brush at a house on Bridge Street for someone that needed help. We Serve!



Oscoda Lions

AUGUST 2024

First Row, L to R: Secretary Eleanor Hunt; 1 year Directors Carole Schultz, Jane Meyer; Assistant Secretary Kay Gaines.

Second Row L-R: PDG Governor Bill Gaines; 1st Vice President Nancy Howse; 2 year Director Bill Laidlaw; Treasurer Yvonne Mallak; Global Membership, John Novak; Global Service/Newsletter, Mary Jo Rehberg; 1 year Director Cindy Wellen.

Back Row. Lion Tamer Bill Bickel; President Tony Bol; Humanitarian Tony Priebe.



The gangs all here.



Past President John Novak presented The Lion Of The Year award to Lion Eleanor Hunt.

Oscoda Lions

AUGUST 2024

Lions Tony Bol, John Novak, and Chuck Andrina completed another wheelchair ramp for a family in need. A Harrisville homeowners daughter has health problems confining her to a wheelchair and she has not been able to get her in and out of the house.

John Novak, homeowner, Tony Bol



Tony Bol, Chuck Andrina, John Novak

The Lions built her a 15 foot long ramp to make it easier for her to get to doctor appointments and other travel outside her home. The materials were picked up at 8:00 am and the project was complete at 1:30 pm.

The homeowner was very happy with the completed project and thanked all the crew for their efforts.

WE SERVE!

Sunday (July 14) Bob Drogosch and Tony met at the lumberyard at 8 am. They loaded materials and got to Whittemore about 8:45 am. We had to do some repairs on the deck before we could build a 16 ft ramp with railings.

The Homeowner (pictured) who has stability issues and lives alone was pleased when we left.



Oscoda Lions
AUGUST 2024

The Oscoda Lions Club had a much-needed ramp to build today but the weather looked questionable in the afternoon. To get the job done they started early and assembled a larger crew than usual. They had the material loaded and were on the way to Tawas City at 7:00 am this morning (July 18).

Today's crew consisted of Tony Priebe, John Novak, Scott Busich, Tony Bol, Bob Drogosch, Rick Stanley, and Chuck Andrina. Two members of the household are in wheelchairs and the other is undergoing cancer treatment. He had been getting the two wheelchair bound residents in and out of the house on makeshift steps.



Above — Scott Busich, Tony Priebe



The steps were torn out and replaced by 4 x 6' and 4 x 8' platforms with two 12' ramp sections.

The crew finished up the work at 12:15 pm and only got sprinkled on for a short period of time.

The homeowner was very appreciative of the new ramp and the improved access for all of them.

WE SERVE!

Left to Right — John Novak, Bob Drogosch, Rick Stanley, Chuck Andrina, Tony Priebe



L to R — Tony Bol, Bob Drogosch, John Novak, Tony Priebe, Chuck Andrina, Rick Stanley, Homeowner



L to R — Tony Bol, Bob Drogosch, John Novak, Tony Priebe, Chuck Andrina, Rick Stanley, Scott Busich.

Oscoda Lions AUGUST 2024

The Oscoda Lions Club ramp crew was hard at work again today in AuSable building another ramp for a family in need. Tony Priebe, John Novak, Scott Busich, Bob Drogosch, Rick Stanley, and Chuck Andrina turned two truckloads of lumber into 46' of ramps and 14' of platforms in around six hours. The cooler cloudy weather made good working conditions for the crew. The ramp was constructed for a veteran and his wife who have limited mobility due to back conditions.



Above: Pre-construction lumber for the ramp



The homeowners were appreciative of the crew's work and excited about how much easier the ramp will make their lives.



The completion of this project makes 102 ramps that the Oscoda Lions Club have built in Oscoda and surrounding communities.

WE SERVE!

Picture Below: Homeowners at the top. Bottom, Left to Right: Scott Busich, Rick Stanley, Bob Drogosch, John Novak, Tony Priebe



Pictures - Above and above right: Back to Front - John Novak, Tony Priebe, Chuck Andrina, Scott Busich, Rick Stanley, and the homeowners are at the top



Oscoda Lions**AUGUST 2024**

Today, July 31, Tony Bol, Tony Priebe, John Novak, Ann Bovan, Bob Drogosch and Jeremy Maynard built a 21 ft ramp off a 4x4 platform for an elderly lady who's been using a wheel chair and a walker while recovering from some back issues. After we left she was able to go up and down the ramp in her walker with the in-home physical therapist. And her husband practiced with the wheelchair also.. We met at the lumberyard at 8 am and were done 11:30 am. 20 total man hrs. Another job well done.

Thanks guys

WE SERVE!

Picture : Tony Bol (front), Tony Priebe, Bob Drogosch, homeowner (Man in center black shirt), John Novak, Jeremy Maynard,

**DISTRICT NEWS**

Hello Club Secretaries,

I have replaced Marie Leathers as the new GST (Global Service Team) person for this upcoming year..

This is just a reminder that if you have any service activities, please enter them weekly. These are the basic instructions and if you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

1. Go to the Lions Portal and click on member login.
2. Click on Service and my Activities will come up so click on that..
3. Click on the box on the left - Create Service Activity.
4. Click on Search for Club and enter the name of your club and hit NEXT. Click on it when it comes up.

5. Enter the title of your activity. Another screen will appear for entry.. Enter your service and click on the down arrow to enter the type of service.
6. When you've entered your service, be sure to enter an X in the box at the top of the screen called REPORT COMPLETE and click on the SAVE box at the bottom of the screen.

I hope this is clear, and if you're still having trouble entering, please contact me at 231-536-0837 or 231-350-0204..

Thank you,

GST Linda Gocha

August 2024 — Savoring Summer

We are now in the last full summer month of August. Our calendar is based on the Roman calendar, and each month is named for some Roman Latin word, a legacy that has been a substantial component in every European culture since ancient Rome fell.

What we call August was once the sixth month in the Roman calendar named *Sextilis* (meaning "sixth" in Latin) until 8 B.C. Like July, a month renamed after a prominent Roman leader, Julius Ceasar — Sextilis was renamed to honor the first emperor of the Roman empire (and Julius Caesar's grandnephew and heir), Augustus Caesar. Augustus led the Roman legions to defeat Marc Antony and Cleopatra, and winning Egypt for the empire — a victory that led him to become the first emperor of Rome. The Roman Senate decided that such a hero should have a month named after him following the month of Julius Ceasar, July, and named it August. It also decided that since Julius's month, July, had 31 days, Augustus's month should equal it. Instead of August having a mere 30 days, it was lengthened to 31, preventing anyone from claiming that Emperor Augustus was a lesser leader with an inferior month.

The Julian calendar months alternated evenly between 30 and 31 days (with the exception of February), which made August 30 days long. To accommodate this change two other calendrical adjustments were necessary:

- The extra day needed to inflate the importance of August was taken from February, which originally had 29 days (30 in a leap year), and was now reduced to 28 days (29 in a leap year).
- Since the months evenly alternated between 30 and 31 days, adding the extra day to August meant that July, August, and September would all have 31 days. So to avoid three long months in a row, the lengths of the last four months were switched around, giving us 30 days in September, November, April, and June.

So our calendar, though tweaked in 1582 by Pope Gregory (the Gregorian Calendar), still retains the months' names and number of days created in 8 B.C.

Update for Summer 2024

[Info from Weather Channel Website](#)

Summer's first half was the hottest on record for over 30 U.S. cities from the East Coast to California and the Southwest as the season reached its halfway mark, mid-July.

East: Over a dozen cities in the East have either tied or raced to a record-hot summer through mid-July, according to the Southeast Regional Climate Center. Windsor Locks, Connecticut, north of Hartford, crushed its previous record-hot first half of summer pace by 3 degrees, an impressive feat in the realm of actual temperatures averaged over a six-week period. Washington, D.C., is topping its hottest summer pace from 2010 with help from a record-tying four-day streak of highs in the 100s, something done only two other times in 152 years. Punta Gorda, Florida, and San Juan, Puerto Rico, may also set their hottest summer records for the second year in a row if the heat persists.

West: There were also over a dozen cities that sweated through a record-hot first six weeks of summer in the Southwest. Incredibly, after suffering through their hottest single month on record last July, Phoenix obliterated their previous record-hottest first six weeks of summer by just under 3 degrees, according to the SERCC. If they keep up this pace through August, they could set their hottest summer record for the second year in a row. Helped by a recent heat wave in which the city reached 120 degrees for the first time, Las Vegas is also pacing well above its existing half-summer (2021) and full-summer (2018) records. **August Outlook:** The latest outlook from The Weather Company and Atmospheric G2 indicates August will be hotter than average across much of the country, particularly from the Southwest into the Plains.

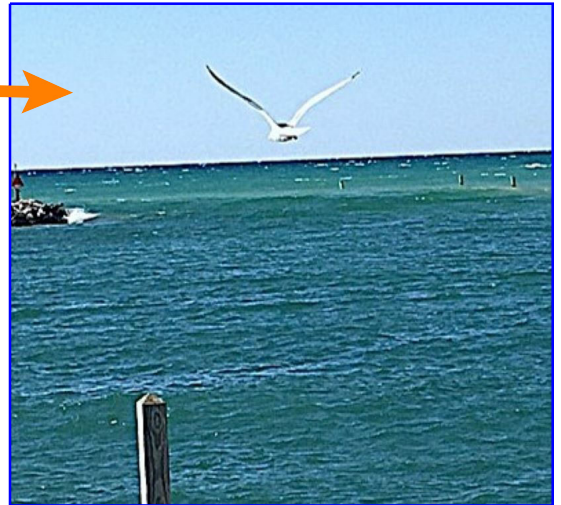
Northern Michigan—Petoskey-Harbor Springs area Highs for June and July comparison in 2023 & 2024:

2023 Highs	80's or More	70's	60's or Less	2024 Highs	80's or More	70's	60's or Less
JUNE	8	13	9	JUNE	7	11	12
JULY	7	22	2	JULY	13	15	3

PICTURES OF THE MONTH

Photos of Summer 2024

Why We Like Summer in Northern Michigan



Above Left. Beautiful day on the Elk Rapids waterfront - Seagull flying away.
Above: Seagull flies away magnified.



Kitesurfing off of Elk Rapids waterfront beach. Wind was around 14 miles per hour. A kitesurfer was out there more than half an hour, skillfully able to move in nearly every direction. Amazing!

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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