

Notable Quotes: "We know what we are, but know not what we may be." - *William Shakespeare.*

October 2024

District Governor's Message



DG Dennis Gocha

Hello District 11-E2 Lions,

Our summer projects have come to an end and fall projects are starting up. Our clubs serve their communities year-round and make them better by addressing community needs. The next Cabinet meeting is on Sunday, November 3rd at 1 pm at the Patchwood Plaza in Hillman. Our district secretary had a conflict in the time previously set, so it was changed to Sunday, November 3rd. I hope you can zoom or attend the meeting in person where a lot of beneficial information is shared by Committee Chairs, and Zone Chairs. We will be giving out the new Lions directories at this meeting. Those clubs that do not attend, can expect directories mailed to their clubs.

East Jordan Lions are going to be using the KidSight trailer at our Fall Festival on September 28th to screen children 6 mo – 7 years old for eye problems. Petoskey RV checked out the canopy on it and it works well. East Jordan Lion, Terry Graham, and I have checked out some mechanical issues and its ready for use. So think about using it for your upcoming events.

My wife, Linda, and I attended the USA/Canada Forum in Louisville in early September. We attended a speed-learning class in which we rotated to a different table every 15 minutes on a different topic. A variety of information was exchanged. We also picked a variety of classes to attend separately, since several were done simultaneously. We came back with ideas of what would and wouldn't work. USA/Canada Forum speaker, Trish Wilson, shared her vibrant perspective on life, echoing her motto, "You have one more day, to do one more thing, to change one more life". She urged the audience to see each day as a unique opportunity for adventure, challenges, and life-changing moments. This sounds like something we can all do!

Yours in service,

District Governor Dennis Gocha

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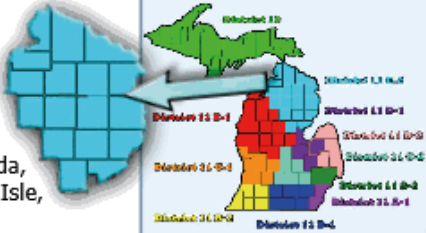
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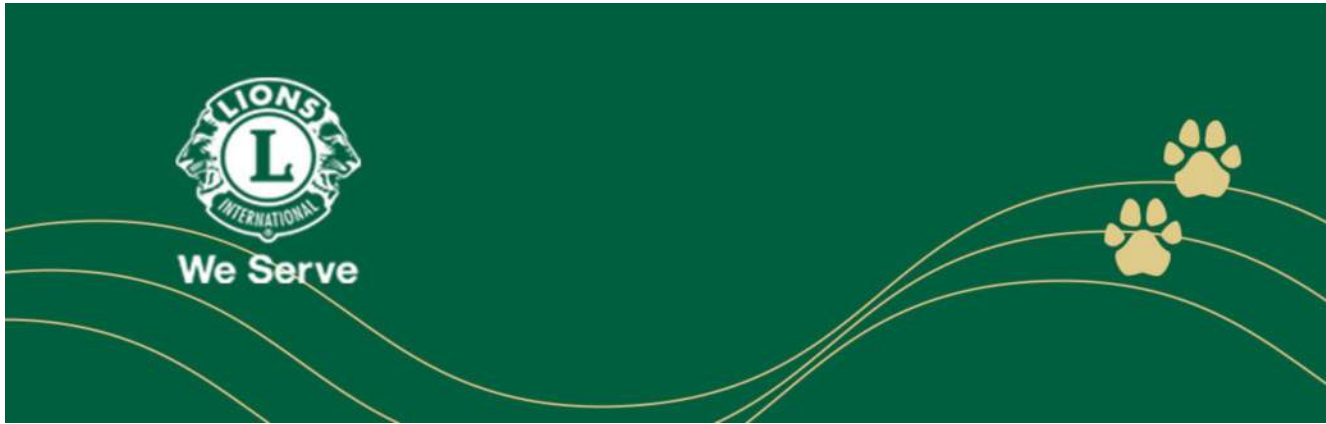
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Lions Of Michigan Multiple District 11-E2 Counties

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 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
ZONE 2	CLUBS	ZONE 4	CLUBS
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Letter from the President to You

International President Fabrício Oliveira

Dear Lion,

Our service is extraordinary, so let' promote it with extraordinary marketing. Every Lion is a club promoter, so you should proudly share with others the life-changing service you and your club are doing.

There are many great resources on the Lion website to help you tailor social media, engage the press and market your service projects in your community.

Let' all make a commitment to grow our great association through encouraging others to join our service by sharing impactful photos, videos and stories and wearing Lion-branded gear whenever and wherever you serve.

At your service,

Fabrício Oliveira
International President



Dear Lion,

Please remember that all Lions clubs, districts and multiple districts with annual gross receipts less than US\$50,000 that are not required to file Forms 990 or 990-EZ must file the e-Postcard (also known as the 990-N). Please be advised this filing relates specifically to the 501(c)(4). If your Lions club, district or multiple district has a foundation, which is a separate legal entity, the appropriate form will need to be filed as well.

Please review the Annual Tax Filing information below. Thank you!

[Annual Tax Filing Information](#)

Please note that Lions Clubs International is not authorized to provide guidance regarding your filing. For specific questions, please contact a local tax professional or the IRS.

Kindest regards,

Legal Division
Lions Clubs International

This message was sent to the following in the United States of America, US Virgin Islands, and Puerto Rico: International Director, 2nd year, International Director, 1st year, Council Secretary/Treasurer, Council Chairperson, Council Secretary, Council Treasurer, District Governor, Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer, Cabinet Secretary, Cabinet Treasurer, Club President, Club Secretary, Club Treasurer

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Dear Lions and Leos,

Whenever and wherever there is a need in our communities, Lions and Leos are among the first to respond. Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) grant funding empowers us to implement projects that enhance our service and expand our reach. I am proud to report that during the August 2024 Board of Trustees Meeting, 84 [grants](#) were approved, totaling US\$10.7 million.

Thank you to everyone who continues to support LCIF through your [donations](#) and by sharing stories of our collective impact. This month's newsletter highlights some of the service made possible through your generosity.

Yours in service,

Dr. Patti Hill, LCIF Chairperson

Don't Miss the October 23 Grants Update Webinar

LCIF Chairperson Dr. Patti Hill and the Global Grants team will discuss the new Vision Grant program and recent updates to other grant programs. Learn how you can better serve your community with LCIF. Webinar offered in English only.

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LEADING THE WAY



LEADER DOGS FOR THE BLIND - LIONS NEWSLETTER

Partner with Leader Dogs for the Blind for Your LCIF DCG Project!

What Are District and Club Community Impact Grants (DCGs)?

- DCGs allow clubs and districts to utilize a portion of the funds they donate to Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF). Clubs that donate at least \$5,000, and districts that donate at least \$10,000 within a fiscal year, qualify to apply for a grant equal to 15% of their total contributions (excluding disaster donations).
- Eligible Projects: DCG funds support specific humanitarian activities that highlight the role of Lions in their communities. The funds cannot be used to pay membership dues or establish reserve funds.

Why Choose Leader Dogs for the Blind as Your Project?

- By choosing Leader Dogs for the Blind as your DCG project, you are directly supporting a nonprofit that serves individuals in your own community who are blind or visually impaired.
- Founded by Lions Club members in 1939, Leader Dogs for the Blind has a long-standing, deep connection with the Lions Clubs International community. We've partnered with over 4,900 Lions clubs worldwide to serve more than 17,000 clients across the globe, including many in your own neighborhoods.
- Lions are integral to our mission. They identify community members who could benefit from our services, provide direct assistance to clients, and help spread awareness about our programs. Lions contribute as Leader Dog Chairs, puppy raisers, and hosts for breeding stock dogs, while also advocating for the blind and visually impaired in their communities.
- By choosing Leader Dogs for the Blind, your club will help empower people with independence and mobility, fostering stronger, more inclusive communities.

Join Us in Making a Difference!

By selecting Leader Dogs for the Blind as your DCG project, you are contributing to a legacy of service and support that spans across the globe while directly impacting your local community. Together, we can empower individuals with vision loss to live more independent, fulfilling lives.

Contact Us today to learn more about how your club or district can partner with Leader Dogs for the Blind!

SCAN TO LEARN MORE!



Lions of Michigan**District 11 E-2****Cabinet Meeting Minutes, August 17, 2024, East Jordan**

Cabinet Members in Attendance- DG Dennis Gocha, 1VDG Marie Leathers, CST Durflinger, IPDG Steve Murch, GMT Rod Leathers, GLT Dave Zeller, GST Linda Gocha and ZC's BJ Sander, Kris Roberts, and Bill Chase

Cabinet Members Absent -None

Lions in Attendance - PDG Dennis Richardson, Lions Shirley Hill, Brian Graff and Adam St. Onge. VIA ZOOM- PDG Bev Bodem, Lions Dave Zimmer, Ray Kuiper, Bethany Hedgepath and Linda Harris

The meeting was called to order at 10 AM by DG Gocha. The invocation was offered by 1VDG Leathers. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by ZC Sander.

Secretary's Report - Minutes of the 4/19/24 cabinet meeting were presented by CST Durflinger. It was moved by IPDG Murch, supported by IVDG Leathers that they be accepted as presented. Motion carried. Correspondence consisted of a thank you note from Northern Michigan Equine Therapy for our contribution.

Treasurer's Report- The 2023-24 financial reports were presented, with a beginning balance in the admin account of \$33,282.00, income of \$18,352.11 and expenses of \$16,012.71 leaving an ending balance of \$35,621.40 as of 6/30/24. This consists of \$32,868.61 in admin and \$2,752.79 in convention funds. The projects account has a beginning balance of \$32,537.21, income of \$13,573.66 and expenses of \$16,878.99 leaving an ending balance of \$29,231.88 as of 6/30/24. It was moved by GLT Zeller, supported by ZC Sander that the reports be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

The proposed 24-25 budget was presented. One change was made, to increase the MacMullen Center Leadership training budget from \$525 to \$700 to reflect increased fees. The adjusted budget shows \$17,575 of income, \$19,616.50 of expenses, leaving a deficit for the year of \$2041.50. It was moved by IVDG Leathers, supported by GLT Zeller that the budget be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

The 2024-25 YTD financial reports were presented, with a beginning balance in the admin account of \$35,621.40, income of \$6,962.50 and expenses of \$5,490.41 leaving an ending balance of \$37,039.49 as of 8/15/24. This consists of \$34,062.20 in admin and \$3,031.29 in convention funds. The projects account has a beginning balance of \$29,231.88, income of \$1,058.14 and expenses of \$1,200.00 leaving an ending balance of \$29,090.02 as of 8/15/24. It was moved by IVDG Leathers, supported by GLT Zeller that the reports be accepted as presented. Motion carried. The dues status report was presented. Currently 5 clubs have not paid their first half dues (one has since paid). Reminders will be sent out to them by USPS (first notices went via email) after CST Durflinger returns from vacation in September.

Old Business- None.

New Business- Approval of District Policy Manual- It was moved by ZC Sander, supported by GST Gocha that policy manual as amended 8/19/2023 be approved. Motion carried. CST Durflinger brought up that for several years she has been paying matching funds up to \$500 with approval by the Governor for Lions of Michigan Foundation grants where the grantee needs more than the LMF maximum. She feels that this unofficial policy is occurring often enough that we need to formalize it in the policy manual. After some discussion, CST Durflinger was asked to write up a proposed policy manual change on this topic for board review at the next cabinet meeting

Matching funds requests- There were several matching funds requests. Oscoda received an LMF grant for a dental case, which they asked us to match their donation up to \$500. It was moved by GMT Leathers, supported by 1VDG Leathers that we provide the matching funds. Motion carried. The district received a grant from LMF for a veteran in Lewiston who needed a new well, and CST Durflinger requested a match of \$500 for that grant. Club matching funds were provided by the Lewiston Lions and the Lewiston Lioness Lions. It was moved by IVDG Leathers, supported by GMT Leathers that we provide the matching funds. Motion carried. We received a request for a veteran in the Standish area for assistance with a new furnace. Matching funds were provided by the Oscoda Lions as the closest club to him. It was moved by GLT Zeller, supported by IPDG Murch that we provide the matching funds up to \$500. Motion carried.

GET Report- GET (Global Extension Team) Murch reported that he will be working with GMT Leathers this year. He has a goal this year of 4 new clubs. He is already working on a branch club in Lincoln. Potential other areas are Rogers City and Gaylord. He asked clubs to reach out to former members and see if they are willing to return to our clubs. Our membership last year ended up at +1. Current district membership is 65.68% male, and 34.32% female.

GLT Report- GLT Zeller turned in a written report. He noted that he will be working to set up Guiding Lion Certification as all current ones in the district expire in December.

GMT Report- GMT Leathers turned in a written report. He also congratulated IPDG Murch on ending the year at +1 in membership.

GST Report- GST Gocha turned in a written report. She reminded clubs that they can contact her if they are having trouble putting their service activities on the portal.

Zone Chair Reports- ZC Chase had no report. ZC Roberts turned in a written report. ZC Sander has been reviewing the ZC training on the portal. In person training for the ZC's will follow the cabinet meeting.

Committee Reports- Written Reports were provided by: **Bear Lake Camp-** PDG Zeller, **District Convention (2025) -** GST Gocha, **District Editor-** Lion Dave Zimmer, **District Melvin Jones-** IVDG Leathers, **Environmental-** PDG Bodem, **Eversight-** Lion Bethany Hedgepath, **Hunger-** ZC BJ Sander, **International Convention-** IVDG Leathers, **Lions of Michigan Foundation-** PDG Leathers, **Peace Poster-** Lion Jean Manning, **Project KidSight-** Lion Linda Harris, **USA/Canada Forum-** PDG Zeller, **Website/IT-** 1VDG Leathers.

Oral Reports- All State Band- 1VDG Leathers reported that our new ASB Chair's (Lion Kris Hoeksema) daughter went to Australia with the band and is looking forward to going to Mexico. There will be a variety of fun and service activities. The cost of the trip is \$3500. Auditions start on 9/1. **Convention Raffle-** Please let Lion Bill Chase know if your tickets should be sent somewhere other than the club secretary. ZC's were asked to check this with their clubs. And please when returning tickets, put enough postage on your envelope! **District Convention-** PDG Zeller reported that 62 Lions and guests attended the convention from 13 clubs. The convention made a profit of \$925.13. **Constitution and By-laws-** IVDG Leathers reported that the required offices to become 2VDG have been expanded, making it easier if someone needs to be appointed to the position. **Honorary Committee-** IPDG Murch reported that the honorary committee will be assisting with the district convention service project. **LCIF-** PDG

Durflinger reported that the district met all of the goals that the state committee set for LCIF this year. The Hillman Lions Club won the District LCIF contest, with 100% of members contributing to LCIF, and average \$ per member of \$102.50. The Alpena Lions came in second also with 100% of members contributing, but with average \$ per member of \$30.20. The Hillman Club also edged them out with total member contributions of \$1,537.50. Alpena Lions contributed \$1,510 individually. Congratulations to both clubs, and thanks to all of the clubs who participated in the challenge. There is also a state-wide contest, and PDG Durflinger reported that in May our district was way ahead, so she anticipates that we will also win that contest when the final numbers are in. **MD-11 Convention-** IPDG Murch reported that the state convention this year will be at the Doubletree in Bay City on 5/15-17, 2025. It is the closest it has been to us for a while, so mark your calendars and come see what it is all about.

Audience Comments- None

Presentations- PDG Leathers presented IPDG Murch a gift from the Lions of Michigan Foundation to thank him for his service last year.

VDG Comments- IVDG Leathers commented that she is looking forward to this year, and to going to Mexico for the International Convention. She also commented that the upcoming district convention should be fun with a great service project.

DG Comments- DG Gocha commented that an increase of one member per club is a very attainable goal. He says we should check with our family members who may be interested. We need to be sure that meetings are interesting. Websites and Facebook are a good way to raise awareness of our club activities. We have some openings in the district- one Zone Chair, and committee chairs for elections, diabetes awareness, elections, the Michigan Forum, Strategic Planning, White Cane and Youth Exchange. Please let him know if you have an interest in any of these positions.

With no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 AM. The next meeting date will be Sunday, November 3 at 1 PM at the Patchwood Plaza in Hillman.

Respectfully submitted,
 PDG Barb Durflinger, Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer

From: "DennisGocha"<dennygocha@gmail.com>
Date: Thursday, August 8, 2024 09:18
To: "ComDac" <barb@comdfac.com>
Subject: GST Report for Cabinet 8/17/24

I have helped some clubs enter their activities into their MYLION system.

I have sent out a reminder to clubs without officers to contact Barb Durflinger with their officers.

I have sent out a reminder to club secretaries to enter their service into the MYLION system.

And I've sent instructions on how to do this.

I am working on the District 11- E2 directory.

GST Linda Gocha

Cabinet Meeting Report August 17 2024

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. Zone Chair Training 8/J1/2024

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

From: "Dennis Gocha" <dennygocha@gmail.com>
Date: Sunday, August 11, 2024 17:53
To: "ComDaC" <barb@comdac.com>
Subject: Convention Report

The 2025 convention will be April 25-26th at Treetops Resort in Gaylord. We will have a 2-day convention and International Director Dave Wineman is trying to find a PID to speak at our convention.

We are hoping to have registration forms sent out in January. We're meeting monthly to hopefully provide you with a great convention! And we hope we'll have good participation for it.

Linda Gocha
Convention Chair

Melvin Jones Report 8-17-24

Our district awards a Melvin Jones Fellowship to someone who has contributed notably at the District level, State level and Club level. Nomination forms and instructions will be sent out to club presidents, as well as past and current district governors, so if you know someone who you think should be considered for this prestigious honor please contact your club president or any past or current governor.

This District Level Melvin Jones Fellowship will be presented at the annual District 11-E2 Convention April 26, 2024 at Treetops in Gaylord.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

2VDG Marie Leathers Melvin Jones
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Global Membership Team (GMT) Report 08/17/24

Hello District 11-E2 Lions. I am Past District Governor Rod and I am the GMT district chair for this Lion year. First I would like to congratulate IPDG Steve Murch for a good year. 11-E2 was one of only two districts with a positive number in membership last year. E-1 and E-2 both ended at plus 1.

We started this year with 673 members. So far this year since 1 July we added 2 new members but we dropped 11 putting us at a -9. Last year we had 7 clubs out of 26 with at least 1 positive member at the end of the year. 12 clubs stayed the same and 7 clubs were negative. Out of our 26 clubs 13 clubs are 20 or more members, 5 clubs are 10 or less, the rest are somewhere in between.

We all need to work on increasing our memberships this year. Increasing membership is not just adding new members but just as important is keeping the members we already have. The best way to add members is to show and let people know what we do and just ask them to take a look at us. Once we get them in we need to listen to what they like to do and keep them involved in our clubs service projects.

Our Multiple District GMT is very passionate about membership and is working with all the District GMT's to create a plan to help clubs with membership. That means building a plan from the clubs up. I will be scheduling a zoom meeting to meet with all the club's Membership chairs or the club Presidents if you don't have one. This will not be a meeting to put clubs on the spot, but a meeting to brainstorm and come up with ideas that will help us all to recruit and retain members. I am looking forward to meeting all of the club's representatives and working together, because as Past International President said "Together We Can".

11-E2 GMT PDG Rod Leathers
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August Zone 2 Report

On July 31, an introduction email was sent to all Zone 2 Presidents and Secretaries for which there were email addresses in the Lions Portal. If there was no email listed for one of the two, the introduction was sent to another listed officer. The email reminded that presidents and secretaries are members of the Governor's Advisory Committee, and that attendance of the District Cabinet meetings is expected. The Aug 17 Cabinet meeting, time, and location was included in the introduction, as well as the expectation that there will be four Zone 2 Advisory Committee meetings arranged.

Central Lake - As Zone 2 Chair, I attended Board meetings on July 18 and Aug 15. Lions Portal says 58 active members. Board discussion says 58 with 2 still owing 24-25 dues and are questionable.

Activities: July 4 Chicken BBQ and parade float. Tent Rentals, Wood Cutting, Pop Can Return for childhood cancer, Pop Tab collection for Ronald McDonald House, Painting the Central Lake Historical Society House, Transporting a cancer patient for testing and treatment, and Kid Sight Screenings, and three high school student scholarships. In 2023, the club opted to sponsor the Bellaire Boy Scout Troop, and has inducted leaders of the Troop into the Central Lake Lions.

Elk Rapids - Visited by phone with President Lion Shirley Hill Aug 14.

Lions Portal says they have 9 active members, President Shirley thinks 10, and all members are either officers or board members.

The club just sponsored a local Carnival fundraiser and got 20-21% of proceeds, They recently held a Harbor Days Royalty Luncheon for the local queens and courts at Harbor Days. They are talking about funding another water fountain for the town, and are planning an article in local paper to ask the community for project ideas and for recipients for their fall grant cycle. They also gave three \$1000 spring educational scholarships.

Grayling- scheduled a phone visit with Lion President Elizabeth Chase on Monday afternoon, Aug 19.

Lions Portal says 12 active members.

Houghton Lake- Lion President Pamela Kincaid by telephone Aug 16.

Lions Portal says 9 active members, Pam says 9, 4 officers and 5 board

President Pam is considering combining the Houghton Lake Lions with the Roscommon Higgins Lake, but no discussions have taken place yet.

One of their main activities is an MDOT cleanup section, but have older members that can't do it, leaving it to just Pam and one other. That is one driver reason for considering combining the two clubs. The club funded a Lions scholarship for Trades, through Roscommon County Community Foundation. The club now partners another organization to put on an annual Halloween Party, but don't run it themselves.

They stuff bags for United Way (personal items/sundries)

White Cane - They do it in three shifts. The first and third shift is taken by younger members who set up and take down. The middle shift is taken by older members with limited physical abilities.

Their meetings are the 3rd Tuesday-Denton Twp Hall, Prudenville. 5:30 to 6:30. Next is 9/17.

District 11-E2 Newsletter Editor Report: August 17, 2024 Cabinet Meeting

Lion Barb:

Clubs sharing information for May - August issues are shown in the table below.

Club newsletter submissions for May – August: 8 Clubs – 31%

Name	Months Participated	Name	Months Participated
◆ Alpena	4	◆ East Jordan	4
◆ Boyne Valley	4	◆ Mackinaw City	1
◆ Central Lake	3	◆ Oscoda	3
◆ Cheboygan	2	◆ Rose City	1

The regular submitting clubs who usually, if not every month, continue to send in data to share with our District Clubs. It was good to see submissions from Mackinaw City and Rose City, boosting the submitting number to 8 clubs for May to August. A nod to Oscoda Lions who've ramped up the bar of Service activity! Two-thirds of District clubs have still to share how they've been Serving their communities, achievements that must be out there somewhere, especially with Summer in full bloom. Lions Serve our communities, and publicity of success gives Lions a good reputation, and it also lets members know that they are appreciated. 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. I expected there would be many photos submitted for the "ictures for the Month" with everyone having cameras, but I've only had 1 since I started it.

Any suggestions for newsletter enhancement are welcome.

Thanks to all for your support. Stay Safe and Serve on.

Lion David J. Zimmer
District 11-E2 Newsletter Editor
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Global Development

Thanks to the generosity of the Alcon Foundation, Eversight worked with Al Shifa Trust Eye Bank and PEBS Hospital in Pakistan to hire two coordinators in 2024 to initiate the Hospital Cornea Recovery Program (HCRP) in Islamabad and Karachi. These coordinators are currently receiving training and we expect them to begin reviewing referrals, approaching families for consent, coordinating the recovery of consented cornea donors with clinical staff, and conducting follow up with the hospital and cornea donor family in September 2024.



In addition, in May, Eversight welcomed visiting surgeon Dr. Abdul Moqueet, a senior cornea specialist at the Al Shifa Hospital in Pakistan, to our Ann Arbor, Michigan office. The day started with a quick tour and eye banking presentation from Collin Ross, Eversight's Vice President of Partner Relations and Global Development, and culminated in an immersive session with the Eversight lab. Eversight continues to offer opportunities like this to partner international

surgeons, providing them with invaluable training they can then share with their colleagues back home. Dr. Moqueet can be seen pictured above on the far left, followed by Eversight Global Intern Ethan Werner, and Collin Ross on the right.

SERVICE AREA Update

MI - Every year, Eversight partners with Michigan's organ procurement organization, Gift of Life Michigan, to host a Donor Family Gathering to honor and celebrate the past year's Michigan donors and their families who donate the gifts of sight and new life through eye, organ and tissue donation. This year's event will take place on **Saturday, September 29** at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE REPORT FOR DISTRICT 11 E-2 Cabinet Meeting August 17, 2024

I am going to review the issue of "indoor air pollution" as many of us experience allergies caused by what is in the air that we breath. As we have often been told ... houseplants can help absorb many of the toxins in our air.

The following information has been medically reviewed by Debra Rose Wilson, Ph.D., MSN, R.N., IBCLC, AHN-BC, CHT and compiled and written by Ellen Riley in 2018.

In 1989, NASA discovered that houseplants can absorb harmful toxins from the air that accumulate in enclosed spaces. In addition to plants having less horse power than air purifiers, they are more natural, cost effective and therapeutic.

What do plants do? They are known to increase mood and productivity, enhance concentration and memory and reduce stress and fatigue.

NASA recommends "two or three plants in 8 to 10 inch pots for every 100 square feet". Some plants are better at removing certain chemicals than others. These household chemicals come from objects and materials such as carpets, glues, ovens, cleaning solutions and synthetic materials such as plastic, fiber and rubber. Having a variety of plants in a room will benefit you the most.

There are safety concerns to consider before purchasing a plant. Certain plants can be harmful to your pet cats and dogs, so you may wish to check on which plants are safe for pets.

Plants that are easy to care for include Spider plants which are safe for children or animals who like to play with swinging things. The Spider plant eliminates formaldehyde and xylene.

Other plants for air purification include: **Dracaenas** (not safe for pets) which eliminate formaldehyde, xylene, toluene, benzene, trichloroethylene. **Golden pathos** (not safe for pets) which eliminates formaldehyde, xylene, toluene, benzene, carbon monoxide and more. **Areca Palms** (this plant is safe for both cats and dogs). Chrysanthemums are ranked highest for air purifications

Plants that need extra love: **Bamboo palms** (are safe for pets). **English Ivy** (toxic to animals & humans). **Rubber plants** (toxic to pets). **Chinese evergreen** (toxic to dogs)). And **Peace lilies**. The Peace lilies were one of the top three plants for removing common household toxins, including ammonia. This plant is toxic to cats, dogs, and children and probably should be used as an ornamental plant only.

Submitted by Lion Beverly Bodem, Environmental Committee, Dist. 11 E-2
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Intormation found on website for [healthline.com/health/air-purifying-plants#more tips](https://www.healthline.com/health/air-purifying-plants#more-tips)

Please see below for an update on Eversight’s work restoring sight and preventing blindness through the second quarter of 2024.

Tissue Transplants

Every year, thousands of donors selflessly give the gift of sight to those in need. In Michigan 1,201 donors gave the gift of sight as cornea/eye donors from January 1 to June 30, 2024. Below is a breakdown of how donated tissues were used.

Cornea Tissue Transplant Recipients by State	Tissues Placed for Research	Tissues Placed for Surgeon Education
MI - 667	MI – 397	MI - 196

Research & Innovations



In June, Eversight announced a four-year partnership with LighTopTech, a pioneer in advanced optical imaging technology. The collaboration aims to improve state-of-the-art imaging modalities for eye tissues in both clinical and research settings. As part of this partnership, Eversight purchased a state-of-the-art OCM™ imaging system (pictured to the left) that will enhance corneal tissue evaluations in Eversight’s eye bank operations, confirming that tissue processing meets surgeons’ specifications for various cornea surgeries and detecting anomalies that may render the tissue unsuitable for transplantation. This purchase was made possible thanks to a generous grant from the Michigan Foundation for Vision Awareness. Read more at <http://bit.ly/4exOCG7>.

Eversight has also been working on identifying ways to improve the viability of Limbal Stem Cells (LSCs) in donor corneas to increase the utilization of donor corneas as a source of allogeneic LSCs for the treatment of bilateral limbal stem cell deficiency (LSCD). We presented our research on spatial and temporal differences in LSCs viability during the annual Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology (ARVO) meeting in Seattle in May. We also presented our advancements in the development of LSCs-enriched keratolimbal allografts at the annual Eye Bank Association of America meeting in Kansas City in June.

Education & Training

From January 1-June 30, 2024, Eversight staff held 26 educational wet lab trainings for 213 surgeons, residents and fellows at partner institutions on four common types of cornea transplant procedures: Descemet Membrane Endothelial Keratoplasty (DMEK), Descemet Stripping Automated Endothelial Keratoplasty (DSAEK), Penetrating Keratoplasty (PKP) and Deep Anterior Lamellar Keratoplasty (DALK). During these sessions, surgeons practiced graft insertion and positioning with individualized, real-time insights from trained, highly experienced surgeon instructors.

District Hunger Chair Report:

As I work through the process of "What Do I Do?" with my new positions, I start a new learning journey for each. Hopefully, my own club, The Alpena Lions Club, will reap the benefits since they may end up being my guinea pig! (I mean this in a positive way, of course)

We did start a Hunger Committee in our club and among the 3 members, we are working on an ever-growing list of organizations in Alpena that provide some type of food assistance to those in need. So far, we are amazed at the large number of providers. We plan to speak with each organization to ensure the accuracy of our information and spread the word that the Lions are here to serve, which may bring in some new members. We will want to know the where, when, how, funding sources, number served, etc. This information will be important to our club as we assess the need in areas of our community. As we develop this process over the next month or two ! will share it with each club in the district and encourage them to share their process and thoughts with each of us. I am setting a goal to have this process developed by the end of October so that we will be more knowledgeable of the need going into the holidays.

"Every great inspiration is but an experiment - though every experiment we know, is not a great inspiration." Charles Ives

Lions International Convention 2025 Mexico City

The Lions International Convention is happening July 4-8, 2025. Celebrate service with your fellow Lions and Leos in one of the most historic and beautiful travel destinations in the world - colorful Mexico City, Mexico

Be a part of the biggest Lion event of the year.

Discovery awaits you in Mexico City as it hosts thousands of Lions and Leos from all over the globe who come together at the premier event of the year. At our Lions International Convention, you'll celebrate our commitment to serving the world with your fellow Lions and Leos and make new friends along the way.

As one of the world's most important cultural centers, Mexico City promises world-class cuisine, vibrant city life, historic landmarks, art, music and experiences you can't find anywhere else. It's also home to some of the friendliest people in all the world. Mexico City is truly alive - and you'll feel it too.

Go to lionscon.lionsclubs.org for more information and registration.

Lions of Michigan Foundation report-08/17/24

You may ask what is the Lions of Michigan Foundation (LMF)? Or how can the LMF help us? Or where does their money come from? We will try to answer these questions.

1. What is the Lions of Michigan Foundation?

Every Lion member in the state of Michigan is a member of the foundation. Each district is represented by 2 Trustees elected by the district for a 2 year period. Every year one trustee comes off and we elect a new one. This year your trustees are:

2nd year trustee PDG Rod Leathers from Central Lake Lions 231-350-0567 email leathersrod@gmail.com

1st year trustee PDG Dennis Richardson from Central Lake Lions 231-944-0587 email den7rich@gmail.com

Asst. Treasurer HOF Barb Durflinger from Hillman Lions Club 1-989-742-2790 email comdac@comdac.com


Fund and development committee VDG Marie Leathers Central Lake Lions 231-350-0286 email lionmarieleathers@gmail.com

You can contact any of us for information and assistance to get aid from the foundation.

2. How can the LMF help us?

- a. Provide KidSight equipment so we can do children's eye screening in our district.
- b. Provide financial assistance for sight and hearing.
- c. Provide financial assistance for emergency disaster relief.
- d. Provide financial assistance for military family and veterans relief.
- e. Provide mints for the military.

3. Where does their money come from?

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- b. Project money comes from the fundraisers and the money clubs, individual Lions, and communities donate.

4. What are the fundraisers?

- a. Sight and hearing sweepstake raffle. Tickets should be out in November and the drawing is at the state convention in May. They are \$10 each for a chance to win. There are 10 money prizes with the grand prize of \$5,000. If a club sells 30-49 tickets the club receives \$3.50 per ticket. If the club sells 50-249 tickets they receive \$5.00 per ticket. If the club sells 250 or more tickets they receive \$5.50 per ticket. A great easy fundraiser for both the foundation and our clubs, and that is coming from a person that hates to sell anything. E2 has led the way in ticket sales over the past several years with Oscoda leading the way last year selling over 1000 tickets.
- b. The foundation has 3 fellowships awards. These all make great awards to present to your outstanding Lions in your clubs.
 - Helen Keller fellowship \$750 donation
 - Kenneth E. Lautzenheiser fellowship \$500 donation
 - John S. Noel fellowship \$1000 donation

For more information on all of the ways the foundation can help you and how you can support the foundation email or call one of us. You can also look at it on the website. www.lmsf.net.

PDG Rod Leathers, Foundation Trustee

comdac@comdac.com

From: "Jean Hill" <daandjehill@gmail.com>
Date: Friday, July 26, 2024 10:00
To: "ComDaC" <barb@comdac.com>
Cc: "Hill Shirley" <lhirley@yahoo.com>; "Dennis Gocha" <dennygocha@gmail.com>; "William Gaines" <president.900290240@gmail.com>; <bhedgepath11@gmail.com>; "Dave Zeller" <dzeller@alpenaagency.com>; "Marie Leathers" <lionmarieleathers@gmail.com>
Subject: Peace Poster 2024 - 2025

This email serves as a Cabinet Report and also as a reminder to all who received materials at the District Convention for the Peace Poster Contest: Bob Mohr from Central Lake (don't have his email - so sending to Marie), Shirley Hill of Elk Rapids, Linda Gocha of E Jordan, Bethany Hedgepath of Boyne Valley, Bill Gaines of Oscoda and BJ Sander (don't have his email either, so sending to Dave Zeller) of Alpena:

In many school districts, the starting date for the school year is August 26 so gear up for the Peace Poster contest! If your school district doesn't have an Art Department, check with the principal to see if the Social Studies teacher will work with you for the contest.

The Cabinet Meeting on Saturday, November 2 in Hillman will serve as the judging for the winning entry from our District. Either bring your entry to this meeting, or mail your entry to me (Jean Manning, 22661 W. County Rd 459, Hillman 49746) in a MAILING TUBE by the Nov 2 date.

Theme: Peace Without Limits
 Ages: students aged 11, 12 or 13 by Nov 15
 Numbering or Lettering is NOT ALLOWED on the poster
 Student's name, age and school: printed on the back

Feel free to call me if you have any questions or need poster paper that is the acceptable size.

Jean Manning 989-808-4476 (Hillman Lions Club)

Jean Manning - aka Jean Hill
989-808-4476

Comdac@comdac.com

From: "Linda Harris" <lindish72@hotmail.com>
Date: Wednesday, August 14, 2024 19:52
To: "comdac@comdac.com" <barb@comdac.com>
Cc: "Linda Harris" <lindish72@hotmail.com>
Subject: -KidSight Screening Report for 8-17-2024 District 11E2 Cabinet Meeting

IIE-2 DISTRICT LIONS KidSight has completed 49 screenings in 2 events.

48 Screened
 45 Passed
 3 Referrals
 1 Unreadable

Currently no scheduled Screenings

Linda Harris
 KidSight Co-Ordinator

IT Report 8-17-2024

Visit the district website lionsdistrict11e2.org to view current and past newsletters, calendar of district events, Constitution and By-Laws and more.

All cabinet meetings will be available via zoom. Invitations will be sent out prior to the meetings. Please log in prior to the meeting start time to be sure audio and video and working properly.

Lion Marie Leathers
11-E2 IT Chair
231-350-0286
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2024 CONVENTION REPORT

A Total of 62 Lions and guests participated in this years convention.

Lions from Alpena, Grayling, East Jordon, Hillman, Oscoda, Central Lake, Elk Rapids, Lewiston Lioness Lions, Petoskey, Boyne Valley, Mio, Lincoln, Indian River and Two Guests, DG Ted Hamilton from Durand Lions, and PDG Dave Wineman Bear Lake Camp President.

All Multiple District Projects were represented by our District Chairs and they spoke on what was happening with each. PDG Barb spoke on LCIF and DG David Wineman on Bear Lake.

Time restraints were a draw back and more time needed for District Chairs. In most part everyone was okay with the food.

I would say that overall the convention went well for the first attempt at a one day convention.

After expenses the Alpena Lions are giving a check for \$1251.13 to the District and all Convention Materials were given to East Jordan the 2025 Convention Club.

PDG Zeller
Convention Chair



DISTRICT NEWS



The Mio Lions have a viewing machine available if anyone can use it. Please email me if you have someone in your community who has a need.

CST Barb

From: James Booth

Sent: Saturday, September 21, 2024 08:43

To: comdac@comdac.com

Subject: Vision aid

Hi Barb,

This is Lion Randy Booth from Mio. My father passed away and he had Macular degeneration. I have his viewing machine that I would like to give to someone in need. Can you pass this message to our district clubs to see if they have someone who can use it?

Thank you.

Randy

Attached is a letter from IPDG Steve Murch about the Guiding Lions training and a summary of what a Guiding Lion is. Please share this with your club members. More details will follow as they are available. — CST Barb

Hello Lions leaders,

Our District is looking to grow, and we need you and your fellow club members. We need to add Guiding Lions to our district and if any Lions in the district are interested, there will be an opportunity to learn more and become certified. We currently have five Guiding Lions and all five will have their certification expire at the end of the year.

From the Lions website:

The Guiding Lion Program is designed to assist clubs that are newly chartered, established or rebuilding. Guiding Lions are assigned for a two-year term by the district governor in consultation with the sponsoring or established club president. Guiding Lions are limited to serving no more than two new clubs at any point in time.

Guiding Lions assist a club to:

- *Be successful in its first two years of operation*
- *Orient and train club officers and members*
- *Motivate and support club growth and development*
- *Locate resources available to assist the club*

There will be online training coming in October (the date is yet to be set), so you can do the training at home. This training is free and will help you to learn more about Lions, and set you up to assist the district try and grow.

Our district is down to 26 clubs and one branch club, down from nearly 40 clubs just 15 years ago. The more clubs we have in the district, the more we can do to help our communities.

If you have any questions, or would like to be notified about when the training will take place, let me know and I will help.

Thanks for all you do,

PDG Steve Murch

MD 11E-2 Global Extension Team Coordinator.

Calendar of Events

OCTOBER 2024

HALLOWEEN — Trick or Treat — Friday, October 31

NOVEMBER 2024

Cabinet Meeting (Update) — November 03, 2024 — 1:00 p.m. — Hillman Patchwood Plaza,
14797 State St., Hillman



PASSINGS REPORTED



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

No passings were reported this month.

New Members Reported — Sep. 2024 (or Earlier)

Oscoda Lions — **Lisa** and **Rick Stanley** – Induction: 09/12/2024 – Sponsor: Club President Lion Tony Bol.

Total: 2 New Member Reported

Information From Club Activities Sent In

On the Mend Reported

No Reports Received

Alpena Lions SEPTEMBER 2024

The Alpena Lions Club performed a highway cleanup on the section of 23 north from Long Rapids Road to Hamilton Road last week (09/26/2024).

Pictured are Lions Randy Buboltz, Jeff Niemetta, Andy Carriveau, Al Guest and Priscilla Homola, a total of 12 Alpena Lions participated in this seasonal cleanup operation.



East Jordan Lions SEPTEMBER 2024

East Jordan Lions picked up 2 miles of M-66 for the Adopt-a Highway program. They collected 15 bags of trash.

Pictured are Linda Chase, Linda Gocha, Scott Kierdzierski, DG Denny Gocha, Adam St. Onge, Kim Forester, Bob Pursel, Terry Graham, Kim Burzych, Bill Chase, and Michael Burr (not pictured)



East Jordan Lions helped transport chairs to a Suicide Prevention Course at the Castle in Charlevoix.

They will pick up the chairs in 3 days to take back to the Lighthouse Missionary Church.

Pictured are Lions Jim Wray, Eric Baker (volunteer), Adam St. Onge, Bill Chase, DG Denny Gocha, Sherry Pursel, Michael Burr and Kim Forester.

Oscoda Lions SEPTEMBER 2024

After taking a week off, the Oscoda Lions ramp crew was busy again Wednesday morning. Tony Priebe, Scott Busich, Rick Stanley, Jeremy Maynard and Chuck Andrina met at the lumber yard at 8:00 and had the project finished up by just after 12:00. The project consisted of a 4'x5' platform and a 16' ramp.

The resident of the house recently went through an amputation of one leg below the knee. She is currently in a rehabilitation center and will be coming home soon. The ramp will make it much easier to get in and out of her home.

WE SERVE!

Picture — Rick Stanley, Jeremy Maynard, Scott Busich, Tony Priebe.



Induction:

On the left is PDG Bill Gaines with new members Lisa and Rick Stanley after their induction into the Oscoda Lions Club. In the background is Lion Tony Bol, Oscoda Lions Club President who sponsored Rick and Lisa as members.

Members of the Oscoda Lions Club ramp crew were busy again the last two weeks helping people with mobility issues.

Last week Tony Priebe and Chuck Andrina built two sections of handrails to help an individual with limited mobility access his



Above — Ramp rail Home Owners

mom's home when he comes to visit her. The homeowners paid for the material and made a donation to the club for their help.



Picture Right — Ramp 107.

Unknown, Tony Priebe, Chuck Andrina, Jeremy Maynard, Rick Stanley

This week Tony Priebe, Rick Stanley, Bob Drogosch, Jeremy Maynard, and Chuck Andrina built a 5'x7' platform and a 20' ramp to help an elderly lady who has health issues and recently broke her hip getting in and out of the home she lives in. The crew delayed the start of work an hour due to rainy weather but still were able to finish the project by about 12:30 pm. No job is too small or too large. WE SERVE!

Oscoda Lions

SEPTEMBER 2024 — Continued —

The **Paul Bunyan 5k Raffle** is the Oscoda Lions Club’s biggest fundraiser each year. The money raised is used in for the Lion’s works in the community including vision, hearing, scholarships, food pantry support, wheelchair ramps, etc. The club prints 3000 tickets each year and has sold all the tickets most years.

Ticket sales start at Art on the Beach each year and finish up at the Paul Bunyan Festival. The 3,000th ticket this year was sold at the festival at 2:35 Saturday afternoon The drawing for the winners of the raffle was held at the festival on Furtaw Field Saturday September 14th at 5:00 p.m.

Matt Shaughnessy, the winner of the PB Festival beard contest drew the winning tickets. Winners of the five \$1,000 prizes are:

Randy Getchell, Mt. Pleasant, MI — Bob Waszkiewicz, Mikado, MI — John LeClair, Tawas City, MI — Diane Cook, Oscoda, MI — Rick Stanley, Oscoda, MI

Area businesses who helped sponsor the event this year are:

Gold — AuSable Hardware, Drs. Brad and Emily Kloska, Edelweiss Tavern, Heritage House Realty with Concept Construction, Idzior Furniture, Kalitta Air, Northland Federal Credit Union, Oscoda Canoe Rental, P & L Development, and State Farm Insurance-Sean Clarke

Silver — Alpena Alcona Area Credit Union, Gilbert’s Drug, and Phoenix Composites

Bronze — Janis Tire, Little Caesars Pizza, and Zubeks Motors

The Oscoda Lions would like to thank all our sponsors and every person who bought a ticket or made a donation during this fundraising effort. Thank you all very much!
WE SERVE!

Right: Chuck Adrina- Nancy Adrina



Below: Nancy Howse, Nancy Adrina, Chuck Adrina



Right: Chuck Adrina, a member of the Community



October 2024 — The Age of Lions

October is the month that transitions us from summer and early autumn to the cooler temperatures and colors of middle fall. Some days we're wearing shorts, the next day we're in a parka. This year there were 12 days in September that reached 80 degrees or more where I live. There were 13 80 or + days in July, and only nine 80 or + degree days in August. Those of us in the "elder" category — or "excessive maturity" as I prefer to call it — have experienced all sorts of weather for many decades. There used to be weather patterns that we could count on in any season. For example, for decades during the deer hunting season — November 15 to November 30 — it would snow on a few days, or several days. Some of the snow would melt, but there was always some on the ground by the end of November, and snow would be on the ground until sometime in April.

That weather pattern is no longer accurate due to the warming of the planet's climate change. For several years the winters have become a roller coaster of cold days and snow, then warmer days, melting snow and rain, followed by more cold and snow, etc. Last winter several annual sport events were cancelled, and snowmobiling was not possible in areas for most of the season. The nearby skiing resorts were able to make enough snow to keep skiers going down the slopes, though some snow conditions were not always the best on the warmer sunny days.

As there have been changes in the weather, those of us born in the 1940s and 1950s have also seen changes in the cultures of America and much of the world. A great part of the differences have been caused by the amazing technologies that constantly continue to improve. For decades our technology for communication was the telephone, which was composed of a land line cable that had several people on a party line. Then the single line was created, followed by the wireless mobile telephone that could be used anywhere within the range of a transmission tower. Now the smartphone has become a device of part telephone and part computer — a computer with a communication app.

From the beginning of humanity, the elders of tribes or communities were venerated and respected for the knowledge they had gathered through their years. They were the ones who knew, and could teach the youths things, skills to become essential members of the community, ways to survive. But according to studies in recent years, today's young people have less respect for older people. Born into the technology world they've learned early, they don't look to elders for knowledge when they know and depend on computers and smartphones to give them answers to their questions. Many see older people as less competent, weak, unable to figure out how to get their smartphone or computer to work.

The world today is not the world in which the Lions Clubs were founded. When you see the pictures of Lions Club members, there are few young people. Others in need is something that has not changed, and there will always be need for people like Lions to help others. Young people may not be interested in joining a club, but they may feel compassion for community needs. We need to stress the idea of the "together we can" when helping others, something younger people may find more to their liking. There are young people who care.

Another age point for older people is retirement. Most people look forward to retiring, but many realize that working, like it or not, gave them a feeling of purpose and accomplishment. Retirement can soon be boring, and they feel insignificant without a new life purpose. Serving others a few hours a month as a Lion may help retirees find a purpose.

It is obvious that our world is in a dark time filled with violence and hate, even though a majority of humans would prefer peace and rapport to make our civilizations civil. As Lions, we have a lot of Kindness to spread, and that is a Service we seriously need to share.

PICTURES OF THE MONTH

Photos of Northern Michigan Gems

Germfask, Upper Peninsula:
Benny the Beard Fisher.

Reclining on the shores of the Manistique River in a campground in Germfask Michigan, Benny the Beard Fisher is a wooden troll, created by Danish artist Thomas Dambo. Around 30 feet long and 14 feet tall, Benny is one of 30 trolls in the U.S., and the 117th troll in the world.



Petoskey, Michigan:

Last year a piano appeared in the pedestrian tunnel under U.S. 31 connecting downtown to the Bayfront Park. No one knows who put it there. It allows anyone to play music on it. The City removed it for last winter, and brought it back again this year.

This summer, the City hired Fenton artist Kevin Burdick, after considering over 40 artists submitting designs, to paint a mural in the tunnel. The mural designed by Burdick began Sept. 23 and was completed at the beginning of October. These photos show some of the amazing colorful local fish on the walls, (and the piano). You “feel it’s like walking through an aquarium tunnel”.

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.

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