

DISTRICT 11-E2 NEWSLETTER



MAY 2025

Notable Quotes: "Wilderness is not a luxury but a necessity of the human spirit, and as vital to our lives as water and good bread." — Edward Abbey

District Governor's Message



DG Dennis Gocha

Hello fellow Lions:

The convention took place at Treetops and what a convention it was! Thank you to all who helped to make it possible. We tried some different things this year, and hope that you filled out the evaluation in your registration packet. We will read the evaluations and keep them in mind when planning our next convention. We made 360 hygiene kits and gave 150 of the 360 hygiene kits to the Women's Resource Center, which is a shelter for people impacted by domestic and sexual violence. The other hygiene kits were given to the Lions clubs to distribute into their communities.

It's time to enter your officer positions for the coming year and our GST will be emailing you the steps to do this in the MyLion system. We'd like all clubs to enter a Membership chairperson.

Between now and May 16, 2025, each club is challenged to achieve a new positive growth of 3 members. The clubs that reach this goal will be entered into a special drawing for a Melvin Jones award. The winning club will have the honor of presenting this prestigious recognition to a deserving member in their club. We are about two members below our membership from last year, so let's try to bring this up!

The State Convention is coming up on May 15-17th and will be at the Doubletree Hotel Inn in Bay City. There will be a carnival theme with games, prizes, and a baked pie auction, etc. Also there will be an awards dinner. There are also sponsorship opportunities from \$150 - \$1000. So even if you can't attend, think about sponsoring this great event.

We are looking for a First Vice District Governor, so if you know of anyone that you think would make a good one, please let me know.

District Governor
Dennis Gocha

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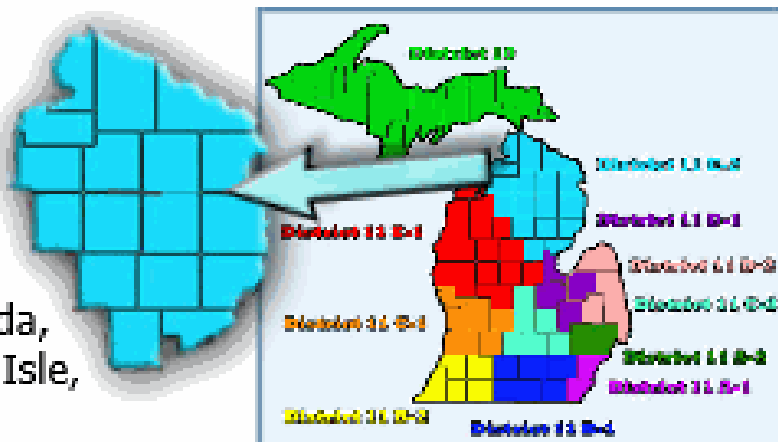
Note: This information is up to date at the time of this publication, but is subject to change as adjustments are needed.

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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
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Lions International

From International President Fabrício Oliveira

I had an incredible experience at the 47th annual Lions Day with the United Nations in Geneva, where Lions and Leos gathered at the historic Palais des Nations to celebrate our theme, “The Future of Service.”

From thoughtful dialogue to new global connections, every moment reflected our shared commitment to building a better world through service. Coming together in one of Europe’s most influential cities reminded us of the power of unity, compassion, and action.

Thank you to everyone who joined us. You continue to inspire the future of our mission.

[#MakeYourMark](#)

[Fabrício Oliveira](#)

[Amariles Martins](#)

From Facebook Entry





***MISSION 1.5* Bulletin**

A bulletin from your international president and *MISSION 1.5*, sharing inspiring, life-changing stories.

Service Across Borders

What does it mean when we say Lions International? It means you are part of something much bigger than your club. You are part of an organization that serves those in need whether they are down the street or across the globe. Need knows no boundaries so neither do Lions. Encourage your club to expand its impact by thinking of the entire world as its community.

Webisode Three

Our guest is Past District Governor Bjorn Hagerstrand from Finland. PDG Bjorn is the leader of a group of Lions throughout Europe that has raised over €1.4 million to provide stoves to Ukrainians affected by war. You can support this project by [donating today!](#)



Watch now



Members Added

These members' lives will be forever changed, as yours has since becoming a Lion, and the lives impacted by these members will be countless. **(Data is from 7/1/24-3/31/25)**



New Clubs Formed

Just as your club transforms your community, these groups unite to create lasting change in theirs. **(Data is from 7/1/24-3/31/25)**



OUR IMPACT

People who are blind or visually impaired endure hardships most of us can barely imagine. Things that were once routine and taken for granted may gradually or suddenly become insurmountable hurdles.

That's where Leader Dogs for the Blind comes in. From white cane training to matching people with a Leader Dog, we provide the tools and training to reintroduce people to a life of independence, confidence and companionship. It's a way of living that leads to a new perspective on life.



BLINDNESS CHANGES EVERYTHING

For people who are blind or visually impaired, the loss of sight is only the beginning of a life-changing reality. As the simplest to the most complex everyday tasks become daunting, these individuals often become depressed, anxious and isolated.

THE IMPACT OF BLINDNESS

WHY LEADER DOG?

Leader Dog is the answer for thousands of people who are in critical need of our services. Because we believe every person deserves equal opportunity for travel and independence, all of our services are provided at no cost, covering expenses for training, room and board, and travel to our campus from anywhere in North America.



Stay Connected With Us!

We'd love to share what we're doing to help change the lives of people who are blind and how you can help.

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By submitting this form, you are consenting to receive marketing emails from: Leader Dogs for the Blind, 1039 S. Rochester Rd., Rochester Hills, MI, 48307, US, <http://www.leaderdog.org>. You can revoke your consent to receive emails at any time by using the [SafeUnsubscribe®](#) link, found at the bottom of every email. [Emails are serviced by Constant Contact.](#)

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Welcome to this Month's Newsletter

Greetings Lions, Supporters, and Camp Family,

May has arrived, and with it, a steady sense of gratitude. The past month unfolded in ways that left an impact, through the unexpected support, through the people who continue to show up, and through the quiet work being done behind the scenes. What's happening here isn't loud or flashy, but it's meaningful. Every part of it. Lions Bear Lake Camp is growing, not just in numbers, but in heart.

CAMPFIRE CHATS: STORIES THAT STAY WITH YOU

This month, we're spotlighting some powerful moments—our feature on *The Balancing Act*, a behind-the-scenes look at Identities Screen Printing, reflections from our Challenge Course Director, and insight into our VIB program. These aren't just updates. They're reminders of what makes Bear Lake Camp so meaningful.

CAMP UPDATES

From the Wild Game Dinner to hosting the District 11-D2 Convention, April was packed with connection and impact.

LBLC SPOTLIGHTS

Meet Board Member Martha Owens, staff member Cynthia Slater, and our friends at Lapeer County Search and Rescue—three names, one shared mission: making camp stronger.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Work Bee (May 10) • Golf Classic (June 9) • Baseball BBQ (July 27) • Clay Shoot (Sept 6) • Ultra Marathon (Oct 4)

You can also sponsor a camper, volunteer your time, or pick something off our wishlist. However you choose to get involved, we're grateful you're part of the Bear Lake story.

[Get Involved or Donate](#)

Open the attached newsletter for full stories, updates, and more!

Thank you for being part of the Lions Bear Lake Camp family—together, we're creating lasting memories and making a real impact. Please download and share our newsletters and invite your friends, family, club members, and fellow supporters to sign up today.

Enjoy!

-The Bear Lake Camp Team

[DONATE NOW](#)



PDG Rod's Shave for Eversight Fundraiser

Want to join me in supporting a good cause? I'm raising money for Eversight, whose vision is a world without blindness. Hair, beard, and mustache shave - all must go. Want to watch? The big shave will be done during the carnival at the Lions of Michigan Convention in Bay City on the evening of May 16, 2025 and also live on Rod's Facebook page.

Your contribution will make an impact, whether you donate \$5 or \$500. Every little bit helps. Thank you for your support.

Eversight is a global nonprofit eye bank with a mission to restore sight and prevent blindness through the healing power of donation, transplantation, and research. Our vision is a world without blindness.



Ways to donate:

Rod Leathers' Facebook Page

Eversight website

www.eversightvision.org/give/

**Checks can be mailed to:
3985 Research Park Drive,
Ann Arbor, MI 48108**

***Lions of Michigan Convention
May 16, 2025
Bay City & Facebook Live***

"Donation and transplantation are not about statistics. They're about real people with unique stories and the profound impact that the selfless act of another can have on somebody's life."



Lions Clubs of Michigan

SD10 and MD11, Lions International

"MD11 Lions of Michigan Membership Challenge: 3 for Growth!"

Lions of Michigan, it's time to grow stronger together! We're excited to announce the **MD11 3 Member Challenge**—an opportunity to expand your club and honor the incredible service of your members.

Here's how it works:

- Between now and **May 16, 2025** (the date of our State Convention), each club in MD11 is challenged to achieve a **net positive growth of 3 members**.
- Clubs that reach this goal will be entered into a **special drawing** for a **Melvin Jones Fellowship**. The winning club will have the honor of presenting this prestigious recognition to a deserving member in their club.

Simple Tools to Help Your Club Recruit:

INVITE FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Start by asking those closest to you—family, friends, and coworkers—to join your club. Share stories of the impact your club has made in the community to inspire them.

HOST A "BRING A FRIEND" NIGHT: Plan a casual meeting or event where members bring a guest. Include a brief introduction to Lions and highlight the fun and service your club provides.

SHOWCASE YOUR SERVICE PROJECTS LOCALLY: Set up a table or booth at community events like farmers' markets, parades, or festivals. Bring photos, a sign-up sheet, and a friendly smile to share what Lions are all about.

RECOGNIZE LOCAL LEADERS: Identify active community members—such as teachers, business owners, or volunteers—and invite them to join. They're already making a difference and may love the opportunity to expand their impact.

HIGHLIGHT SMALL ACTS OF SERVICE: Organize small, visible service activities like park clean-ups or food drives. Invite the community to join in and share how they can become a Lion to keep making a difference.

KEEP IT PERSONAL: People join people—not just organizations. Encourage club members to reach out personally and share why they became Lions and what it means to them.

Why This Challenge Matters:

Every new Lion brings new ideas, fresh energy, and a heart for service. Growing your club strengthens your ability to serve your community, builds lifelong friendships, and ensures our legacy of service continues.

Let's rise to the challenge and show Michigan what the Lions can do! Together, we can grow stronger, serve more, and build a brighter future for MD11.

The world needs more Lions. Let's make it happen—3 members at a time!

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11AM

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ALL PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT
THE PEDIATRIC INFUSION FUND
OF THE COWELL CANCER CENTER



TO REGISTER, CONTACT REBECCA AT
231-384-5286 OR
REBECCAHERNST@GMAIL.COM



We Serve

LIONS CLUB 3-6-9 SINGLES TOURNAMENT

Saturday, June 21, 2025 11am

All proceeds go to the Pediatric Infusion Fund of the Cowell Cancer Center in Traverse City

Format: Bowl 4 games, receive automatic strikes in 3rd, 6th and 9th frames. Three highest games count towards final series score.

Entry Fee: \$25 per bowler

Handicap: 100% of 210. Bowlers use highest current average through at least 21 games. If no yearbook or current average, men will use 180 and women 150. Tournament Director reserves right to rerate.

Payouts: Cash prizes based on number of entries. Optional scratch and handicap jackpots for all 4 games and series available. Optional handicap brackets available.

Question: Contact Rebecca James at 231-384-5286.

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Paid: _____

Pediatric Cancer Facts

LIONS DISTRICT 11-E2 DISTRICT CONVENTION
APRIL 26, 2025

1

2024 By The Numbers

Approximately 9600 children were diagnosed with cancer in the US alone!

Roughly 1 in 260 children develop cancer before their 20th birthday.

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In 2018, 17,293 children were diagnosed with cancer in the United States.

That is equal to 47 families receiving this devastating news every single day!

Of those diagnosed, nearly 5000 of them were diagnosed with CNS tumors.

These account for roughly 25% of all pediatric cancer diagnoses.

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What is a CNS tumor?

CNS stands for Central Nervous system. These tumors develop in the brain and spinal cord.

They are the most common tumors in children.

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Signs/Symptoms of CNS tumors

- Vision/speech/hearing problems
- Coordination problems, ie. Difficulty walking/loss of balance
- Seizures
- Unexplained weight loss/gain
- Tilting head to one side
- Weakness/tingling on one side
- Personality changes
- Memory/concentration issues
- Endocrine issues, ie., early puberty/increased thirst
- Back pain
- Scoliosis
- Increased head size in infants

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Complications from treating CNS tumors

- Damage to brain/nervous system
 - Problems with coordination, muscle strength, speech, eyesight
- Post surgery complications
 - Infection, bleeding, problems with anesthesia
- Delayed growth/development
- Learning problems
- Reproductive problems/infertility
- Recurrence of cancer
- Increased risk of other cancers in adulthood

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It is estimated that between 2020 and 2050

13.7 Million children be diagnosed

11.1 Million will die if there are no major investments in interventions made.

Of those, 45% will go undiagnosed, and 85% of those cases will be in developing countries.

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In 2009, the average hospital stay for pediatric cancer treatment was 8 days!

These stays cost 5 times what the average stay costs for other conditions.

The cost per day is approximately 70% greater than the same stay for a child receiving Treatment for another condition.

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There is a direct correlation between a pediatric cancer diagnosis and poverty.

1 in 5 children diagnoses already live in poverty

After diagnosis, 1 in 4 families will lose 40% of their income. This comes from a parent having to leave their job or take time off to care for the child.

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Mortality rates

Pediatric cancer is the number one cause of death for children from disease. It is second only to auto fatalities overall.

14% of children diagnosed with cancer will die within 5 years of diagnosis. Of those that survive past that, 18% will die within the next 25 years.

There is an average of 70 potential life years lost when a child dies from cancer, versus just 14 years for adults, who tend to succumb to cancer much later in life,

Some cancers have a higher survival rate than others.

The 5 year survival rate ranges for 0% for some cancer, such as DIPG, to 90% survivability for cancers such as leukemia.

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What is DIPG?

Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma-aggressive brain cancer.

DIPG is almost exclusively a pediatric cancer.

DIPG accounts for roughly 80% of all pediatric brain stem tumors.

The survival rate for DIPG is 11 months post diagnosis.

The 2 year survival rate is less than 10%

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World Wide, 100,000 children die every year from cancer

Children living in low to middle income countries are 4 times more likely to die from cancer than those living in high income countries.

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Drug Development

Between 2009 and 2019, 9 of 11 drugs that were created to treat acute lymphoblastic leukemia, the most common form, were in and out of availability.

Of the 200 drugs approved by the FDA to treat cancer through 2021, only 35 of those were approved for use in children.

29 of those were originally approved for use only in adults. That means that only 6 drugs have been developed specifically to address the needs of children's small bodies during treatment

The median lag time for a drug to go from the first human trial phase to the first child trial phase as approved by the FDA is 6.5 years!!!

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It's not all bad news

There are currently more than half a million survivors of pediatric cancer in the United States.

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How can you help?

- Fundraise
- Advocate
- Support local families

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This slide show has recent statistics you may not know about Pediatric Cancer.
Presented by Rebecca James at the 11-E2 Convention on April 26.
Now you now.



Lions of Michigan
District 11 E-2
Cabinet/Business Meeting Minutes, April 26, 2025, Gaylord

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

Cabinet Members Absent- ZC B Sander

Lions in Attendance -PDG Dennis Richardson, PDG Bill Gaines, Lions Shirley Hill, Elizabeth Chace, Brian Chace, Rebecca James, Linda Harris, Terry Graham, Dan Miller, Paul Gentges, Marilyn Messina, Leslie Drury, John Novak, Nancy Howse, DiAnn Roberts, Larry Elmer, Gretchen Van Ormer, Bob Pursel, Paul Michael, Linda Michael, Adam St Onge, Larry Taylor, Julie Taylor, Kecia Freed, Julie Hasse and Carleen Klein

Guests- PID Ron Keller, DG Scott Kwarcianny (SD-10), Hayley and Nicholas Laskowski (Ski for Light), DG Carl Cozart and IVDG Aleta Cozart (11-C2)

The meeting was called to order at 9 AM by DG Gocha. The invocation was offered by IVDG Leathers. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by ZC Chase.

Secretary's Report - Minutes of the 2/8/25 cabinet meeting were presented by CST Durflinger. It was moved by GLT Zeller, supported by GMT Leathers that they be accepted as presented. Motion carried. The minutes of the 4/20/24 Business meeting were presented by CST Durflinger. It was moved by GLT Zeller, supported by ZC Chase that they be accepted as presented. Motion carried. There was no correspondence.

Treasurer's Report- The 2024-25 YTD financial reports were presented, with a beginning balance in the admin account of \$35,621.40, income of \$18,711.92 and expenses of \$15,901.64, leaving an ending balance of \$38,431.68 as of 4/23/25. This consists of \$35,379.59 in admin and \$3,052.09 in convention funds. The projects account has a beginning balance of \$29,231.88 income of \$16,700.06 and expenses of \$17,373.58 leaving an ending balance of \$28,558.36 as of 4/21/25. It was moved by ZC Roberts, supported by IVDG Leathers that the reports be accepted as presented. Motion carried. It was moved by GLT Zeller, supported by GMT Leathers that we continue to bank with Community Financial Credit Union in the upcoming year. Authorized signatures (two are required on checks) will be DG Marie Leathers, CST Barb Durflinger and IPDG Dennis Gocha.

Old Business- None.

New Business- Adoption of convention rules- It was moved by ZC Roberts, supported by GST Gocha that the rules as presented in the convention program be adopted. Motion carried.

GET Report- IPDG Murch turned in a written report, but added we need new members, new clubs and new Guiding Lions to help new clubs.

GLT Report- GLT Zeller reported that we are in need of VDG's and ZC's for next year. Contact incoming DG Marie Leathers if you are willing to serve, or have questions about the job requirements.

GMT Report- GMT Leathers turned in a written report.

GST Report- GST Gocha turned in a written report.

Zone Chair Reports- ZC Sander had no report. ZC Chase said it was a fun job, and more people should try it out. ZC Roberts reported that he had done several zone meetings, but still needs to visit three clubs .

Committee Reports- Written Reports were provided for **Constitution and By-Laws-** 1VDG Leathers, **District Editor-** Lion Dave Zimmer, **Eversight-** Lion Bethany Hedgepath, **International Convention-** IVDG Leathers, **Lions of Michigan Forum-** PDG Zeller- **Lions of Michigan Foundation-** PDG Richardson, **MD-11 Convention-** IPDG Murch, **Peace Poster-** Lion Jean Manning, **Pediatric Cancer-** Lion Rebecca James, **USA/Canada Forum-** PDG Zeller, and **White Cane-** Lion Shirley Hill. The following supplemented the written reports- Lion Hedgepath announced PDG Rod Leathers is doing a haircut fundraiser for Eversight, with a goal of \$5000. Please support it personally, and go back and ask your clubs for support also. Lion Rebecca James reported that the Central Lake Lions were holding a bowling fundraiser on 6/21 in Bellaire to raise money for Pediatric Cancer at the Cowell Family Cancer Center. Consider getting a team together from your club to help with this fund raiser.

Oral Reports- **All State Band-Lion** Kris Hoeksema reported that we have 3 district students, and there are 40-50 overall. **Convention Raffle-** ZC Chase reported that they are still selling raffle tickets for the drawing in the afternoon. There are lots of great prizes. **Credentials-** PDG Richardson reported that as of the cabinet meeting 28 delegates were certified from 11 clubs. **District Convention-** GST Gocha reported that there were 76 people preregistered for the convention. Last night at the service project we packed 360 bags with personal care products. 150 will go to the Women's resource Center, and the rest were provided to clubs to take back for use in their communities. **Elections/Nominations-** PDG Richardson reported that we are all ready for the elections this afternoon. Nominations were received for DG, and for Lions of Michigan Foundation, but we will need to try to fill both Vice District Governor positions from the floor. **LCIF-** PDG Gaines reported that he has been attending state/area meetings. We have not made our 24-25 goal yet, but many clubs contribute at the end of the year. Our % of goal right now is the highest in the state.

Audience Comments- PDG Leathers reminded clubs of the Central Lake Lions 75 anniversary party on 5/31 from 1-5 PM. It is free. More information will be provided soon. PDG Zeller reminded us to save the date- 10/17/26 for the 100th anniversary celebration of the Alpena Lions Club.

PID Comments- PID Keller reminded us that we are all Lion "cousins" - one big Lion family. He has been enjoying our laid-back group. He reminded us all that there are many ways to be a Lion's Club now- virtual, across State/International borders, etc. "Your Club, Your Way."

VDG Comments- IVDG Leathers commended the East Jordan Lions on a great convention. Next year's convention will be hosted by the Central Lake Lions, probably at Treetops again. She noted that we need to learn from each other, which you can do by attending cabinet meetings, zone meetings and district conventions. She thinks we should try to do a service project at cabinet meetings, so if you have any ideas, let her know. She would like to see people serve on district committees- you don't have to be a committee chair. "Find Your Passion!"

DG Comments- DG Gocha thanked everyone for coming, and said the rest of the day had great activities planned.

With no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 10 AM. The next meeting date will be announced soon.

Respectfully submitted,
PDG Barb Durflinger, Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer

Lions of Michigan Forum

The event is finished and was held Feb. 28-March 1 in Kalamazoo.

Honorary Committee

Nothing new to report

Lions of Michigan state convention

The convention is May 15-17 at the DoubleTree Hotel in Bay City. Rooms must be reserved by May 10. Convention registration deadline is May 8. All the information for the convention, including reservations and registration can be found at the Lions of Michigan website (www.lionsofmi.com).

GET Report

Lincoln Lions Club's club branch might be interested in becoming a chartered club. The branch has well over the necessary 20 members to charter and Lincoln club President Mark Feldhiser reached out to PDG Barb asking about how the branch could become a charter. Barb asked me to help Mark and I sent him the information he needed, though I have not heard back from him.

My initial attempts to get into some communities were unsuccessful. However, I have re-evaluated who to contact and have developed larger community profiles on all of the communities in our district, including those where we have existing clubs. I also have developed data sheets for all 17 counties so we can try and utilize every piece of information available to us.

I have had conversations with our district GMT, PDG Rod about combining our efforts and make sure we use a team approach to both adding membership and adding clubs. We need to build a recruitment team, which can be comprised of any and all Lions who want to help grow the district. This does not have to be exclusively cabinet members, it can be anyone from any club.

One way we can grow and develop the recruitment team is to get more Lions from throughout the district to become Guiding Lions. The Guiding Lions will help usher new clubs through the process of becoming a club, but they also can help identify potential locations for new clubs. I would encourage anyone remotely interested to let me know. They can take the training online and follow the process to become certified, or if enough Lions from the district are interested we could set up either a Zoom class or find a place to bring everyone together for in-person training. The more Lions we have the better our chances of growing the district.

We could combine Guiding Lion training with other membership training and make it a recruitment team training event.

GMT Report 04-13-25

As of 04-13-25 the district membership is at 671 members. For the fiscal year we have added 82 new members but we have dropped 84 members. That puts us at a negative 2 for the year at this point. We still have a quarter to go so let's try to make it a positive number for our outgoing governor.

Council Chair Terri Huffman and our Global Membership Team Leaders challenge you to expand your club membership! Between January 29 and May 16, each club in MD 11 is asked to accept the challenge to achieve a net-positive growth of 3 new Lion members. Clubs to reach this goal will be added to a special drawing to receive a Melvin Jones Fellowship. The drawing will be held Friday evening, May 16, during the MD 11 Lions Convention.

GMT PDG Rod Leathers

From: Shirley Hill [lhirley@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, April 11, 2025 13:18
To: Barb
Subject: Re: Cabinet reports

The White Cane community are still contemplating the rules of how and who should receive the. The beginning of giving out scholarship cannot be found. Somewhere along the line the criteria of the scholarship have changed. Supposedly at the beginning it was to be only given to a resident of Michigan who is a citizen of the United States, not just anyone who is here legally and living in the United States. No clear decision has been made at this time.

Shirley Hill
Elk Rapids

From: Jean Hill [daandjehill@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, April 14, 2025 14:44
To: Barb
Subject: Re: Cabinet reports

Peace Poster 2025-2026: I am here at the convention with Peace Poster Kits and poster paper that is the acceptable size for entry. Although many of us don't begin the process until Fall of 2025, some groups would like more time to work on the posters. Please pay attention to the poster rules, as each year a poster or two has to be discarded; and keep track of the sticker that goes onto the back of your winning poster.

Jean Manning, Hillman Lions 989-808-4476 (text and phone)

From: Dennis Gocha [dennygocha@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, April 10, 2025 15:54
To: ComDaC
Subject: GST report

GST

I have continued to monitor the service entries in MyLion of the clubs. If a club hasn't entered their service after I notice it on Facebook after a month, I enter it for them.

I haven't received too many emails for problems with entering service.

GST Linda Gocha

Construction and By-laws report - April 2025

Lions International board of directors revised the First Vice District Governor training approach to:

1. Implement virtual training for FVDGs in February.
2. Enhance in-person training for *MISSION 1.5* at regional summits.
3. Add one day to the DGE Seminar at the international convention for a total of two on-site program days.

Marie Leathers

District 11-E2 Newsletter Editor Report: April 26, 2025 Cabinet Meeting

Lion Barb:

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

Club newsletter submissions for March - April: 7 Clubs - 27%

<u>Name</u>	<u>Months Participated</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Months Participated</u>
◆ Boyne Valley	2	◆ Mio	1
◆ Charlevoix	1	◆ Oscoda	1
◆ Central Lake	1	◆	
◆ East Jordan	2	◆	
◆ Hale	1	◆	

Just to make it clear, the data above shows the Clubs that were printed in the March and April issues of the Newsletter. The events and other data comes from the month before it is published in the Newsletter. The Club Activities in the March issue of the Newsletter occurred in February, and the data in the April issue show what happened in March. There is one exception to this pattern. I put anything that is turned in until the 4th day of the month. Anything turned in on the 5th day of the month or later will be in the next issue. If some club turns in information about what happened on the 1st to 4th day of April, it will be in the April month issue. The information published in the District Newsletter is forwarded to Lansing for the Lion Pride Newsletter. They may not publish all the pictures I send for page space reasons, but most of the activities in the District Newsletter allows Lions throughout the state of Michigan to share our examples of Service.

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

As always, any District Lions Leaders who want to share something inspiring or informing are welcome to submit letters/columns/notes/ or photos. Any suggestions for newsletter enhancement are also appreciated.

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

Lion David J. Zimmer

District 11-E2 Newsletter Editor

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Eversight

Spring has sprung! As you prepare your gardens, break out the sunscreen and put away the coats, hats and gloves, I invite you to take a moment to review the following key accomplishments from Eversight's first quarter of 2025.

Tissue Transplants

Every year, thousands of donors selflessly give the gift of sight to those in need. 2,406 donors gave the gift of sight as cornea/eye donors from January 1 to March 31, 2025. 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
OH-157	OH-25	OH-4
MI-325	MI-124	MI-0
IL-341	IL-132	IL-18
NJ-143	NJ-33	NJ-2
CT-70	CT-17	CT-0

Research & Innovations

Our research and development team recently created the KLAL-Pro graft, a special type of corneal transplant that helps restore sight in people with bilateral Umbal Stem Cell Deficiencies (LSCD), bilateral meaning cases when both eyes are affected.

Since we began this work, **five patients have received the KLAL-Pro graft**, and we are thrilled to share that all of them are doing well and have regained their vision. These early successes confirm that the KLAL-Pro graft is effectively delivering the healthy stem cells needed for healing.

The next steps for this project are to **expand our research** to collect more patient data and further refine the treatment and **bring KLAL-Pro to developing countries** where access to vision-restoring procedures is limited.

We have already confirmed that the grafts **remain viable for over 72 hours**, making it possible to ship them internationally. At the same time, we are working on ways to strengthen the stem cells so they can help patients recover their vision even faster.

This breakthrough has the potential to transform lives worldwide, and we're excited to keep you updated as we make further progress.

Education & Training

Education and training are critical to Eversight's impact. Many of the surgeons we train come from regions without self-sufficient eye banking systems. For some, Eversight's training is their only opportunity to learn advanced techniques that will transform patient care in their home countries. By equipping them with these life-changing skills, we help ensure that more people around the world have access to the vision-restoring care they need.

From January 1-March 31, 2025, Eversight staff held 18 educational wet lab trainings for 148 surgeons, residents and fellows at partner institutions on four common types of cornea transplant procedures:

Comment [BH1]: @Onkar Sawant @Jessica Ludwig Any significant milestones or updates from January 1-March 31 we want to tell contributors about?

Comment [JL2]: We've had 5 KLAL-Pro surgeries to date. We've also looked at graft survival in 72 hour shipping conditions (for international placement) but I'm not sure if @Onkar Sawant wants to mention that yet or not.

Comment [BH3]: @Jessica Ludwig @Onkar Sawant How does this summary sound? Do you want me to mention the 72 hour shipping investigation?

Comment [054]: We can mention that 72 hr shipping validation provided anticipated satisfactory results and we will be able to provide KLAL-Pro graft internationally

Eversight

Descemet Membrane Endothelial Keratoplasty (DMEK), Descemet Stripping Automated Endothelial Keratoplasty (DSAEK), Penetrating Keratoplasty (PKP) and Deep Anterior Lamellar Keratoplasty (DALK).

Global Development

From January 1-March 31, 2025, Eversight placed 1,111 tissues at greatly reduced or no cost in countries around the world who would otherwise not have access to these tissues.

Comment [BH5]: @Heather Nuskind @Ramona Bashshur @Collin Ross Any significant milestones or updates from January 1-March 31 we want to tell contributors about?

Also, as part of Eversight's ongoing work to develop a self-sufficient, in-country cornea donation program to meet the need in Pakistan, Eversight's Vice President for Global Development, Collin Ross, recently held a successful interview with a local reporter which ran in national newspaper *Dawn*. The full interview is available at <https://youtu.be/5TMNTZop4iU?si=mbzVl5exfXpg6hkX>. Press releases resulting from this appearance were featured across Pakistani media outlets, lending momentum to the effort.

News & Events

Golf for Good! The Eversight Vision Classic will be taking place from **May 22-June 12** this year and all are welcome to participate! Golf anywhere, anytime between these dates to raise awareness and charitable support for sight-saving transplants and vision research. Not a golfer? Bid to win during the **Golf for Good!** Online Silent Auction **June 6-14** to support Eversight charitable programs. Learn more and register today: [Eversightgolf.givesmart.com](https://eversightgolf.givesmart.com).

International Convention Report - April 2025

There's still time to register for the International Convention in Orlando, Florida. The convention runs from July 13-17. Registration is \$265 until July 10. Go to lionscon.lionsclubs.org for more information.

Why should you attend an international convention? Lions International Convention is the premier event of the year. You'll hear Lion leaders and global thought leaders, learn from fellow Leos and Lions, reconnect with old friends and make new ones, and celebrate our service in one of the most incredible cities on earth.

Whether you're new to Lions or have been a Lion for years, you'll leave renewed, inspired and with a vision for the future of service.

Hope to see you there!

VDG Marie Leathers

District 11 E2 Cabinet Meeting

4/26/2025

TreeTops Resort Gaylord MI

USA/Canada Forum

9/18/2025 Atlantic City NJ

9/3/2026 Memphis TN

9/16/2027 Huntsville AL

Lions of Michigan Forum

February 2026

Lions Leadership Institute

November 2025

This is my last meeting serving on the Cabinet. I appreciate all the great lions I have met thru out the years serving. I started out in 1976 being the District Sports Chair and we had a District Bowling Tournament and District Softball Tournament. I have Held over the years a variety of District Committee Chairs, some of which are no longer around. Being Governor twice was a wonderful time in Lori and my life, meeting so many wonderful lions in the state and world. Thanks so much for allowing me to serve, but it's time to let others enjoy being part of this great district team.

FDG David Zeller

Lions of Michigan Foundation Report

April 25, 2025

As we are into the fourth and final quarter of our Lion's year, hopefully each of our clubs is well on their way to finalizing another successful year of service. The Lions of Michigan Foundation is a State Project of the Lions Of Michigan and assist our clubs in the following ways: Provide KidSight equipment so we can do children's eye screening locally, provide financial assistance for sight and hearing, provide financial assistance for emergency disaster relief, provide financial assistance for emergency individual need, military families and veterans relief, provide mints for the military, etc.

Our Foundation's largest fundraiser is the Sight and Hearing Sweepstakes Raffle. If your club is participating in this project make sure that the ticket stubs and money are in to the State Office before May 3, 2025 which is when the Ticket Sellers Drawing will take place. For tickets sold after that date the stubs and money must be in the State Office at least a couple days prior to May 17, 2025 when the main drawing will take place at the MD-11 Convention in Bay City. If tickets are late the money must be returned.

It is a goal of our district that 100% of our clubs support our Foundation financially. For those clubs which have donated: Thank You. If you have not yet made a donation could you please help us reach our goal by pitching in whatever your budget allows. A reminder that there are three fellowship awards your club can use to honor deserving Lions or community members (Kenneth E Lautzenheiser Fellowship - \$500, Helen Keller Fellowship - \$750, John S. Noel Fellowship - \$1000) based upon your support.

Project Kidsight is not only a wonderful Service Project but it provides your club positive PR in the community. As nice weather is approaching it would be a good time to plan for a screening and reserve the Kidsight Trailer.

From: Rebecca James [rebeccaherrst@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 16, 2025 09:04
To: Barb
Subject: Re: Reports for cabinet meeting

Good morning Barb,

My apologies. My life has been chaotic with work and finishing my college semester. I am happy to report that the poke prize drive was a huge success. I was able to drop off a check to the Cowell Family Cancer Center for \$1100 along with 3 boxes of prizes that were collected. I also have flyers for the 2nd annual Central Lake Bowling Fundraiser to benefit the Cowell Center. I will have those at the convention and don't mind providing an oral report if needed. Thanks again.

Lion Rebecca



Secretaries,

I'd like to remind you to please continue to enter your service activities.

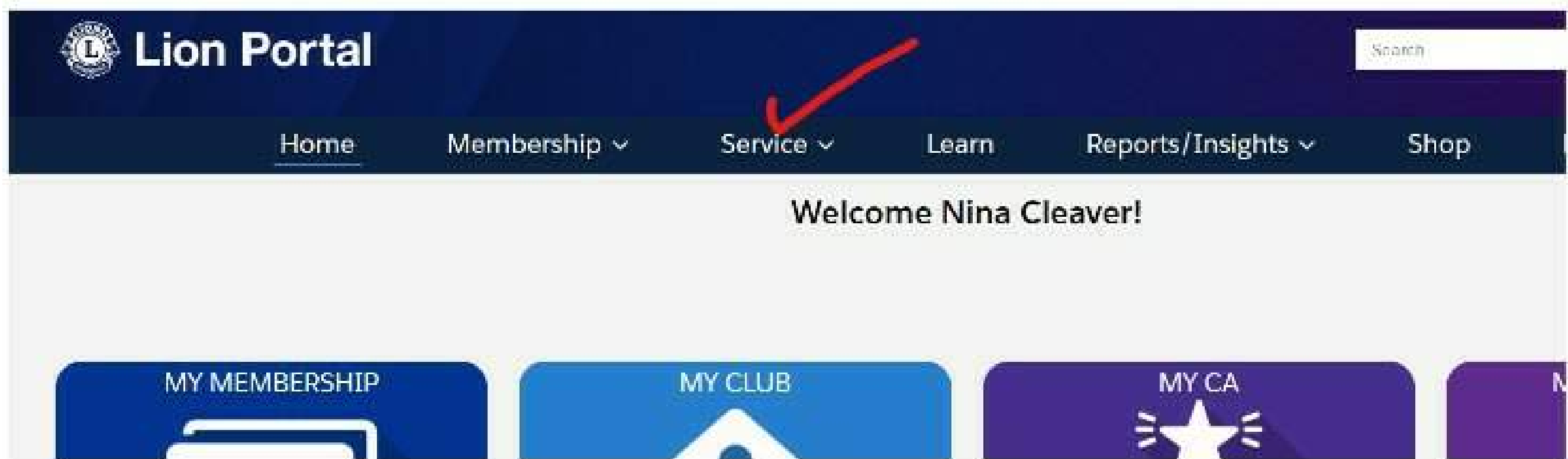
I'm attaching instructions on how to do this and if you have any questions, please contact me either by email or call 231-536-0837.

Thank you,

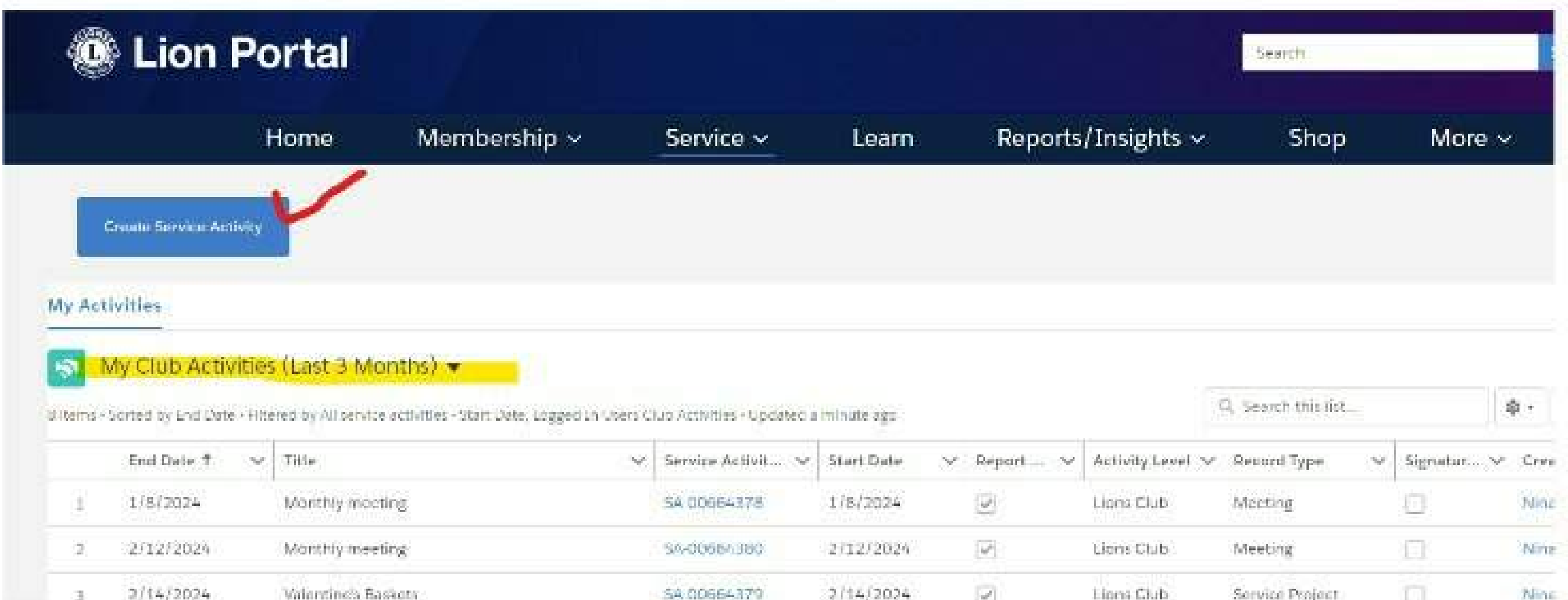
GST Linda Gocha

To Record Service Activities

Log into Lion Portal. Click on *Service* then *My Activities*.



Click on *Create Service Activity*.



NOTE: If you want to see more of the club's recorded service, use the drop down on *My Club Activities*. It will let you see all the activities, last 3 months, or this Lion year.

Create Service Activity – click on *Select from my specific area*. Click on club name. Next.

Create Service Activity

Search for a club or district in your hierarchy based on the position you hold or select from your specific area.

☐ Search for Club or District

☒ Select from my specific area

Showing 2 of 2 items • 1 item selected

Name	Type
<input checked="" type="radio"/> DILLONVALE MOUNT PLEASANT	Lions Club
<input type="radio"/> District 13 OH3	District

Next

Create Service Activity – You must fill out a name for the activity and Select the Type of Activity by using drop down menu. Your choices are: donation, fundraiser, meeting, service project. If it does not match any of those, use NONE. NEXT.

Create Service Activity

Service Activity for: DILLONVALE MOUNT PLEASANT

* Enter a title for the Service Activity

Socks for Homeless

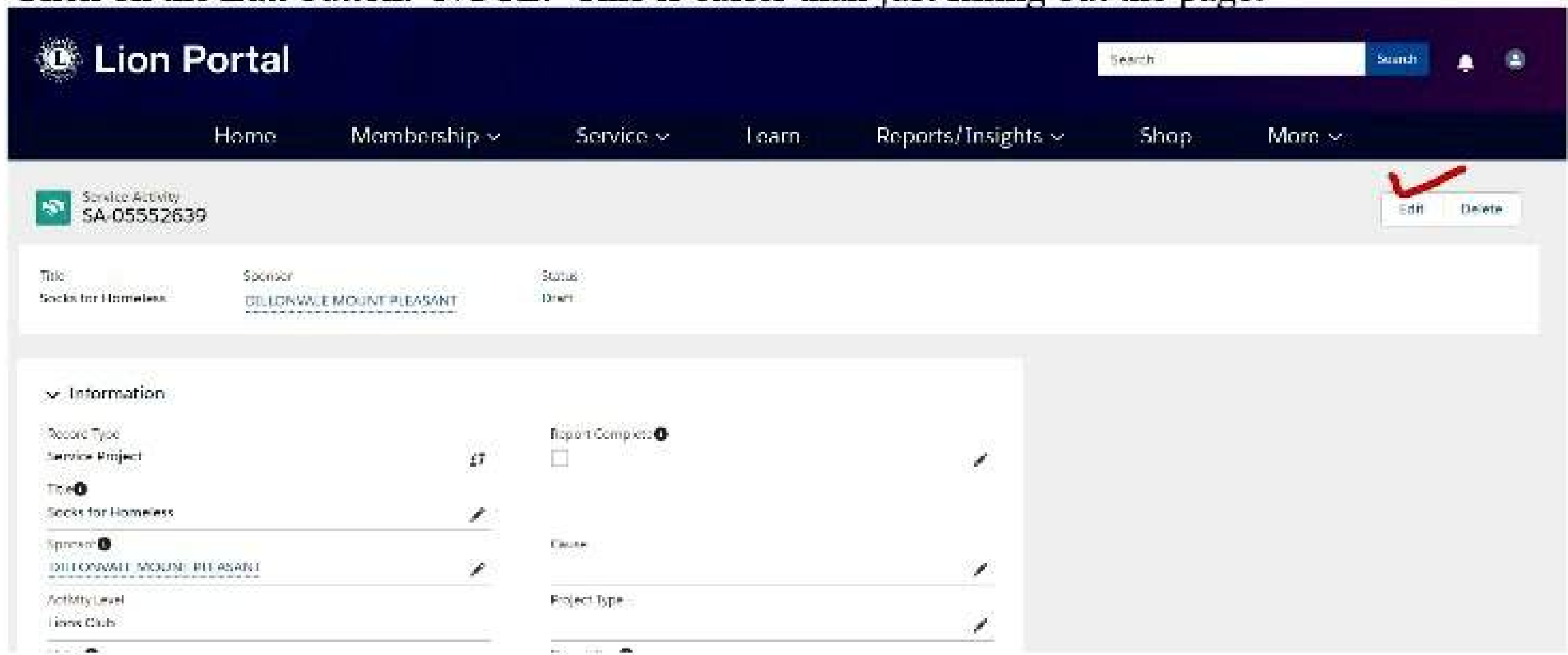
* Select the Activity Type

Service Project

Previous

Next

Click on the *Edit* button. NOTE: This is easier than just filling out the page.



Lion Portal

Search [] Search []

Home Membership Service Learn Reports/Insights Shop More

Service Activity SA 05552639 Edit Delete

Title: Socks for Homeless Sponsor: DILLONVALE MOUNT PLEASANT Status: Draft

Information

Record Type: Service Project Edit

Title: Socks for Homeless Edit

Sponsor: DILLONVALE MOUNT PLEASANT Edit

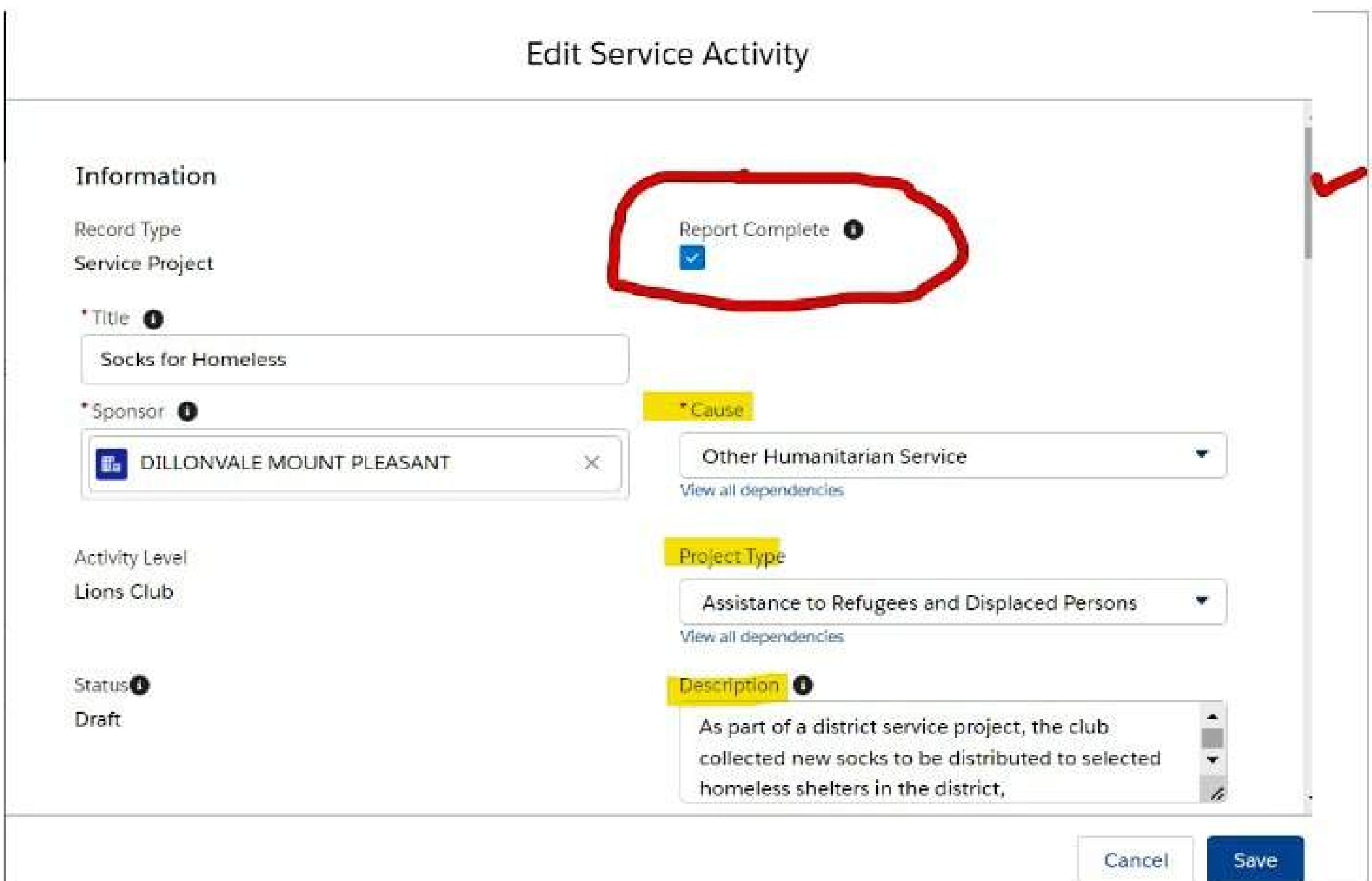
Activity Level: Lions Club Edit

Report Complete: ☐ Edit

Cause: Edit

Project Type: Edit

Click All fields marked by an asterisk * must be filled out. Use the drop down windows when available. Scroll down to see rest of page.on the *Edit* button. NOTE: This is easier than just filling out the page.



Edit Service Activity

Information

Record Type: Service Project

*Title: Socks for Homeless

*Sponsor: DILLONVALE MOUNT PLEASANT

Activity Level: Lions Club

Status: Draft

Report Complete: ☒

*Cause: Other Humanitarian Service
[View all dependencies](#)

Project Type: Assistance to Refugees and Displaced Persons
[View all dependencies](#)


Description: As part of a district service project, the club collected new socks to be distributed to selected homeless shelters in the district.

Cancel Save


Fill in Start and End dates, # of people served, Total volunteers (be sure to indicate if some were non-Lions) and total volunteer hours. Make sure you clicked on Report Complete at top of page before hitting SAVE

Edit Service Activity

* Start Date ⓘ

4/1/24 

End Date ⓘ

4/19/2024 

Created By
Nina Cleaver, 4/26/2024, 4:35 PM

Required Metrics

People Served ⓘ

78

Total Volunteers ⓘ

5

Non-Lions Participated ⓘ


☐

Non-Lion Family Members Participated ⓘ

☐

Total Volunteer Hours ⓘ

6.00



Cancel

Save

If there is an error in the report, you will see a notice in red at top of page. Check the report again to make sure you have filled in all required fields, then click on SAVE again.

Edit Service Activity

Review the errors on this page.

The Record provided contains field(s) with invalid data.

Information

Record Type

Service Project

Report Complete ⓘ

☒

* Title ⓘ

Service Project

The error will be noted in RED. In this case, the year must be 4 numbers. To avoid problems with dates, use the calendar on the right side of the field.

Edit Service Activity

Status ⓘ
Draft

Description ⓘ
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End Date ⓘ
4/19/2024 ⓘ

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Required Metrics

Once you have successfully entered the data for the project, a note will pop up letting you know you were successful. You will then be able to see it under your club activities.

Please note – depending on what you choose as the CAUSE for the activity, the drop down menus will vary under PROJECT TYPE.

The 2025 District 11-E2 Annual Convention April 25-26

The 49th District Convention, managed by the East Jordan Lions, was held on April 25 and 26 at Treetops Resort in Gaylord. TEAMWORK was the theme of the convention.

A service project, making hygiene bags for the Women’s Resource Center in Gaylord, was carried out on Friday night.

The Saturday itinerary was filled with very interesting speakers and events. We learned al lot, and enjoyed the presentations.

The April Cabinet District Meeting was the first event of the morning, 9:00 to 10:00 AM. Some awards for special actions were given as well. This was followed by several speakers on various topics: Environmental, Bear Lake Camp, Childhood Cancer, and Eversight. Past International President Ron Keller, with wife Kitty, spoke at the noon luncheon and evening dinner. Dr. Gary Anderson also spoke at lunch about special soccer balls for the blind. There was also a peace poster presentation at lunch. More awards were also given out for honored recipients.

Afternoon events included a Memorial Service for passed Lions, videos for LCIF, and LMF. The Elections for the coming year’s leadership were done in mid-afternoon, followed by a raffle for contributed objects and gift cards.

This was indeed a successful convention, well guided, not boring, interesting topics, learned things, good food, and had fun. Kudos to the District leadership and East Jordan Lions and the guests for Service well done. (Pictures not available now will be coming for the next Newsletter in June.)



11-E2 DISTRICT NEWS



Please consider making a club donation to Lions Club International Foundation this Lions year if you have not already done so. It's important that our clubs support LCIF so that LCIF can support needs in our district, state and world wide. I would be glad to make a presentation on LCIF to any club that would like one. Just let me know when and where so we can arrange it.

Thanks for your support.

PDG Bill Gaines
LCIF Coordinator 11E2



★ COMMUNITY EVENT ★

Central Lake Lions Club Celebrating 75 Years Serving our community

Join us at a free, fun-filled family event as our way to say
thank you for your support over the years and
see what we've been up to with your help!

**SATURDAY
MAY 31, 2025
1-5 PM
THURSTON PARK**

For questions email
centrallakelions@gmail.com

**LIVE MUSIC
1-3 PETER & LESLIE
3-5 STEVE DAWSON**

Eyeglass and
hearing aid
collection



Calendar of Events

MAY 2025

MD11 CONVENTION — May 15-17, 2025 — DOUBLETREE HOTEL Bay City —Guest Speaker **LCI President Oliveira**

Mother’s Day — May 11, 2025 **Memorial Day** — May 26, 2025

JULY 2025

LIONS INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION — July 13 - 17, 2025 — Orlando, Florida



PASSINGS REPORTED



NO Passings Reported

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

New Members Reported — April, 2025 (or Earlier)

Central Lake Lions:— New Member: Dr. Ryan Cunningham — Sponsor: Bob Labeau.

Total: 1 New Member Reported

Information From Club Activities Sent In

On the Mend Reported

East Jordan Lions: Linda Chase is recuperating from knee surgery.
Michael Burr is recovering from a stroke.
Kim Forster is recovering from surgery.

We wish each of these Lions a successful and rapid recovery from their ailments!

Boyne Valley Lions

APRIL 2025

From April 23 club meeting:

Upcoming Events:

Arbor Day - This Friday 4/25: From 10am - noon deciduous and non-deciduous tree saplings will be given away. Come early as the trees go fast! Boyne City will be giving away evergreens.

Lion Greg Lawton is hosting a volunteer day to plant trees at Lake Louise at 9 am. Bring gloves.

Tail Twister Winners Today (April 23, 2025):

We had three winners for the tail twister game today. They were Lion Eleanor, Lion Nate and our guest speaker Greg Vadnais.



From the Friends of the Boyne District Library -

Dear Boyne Valley Lions Club,

We are absolutely thrilled and deeply grateful for your incredibly generous \$500 donation to the Boyne District Library! Your support truly means the world to us and makes a tangible difference in our ability to serve the community.

Thanks to your kindness, we can continue to enrich lives by: Purchase new books, audiobooks, and DVDs – Offer educational programs and events for all ages – Maintain our technology and resources. Every contribution, especially one as significant as yours, allows us to maintain a vibrant and essential resource for everyone in the Boyne Valley Area. We are so appreciative of your partnership and your commitment to our community. Thank you for helping the Boyne District Library thrive!

Sincerely, Friends of the Boyne District Library

Central Lake Lions

APRIL 2025

District Governor Dennis Gocha swore in new member Dr. Ryan Cunningham at the Central Lake Lions Club meeting. He was sponsored by Bob Labeau.

DG Gocha: "Welcome Ryan and thank you Central Lake for a warm welcome to Linda and I."



East Jordan Lions

APRIL 2025

East Jordan had a successful Easter Fun and Games event for the elementary children. There was candy, games and prizes given away to about 90 kids.

Winners of the bikes were Cole Riddle, age 11 and Nora Cousineau age 9 pictured with King Lion Dennis Gocha.

EJ Lions with lion and Easter bunny characters.



District 11-E2 had PID Ron Keller speak at the 11-E2 District Convention at Treetops Resort in Gaylord.

Pictured L to R: PID Ron Keller, DG Dennis, Linda Gocha and Ron's wife Kitty —



Standing: SD10 DG Scott Kwarcianny, DG Gocha, Linda Gocha, Judy Keller; Sitting: 1VDG Aleta Cozart, MD-11 governor Carl Cozart —attended.



Oscoda Lions

APRIL 2025

Today Tony Priebe, Tony Bol, Scott Bucich repurposed this ramp that we installed last year and was no longer needed.

The homeowner who needs this ramp will be home this weekend from Mexico. The lady of the house had a stroke while in Mexico and is in a wheelchair.

The extra materials needed to install the ramp came to \$63.74 and the man hours were 15 hrs. Thanks Tony.

We Serve.



Today April 16 Scott and Tony built this ramp for a Vet who has back and neck issues. We started the project at 9am this morning and finished at 11.15am today.

4.5-man hours and materials came to \$121. And the VA will be paying for the materials.

We Serve.

Thanks Tony.

MAY 2025 — Environment & DNA

April began with the devastation of the Ice Hurricane. The first few days nearly everyone had no electric power, except those with a generator. Many people were without power for weeks, and the connection to the internet took even longer to come back on for some. April had 19 days of 32 degrees or lower temperatures in this area. Only 12 days had high temperatures above 52 degrees, the halfway temperature between 32 degrees and 72 degrees. There were 5 days of temperatures above 60 degrees, including a 72 and a 75 degree high. On April 29, the high was 72 degrees here, and the low dropped to 32 degrees on the same day.

All in all, it's been a cold Spring season. It must be rough on the many workers putting up downed power lines or removing trees and limbs off roads, yards, and hiking and biking trails. We need these people and what they do, and we need to recognize their service to our areas. The cleanup of millions of trees and branches will take months, or years. At least May will be warmer for the cleanup crews.

There is no doubt that the weather is changing as our planet gets a little warmer each year. I say "a little warmer" as many areas don't feel much warmer, maybe even cooler like our own Winter and Spring this year, while other areas have suffered in 3 digit temperatures.

Environment is one of the Lions Cubs major causes. We need to understand the Environment if we are "to protect the environment to create healthier communities and a more sustainable world." The Environment is basically everything surrounding us; air, earth, fire, water, all life forms. We humans are part of the Environment. We can't control the Environment, but we can affect it, for good or bad.

Most scientists who researched global warming found that the warming is, if not the total reason because of our pollution and gases being released into the air from human activity, at least a helping addition to planetary warming. For several decades the earth is getting an average of 1 or more degrees warmer. Some areas on the planet may have raised only a 1/2 degree, while somewhere else the degrees have raised 1 and 1/2 or 2 degrees. But whatever the warming is at, every air and water molecule is getting warmer. Heat is energy, and a temperature rise that occurs around a 1 degree average in every square inch of air on the planet is a HUGE amount of energy. It results in stronger winds, more potent storms, hurricanes, and tornadoes, droughts, floods. The jet streams high in the sky grow stronger, pushing winter arctic air to southern states, or carry warm air to the arctic and melt glaciers. All these things have happened recently. The Ice Hurricane was that energy powered storm in north Michigan. There will likely be even more energy, and even more devastating events if the warming continues. Melting arctic ice means rising oceans, and it's very possible that the rising Atlantic waters will begin to encroach on the shores of Florida, with salt water soaking into the ground and creating undrinkable water. There is still much environment data we don't know yet.

Problems for humans are also problems for many animals. Polar bears are losing their homes as ice sheets melt away. Many polar bears have traveled south in search of food, and mated with grizzly bears, creating a new type of bear known as a "pizzly" or "grolar", identified through their DNA.

DNA (deoxyribonucleic acid) is "an extremely long macromolecule, the main component of chromosomes and is the material that transfers genetic characteristics in all life forms, constructed of two nucleotide strands coiled around each other in a ladderlike arrangement." We mostly think of DNA as charting family ancestors, or as a police clue found in hair, blood, or saliva at crime scenes that identify the criminal. There is much more to DNA used in medical and scientific research.

Scientists found a rare tyrannosaurus rex bone that hadn't been fossilized, and found DNA that turned out to be closest to chickens and ostriches. Now scientists no longer consider all birds to be relatives of dinosaurs, they are dinosaurs that survived the dinosaur extinction and mutated into today's birds.

DNA confirms that Chimpanzees share 98.8% of the same genes with humans, which isn't surprising. Fungi were once considered a type of plants, but fungi got it's own kingdom in 1969. Further DNA research found that fungi are genetically closer to humans than to plants — fungi share a common ancestor more than a billion years ago. Humans share roughly 50% of our DNA with average fungi.

Our environment is yet a mystery to be solved, with DNA having many surprises yet to reveal.

PICTURES OF THE MONTH

The Fallen Trees



Top left: Trees still standing at Viewland, but showing the damage of broken limbs and torn off tops.

2 photos above: Trees downed along the Bear River park. Many trees snapped off the trunk, and many were uprooted, all taken down by the heavy ice and strong winds.



2 photos on the left: The Viewland was designated as a dumping point for tree limbs. The first picture shows the massive tree limbs piled on the left side. The piled tree limbs are picked up and dumped into a shredder, and shredded wood is carried up a conveyer to the top of the mound. The bottom picture shows the Viewland a few days after the other photo. The trees were gone from the parking area, with the shredded mound still there. The shredded wood is supposed to be taken to Gaylord to be burned for creating electricity power.

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

