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JUNE 2025

Notable Quotes: "Make yourself necessary to somebody. Do not make life hard to any." – Ralph Waldo Emerson (1803 - 1882)

District Governor's Message



DG Dennis Gocha

Dear Lions,

As the time comes to an end for our cabinet, I wanted to take this final opportunity to thank you all again for your efforts and service in making our organization great. Together, we have faced challenges, celebrated achievements, and made a meaningful impact in our communities. Your hard work has not gone unnoticed, and I am

proud of all that we have accomplished together.

As I pass the torch to the incoming governor, Marie Leathers, I encourage each of you to continue your vital work and remain engaged in our mission. The future is bright and I am excited to see how our clubs will continue to grow and evolve.

Thank you once again for this incredible experience. I look forward to supporting you all in the years to come and celebrating the continued success of the Lions Clubs.

Yours in service,

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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Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much."

Helen Keller

Fellow District Lions,

Helen Keller challenged the Lions 100 years ago to become Knights of the Blind in the crusade against darkness. Lions accepted her challenge, and Vision became Lions Club International's first cause.

In honor of Helen Keller, my focus as District Governor next year will be on Vision. Wouldn't it be great if Lions across the district could work together to screen the eyes of every elementary school, preschool and daycare center in our district? Would you be willing to be part of it? Or would you be willing to be a part of any of the other Lions global causes: Disaster Relief, Environment, Diabetes, Childhood Cancer, Youth, Humanitarian and Hunger?

I have one simple challenge for each of you: think about what you are passionate about. And then think about how you can use your talents and your passion to expand your service.

Watch your email for a survey so we can connect Lions across the district and let's see how much we can do TOGETHER!

DGE Marie Leathers





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We're excited to bring you a new episode of Taking the Lead, featuring Mark Hymes, Community Program Manager for Disability Network Washtenaw Monroe Livingston.

In this inspiring conversation, Mark shares his experience as a proud Leader Dog client partnered with Leader Dog Bogey. He also dives into the vital work being done at Disability Network.

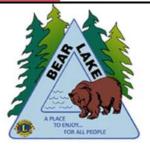
Listen to the full episode here.

Don't miss this episode as Mark explores how personal independence and professional advocacy go hand in hand.

Christina

P.S. If you'd like to share this story with others, feel free to forward this email or direct them to our **podcast page**.

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Welcome to this Month's Newsletter

Dear Lions, Supporters, and Camp Family,

Summer is here, and already you can feel the shift. There is a kind of magic in the air. The kind that only happens when people come together for something that matters. It's not loud, but it's powerful.

CAMPFIRE CHATS: STORIES THAT STAY WITH YOU

This month's stories dig deep. You'll hear from Maeve, one of our young DHH campers, whose words capture the heart of why we do what we do. You'll also meet our Camp Champion, Lion Steve Glazier, and learn how he helps lift our mission with every conversation, event, and moment of service. These stories are a reminder that what we build here continues to grow long after summer ends.

🐇 CAMP UPDATES

This month, we're grateful for the donation of a new lawnmower from Jean Becher, a gift that makes a real difference in caring for our 120-acre grounds. We're also still feeling the impact of our Annual Workbee, where more than 75 volunteers came together to clean, build, and prepare the space. Every corner of camp carries the love they poured into it.

LBLC SPOTLIGHTS

We're excited to spotlight Board Member Ronald Coleman, Waterfront Director Kenzie Beem, and hear the latest from Challenge Course Director Ken Gillotte. Each one brings passion and purpose to their work, and their dedication helps shape the unforgettable experiences campers take home each year.

LBLC FEATURED ON THE BALANCING ACT

Lions Bear Lake Camp was recently featured on The Balancing Act Local Edition, aired on WMYD-MyNetwork Detroit. The segment captured the spirit of our camp, highlighting our inclusive programming, accessible facilities, and commitment to helping kids build confidence and independence. If you missed it, click the link below to watch and share it with others who need to see the magic for themselves.

Watch Now

UPCOMING EVENTS

Golf Classic (June 9 2025) Open House (July 12 2025) Baseball BBQ (July 27 2025) Clay Shoot (September 6 2025) Ultra Marathon (October 4 2025) Ice Plunge (February 7 2026) Wild Game Dinner (April 11 2026)

GET INVOLVED

Sponsor a camper. Volunteer your time. Pick something from our wishlist. Whether you lend a hand, donate, or simply help spread the word, your involvement helps us create the kind of camp that changes lives. Thank you for walking this journey with us.

Open the attached newsletter for full stories, photos, and updates.

We're grateful for every supporter who helps make this place what it is. Please

Enjoy, The Bear Lake Camp Team



THANK YOU

Board of Directors

Jack Becher, Brian Betzold, Charles Blackburn, Phyllis Blackburn, Jay Caldwell, Ron Coleman, Evelyn Cooper, Dick Dettling, Ron Gibson, Steve Glazier, Fran Grabowski, Dave Hacker, Dave Hill, Terri Huffman, Ron Johnson, Shirley Kelly, James Leach Jr., Al Lindsay, Jim Lykins, Paul Mangas, Martha Owens, Jack Patton, Jim Patterson, Richard Pfeiffer, Leo Schaefer, Kurt Stromlund, David Wineman, Jim White, Henry Wymore

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SATURDAY, JUNE 21, 2025

11AM



BELLAIRE LANES AND GAMES

SPONSORED BY THE CENTRAL LAKE LIONS CLUB



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



REBECCAHERRST@GMAIL.COM

TO REGISTER, CONTACT REBECCA AT



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.

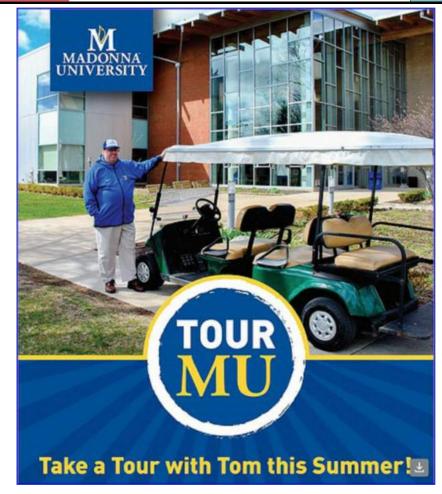
Entry Fee: \$25 per bowler

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:	



Dear Lions Club members,

This summer, you are invited to tour Madonna's campus with Tom Laabs, Assistant Director within the Office of Advancement. Tours will be:

- · 60-90 minutes long
- · for up to 5 individuals at a time
- · Wednesday afternoons in June, July and August

On a typical golf-cart tour you would see main campus buildings, the revamped Performing Arts, Athletics, and Academic Center (PAAAC) and athletic fields, the grounds surrounding the Felician Motherhouse, and Ministry Partners.

Please RSVP at <u>madonna.edu/tom</u>. When scheduling your tour, please tell Tom if there is something specific you'd like to see. For those of you who don't know Tom, he earned his degree in Management from Madonna in 2001 and has worked at the University for over 30 years in various roles. Tom's wife Kathy and son Logan are also Madonna graduates.

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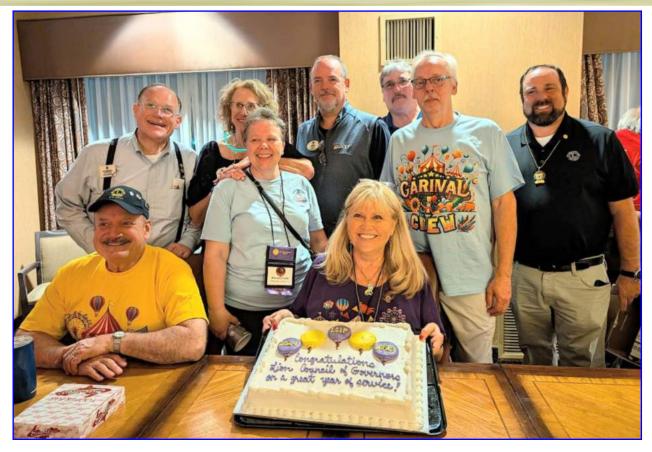
We look forward to seeing you on campus this summer!

Madonna University Alumni Office



MD11 Convention 2025

The Michigan Lions held the state Convention on May 15-17 at Doubletree Hotel in Bay City.



The district Governors enjoyed cake for the end of their term in the hospitality room at the MD 11 convention in Bay City. Pictured are DG Dennis Gocha, PID Justice Shea Nickell, Council Chair Terri Huffman, DG Ronda Furby, DG Scott Kwarciany, DG Cheryl Anderson, DG Carl Cozart, DG Cory Knuth, and PID Justin Faber.

District Governor Dennis Gocha presented District Secretary PDG Barb Durflinger with the S.A. Dodge Distinguished Service award at the MD11 Convention.



MD11 Convention 2025





The MD11 Convention is an event that brings all Lion districts in Michigan together to meet and learn from each other and the guest speakers from Lions Clubs International. Together we can learn and do more for our communities, and make our state a better place.

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MD11 Convention: Barb Durflinger Article



Courtesy Photo

Lions District Governor Dennis Gocha of East Jordan, left, presents Hillman Lion Barb Durflinger with the S.A. Dodge Distinguished Service Award at the Michigan Lions Convention held May 15 to 17 in Bay City.

Hillman's Barb Durflinger honored with S.A. Dodge Award at Lions convention

Hillman Lion Barb District Governor, She Durflinger was honored served four terms as with the S.A. Dodge District All-State Band Distinguished Service Chair. She coordinated Award at the Michigan the district "Cents for Lions Convention held Sandy" fundraiser to May 15 to 17 in Bay support the victims of City. The Dodge award, Hurricane Sandy. She a lifetime achievement served as District Lions award, is the highest Clubs International award a Lion can Foundation Chair from receive in the state of 2015 to 2024. She Michigan.

Benton Harbor-Fairplain Lions in 1988, and tornado, securing over served as a board \$40,000 to assist in both

chaired the District's Durflinger joined the relief efforts for the victims of the Gaylord

member, secretary, or treasurer every year. She also served as a board member on the training for District 11-Benton Harbor Lions Foundation. She served as District 11-B2 cabinet secretary/treasurer three times.

transferred into the and has served as Hillman Lions Club when she and husband the Foundation since Duane retired and 2018. moved to northern Michigan. She has received numerous served as Hillman Lions Lions awards including treasurer for a number a Melvin Jones Felof years. She initiated the "Adopt a Class" program to work with fifth graders in both Hillman and Rogers City. She initiated the weekend food backpack in the Benton Harbor programs for needy Lions Club, and Lion of children in Hillman the Year in 2005 in the Schools, Rogers City Hillman Lions Club. Schools and Atlanta She has received six Schools. She chairs the International Presimonthly pop-up pantry dent's Certificates of food distribution in Appreciation, Hillman which feeds 200 families per month. dential Award and the This program was International Leaderrecently expanded to do ship Award, as well as food distributions twice multiple a month. In 2024, 250,000 pounds of food Appreciation. She was were distributed.

Durflinger's service to District 11-E2 (17 counties in northern Michigan) includes serving as cabinet secretary/treasurer 13 times, zone chair, region chair, Vice District Governor and Creek Mill.

immediate relief and reconstruction. She has conducted the treasurer E2 for the past 10 years. She is a Certified Guiding Lion. She served three terms as a Lions of Michigan In 2004, Durflinger Foundation trustee, assistant treasurer of

> Durflinger has lowship, a Noel Fellowship, a Helen Keller Fellowship, and a Lautzenheiser Fellowship. She was named Lion of the Year in 1993 the International Presi-District Governor Certificates of inducted into the Lions of Michigan Hall of Fame in 2023.

In addition to her Lions service, Durflinger is the treasurer of the Hillman Chamber of Commerce and volunteers at the Brush

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The Convention was held at the Treetops Resort Day 1, Friday, April 25, was highlighted by a service project, making hygiene bags for the women's Resource Center in Gaylord.



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Day 2

11-E2 District Convention 2025

The Saturday morning started with a Cabinet District Meeting from 9:00 to 10:00 AM...



...Followed by awards given to honor District Lions for their accomplishments...















...The rest of the morning had guest speakers with topics with videos and slide shows — Environmental toxic removal, Bear Lake Camp, Childhood Cancer, and Eversight...

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...A noon lunch was provided, very good food. Past International President Ron Keller, with wife Kitty, spoke at the noon lunch, and again at the evening dinner. Dr. Gary Anderson also introduced us to the special soccer ball for the blind. Also, there was a peace poster presentation for the District poster winner, and awards given out...



...After lunch there was a slide show Memorial Service honoring each passed Lion, videos for the Lions Club International Foundation and Lions of Michigan Foundation...

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11-E2 District Convention 2025



...The election for the District Governor for the 2025-2026 was held in the afternoon. Delegates were determined by the number of Lion Club members. Vice District Governor Lion Marie Leathers was elected District Governor. There was no Vice District Governor on the list, it has yet to be filled.



... The afternoon ended with the raffle of various things donated by District clubs...



11-E2 District Convention 2025

... The final event for the Convention was the Dinner; good food, more presentations, and awards...























11-E2 District Convention 2025 Treetops Resort in Gaylord



11-E2 DISTRICT NEWS



I'm sending you instructions on how to enter your officers for the upcoming year.

- 1. Go into MyLion and click on My Club
- 2. Go to Manage Club Officers on the far right side of the screen.
- 3. Click on Create New Assignment and hit Next.
- 4. Click on Upcoming Year and then NEXT.
- 5. Click on Officer in the drop down arrow screen.
- 6. Click on Next
- 7. Click on One at a Time.
- 8. Screen will ask if you would like to create an officer address Click on NO.
- 9. It will ask to enter another officer, Click YES.

If you have any questions, feel free to email me.

Thank you,

GST Linda Gocha

Finishing Strong

Hello Presidents and GAT team:

As the year soon comes to a close, I would like to encourage the clubs to organize one final high-profile service activity in June. Park cleanups, Kidsight screenings, and food drives will put the Lions in motion and in sight.

Push your clubs to showcase their service with photos and impact stats on social media, local papers, and through community bulletins. Visibility builds curiosity -- and curiosity builds membership.

Should out your success in newsletters, Facebook groups, and emails. Make yourselves visible.

Encourage each Lion to bring one guest to a service project or meeting before June 30. People join when they feel the energy of our mission.

Service is our greatest tool for impact and growth. When communities see us serving, they want to be a part of that.

Service is magnet for membership.

We want to end strong!

Thank you,

District Governor Dennis Gocha





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



NO Passings Reported

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

New Members Reported — April, 2025 (or Earlier)

Total: 0 New Member Reported

Information From Club Activities Sent In

On the Mend Reported

We wish each of these Lions a successful and rapid recovery from their ailments! No Reports Received

Boyne Valley Lions MAY 2025

Data from May BVL meeting notes

Lions including the Mitchums, Taylors, Peter Moss, Judy Smith, and Julie Hasse cleaned up the Lions cabin at Camp Daggett last Friday (May 23), and campers were checking in on Saturday.

Lions Board Meeting Update:

- a) Donations
 - (1) Lions donated \$550 to 4th of July Fireworks
 - (2) Lions donated \$250 to the Boy Scouts annual trip to Gettysburg.(3) Lions donated \$250 to the Boyne Soccer Club who spoke to us last meeting.
- b) The board has voted to induct Joanne Costello at the next club meeting.
- c) Waiting for sales results and Lions proceeds from the Mushroom Carnival.

Cheboygan Lions

MAY 2025

Another successful year of bartending at the NRA banquet.



(L to R). Chris Bauer, Gary Ashcroft, Dick Pollex, Mark Tamlyn, Cindy Bauer, & Ron Neuman.

Cheboygan President Chris Bauer, presenting Kason Hart a \$500.00 scholarship to Alpena Community College



East Jordan Lions MAY 2025

Awards were given out at the 11-E2 convention at Treetops Resort in Gaylord. Lions Bill and Linda Chase received the International Presidential Certificate for volunteering to do the Lions Convention Raffle four years in a row.

They also helped serve the Great Lakes Power Company employees a meal during the power outage. They often volunteer for many other Lions activities. Lion Linda Gocha also received the same certificate for being Lions Secretary for 7 years, LCIF coordinator, Global Service Team coordinator, and Club Marketing coordinator. She has been a Lions member for 14 years. Congratulations to all!

East Jordan Lions cleaned, painted, repaired screens, and put down afton stone around the step of the Boys Spruce cabin at Camp Daggett.

Oscoda Lions MAY 2025

homeowner

The Oscoda Lions club ramp crew has been busy the last two Wednesdays. Tony Priebe, John Novak, and Scott Busich started the project last week and the three were joined by Chuck Andrina today to finish the project. The project consisted of two ramps 8' and 20' long as well as two platforms. The homeowner was having difficulty getting up and down the step into her home. When the ramp was finished, she tried it out with her rolling walker and was very happy with the new addition to her home!

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Both pictures: Scott Busich, John Novak, Tony Priebe,





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Oscoda Lions MAY 2025

The Oscoda Lions Club ramp crew was back at work again today helping those in need. Tony Priebe, John Novak, Scott Busich, Rick Stanley, and Chuck Andrina picked up the material at 800 and had the project completed by 130. The crew built two 4'x4' platforms and ramp sections of 22' and 8'. The ramp will help the homeowner get in and out of his home while recovering from an accident that will prohibit any weight bearing on his injured leg for twelve weeks. He hopes to be released from the hospital in the near future.

WE SERVE!



Picture: John Novak, Scott Busich, Rick Stanley Tony Priebe,



by Lion David J. Zimmer

Editor's Notes — 2025

JUNE 2025 — Smokey Skies Again

June brings the official calendar beginning of Summer on June 20. The Summer Solstice offers the longest day of daylight for the year; after the Solstice the amount of daylight begins to get shorter. The weather was cooler this May, not really cold, but a few degrees lower than average, especially the lower temperatures below temperature average.

While we marveled at the rapidity of the plants and trees bursting with flowers and green leaves in late May, we've also been visited by several days of air quality alerts as the skies are filled with smoke. The following data is from AccuWeather.com:

Massive wildfires burning out of control in western and central Canada are forcing thousands to flee as dire forecasts for the country's fire season come to fruition. The intensifying blazes are also .sending hazardous smoke toward major cities in the United States. Manitoba and Saskatchewan have declared states of emergency, and much of Canada, from the Northwest Territories and Alberta to Ontario, are at "extreme" risk of wildfires — the highest level on Environment Canada's fire risk scale.

There are just over 170 wildfires burning across Canada as of Thursday (May 29), according to the Canadian Interagency Forest Fire Center, and about half are uncontrolled. The country raised its National Preparedness Level to level 5 of 5 on Thursday, which is unusually high for this early in the fire season. Last year, Canada didn't reach that level until July 15.

Climate change is leading to an increase in wildfire risk days, as well as more frequent and larger fires that exhibit more extreme wildfire behavior.

Canada had its worst wildfire season on record in 2023, when extreme heat and drought helped propel blazes that burned more than 45 million acres. Last year's fire season was Canada's second-worst of the century. Some of those blazes also sent thick, hazardous smoke into US cities.

This year, wildfires have burned more than 1.58 million acres in Canada, about 40% above the 10-year average for this point in the year.

Nearly 90% of the acreage burned has been in Saskatchewan and Manitoba, though there are many ongoing blazes in British Columbia and Alberta as well, where some evacuations are underway. In Saskatchewan, about 250,000 acres have burned during each of the past two days. About 430,000 acres—an area twice the size of New York City—have burned in Manitoba since Sunday alone. Manitoba has already seen about four times the average acres burned for this time of year, according to the Canadian Interagency Forest Fire Center.

The smoke plume from fires in the region covered over half a million square miles on Thursday (May 29), which is double the size of Texas. Computer models show smoke from the western Canadian blazes will spread into the Upper Midwest and Great Lakes Friday and throughout the weekend, potentially affecting the cities of Green Bay, Wisconsin, Milwaukee, Chicago and Detroit.

The smoke will likely be in the lower to middle levels of the atmosphere, which could lower visibility and crater air quality in some areas.

Authorities in Minnesota issued an air quality alert for the northern half of the state, warning that fine particle levels are expected to reach "a level considered unhealthy for everyone." A similar alert is in effect in far northern Michigan and throughout Wisconsin for Friday (May 30). Minnesota's Arrowhead region had the poorest air quality in the nation on Friday morning due to the smoke.

Some of the mid-and-low-level smoke could linger through the weekend in parts of the Midwest, according to the National Weather Service, while projections show a high-level smoke plume plunging even further south across the Plains. High-level smoke – which doesn't affect air quality – has spread across the Northern Plains, shielding the sun slightly and potentially creating vibrant sunrises and sunsets.

More smoky days could be ahead for millions this summer. Canada's seasonal wildfire forecast called for well above-average blazes, and much of the western U.S., too, will have above-normal wildfire potential by July, according to National Interagency Fire Center forecasts.

Are we fated to be threatened by smokey air every Summer by wirefires from Canada and our own western states? Our environment seems to be aided by human activity as well as negative natural things that come to pass. We can't control Nature, but we can work with it, if we learn to cherish it.

PICTURES OF THE MONTH SPRING PICS 2025



Spring is the season that brings out the leaves and the flowers.

Though it has been cold this year, Nature does what needs to be done...finally.







Left: photo shows what damaged trees looked like In April at Viewland.. The other photo shows the same trees in late May. The leaves help to cover viewing the damage; out of sight but still there.





The photo due left is a picture of Michigan beauty from Viewland in late May. Summer is coming, something most people look foreword to for its warmth and beauty.

But, like everything else on this planet, Summer is good and not-sogood. High on the not-so-good list is <u>BUGS</u>. Insects can be good – bees make honey and along with butterflies help carry pollen to plants. Bugs serve as food for many birds, reptiles, and mammals. But insects can also be annoying in mass clouds, or damaging if eating our flowers and vegetables. They can be downright harmful with their biting and drawing blood, and passing deadly diseases. Be thankful we live up north where summer's not all year around!



Note: the pictured tick isn't an insect, but an arachnid, like spiders. For what it does, spreading Lyme Disease, it's just like a bug.



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

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

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

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

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

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

Don't be left out!!

