



Notable Quotes: "Everything has beauty, but not everyone sees it." - Confucius"

JULY 2025

District Governor's Message



Fellow District Lions,

I am so EXCITED about the upcoming Lion year and I hope you are too!

Answering Helen Keller's challenge to be Knights of the Blind, Vision is going to be my focus this year. Does your club do KidSight screenings at your local elementary school? If not, why not?

I would like to share a personal story that drives me to promote KidSight screenings. I moved three times between 3rd grade and 6th grade. When I went for an eye screening in 6th grade they covered my left eye and I read the bottom line on the chart and thought to myself "why am I here?" Then they covered my right eye and after squinting I said "I think the top letter is E". My right eye was 20/20 and my left eye was 20/200! I had no outward symptoms showing that I had a vision problem. I will always wonder if I missed the annual vision screenings because I had moved during the school year. And if they had caught the problem earlier maybe my left eye would not have gotten so bad. How many children miss their school screening, which is now every two years per health department guidelines, and possibly go four years or more between screenings?

What I find even more amazing is the story about the 6 month old that had a KidSight vision screening. The screening revealed an abnormality so they were given a referral to see an eye doctor. It turned out that this infant had a tumor in her eye, and because the KidSight screening caught an abnormality at such an early stage, they were not only able to save this child's vision, it probably even saved her life!

To kick off our year, our first cabinet meeting on August 23 will include a training to be a certified KidSight screener. The more Lions in our district that are certified, the more screenings we can do. We can work together with other clubs and reach out to ALL towns in our district, not only those with Lions clubs in them. The cabinet meeting, which is open to ALL Lions, will also include a special session with a motivational speaker. It will be at St Francis Episcopal Church, 6441 W M-72 in Grayling. We will start at 10:00 and will have a potluck lunch. Watch for info.

Over the years Lions have expanded into so much more than Vision. Whether your passion is one of the Lions global causes of Vision, Hunger, Pediatric Cancer, Disaster Relief, Diabetes, Environment, Humanitarian or Youth, or anything else you care about, I hope you will plan to attend this time of learning, fun and fellowship. There is no limit to what Lions can do.

WHERE THERE'S A NEED THERE'S A LION!

Yours in Lionism,
Marie Leathers
District Governor

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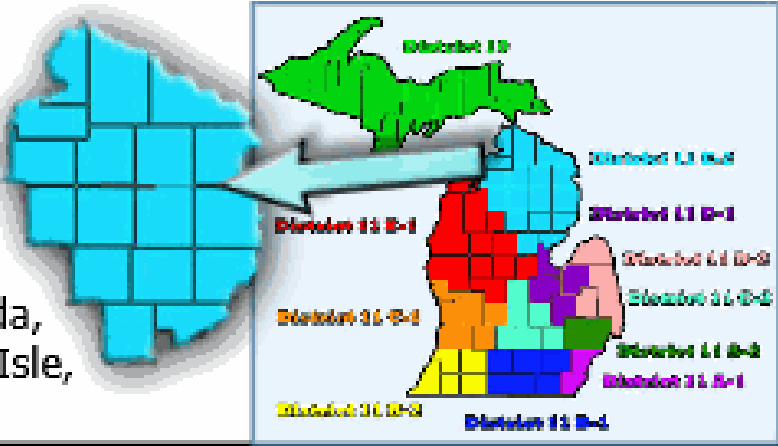
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Lions Of Michigan Multiple District 11-E2 Counties
Alcona, Alpena, Antrim, Arenac,
Charlevoix,
Cheboygan,
Crawford, Emmet,
Gladwin, Iosco,
Kalkaska,
Montmorency,
Ogemaw, Oscoda,
Otsego, Presque Isle,
Roscommon



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Letter from the President to You International President Fabrício Oliveira

Dear Lion,

As I come to the end of my presidential year, I want to thank you all for making your mark through your dedicated service. Every time you served your community and invited a new member to join our mission, you helped us continue our legacy as the world's greatest service organization.

While you celebrate your incredible accomplishments, now is also the perfect time to prepare your new officers for their roles and your clubs for the new year.

Congratulations once again on your achievements! I look forward to seeing how you continue making your mark as a Lion, every day, with every act of service.

At your service,

Fabrício Oliveira
International President





JULY 2025

LEADING THE WAY

Leader Dogs for the Blind - Lions Newsletter



Leader Dog at USA/Canada Forum

Lion BJ Blahnik, Leader Dog client, will take the stage with Leader Dog Jackson at this year's USA/Canada Forum in Atlantic City, New Jersey. **Lion BJ will share his story from a diagnosis of retinitis pigmentosa at age 10 to today with his fifth Leader Dog ("Jackson Five").** He has traveled to more than a dozen states and provinces to share the mission of Leader Dog with Lions - this is a session you won't want to miss.

Earlier in the Forum, our Lions team will facilitate a seminar on how Lions can best support those who are low vision in our communities, including acting as a human guide. **If you are going to be at USA/Canada Forum, we want to look out for you. Email us at LionsSupport@leaderdog.org.**



Lions Tour Experience in October

Each year, Leader Dog invites Lions to visit our campus for a Lions Tour Experience. **Any Lion is invited to sign up to attend the afternoon session, which includes a campus tour, client speaker, and presentation.** The next Lions Tour Experience is October 18, 2025 from 1-4pm ET. October is the perfect opportunity to visit beautiful Michigan, we hope to see you here! We are limited to 30 guests to provide the best experience, so sign up soon (QR code for more information is to the right of the page).



"Since I finished Orientation & Mobility training, I have been able to go to my favorite places without fear. I am much more confident with unfamiliar terrain, and I'm back out exploring flea markets, farmers markets, and concerts. "

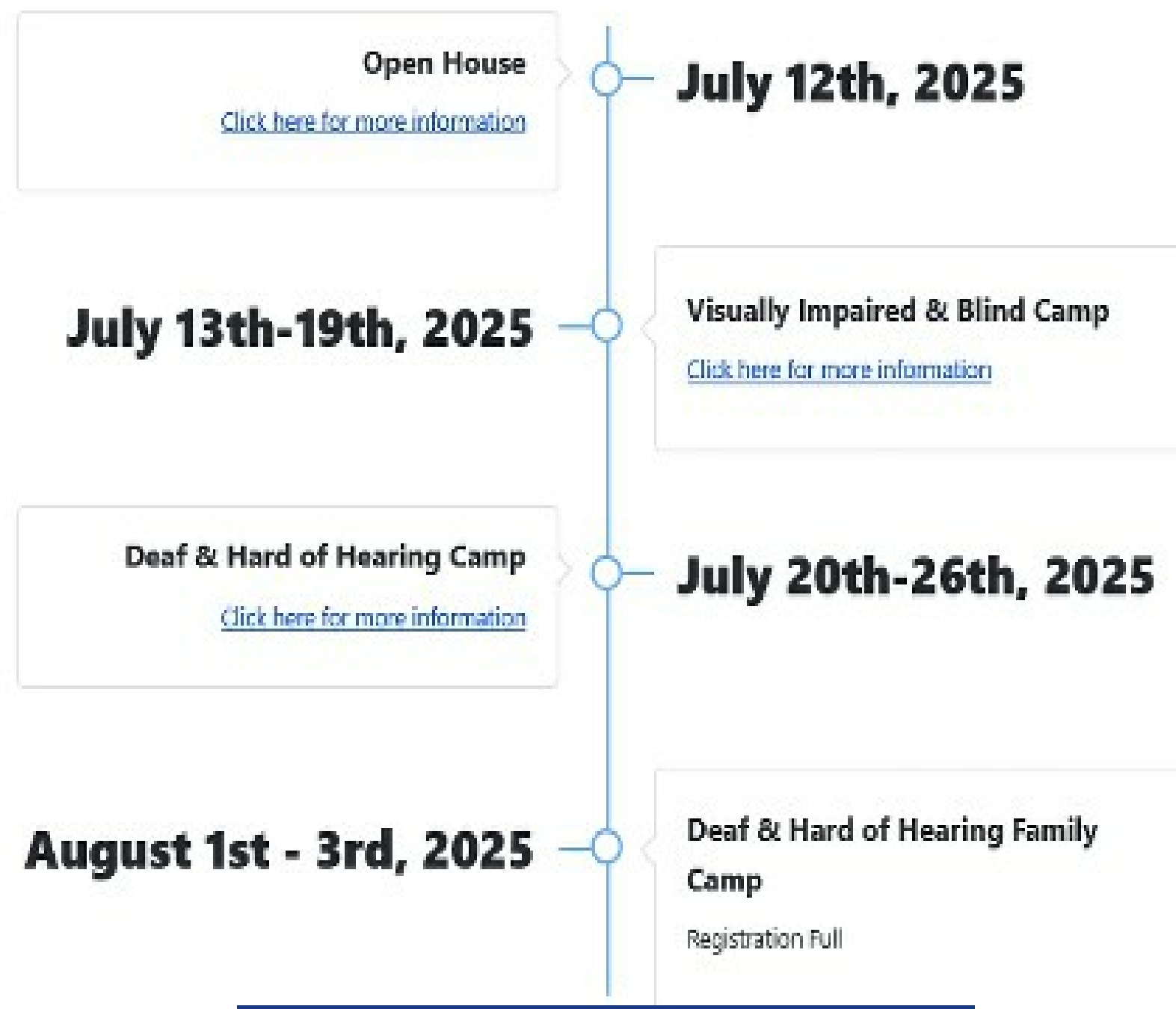
- Laura, Leader Dog Client from Mississippi





SUMMER CAMP DATES 2025

Camp is open to all ages 6 - 16 years old. activities include Trail hikes, low ropes, climbing tower and zip line, team building games, group bonding, bonfires, swimming, camp food, songs, crafts and so much more.



LIONS BEAR LAKE CAMP
3409 N. Five Lakes Road
Lapeer, Mi 48446
Phone: 810-245-0726



We Serve





From January 1 through May 31, **4,078** donors and their families selflessly gave the gift of sight. **4,669** tissues were provided for sight-restoring transplants and **1,369** tissues helped to advance vision research and support clinical education and training.



Management of limbal stem cell deficiency (LSCD) | Webinar recap

Check out the recap of our recent Eversight Academy webinar led by Sophie X. Deng, MD, PhD. Explore a comprehensive overview of LSCD, covering current diagnostic criteria, clinical staging and evolving treatment options.

[Read more](#)



Eversight Eye & Vision Research Grants

Are you working on promising eye and vision research? Could your project use seed money to get the next sight-restoring discovery off the ground? Applications for our Eye & Vision Research Grants open July 7.

[Learn more about the program](#)



Expanding our global reach

Eversight is committed to building sustainable eye banking capacity around the world—bringing the possibility of restored vision to more people in more places. Through key partnerships and initiatives, we are helping advance the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, designed to create a better and more sustainable future for all.

[Learn How](#)



11-E2 DISTRICT NEWS



CONGRATULATIONS!

WE WELCOME ALL THE DISTRICT
LEADERS AND CLUB OFFICERS
WHO HAVE VOLUNTEERED OR
WERE VOTED INTO LEADERSHIP
POSITIONS BY THEIR CLUB
MEMBERS.

WE WISH ALL LEADERS WELL FOR
THE COMING YEAR AND THE
CHALLENGES THEY MAY
ENCOUNTER.



We Serve

Calendar of Events

JULY 2025

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

AUGUST 2025

CABINET MEETING — August 23 — St Francis Episcopal Church, 6441 W M-72 in Grayling.
We will start at 10:00 a.m. and will have a potluck lunch. Will include a training to be a certified KidSight screener, and will also include a special session with a motivational speaker. Open to ALL Lions.



PASSINGS REPORTED



Deceased: East Jordan Lion Jim Shepard, one of our Charter members in 1968.

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

New Members Reported — June, 2025 (or Earlier)

NO REPORTS SUBMITTED

Total: 0 New Member Reported

Information From Club Activities Sent In

On the Mend Reported

On the mend: East Jordan Lion Mike Stark.
East Jordan Lion Brenda Chanda, recovering from knee surgery on the mend list.

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

Central Lake Lions**JUNE 2025**

The Central Lake Lions celebrated it's 75th anniversary on May 30.

THE ANTRIM Review

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**Central Lake Lions
make front page
news!**



The Central Lake Lions 75th anniversary celebration on May 30 included a bounce house, dunk tank, KidSight screening, Leader Dogs, White Cane blindfold walks, drunk simulation goggles, displays, games, live music and free food to thank the community for their support.



Central Lake Lions Club members Mike Bachmann, center left, and Dennis Richardson, center right, were recently honored for their services to the organization, with each having attained 55 years of membership in the local club that was established 75 years ago. As part of the anniversary celebration held on May 30, Past International President, Brian Sheehan, far right, from Bird Island, MN presented the Presidential Certificate of Achievement Award, the organization's fourth highest honor, to both men.

East Jordan Lions

JUNE 2025

Lions Linda and IPDG Dennis Gocha emptied trash and cans from Jordan River bins at four different sites.



East Jordan Lions presented their club awards and had the installation of officers.



Lion Terry Graham, our treasurer, was named Lion of the Year.. Terry has been a Lions member for 13 years and served as president, treasurer, and Tail Twister.



Lion Adam St. Onge received the Perfect Attendance Award for 7 years in a row.



Bill Thompson received the prestigious Presidential Certificate at our district convention. He has volunteered for many activities, even making a video of our activities.

Other notable awards were to Lion Scott Kendzierski received an Outstanding Service award.

Lions Greg McGeorge and Dan Miller received Recognition Awards.

Oscoda Lions**JUNE 2025**

At the District 11 E2 convention in April the Oscoda Lions were presented with a certificate of appreciation for providing ramps for handicapped individuals with mobility issues.

Lion President Tony Bol presented the award to Lion Tony Priebe, chairman of the Humanitarian Committee, at the club meeting on May 8th.

The Oscoda Lions Club ramp crew got an early start today (June 19) to try and build a ramp before the predicted rains moved in. Tony Priebe, John Novak, Bob Drogosch, and Chuck Andrina started about 7:15 and finished up at 10:15 as the rain was starting.

The crew had to dodge the homeowner's sprinkler system before that and covered a few sprinkler heads so they could keep working. The project included a 6'x6' platform and 14' ramp. The homeowner is ill and confined to a wheelchair and wants badly to get home for July 4th. The new ramp will make it possible to get in and out of his home with ease. The ramp crew has built over twenty ramps this club year.

WE SERVE!



Picture — Chuck Andrina, Tony Priebe, John Novak.

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Oscoda Lions**JUNE 2025**

Melvin Jones Fellowship—John Novak

Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship — Yvonne Mallak
Ken Lautzenheiser Fellowship — Yvonne Mallak

Helen Keller Fellowship — Kay Gaines



John Noel Fellowship — Chuck Andrina

Lion of the Year— Nancy Howse

Presenter PDG —
Wayne Schultz

JULY In Summer 2025 — The Holiday of Fear

This year the Summer Solstice, beginning the calendar summer on June 20, offered a normal temperature, 75 degrees. The next day, Hell visited northern Michigan. The next three days were brutally hot, in the high 80s and 90s depending on where in Northern Michigan you were. Here in the Petoskey/Harbor Springs area it hit 86, 94, and 86 degrees for the 3 days. Going outside was like opening a hot stove door and sticking your head inside. Fortunately, I had 2 air conditioners in different rooms for liveable temperatures. I could never live in southern states where Summers have frequent three-digit temperatures. Hot temps just sucks the energy right out of me.

July is the first month that is totally in the Summer season of the year. July looks to follow the rollercoaster of up and down temperatures, and having a lot of rain. July is also the month of the big holiday, the Fourth of July, also known as U.S. Independence Day. As you all know, explosions of colors and shapes fill the sky and the air throbs with booming fireworks, all to please us.

But you might not know that there are many who are not pleased by these fireworks displays. Many veterans who've been in war battles react to the light and loud explosions of fireworks. It brings back negative war memories and takes their minds back to the horrible events they witnessed.

The veterans are not the only ones disturbed by fireworks. Mammals and birds can be frightened by the sudden super noisy blasts of the rockets in the sky. That can set off their fight or flight reactions, with flight the choice as there's no way to fight a noise or light in the sky. Frightened animals may run away from the noise, crossing roads, running into a vehicle or being hit by it — dead either way.

But the worst of the fireworks frightening animals is how our own pets, cats and dogs, are scared beyond knowing. Some frightened pets are damaged for the rest of their life. Others may get over it.

Our dog, Chester, is a rescued Chesapeake Bay retriever we've had for 3 years, and we think he is 4 years old — he's acting more like an adult than a puppy now. He is very frightened by storms with lightening and thunder. Other noises scare him also, such as the bell in the clock tower on the Petoskey waterfront. When he first heard it he was scared and pulled the leash to get away from the bell. He reacted every time we walked near the waterfront, but he ultimately went from scared to annoyed to "eh". I had a car accident; a white car parked on the right side shoulder suddenly jerked ahead and turned into my Prius as I drove by, hitting exactly in the middle of the car. No one was injured, but the Prius was totaled. Chester was in the back seat, right side, where an Air Bag popped out. He was not hurt, but very scared and didn't want to get into our next car at all. We had to push and pull him into the car. A month later, he just jumped into the car, not frightened any more.

The Fireworks fright started a few days this month before July 4th. Neighbors and people further away started to use noisy fireworks all times of day and night. Some only Chester heard. He got just lost in fright again and again, worst than last year. We call it the 3 P's: Pace, Pant, and Pee. He would keep walking around, then try to get on the furniture, the couch, the bed, panting, dripping to the floor everywhere, and on a few occasions he couldn't hold his urine and peed on the floor, the couch, or in the garage. We try to hold him to comfort him, but he is just too scared. Calming pills from our vet a couple times did make him slow down, but not enough. We put him in a bathroom, the garage, his crate; he chewed or knocked over things, ripped a corner off one of his beds, all in fright.

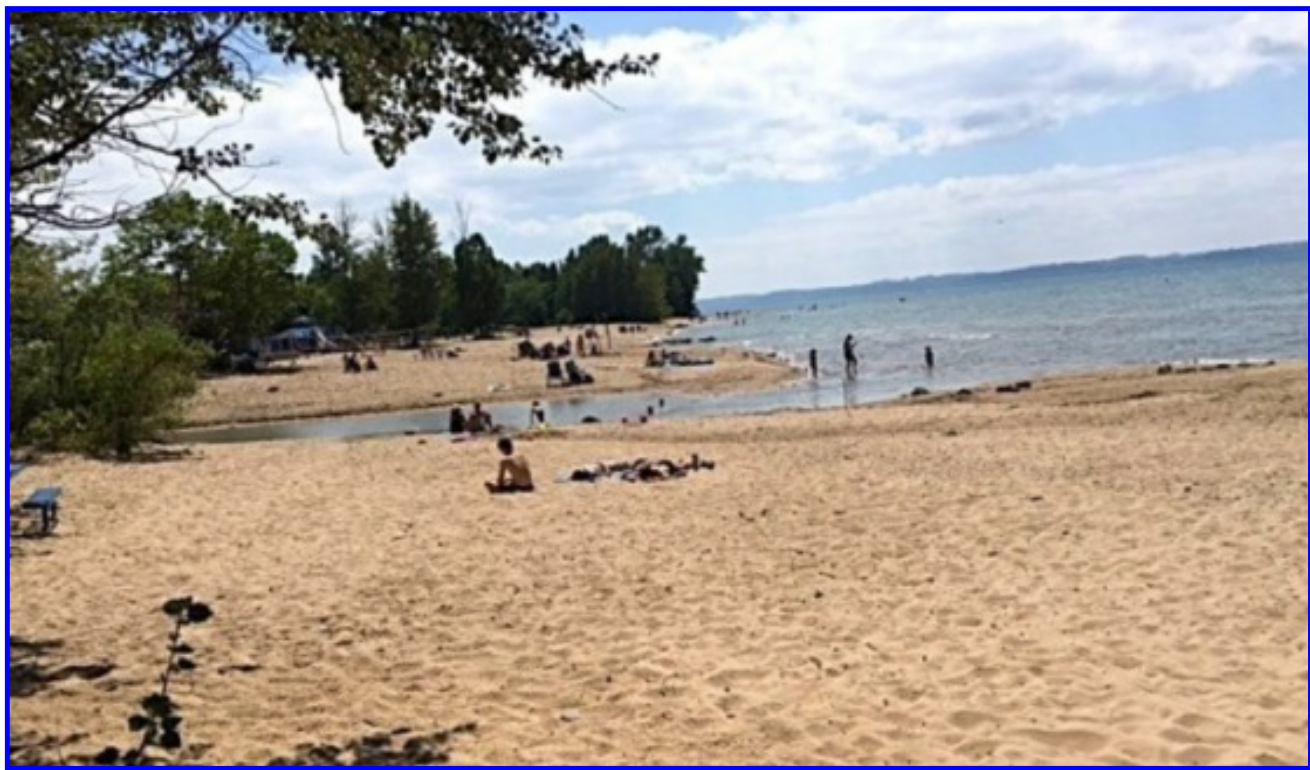
It's so heartbreaking to see this smart, loving dog suffer, his body shaking, for so many days because he has no concept of fireworks, what it is, how it works, or why people do it. We try to show him that we are not afraid, that we go about our business as usual despite the booming noises. But he can't understand, he only has awareness of crippling fright from booming noises. Some have shot off their armory in afternoons, or even in the morning. After the 4th, a neighbor set off a fairly long fireworks show after eleven p.m. When it ended, we thought it was over. Then, after 20 minutes, another neighbor on the other side of us set off another series of noisy fireworks. For us and all pet owners, reactive veterans, and people with jobs that require going to bed early, we wish they would have the courtesy to use quieter fireworks that are on the market. Instead of a holiday, July 4th is more like a military battle with injuries for some. Chester has proven he can adapt, overcoming his fright from the car accident and clock bell. Maybe he will overcome his fireworks fright in the future.

PICTURES OF THE MONTH

Summer Pictures 2025



Summer Sunset Scene



Summer Sandy Shore



Summer Safety Signs



Summer Sailing Ships



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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

