



Notable Quotes: "You may not control all the events that happen to you, but you can decide not to be reduced by them." — Maya Angelou

SEPTEMBER 2025

District Governor's Message

Dear Fellow Lions of District 11-E2,



Thank you to all the Lions and guests that attended the first cabinet meeting. We had 30 in attendance, had great guest speakers, covered district business, trained over 20 KidSight screeners, and had a great time fellowshiping with our fellow Lions throughout the district. I hope you're able to make the next cabinet meeting on Nov 22, where we will be judging the Peace Posters and also offer Guiding Lion training.

Zone Chair training is on Sept 27 in Gaylord. While this is intended for current Zone Chairs, I would like to extend an invitation to any Lions that might consider future leadership roles to attend, especially past, current and future club presidents. Please [contact me](#) so that we will have enough materials prepared. Lunch and snacks will be provided at this free event.

The October Council of Governors, which consists of all the governors throughout Michigan, will be meeting in Gaylord the first weekend of October. They have decided to do a service project where they will be collecting warm clothing and other items for the Gaylord School System. See GST BJ Sander's report in this newsletter for more information and how you can donate.

Be sure to nominate one of your club's service projects for the [Kindness Matters Service Award](#). The [nomination form](#) explains the process and requirements. Please [email me your nominations](#) by Sept 12, so the district winner can be forwarded to the next level.

Thank you to all the clubs and individuals that have donated to the [LCIF Hunger Grant](#) to purchase \$200,000 worth of equipment for the new Food Bank of Eastern Michigan (FBEM) facility coming to Gaylord. At this time we have over \$27,000 of the required \$50,000 for our portion of the matching grant. Thank you to Terry Nix from FBEM for his heartfelt presentation and detailing how this facility will directly and indirectly impact every county in our district.

Plans are underway for the District Convention, which will be April 24-26, 2026 at Treetops in Gaylord. We're planning for a fun, exciting and educational weekend you won't want to miss! This is a fun time for all Lions throughout the district to be able to meet and share ideas and just have a great time.

As I am writing this, I just received yet another scam email. The scammers are really getting good, as they are mentioning people that we know in their email and the emails are actually sounding legit. Please NEVER reply to those emails or follow their instructions. When in doubt, call a number that you know is good to verify information (not the number in the email).

Thank you for all you do!
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"Alone we can do so little, Together we can do so much" - Helen Keller

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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 International

Highlight your impactful Week of Service!

Lions and Leos are showcasing their Weeks of Service projects with a video of their service projects in action. Area leaders and constitutional area leaders will select videos to be featured in our online showcase, so show the world how we're taking on these global challenges!

We invite all clubs to participate in the first ever Weeks of Service Video Showcase. These global service weeks are an opportunity to highlight Lions' dedication to key focus areas: Mental Health and Well-Being, Hunger and the Environment.

The first Week of Service for **Mental Health and Well-Being is October 4-12, 2025**, and as a Lion leader, you have an exciting opportunity to help coordinate the Video Showcase.

Please download the Weeks of Service Video Showcase Resource below to learn more about your role, the submission and selection process, and deadlines. Top videos will be featured in the showcase event following each service week.

Thank you for your participation in this initiative. You'll be part of three impactful weeks dedicated to creating positive change and making a difference in communities around the globe — together!

[Learn more](#)

For questions regarding Weeks of Service and the Video Showcase

Contact us at serviceactivities@lionsclubs.org.

This message was sent to the following: GAT Constitutional Area Leader, GAT Area Leader, Multiple District GST Coordinator, District GST Coordinator, Club President, Club Service Chairperson



New Service Initiatives FOR 2025-2026

FROM INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT-ELECT A.P. SINGH

**MENTAL
HEALTH &
WELL-BEING**

OCTOBER 4-12, 2025



OCTOBER 4-12, 20

HUNGER



January 3-11
2026

ENVIRONMENT



APRIL 18-26, 2026



We're proud to introduce something special that's rooted in community, connection, and progress — the launch of our very first **Leader Dog Alumni Board**.

Made up of 12 remarkable graduates from our programs, the Alumni Board represents a wide range of backgrounds, life experiences, and voices from across our client community. This group was formed to strengthen relationships between alumni and the Leader Dog organization to ensure the services we offer remain inclusive, empowering and responsive to real-life needs.

These passionate volunteers are more than board members, they are advocates, mentors, and ambassadors.

We're proud to introduce the board's leadership team:

- Juanita Lillie, Chair
- Jeff Hawkins, Vice Chair
- Stuart McGregor, Secretary

The board is already working to enhance the experience of graduates and ensure their perspectives help guide what's next.

We're incredibly proud to celebrate this milestone with you and honor the graduates who are stepping up to serve. Their dedication and vision reflect the very best of Leader Dog and we couldn't be more inspired by what lies ahead.

Thank you for continuing to stand alongside us.

Warm regards,
Melissa L. Weisse
President and CEO
Leader Dogs for the Blind



Dear Barbara,

We're thrilled to announce the launch of the **Leader Dog Medallion** — a beautiful way to honor a Lion and champion the powerful mission of **Leader Dogs for the Blind**.

What It Is

For a [\\$1,000 donation](#), you can recognize a champion for vision or celebrate your own passion with a Leader Dog Medallion, a timeless piece symbolizing the enduring partnership between Leader Dogs for the Blind and Lions worldwide. The medallion can be worn or displayed, and a certificate will be included with the Leader Dog Medallion to recognize the recipient.

Why It Matters

- **Honoring Lionism:** A tangible token of appreciation for Lions who exemplify service and leadership.
- **Mission in Action:** Your gift directly supports Leader Dogs for the Blind, helping those who are blind or low vision achieve independence through our guide dog, orientation and mobility or teen summer camp programs.
- **Legacy & Impact:** A medallion is a timeless symbol of gratitude and connection between Lionism and life-changing support.

How to Order

1. Make a \$1,000 contribution through the dedicated Lions Medallion [giving page](#).
2. Fill out the donation form with your desired certificate inscription and complete the contribution.
3. You'll receive a confirmation email with a receipt.
4. We will process the request within three to five business days and ship to the address you provide.

Ready to Make an Impact?

Honor a Lion today! One who has inspired others, led with heart or made a lasting difference in your club or community. With your generosity, we continue to power Leader Dog's mission of providing life-changing programs **at no cost** to those who need them most.

Thank you for your unwavering commitment to Lionism and to enhancing independence for people who are blind or low vision.

Warmly,

Lion Claudia Gregory
Manager of Philanthropy for Lions Engagement
Leader Dogs for the Blind



**Lions of Michigan
District 11 E-2
Cabinet/Business Meeting- Minutes. August 23, 2025, Grayling**

Cabinet Members in Attendance- DG Marie Leathers, IPDG Dennis Gocha, 2VDG Kris Roberts, CST Durflinger, GMT Rod Leathers and ZC's Ron Morgan and Kay Gaines Via ZOOM- GET Murch, ZC BJ Sander

Cabinet Members Absent - None

Lions in Attendance -PDG's Dennis Richardson and Bill Gaines, Lions Shirley Hill, Elizabeth Chace, Linda Harris, Dan Miller, Leslie Drury, Julie Hasse, Chuck Brew, Ginny Brew, Jennifer Partin, Jean Manning, Burt Young, Brian Graff, Bill Chase, Linda Gocha, Tim Rubert, Mary Tessadri, and Donna Paradis
VIA ZOOM- PDG Bev Bodem, David Zimmer

Guests- Chuck Manning, Duane Durflinger, Terry Nix (FBEM) and Lenny Avery

The meeting was called to order at 10 AM by DG Leathers. The invocation was offered by Rev. Elizabeth Chace. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by 2VDG Roberts. DG Leathers installed the cabinet into their positions.

Guest speaker Lenny Avery gave an inspirational talk. Several ideas from his talk included "Do small things (n a great way." Take one step at a time- work on small achievable goals and don't give up. Perform little acts of kindness every day. Keep moving forward. And finally "When Lions Lead, it inspires others. Thanks to PDG Bev Bodem for arranging this enjoyable presentation.

FBEM presentation- Terry Nix, the Vice President of Food Sourcing at the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan gave us statistics and information about the food bank. They distributed 39.5 million# of food last year through 600 partner agencies. The district is currently working with them on an LCIF Hunger grant to build a northern hub in Gaylord. Ground breaking is scheduled to start in the fall. This facility will be run in conjunction with Feeding America West Michigan, so it will cover all counties in our district. It will allow them to get more food into **the** UP, collect more food from local businesses and farmers in the north, and will enable them to do a once weekly distribution to northern food pantries instead of every other week. The grant is for \$150,000, and requires a \$50,000 match. We have collected (or had pledged by district clubs) \$26,400 so far. DG Marie is working on raising funds from other districts, and has put a link on the district website if Lions want to make a personal contribution to this project. If your club has not yet made a contribution or pledge, please consider it. We would like to have as many clubs as possible participate, and this will benefit every district club's community directly. It was moved by ZC Morgan, supported by GMT Rod Leathers that we apply for the grant. Motion carried. It was moved by IPDG Gocha, supported by ZV Morgan that we use our accumulated LCIF community impact grant funds toward the match (this number is already included in the \$26,400 above). Motion carried. It was moved by IPDG Gocha, supported by ZC Morgan that we use district hunger funds towards the grant also as needed. (This amount is also included in the \$26,400). Motion carried.

Secretary's Report - Minutes of the 4/26/25 cabinet meeting were presented by CST Durflinger. It was moved by GMT Leathers, supported by IPDG Gocha that they be accepted as presented. Motion carried. There was no correspondence.

Treasurer's Report-The 2024-25 financial reports were presented, with a beginning balance in the admin account of \$35,621.40, income of \$19,013.59 and expenses of \$19,534.59, leaving an ending balance of \$35,100.40 as of 6/30/25. This consists of \$33,064.20 in admin and \$2,036.20 in convention funds. The projects account has a beginning balance of \$29,231.88, income of \$18,261.97 and expenses of \$18,906.20, leaving an ending balance of \$28,587.65 as of 6/30/25, It was moved by VDG Roberts, supported by GMT Leathers that the reports be accepted as presented. Motion carried. The 2025-26 YTD financial reports

were presented, with a beginning balance in the admin account of \$35,100.40, income of \$7,006.50 and expenses of \$5,654.75 leaving an ending balance of \$36,452.15 as of 8/22/25. This consists of \$34,145.45 in admin and \$2,306.70 in convention funds. The projects account has a beginning balance of \$28,587.65, income of \$2,108.15 and expenses of \$502.99, leaving and ending balance of \$30,192.81. It was moved by IPDG Gocha, supported by ZC Morgan that the report be accepted as presented. Motion carried. The 2025-26 admin budget was presented showing income of \$18,652.50 and expenses of \$20,254, leaving a deficit of \$1,601.50. It was moved by ZC Morgan, supported by ZC Gaines that the budget be accepted as presented. Motion carried. The dues collection report was presented, with 3 clubs who have not paid their dues. ZC's were asked to contact the ones in their zones to remind them dues are due. (Since the cabinet meeting one club's dues were received, and one contacted CST Barb about another copy of their invoice).

Old Business- None.

New Business-Approval of District Policy Manual-DG Marie presented the one suggested change (see the wording in her attached Constitution and By-Laws report). It was moved by IPDG Gocha, supported by GMT Leathers that the Policy Manual be adopted with that change included. Motion carried.

Marketing Grant-DG Leathers presented the information on a Multiple District marketing grant available to MD-11 of \$15,000. It requires a match of \$1500, or \$150/district. It was moved by VDG Roberts, supported by IPDG Gocha that we pay \$150 toward the required match. Motion carried.

GET Report- IPDG Murch turned in a written report. He added that for us to add clubs, we need more Guiding Lions. There will be Guiding Lion training on 11/22 following the cabinet meeting for anyone interested. More information will follow later.

GLT Report-DG Marie reported the position is currently open. IPDG Gocha volunteered. DG Marie reported there is a ZC training grant of \$500 available that she applied for. We will be holding ZC training on 9/27 in Gaylord at the VFW from 9-3 PM. Anyone who is interested in serving at the district level is invited to attend. An RSVP will be sent out soon as we need a head count. The Leadership Institute will be held at Higgins Lake the weekend of 11/7-9. Applications should be in by 10/10. Cost is \$300. The district will pay for 2 attendees, so let DG Marie know if you are interested in attending.

GMT Report- GMT Leathers reported that we have gained 11 new members this year, but dropped 10. We can apply for an LCI membership grant of \$1500, which requires a \$500 match. If the membership or extension chairs wish to hold a recruitment event the funds could be used for this. It was moved by VDG Roberts, supported by GMT Leathers that we apply for the grant if we plan an event. Motion carried.

GST Report- ZC Sanders had no report. DG Marie noted that the "Kindness Matters" service award application needs to be sent to her by 9/15. Clubs should nominate a project from last year. Let Marie know if you have any questions. She also reminded everyone that they should be reporting their service. If you are having trouble, contact her or CST Barb for assistance.

Zone Chair Reports- ZC Sander had no report. ZC Morgan noted that he is excited about KidSight, and brought 5 members from his club to the meeting for training. ZC Roberts turned in a written report and added that he is planning an advisory committee meeting for his zone next month. ZC Gaines reported that she has made no club visits yet, but will be visiting them jointly with PDG Gaines, the LCIF chair.

Committee Reports- Written Reports were provided for **All State Band-** Lion Kris Hoeksema, **Constitution and By-Laws-** DG Leathers, **District Convention-** Lion Linda Gocha, **District Editor-** Lion Dave Zimmer, **Environmental-** PDG Bodem, **LCIF-** PDG Bill Gaines, **Lions of Michigan Forum-** PDG Zeller- **Lions of Michigan Foundation-** PDG Rod Leathers, **MD-11 Convention-**DG and PDG Leathers, **Peace Poster-** Lion Jean Manning, **PR/Social Media-** Lion Jennie Partin , **Project Kidsight-** Lions Linda Harris and Nate Slezak, and **White Cane-** Lion Shirley Hill. The following supplemented the written reports- PDG Gaines noted that every club is required to have an LCIF coordinator. If you do not designate one, your immediate past

president will be selected. He also reminded us that he has a Melvin Jones Fellowship raffle board to raise funds for LCIF. The squares are \$20, with \$10 going to the purchase of the Fellowship, and \$10 as an individual contribution to the purchaser. PDG Leathers reminded everyone that the LMF cruise is coming up- a fundraiser for the LMF. If you like to cruise, this should be a good one. He will be sending out the flier. Lion Jennie Partin is updating district social media, and will be happy to help your club update their own. There are a number of clubs that have Facebook pages that haven't been updated in years. If you club has a marketing chair, she will be happy to help train and assist them. Lion Dan Miller commented that advertising for the district convention program should be solicited earlier. IPDG Gocha commented that perhaps we needed to increase the district dues for the convention account (currently \$1/member included in the semi-annual dues bills) to offset convention expenses and make it more affordable for people to attend. This would have to be approved by a vote at the elections at the convention.

Oral Reports- Convention Raffle- ZC Chase reported that tickets for last year's convention were sent to 25 clubs, but only 15 returned them. Sales totaled \$1615. He thanked the clubs that donated prizes. If you have any ideas about how to improve the raffle, please let him know. **2025-26 District Convention-** DG Leathers reported that the convention will be at Treetops again next year- 4/24-4/26. **Honorary Committee-** IPDG Gocha announced that the honorary committee (Past District Governors) is in charge of the service project at the convention. Please let him know if you have any ideas for a fun, interactive project. **Lions of Michigan Forum-VDG** Kris Roberts is collecting Christmas cards to send to Veterans. They need to be sent to him by October. Please have your members sign a card- first names only- and return them to DG Marie or VDG Kris- **Mental Health-** Lion Julie Hasse commented that it is an important topic, and she is working on education and assistance for clubs. **International Convention-** DG Marie reported the International Convention will be in Hong Kong this year. She also reported that the USA/Canada Forum will be in Atlantic City in September. The Lions of Michigan are bidding on a Forum, probably in 2027 or 2028. **Youth Exchange-** Four students came and talked to the Council of Governors meeting in early August and noted how much they are enjoying their visit to the US. If you are interested in hosting a student in the future, please contact DG Marie.

Audience Comments- The Central Lake Lions are holding a golf scramble on 9/28. The Boyne Valley Lions are working at the Labor Day weekend drag races at the airport. The Mackinaw City Lions are doing parking at the Labor Day weekend bridge walk, so look for their area if you are walking. IPDG Denny encouraged those attending the cabinet meeting to bring someone from their club. The Hillman Lions are holding a Trivia Night event on 10/18 (see attached flier) with proceeds going to the hunger grant.

VDG Comments-VDG Roberts suggested clubs consider holding a service carnival which is hosting a service event at a local facility (library, etc) and getting the whole community involved. Information can be found at the Lions of the USA website.

DG Comments- The first convention planning meeting will be held in Central Lake on 9/4. Information and a Zoom link will be sent out for those interested in helping with convention planning. Club Excellence Award applications are due on 8/31. Send applications (available on the LCI website to IPDG Gocha). DG Marie has a goal of 2 new clubs this year. She thinks at least one should be a virtual club, for example a group of Kidsight enthusiasts. They can meet virtually and conduct service projects in their area of interest. Another idea is a bowling club if you have a local bowling alley.

With no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 12:18 PM. The next meeting location will be announced soon. The meeting was followed by a potluck and KidSight training.

Respectfully submitted,
PDG Barb Durlinger, Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer

**Lions of Michigan
District II-E2 Cabinet Meeting
August 23, 2025**

Call to Order- DG Marie Leathers

Invocation- Rev. Chace

Pledge of Allegiance- 2VDG Kris Roberts

Introduction of Guests- DG Marie Leathers

Installation of Cabinet Members- DG Marie Leathers

Guest Speaker- Lenny Avery

Presentation on FBEM expansion project- Terry Nix

Secretary's Report- Minutes- CST Durflinger

Correspondence- None

Treasurer's Report- 2024-25 Financials- CST Durflinger

2025-26 YTD Financials- CST Durflinger

2025-26 Budget

Dues Status report

Old Business- NONE

New Business- Approval of District Policy Manual

GET Report- PDG Murch- WRITTEN

GLT Report-

GMT Report- PDG Rod Leathers-

GST Report- ZC BJ Sander

Zone/Region Report

Zone 1 Chair- ZC Ron Morgan

Zone 2 Chair- ZC Kris Roberts-

Zone 3 Chair- ZC BJ Sander

Zone 4 Chair- ZC Kay Gaines

Committee Reports

Announcements/Audience Comments

VDG Comments

DG Comments

Adjourn

District Committee Reports**ORAL**

PR/Social Media- Lion Jennie Partin

WRITTEN

District Convention 2024- Lion Linda Gocha

Peace Poster — Lion Jean Manning

PR/Social Media- Lion Jennie Partin

Project KidSight- Lion Nate Slezak/Lion Linda Harris

White Cane- Lion Shirley Hill

NO REPORT

Bear Lake Camp- Lion Ray Kuiper

Mental Health- Lion Julie Hasse

No Response from Chair

All State Band – Lion Kris Hoeksema

District Editor- Lion Dave Zimmer

District Melvin Jones — VDG Kris Roberts

Environmental — PDG Bev Bodem

Eversight- Lion Julia Taylor

Honorary Committee – IPDG Dennis Gocha

Hunger –Lions Brian and Elizabeth Chace

LCIF — PDG Bill Gaines

Leo Clubs- Lion Tony Smith

Lions of Michigan Forum- VDG Kris Roberts

Lions of Michigan Foundation — PDG Rod Leathers/PDG Dennis Richardson

MD-11 Convention- DG Marie and PDG Rod Leathers

Medical Assistance – PDG Bev Bodem

Pediatric Cancer- Lion Rebecca James

Website/Information Technology-DG Marie Leathers

NO CHAIRPERSON

Constitution, By-Laws & Rules-

Convention Raffle –

Credentials-

Diabetes Awareness

Elections-

International Convention-

Leader Dog

Nominations-

Strategic Planning

USA/Canada Forum-

Youth Exchange

GET Report for District Cabinet Meeting 8/24/2026

I have performed SWOT analyses (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats) for all the communities in our district that currently do not have clubs. I need to begin reaching out to these communities but will be contacting nearby clubs to see if anyone in those clubs knows people in the targeted communities. Any assistance will be appreciated.

The next thing we need is to have more Lions within the district become certified Guiding Lions. As we receive interest from potential new clubs, we will need these Guiding Lions to help lead the clubs. Guiding Lions will be assigned to no more than two clubs and will be assigned to those clubs for two years. But the more Lions we have the fewer Guiding Lions that would be needed to help usher through two clubs. Fifteen years ago, we had 38 clubs, and we currently have 25 clubs. No matter the approach, we need more Guiding Lions and hope we can get more Lions involved. To become certified, Lions would need to either go to the learning center online and then take the test, or we can look into holding a class to train - either via Zoom or in person.

Along those lines, I would like to encourage more clubs to explore the option of having a Leo Club. We currently only have one Leo Club in the district - in Beaverton - and I believe we are missing out. I can help any clubs that would like to explore this. Remember, in some instances these Leos could be the future Lions to help lead our clubs into the future.

Additionally, I have analyses for the following approaches. If anyone would like a copy without having to run their own queue, let me know and I can send them to you.

- Social media outreach for younger Lions \
- Social media outreach for older Lions
- Dual social media outreach for multi-generations
- How to recruit younger people to your Lions Club
- Organizing a membership recruitment event
- Developing a growth plan and goals for a Lions Club

Finally, we need to build a Lions recruitment team to work with GMT Rod and me. These Lions can help us pursue new clubs and assist in helping to strengthen existing clubs. Anyone and everyone who is interested should reach out to either Rod or me.

- imperative to get Guiding Lions - 11/22 after cabinet meeting

Mark your calendars for the MD-11 State Convention on May 14-16, 2026 at Shanty Creek Resort in Bellaire (231)533-3083. Room rates are \$119/\$149 (studio or parlor) Cutoff for the reduced rate is April 15, 2026

Information and online registration will be available at lionsofmi.com when it comes available.

**PDG Rod and DG Marie Leathers
MD-11 Convention Chairs**

Global Membership Team (GMT) Report 08/23/25

Hello District 11-E2 Lions. I am Past District Governor Rod and I am the GMT district chair for this Lion year.

We started this year with 631 members. So far this year since 1 July we added 11 new members but we dropped 9 putting us at a +2.

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

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

11-E2 GMT PDG Rod
Leathers

It's Poster Time! With the school year beginning, it's time to touch base with the school or youth group leader in your neighborhood to begin the Peace Poster Contest.

Remember to consult the rules regarding paper size, no words or numbers on the front, students aged 11, 12 or 13, and nothing glued or attached.

I was advised by our Governor, that we will have a Cabinet Meeting on November 22. That will be the meeting where the District Poster will be judged, so get the posters back from the school in time for your club to vote on a club winner, and then turn in your winning poster (mail in a tube, or bring it in person) to the Nov 22 Cabinet Meeting. The sticker must be attached to the back of your winning poster (the sticker is in your poster kit).

Call me if you have any questions: Jean Manning 989-808-4476

Zone 2 Chair Report to the District, August 20, 2025

District 11E2, Zone 2 has 6 clubs, Central Lake, Elk Rapids, Grayling, Lewiston, Lewiston Lioness, and Roscommon Higgins Lake. The Houghton Lake Club closed in the fall of 2024. Of the clubs in the zone, only 3 have more than 20 active members per the July 2025 Club Health Assessment. The 3 clubs below 20 active Lions range from 8 to 14 active members per the July Assessment.

I visited the Grayling Lions Club on July 17. Of the 11 active members in the LCI report, 7 were in attendance. The club is down 1 member from the October, 2024 Club Health Assessment Report.

The club is actively planning Kid Sight Screening at events and are excited to receive training. They have been unable at this time to make inroads into the local schools, but are hopeful. The club is active in community events, and are busy planning their annual fall raffle.

I was invited to speak, and presented the Recruiter's Passport as a way for the club to know themselves as Lions and help them be comfortable sharing their personal journey in Lionism to others.

I want to convene a first Advisory Committee meeting in September, possibly in Grayling or Gaylord, as the most central locations of the Zone. We had a good kickoff meeting attendance in September 2024, and am hoping for similar. I hope to facilitate some mutual assistance between clubs of Zone 2 going forward.

Respectfully submitted,
Lion Kris Roberts, Zone 2 Chair

Constitution & By-Laws

District Policy Manual Proposed Change:

Remove from 1 st Vice District Governor's Reimbursement of Expenses Section:

The District will provide up to \$500.00 toward expenses of the 1 st Vice District Governor to attend the USA-Canada Forum.

And replace with the following under Financial Policies:

The district will provide a one-time payment per person of up to \$500 toward expenses of the Governor and Vice District Governors to attend the USA-Canada Forum.

Lions Club International Ballot Items voted on at International Convention July 2025:

Item 1 - PASSED - A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE ASSOCIATION TO INCLUDE LOCAL TAXES AND FEES TO THOSE CLUBS IN WHICH SUCH FEES AND TAXES APPLY. (simple majority required to pass)

Item 2 - FAILED - A RESOLUTION TO REDISTRIBUTE THE NUMBER OF DIRECTORS (2/3 majority required to pass)

Item 3 - PASSED - A RESOLUTION THAT WILL PROHIBIT A DISTRICT GOVERNOR, FIRST VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR OR SECOND VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR FROM BEING MEMBERS OF THE SAME CLUB. (simple majority required to pass)

Barb

From: Kris Hoeksema [khoeksemamsw@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, August 20, 2025 23:12
To: Barb
Subject: Re: Reports

Barb,

I'm sorry I won't be able to attend the meeting this Saturday. I have two daughters headed to college tomorrow and Saturday. However, I do have a brief report related to the LMASB trip that occurred in July. The celebration began the evening before the trip began with a Family and Friends concert before loved ones said their goodbyes to their students.

Approximately 25 student musicians and 2 color guards were accompanied by 4 LMASB conductors and Deb Davis on their trip to Tennessee and then on to Florida for the Lions International Convention and Parade of Nations. The students had many opportunities to experience the culture of Nashville, Pigeon Forge, and Gatlinburg including the Country Music Hall of Fame, The Grand Ole Opry, and Dollywood. They had several opportunities to play for passers by while outside these famed sites before the exploring began. Then it was off to Orlando for the International Parade of Nations where they marched in the Florida heat before getting to relax by the pool. They also went to Universal Studios and their new park Epic with several more opportunities to play inside the park. Finally, they headed home on July 17. All were happily exhausted. Next year they travel to Hong Kong. Btw...this was my youngest daughter's second trip with the band and she has expressed such gratitude at the ability to travel, see different parts of the world, experience different cultures, and make lifelong friends. She is planning on helping me approach different HS bands to talk about LMASB in hopes of helping other students to learn about this wonderful opportunity.

I hope this report is helpful in explaining what the trips are like for our students.

Please let me know if any questions come up and I'll try to address them as best as I can.

Thank you,
Kris Hoeksema

Barb

From: Yahoo [wgaines1111@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, August 20, 2025 19:46
To: Barb
Subject: Re: Reports

Barb,

I've made 2 LCIF presentations since I last reported. This year's LCIF training will take place in Atlanta on September 6 & 7. I am planning to attend. I request that any club interested in having a presentation on LCIF contact me at 253 219-8590 so we can make arrangements. I have data about what donations have been made by clubs or individuals to qualify for Melvin Jones Fellowships. I can also furnish information about what Melvin Jones Fellowships have been awarded in the past to clubs that want that information.

District 11-E2 donated \$18,982 to LCIF in FY 2024-25t0 which was 93.67 % of our \$20,263 goal. That constitutes my written report. I would also like to report orally to offer club visits.

PDG Bill Gaines

*required to have an LCIF coordinator -
if you don't nominate, PD gets designated
- Melvin Jones goal - \$20⁰⁰ \$10 toward Fellowship
\$10 personal donation*

Treetops Convention Report - Pros and Cons of
Convention Linda Gocha - 2025 Convention Chair

Attendance: 71 for lunch and 55 for dinner.

PROS:

1. Lions seemed to like the central location of Treetops and they thought it was a nice resort.
2. They liked the four different speakers really well, but felt that a break was needed between speakers, so maybe next time only have 3 speakers in the morning session.
3. Lions liked the cabinet meeting being on Saturday, so they could see what its all about.
4. Lions liked the refreshments of water, coffee and lemonade available all day.
5. Great participation in the Hospitality room on Friday night with the trivia contest/prizes.
6. The rooms at the Treetops were exceptional large and nice.
7. Lions loved the Memorial Service and music with the bell ringing after each name was announced.
8. Price for the video/audio was around \$500 which was reasonable.
9. A convention registration fee of \$10 was charged and it helped offset costs by \$720.
10. We had good raffle prizes, since we requested two per club.
11. Most people liked the PID Ron Keller from Ohio.
12. Convention booklet from Allegra Printing was really nice.

CONS: Barb Durlinger and Linda Gocha were without internet 3 weeks before the convention due to the ice storm. So it made things more difficult.

1. Although it was centrally located, quite a few didn't spend the night maybe because of the cost.
2. Food was tasty, but a little cold. Plenty of it. Also it was expensive at \$30 for lunch and \$50 for dinner. Alcoholic beverages were very expensive.
3. Some Lions mentioned they'd like officer training. Although training is available in the **MYLION system**.
4. There were only 6 clubs that placed ads in the Convention booklet. So that didn't help with the costs. It was difficult getting ads from businesses.
5. Raffle ticket sales were down.
6. Problem of getting convention booklets to the registration desk on time, since coming from Alpena.
7. Since the convention was close, more Lions had lunch and left for dinner, maybe due to the expensive cost of dinner.
8. Those spending the night at Treetops were charged for a resort fee of \$21, yet the pool wasn't open nor the golfing.
9. Saturday morning continental breakfast should be announced on Friday night at Hospitality Room.
10. Legends on the Hill Restaurant at Treetops was not open for breakfast.
11. PID's wife, Kitty, decided not to speak at the luncheon after all.
12. Governor needs a list of dignitaries to announce names and what district they were from.

District 11-E2 Convention Budget- 2025- Treetops					
				Alpena 2024	Grayling 2023
	Budget	Actual	Variance	Actual	Actual
INCOME					
Dues	\$675.00	\$670.00	(\$5.00)	\$674.00	\$678.50
50/50	\$100.00	\$310.00	\$210.00	\$296.00	\$0.00
Registration Fee	\$800.00	\$720.00	(\$80.00)		
Raffle Tickets	\$2,200.00	\$1,740.00	(\$460.00)	\$1,910.00	\$2,182.82
Program Ads	\$2,000.00	\$875.00	(\$1,125.00)	\$1,332.00	\$1,791.00
Miscellaneous sales		\$203.17	\$203.17		
Meal Income (net- 80 people)	\$300.00	\$343.52	\$43.52	-\$236.49	\$388.74
TOTAL INCOME	\$6,075.00	\$4,861.69	(\$1,213.31)	\$3,975.51	\$5,041.06
EXPENSES					
Appreciation Gift	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$0.00		\$100.00
Decorations - Floral & Room	\$200.00	\$169.95	\$30.05		\$190.80
Meals - Comp	\$900.00	\$1,201.41	(\$301.41)		\$399.76
Mixer	\$200.00		\$200.00		\$194.22
Meals - Registration Incentives			\$0.00		\$66.21
Meals - VIP Dinner	\$350.00	\$283.59	\$66.41	\$260.38	\$317.76
Meals - Mid-day Coffee/Tea Break		\$225.07	(\$225.07)		\$18.61
Printing - convention program	\$1,300.00	\$797.82	\$502.18	\$928.13	\$1,228.32
Printing - banquet program	\$65.00	\$181.28	(\$116.28)		
Postage	\$50.00		\$50.00		
Rooms Meeting	\$1,150.00	\$1,350.00	(\$200.00)	\$1,465.00	\$1,275.00
Audio Visual	\$500.00	\$499.80	\$0.20		
Credit card fees	\$100.00	-\$1.20	\$101.20		\$100.09
Miscellaneous	\$100.00	\$273.89	(\$173.89)	\$59.95	\$267.44
Rooms Comp	\$1,550.00	\$1,547.80	\$2.20	\$336.92	\$1,111.80
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$6,765.00	\$6,829.41	(\$64.41)	\$3,050.38	\$5,270.01
NET INCOME/LOSS	(\$690.00)	(\$1,967.72)	(\$1,277.72)	\$925.13	(\$228.95)
Advance from district		\$1,967.72			
ending cash		\$0.00			

District 11-E2 Newsletter Editor Report: August 23, 2025 Cabinet Meeting

Lion Barb:

Clubs sharing information for May, June, July, and August Newsletter issues are shown in the table below.

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

Name	Months Participated	Name	Months Participated
◆ Alpena	1	◆ East Jordan	4
◆ Beaverton	1	◆ Hillman	1
◆ Boyne Valley	3	◆ Oscoda	4
◆ Central Lake	3	◆	
◆ Cheboygan	1	◆	

At least 31% of our District Clubs were in the Newsletter sharing their club's activities. The 69% of District clubs have either done nothing, don't know how to send in club activities, or don't want to share what activities they have accomplished. Of course most clubs don't have something to share every month, but even contributions one or two times a year is enough to confirm your club is still alive.

As I've pointed out before, Lions are all a group of clubs doing our best to Serve our communities, and a little publicity in the Newsletter is not only a sign of success, but makes members realize that they are appreciated, and that feels good. Club activities in the Newsletter are sent each month to Lansing for the Lion Pride Magazine, so information of our club activities is able to be seen by all Michigan Lions.

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

dlzim47@gmail.com

White Cane Report

Sight conservation/Grace Lange scholarship

They reviewed and finalized their procedures. They determined when to start contacting the different agencies they had identified to obtain qualified scholarship recipients. They developed a strategy to ensure we achieve all our targets. Some had prepared lists that they shared.

Recommendations were to be sent to the Council of Governors' meeting on August 1 with any changes.

I did not attend the discussion because of a prior engagement.

White Cane Chair person

Lion Shirley Hill

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE REPORT DIST. 11- E 2 FOR AUG.23. 2025

The natural environment is defined as the combination of physical components such as air, temperature, landforms, soils and bodies of water which includes living components, including plants, animals and microorganisms, existing in contrast to the built environment. AI generated definition based on: Introduction to International Disaster Management (Fourth Edition) 2020.

The natural environment is a pre-requisite for health, and thus is an overarching or fundamental contributor to living things. According to The world Health Organization, 2010, the world is rapidly urbanizing and this brings many challenges, including loss of green space and natural habitat; increased air, water, soil and noise pollution; traffic congestion; substandard housing; and high energy consumption and associated greenhouse gas emissions (Newman 2006). Reliance on fossil fuels contributes to climate change (Woodcock et al. 2007) which then increases frequency of natural disasters, extreme weather events and risk of disease (Stern, 2007). This all from Review Article "Urban livability: Emerging Lessons from Australia for exploring the potential for Indicators to measure the social determinants of health. 3.1 Natural environment.

The ability of communities to respond effectively to these challenges depends on the resilience and vulnerability of the population and setting (United Nations Population Fund, 2007).

Since this report is getting quite Heavy, I will stop here and pick up some lighter information in the next report.

Beverly Bodem, Environmental Chair
bodembd@charter.net 989-354-4656

Marketing Report August 2025

Objective - Help grow individual clubs' social media presence. This will be accomplished in two ways: by utilizing a District Facebook page and group to help promote clubs and share ideas, and by providing training and mentorship to club marketing chairs to help aid in establishing, growing, and maintaining social media club accounts.

District Social Media

Facebook Public Group: <https://www.facebook.com/gmups/115205905173714>

- Share what clubs are doing
- Advertise fundraisers
- Promote service projects
- Welcome new members
- Highlight awards
- Promote state projects
- Share useful resources to help manage and grow our clubs

New Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/LionsDistrict11E21>

- Public space to reach the general population that doesn't join groups
- Can utilize paid advertising to reach a wider audience
- Promote district events, initiatives, communications, etc.
- Help promote individual club activities
- Share updates from state projects

The attached list of links has all the club pages I could find on Facebook. If your club's page is missing, or I have the wrong page listed, please let me know. Some of the pages I found have been inactive for a long time - if your club has a page listed that you no longer have access to, please reach out. The link list also has a couple good resources your club can start using now to help with graphics to use on your social media accounts.

Social Media Training - kudos to the clubs that already have a strong social media presence! I hope all clubs will consider joining, regardless where they are in their social media journeys, so we can all help each other grow our social media influence. I will be reaching out to clubs to connect with your marketing chairs and see how I can best help your club grow their social media presence.

- Group zoom training and/or one-on-one
- Best practices to make the best of your club's social media pages
- Ideas to keep your page active
- Resources to help club marketing chairs
- Can create a private Facebook group to continue working together to keep improving our social media pages

Lion Jennie Partin
District Marketing Chair
lionjenniepartin@gmail.com
231-350-2416

Resources

Cool Lions Graphics: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1573313486148709>

Lions Club Members: Public Image, Graphics & Ideas Hub:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/505820860031646>

Clubs

Boyne Valley: <https://www.facebook.com/boynevalleylions>

Charlevoix: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/176963225813525>

Cheboygan:

East Jordan: <https://www.facebook.com/eastjordanlionsclub>

Indian River: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61557523420730>

Mackinaw City: <https://www.facebook.com/Mackinawcitylionsclub>

Petoskey:

Central Lake: <https://www.facebook.com/lionsofcentrallake>

Elk Rapids: <https://www.facebook.com/elkrapidslions>

Grayling: <https://www.facebook.com/BobGingerich544>

Houghton Lake: <https://www.facebook.com/HoughtonLakeLions>

Lewiston: <https://www.facebook.com/LionsClubOfLewistonMi>

Rocommon-Higgins Lake:

Alpena: <https://www.facebook.com/Friends.of.the.Alpena.Lions.Club>

Alpena Evening: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100084527052858>

Atlanta:

Glennie:

Hillman: <https://www.facebook.com/HillmanLionsClub>

Hubbard Lake:

Mio: <https://www.facebook.com/mio.lions.2025>

Beaverton: <https://www.facebook.com/beavertonmillions>

Hale: <https://www.facebook.com/HaleMichiganLionsClub>

Harrisville: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100067812128308>

Lincoln:

Oscoda: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100069524630584>

Prescott-Skidway:

Rose City: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064552785576>

Lions of Michigan Service Foundation report-08/23/25

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

1. What is the Lions of Michigan Service Foundation?

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

1st year trustee PDG Rod Leathers from Central Lake Lions 231-350-0567 email leathersrod@gmail.com

2nd year trustee PDG Dennis Richardson from Central Lake Lions 231-944-0587 email den7rich@gmail.com

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

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

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

2. How can the LMSF help us?

- a. Provide KidSight equipment so we can do children's eye screening in our district.
- b. Provide financial assistance for sight and hearing.
- c. Provide financial assistance for emergency disaster relief.
 - \$1000 for single family
 - \$5000 for multi families
- d. Provide financial assistance up to \$2000 for military family and veterans relief.
- e. Provide mints for the military.

3. Where does their money come from?

Money comes from fundraisers and the money clubs, individual Lions, and communities donate.

4. What are the fundraisers?

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

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

PDG Rod Leathers, Foundation Trustee

Cruise - Rod will send out flyer

11E-2 DISTRICT LIONS KidSight has completed 202 screenings.

202 SCREENED

174 PASSED

28 REFERRALS

Please contact Dr. Nate Slezak (BigNate34@gmail.com) or 989-657-1995

Linda Harris (lindish72@hotmail.com) or 989-225-1396

Sincerely,

Linda Harris

KidSight Co-Coordinator

Barb

From: nateslezak@gmail.com on behalf of Nathan Slezak [bignate34@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, August 18, 2025 13:09
To: Barb
Subject: Re: Cabinet meeting

Kidsight Report- Alpena and Hillman are off to a great start. 2024/2025 had a total of 426 screenings up from the previous year's total of 313. I will be in Graying with my equipment and a couple kids around 12:30pm Saturday.

2025/2026	Screened	Passed	Referred	Unreadable
Totals	188	162	26	0
			13.83%	

Trivia NIGHT

HILLMAN LIONS CLUB

OCTOBER 18, 2025

**PATCHWOOD PLAZA
14797 S STATE STREET, HILLMAN MI, 49746**

\$10.00 PER PERSON, LIMIT OF 8 PER TEAM

50/50 RAFFLE

DOORS OPEN AT 6:30 PM

BASKET RAFFLES

SNACKS PROVIDED / BYOB

TRIVIA STARTS AT 7 PM

PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT HUNGER GRANT

SPONSORED BY



**Alpena
Alcona
Area Credit Union**

TO RESERVE A TABLE CONTACT CARLEEN KLEIN 989-306-0164

FACEBOOK OR PRIVATE MESSAGE ME

Council of Governors Service Project Reminder

In October the Council of Governors will be meeting in Gaylord. The next service state project the governors selected was to collect clothing for the children in the Gaylord School System grades K-8. Communication between school staff led to the following list of what might be needed by the children:

Children sizes S-XL and adult size small.

- **Comfortable tops such as T-shirts.** Please be mindful of uncomfortable material and distracting graphics.
- **Durable bottoms such as leggings and joggers.** Elastic waistbands are easier for kids in varying sizes.
- **Sweaters/hoodies** - These are good for layering since classrooms can be hot or cold.
- **School spirit wear** – Kids love it!
- **Bathing suits for swimming lessons:** One piece for girls and trunks for boys (kids M-XL and adult small)
- **Closed-toe sneakers** – Best for P.E., recess, and safety.
- **Weather-appropriate extras** – Boots in winter

Please look through your closets or go to a secondhand store and find some gently used items to help clothe these children. Ask neighbors as they are going through kids school clothing and donate them to the Lions!

We will need items donated before October 1st. If you are planning to attend the Zone Chair Training on September 27th please bring your items with you. If not, and you do have items to donate please call BJ at 989-464-9885 and we will figure out how to get your items picked up. Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions!

(From DG Marie Leathers)



Kindness Matters Service Award

The "Kindness Matters Service Award" is an award based on last years' service. You still have some time to submit your project. Please try to have the application completed and to District Governor Marie Leathers by September 12th .

Information needed on the application:

- Club
- Name of Project
- Start-end date
- Has it been submitted
- Number of people served, hours, number of volunteers
- Which LCI campaign
- Paragraphs:

Describe the service project in detail

What was unique, outstanding, or innovative

Why is this service project important to your community

Which local partnerships helped make this project possible

How did this service project elevate the Lions brand

Were any resources from the LCI service resources used to plan or execute

Pictures

Below is the link to the application:

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/member-resource-center/grants-and-awards/association-awards/kindness-matters-service-award>

If you have any questions, please reach out to Lion BJ Sander at 989-464-9885.

(From DG Marie Leathers)

FW: Lions of Michigan Foundation 2026 Group Cruise

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The October 1 deadline for cabin deposits for our 2026 Group Cruise is approaching fast. We have a great selection of interior and balcony cabins still available for the Symphony of the Seas that departs Miami on March 1, 2026 . Please forward the attached flyer to your Lions contacts, friends and family members one last time. We will release cabins that have not been reserved with a \$500 deposit on October 2.

Thanks.

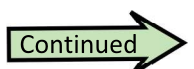
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LIONS OF MICHIGAN FOUNDATION—2026 GROUP CRUISE ROYAL CARIBBEAN - SYMPHONY OF THE SEAS MARCH 1, 2026 - 7-NIGHTS - ROUNDTrip MIAMI, FL

2 People - Price Includes \$100 Onboard Credit Per Cabin

4V - Interior Cabin: \$2,145.20
\$1,486.00 + \$400.20 Taxes/Fees + \$259.00 Gratuity - Size: 149 square feet

2S - Central Park View Interior Cabin - \$2,629.20
\$1,970.00 + \$400.20 Taxes/Fees + \$259.00 Gratuity - Size: 191 square feet

4D - Ocean View Balcony Cabin: \$3,413.20
\$2,754.00 + \$400.20 Taxes/Fees + \$259.00 Gratuity - Size: 182 square feet + balcony



☐ I would like a quote for a _____ Cabin ☐ I would like a 4V Interior Cabin

☐ I would like a 2S Interior Cabin ☐ I would like a 4D Ocean View Balcony Cabin

Cabin Deposit - \$250 Per Person: ___ Check ___ Credit/Debit Card ___ Pay Pal (info@lmsf.net)

Credit/Debit Card Number: _____

Expiration Date: _____ CVV Code: _____ Zip Code: _____

Signature: _____

Legal Name - Guest 1: _____ Birth Date: _____

Legal Name - Guest 2: _____ Birth Date: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City/State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

5730 Executive Drive - Lansing, Michigan 48911 - 517-887-6640 - 517-887-6642 (Fax) - info@lmsf.net



11-E2 DISTRICT NEWS



Link for Hunger grant fundraiser

Tue, Aug 12, 9:34 AM

Barb:

<https://www.e-district.org/sites/11e2/index.php>

Above is the link to the Hunger grant fundraiser- page down one page and click on the logo. Your club members can use this if they want to make a personal contribution. The funds go directly to the Lions of Michigan Foundation where they will be accumulated for us. Your club should send the club contributions to me to go into the district hunger fund. Let me know if you have any questions.

CST Barb Durflinger
989-742-2790
lionbarb@comdac.com
14946 Royston Road
Hillman, MI 49746

Hunger grant

Aug 27, 2025, 12:14 PM

Barb:

<https://www.e-district.org/sites/11e2/page-9.php>

We are in the process of collecting funds for the \$50,000 match for the Hunger Grant the district is applying for to provide equipment for the new Food Bank of Eastern Michigan facility being built in Gaylord. We have collected \$26,428.48 so far, which comes from 7 clubs, our district hunger fund, our accumulated Community Impact Grant funds (from LCIF) and several individual contributions.

If your club has not yet made a pledge or sent in funds please consider it ASAP. It would be nice to have at least a token payment from every club in the district since this facility will support the food pantries and food distributions in every community in our district. The link above is for individual contributions to this project. Please share it with your club members.

If you need further information on this grant, or would like someone to speak to your club about it, please let me know. Thanks for your consideration!

CST Barb Durflinger
989-742-2790
lionbarb@comdac.com

Calendar of Events

September 2025 — Autumn Equinox — Fall Begins Monday, September 22, 2025

November 2025

Cabinet Meeting — November 22, 2025 — 10:00 am — TBD — Will include judging of the Peace Poster Contest at the District Level.

February 2026

Cabinet Meeting — February 07, 2026 — 10:00 am — TBD

April 2026

District Convention — April 24-26, 2026 — Treetops Resort, Gaylord — Cabinet meeting and Friday night mixer — More info to come.



PASSINGS REPORTED



Boyne Valley Lions: *Lion Eleanor Sutliff passed away August 19, 2025. She will be missed.*

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

New Members Reported — June, 2025 (or Earlier)

Petoskey Lions: **1** new member: **Lacy Bates** (sponsor **Ted Oldham**) .

Total: 1 New Members Reported

Information From Club Activities Sent In

On the Mend Reported

On the mend:

We wish all unwell Lions a successful and rapid recovery from their ailments!

No Reports Received

Boyne Valley Lions

AUGUST 2025

From August 14 Meeting

Guest Speaker John Matthews, Boyne City Interim City Manager, with King Lion Julie Hasse.



"It's nearly Drag Races time (August 31, 2025), and the Lions trailer will again be at the BC airport serving food and drinks to attendees at the annual Drag Race. We can use your help...to volunteer. Thank you!"
— Larry Taylor.

East Jordan Lions

JULY 2025

East Jordan Lion Adam St. Onge helping to unload six much needed trailer loads of wood for campers. This is from a donor that Lion Bill Thompson helped to secure.



East Jordan Lion Jen Creamer helping to unload the wood the Lions use to sell at Tourist Park to campers.

East Jordan Lions

AUGUST 2025

East Jordan Lions had their Governor Appreciation Dinner for Dennis Gocha, the first governor from East Jordan. Members from clubs within the district attended.

His club presented him with a nice PDG pin.



Pictured are PDG Rod Leathers and his wife Governor Marie Leathers, with PDG Dennis and wife Linda.



PDG Dennis Gocha and his wife Linda.



Central Lake Secretary Ray Kuiper presented PDG Dennis Gocha with a certificate from Central Lake stating that they donated \$200 to Camp Quality in his name.

East Jordan Lions donated \$500 to Kiersten's Ride for suicide prevention.



Oscoda Lions

AUGUST 2025

Tony Priebe and Chuck Andrina from the Oscoda Lions Club ramp crew traveled to Hillman yesterday to help lead the construction of a ramp there.

A homeowner had been in poor health and had a recent amputation. He was having difficulty getting in and out of his home. Members of his church wanted to help get him a ramp for his home.



The Hillmans Lions Club heard about the need and referred the group to the Oscoda Lions Club. Tony and Chuck agreed to lead the church volunteers in the building of the ramp.

The crew built two twelve foot long sections as well as platforms of 4'x4' and 8'x8'. The volunteers learned some skills in ramp building and were pleased with the finished product.

WE SERVE!



The Oscoda Lions Club ramp crew of Tony Priebe, John Novak, Scott Busich, and Chuck Andrina got an early start this morning on this 16' ramp and 4'x8' platform. The crew started at 700 this morning to build the ramp before the forecasted rain came in. They finished the project at 1030 well ahead of the rain.

The homeowner has health issues limiting his mobility and ability to get in and out of his home. His wife expressed her appreciation for the new ramp and the extra hope and freedom it would provide them.

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Picture: Tony Priebe, John Novak, Scott Busich.

Chuck Andrina took the picture.

Petoskey Lions**AUGUST 2025**

Petoskey Lions welcomed new member Lacy Bates on Monday, August 25. It has been several years since a new member joined the Club. Guests DG Marie Leathers, who inducted Stacy into the Petoskey Club, and PDF Rob Leathers.

Picture: DG Marie Leathers, new Lions member Stacy Bates, and Sponser Lion Ted Oldham.

**Fraud Alert!****Barb:**

Sep 4, 2025, 3:03 PM (23 hours ago)

PDG Rod received the email below which is SPAM! If anyone else received it, just delete.

CST Barb

Hello Rod

Do you have time today? I need you to complete a request for me Barb Durflinger is currently unable to take care of it. Let me know what your schedule for today is. Send me an email back regarding this.

Thank you.

Marie Leathers

District Governor

Don't be Scammed! If you get something like this, check with the person by the phone number you know before doing anything requested.

September: Autumn Begins 2025 — Weather Rules

The month of September is when Summer ends, and Autumn begins. Summer by calendar June 20 to September 21 this year seemed to come and go faster, and was hotter than normal.

- June 20 to 30 saw 5 days with 80+ degrees or higher;
- July reached 13 days above 80+ degrees;
- August 12 days over 80+ degrees: 30 days for all Summer.
- Goldilock days in the 70 degrees: June 20 to September 4 were 37 days.
- Daily high temperatures below 70 degrees (60's and 50's): numbers were 12 days from June 20 to September 4.

(NOTE: These are numbers from the Petoskey/Harbor Springs area. Some other areas in Northern Michigan will have different temperatures that show higher daily numbers of degrees than found in this listing.)

Weather is one factor on this planet that cannot be ignored, nor can it be controlled. Our lives are affected every day by the weather, by rain, snow, ice, wind, or sun. Temperature determines what covers our bodies, and what we may or may not be able to do outside. Precipitation, in any form, can cause a cancellation for every outside activity, from work, sports, recreation, or to a simple picnic. The wind can be a comfortable breeze, or a damaging tornado or hurricane. Wind can lift your kite, or flatten your home. Storms, which seem to be more frequent and stronger in recent years, bring rains that can create flooding, and lightning that can strike in a forest and create wildfires that burns for weeks and destroys thousands of acres, or thousands of square miles. For a large part of summer we were breathing smoke from the lightning strike wildfires of Canada and western U.S.A., from lightening strikes, or some fires human-made. It is the winds that feed the movement of all fires and the direction of the smoke.

We all have plans in life, but we all have to change them sometimes because of some type of weather. We can't control weather, but weather can control us. It determines what we can do, what we can't do, and when we can or can't do it.

As climate change is heating the planet, and generating more energy for stronger weather, we are seeing changes in animals, plants, and humans. It is also possibly causing change in agricultural food growing across the planet. A few degrees can change the plants that give us our food. Some plants are able to adapt to warmer summers, but many have been in a moderate temperature where it grows and the extra heat is hindering or killing the plants. Another possibility is the weather changes may lead to droughts that could destroy normal food agriculture in many areas of the planet.

At this rate of change, some day Michigan may be growing bananas and coconuts.

In our area of Northern Michigan, Emmet County may triple in people during summer with snowbirds returning, and the visiting vacationers. While many come from Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois, it seems to me that a lot more license plates are from the deep south, aka "sweat birds", fleeing to get away from the three digit temperatures. I've especially seen Texas plates more than usual.

Lions who are cleaning a highway, building ramps, or whatever outside Service is being done, know the times the date had to be cancelled and changed to a drier day.

So, when you get up tomorrow and look at the sunshine, or clouds, see the trees swaying in the wind, and find the temperature is in the 50's, remember that the Weather is the source of the clothes you will choose to wear, shorts or parkas, whether you'll need an umbrella or not, and how much time you will plan to be outside. Don't fear the Weather, plan around it.

PICTURES OF THE MONTH

Pre-Autumn Pictures 2025



A growing fawn in the Bear River park, one of 2 fawns who, with their mother, are seen frequently near the river.



Fall Webworm Caterpillars nests are constructs of loose, expanding webs at the ends of branches, enclosing leaves and twigs. Nests become visible in late summer and early fall. The caterpillars feed and live within the web, which gets larger as they grow.

Picturesque late summer clouds in Northern Michigan skies.



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

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

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

Don't be left out!!

Racism has no place in our world.

Our organization depends on the incredible diversity of our members around the world because great things can only be achieved when we are united.

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