



Notable Quotes: "Grief is the price we pay
for love." - Queen Elizabeth II

OCTOBER 2022

District Governor's Message



DG Rod Leathers

Hello District Lions,

Another month has gone by and the weather is cooling down and the leaves are turning. I hope everyone had a great summer. It is a great time to get out and enjoy the fall colors and while you are out and about, talk to someone about the Lions and all the good things your clubs are doing.

The easiest way to recruit new members is by telling your stories about the service your club is doing.

Then invite them to participate in one of your projects after a little hands on helping the Lions to serve you might get a new member.

Our district membership is currently 690 members up 1 for the year. Let's all work together and build our membership back over 700. In the words of our International President Brian Sheehan "Together We Can".

Our District Convention will be held in Grayling April 21st to the 23rd. Our Friday night mixer theme is Barber Shop. If anyone knows of a Barber Shop Quartet or Sweet Adelines please let me know. Much more information will be coming soon. Make sure to save the dates.

I am looking forward to visiting all the clubs if you have anything special happening, a new member to induct, awards to present I would be honored to participate.



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

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Lions Of Michigan Multiple District 11-E2 Counties

Alcona, Alpena, Antrim, Arenac,
Charlevoix,
Cheboygan,
Crawford, Emmet,
Gladwin, Iosco,
Kalkaska,
Montmorency,
Ogemaw, Oscoda,
Otsego, Presque Isle,
Roscommon



ZONE 1	CLUBS	ZONE 3	CLUBS
ZC Dennis Gocha East Jordan Lions dennygocha@gmail.com	Boyne Valley, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, east Jordan, Indian River, Mackinaw City, Petoskey	ZC Janice Kane Alpena lions Club	Alpena, Alpena Evening, Atlanta, Glennie, Hillman, Hubbard Lake, Mio
ZONE 2	CLUBS	ZONE 4	CLUBS
ZC Marie Leathers Central Lake Lions Club marie@centrallakerealty.com	Central Lake, Elk Rapids, Grayling, Houghton Lake, Lewiston/Lewiston Lioness Lions, Roscommon- Higgins Lake	ZC VACANT	Beaverton, Hale, Harrisville, Lincoln, Oscoda, Prescott-Skidway Lake, Rose City



LCI President's Message

PROUD TO BE A LION



Hello, Lions!

I'm proud to be from Bird Island. I'm proud to be a son and a father. But I'm most proud of my role as a Lion. Here in Bird Island everyone knows us. It's a small community and our club has made our presence known in many ways, most prominently by building a large baseball stadium. But in lots of other small ways as well.

You don't have to do big things to make an impact in your community.

Lions make a difference whenever they serve their community—whether it's a food drive, participating in the peace poster contest, starting a community garden, or serving fun foods at the local fair. When it comes to

showing your pride in the community, all you really have to do is—show up!

Be there for your community in whatever way makes sense for your club and the community's needs. Wear your Lions gear while you do it. Take pictures and post them on social media. And spread the word—we're Lions, were here to help, and we are proud to serve.

Yours in service,

Brian E. Sheehan

Brian E. Sheehan

International President, Lions Clubs International



We Serve.

*A message from:***Jerome Thompson****Past International Director,
GAT Constitutional Area 1 Leader**

Lions Don't Give Up!

For more than a century, Lions Clubs across the United States and beyond have worked to make their communities better. Having met one need, Lions have looked around to find the next unmet need. One smile at a time; one random act of kindness; one pair of glasses; one ramp for a handicapped person; one ride to the doctor; or one small act of kindness has brightened the day for someone and made the world a better place. While countless hours of community service have been rendered, many unmet needs remain to be addressed. And that is the reason that we cannot give up!

How can your club, zone or district leave a legacy? A legacy is held within the minds of others. While we know what we have done, it is our responsibility to communicate clearly to those around us our many accomplishments. It's the folklore and stories that will continue to resonate throughout the community for generations to come. "You remember the time..." It's up to us, the Lions of 2022 to become the storytellers that can spin a tale of years gone by, while engaging others in the activities of today, and building a common community vision for a better tomorrow.

As a Lion, we can magnify our impact by sharing the stories of our outstanding service. As a Lion leader, I am calling on you to take a few minutes and reduce your story to writing or recording a video or audio clip. Then share it on social media; with the local television, radio and newspaper; and your club.

Your story will inspire others to:

1. Share their story;
2. Join in our service journey;
3. Renew their engagement with club activities;
4. Form clubs in underserved communities.

Together we can, together we will...



Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION

Puerto Rico is experiencing devastating floods.

LCIF grant funding will enable Lions to support hurricane victims to recover and rebuild.

[LIONSCLUBS.ORG/DONATE](https://lionsclubs.org/donate)

Hurricane Fiona caused widespread, devastating flooding and landslides in Puerto Rico, and recently hit the Dominican Republic and other island regions. Reportedly, more than 3 million residents in Puerto Rico went into a blackout on the island from the catastrophic winds and rainfall. Puerto Rico's power grid remains fragile after Hurricane Maria in September 2017 that caused the largest blackout in U.S. history, killing more than 3,000 people.

When a humanitarian crisis of this magnitude strikes, we, as Lions, are ready to help. Right beside us is Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), our global foundation. LCIF is mobilizing funds, including a US\$100,000 Major Catastrophe grant for Lions in Puerto Rico to recover and rebuild their island, as well as additional grant funding to support other areas impacted by this devastating hurricane. Your generous donation to LCIF's Disaster Relief Fund, specifically reserved for all disaster relief, helps Lions continue to serve!

Your donation can make a difference.

[HELP NOW](#)

To learn more about LCIF Disaster Relief grants, visit lionsclubs.org/disastergrants or email LCIFGlobalGrants@lionsclubs.org.



Lions Clubs International

TO: District Governor, 1st Vice District Governor, Past District Governors and Club Presidents

FROM: Steve Murch, 1st VDG/Chairperson, Melvin Jones Committee for 11-E2

DATE: September 26, 2022

RE: District Melvin Jones Fellowship Award Nominations

Of the many awards that are given in Lionism, the L.C.I.F. Melvin Jones Fellowship Award is one of the most prestigious awards to be presented to an individual.

Enclosed you will find a nomination form for the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award. The selection committee will consider only those who have contributed notably at the District level, State level and the local club level. First consideration will be given to those nominees who have not previously received a Melvin Jones Award, although recipients may be selected who have previously received the award. The deadline for all nominations to be submitted is December 31, 2022.

This District Level Award will be presented at the annual District 11-E2 Convention that is scheduled to be held April 21-23, 2023, at Ramada Inn in Grayling. The award presentations will be during the Saturday night banquet. It is imperative that you make every effort to have your nominee present at that event if that person is selected for the award.

Please return nominations to:
Steve Murch
1st Vice District Governor 11-E2
Lion of Michigan
130 Tuttle Street
Alpena, MI 49707

or email: SteveMurch49707@gmail.com in PDF format

I'd like to thank you for your time and effort in nominating a Lion who has demonstrated OUTSTANDING leadership in our District 11-E2 for a District Melvin Jones Fellowship Award.



Lions Clubs International

MELVIN JONES FELLOWSHIP NOMINATION

Melvin Jones founded Lionism in the spirit of Service to Others. Recognition of OUTSTANDING service is therefore the number one criterion for selecting a recipient for this most prestigious award that is given by the Lions Clubs International Foundation. (LCIF) Because this is an award that is to be at the District Level, the first consideration for recipients will be those who have served notably at the District and State levels, as well as at their own Club level.

With above in mind, we submit the following person_____

Name of Nominee (Print)

as a nominee for the District 11 E-2 Melvin Jones Fellowship Award. The person to contact as it pertains to this nomination is:

NAME: _____

Club: _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

A. NARRATIVE INFORMATION:

Please write a narrative section here or attach, detailing why you believe this person is a worthy nominee for the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award for District 11 E-2. Keep in mind that the selection committee will depend on what you write about your nominee in considering the nomination.



Lions Clubs International

DISTRICT 11 E-2 MELVIN JONES FELLOWSHIP AWARD NOMINEE

PERSONAL DATA SHEET

Name of Nominee: _____

Member of: _____

Years of service in Lionism: _____; Years with current club: _____

Club Offices & Years Held:

District, State Offices & Years Held:

Special Projects Involvement:

Other Community involvement

Other Information in support of Nominee

Name/Club of Nominator (Print) _____

Signature of Nominator _____

Note: Additional pages can be used if more space is needed.



Faculty Development Institute and Leadership Institute Nov. 4-6, 2022 CONFIRMED

**Subject: Faculty Development Institute and Leadership Institute Nov. 4-6, 2022
CONFIRMED**

Date: Mon, 12 Sep 2022 23:53:12 +0000

From: jennifer Ware mailto:pdg10jen@hotmail.com

Dear Council Chair Ron and esteem District Governors of the grrreat State of Michigan!!

I am excited to officially confirm that LCI has approved us to host the Faculty Development Institute, (FDI) Nov. 3-6 along with the Lions Leadership Institute to be held at the R.A.M. Center, Higgins Lake!

Registration for FDI is \$350 and includes 3 nights lodging and eight meals! Arrival will be Thursday, Nov. 3rd, dinner is available. Training starts promptly at 8am on Friday, Nov. 4th and will end Sunday, Nov. 6th 3pm.

The Lions of Michigan Leadership Institute will be November 4-6 at the R.A.M. Center, Higgins Lake. Registration is \$250 as stated at the Council of Governors meeting. This includes 2 nights of lodging and 6 meals. Registration is Friday morning starting at 10am. The Institute will wrap up on Sunday at 12pm.

Registration flyer with information and payment options is in the process of being confirmed and will be sent to this group as soon as it is available!

Please help share this information! With all of the Lions in your District!!

Thank you for all you do!

PID Jenny0

Jennifer Ware, Past International Director

LCIF Board of Trustees 2022-25

District Governor Elect Group Leader 2022-23

9249 CR 513 T Rd.

Rapid River, MI 49878

906-399-8214

Greetings, Lions!!

Attached you will find the Registration Flyer for the Institute weekend to be held in Michigan!

PLEASE NOTE - we could not fit all of the information that we wanted to share on the flyer!! Check in dates and times are different for the two institute pathways!!

1. **FDI Check is in Thursday, November 3rd, starting at 4pm**, dinner available for those as needed. More details will be sent in the letter of acceptance!
2. **Lions of Michigan Leadership Institute (RLI) check in starting 10am Friday, November 4th.**

Applicants can register on line via the link provided on the flyer or they can send a check directly to the Lions of Michigan State office. Due to constraints/deadline, NO applications will be accepted after the deadline.

As always, any questions, please ask!!!!!!

Yours in Service,

PID Jenny

Jennifer Ware, Past International Director

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**Lions of Michigan Leadership Flyers****LIONS OF MICHIGAN****2022 Lions Leadership Events****Two training opportunities, one location****LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE**

The Michigan Lions Leadership Institute is a highly regarded leadership skills development event for Lions who are emerging leaders at the club, zone, region, and district levels.

FACULTY DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE

Graduates of this program will be able to plan, develop, and present training programs. FDI is directed at people who will do training and formal presentations at the district level and beyond

EVENT INFORMATION

Dates November 3 – 6, 2022
Location R. A. MacMullan Center
104 Conservation Drive
Roscommon, MI 48653

Questions? Email Lions@lionsofmi.com
Phone (517)887-6640 ext. 10





More Information!

Lions Leadership Institute

There is a **\$250** fee. This includes registration, course materials, three nights of lodging, and eight meals.

Classes actively involve participants in the learning process and enable them to experience the concepts presented. The skills acquired can be used not only in Lions, but also at work and in everyday life.

When participants aren't in class, they make new friends, network, and exchange ideas from across the region.

Here's a sampling of classes:

Team building	Conflict resolution
Managing change	Leadership
Presentation skills	Effective listening
Action plans and goal setting	

Faculty Development Institute

There is a **\$350** fee. This includes registration, course materials, three nights of lodging, and eight meals.

Lions who desire to lead and train others at the local level will benefit from the FDI, where they will learn fundamental training delivery skills and practice facilitating in a classroom environment.

Qualifications:

- Not attended an FDI within the last five (5) years. (International or Local)
- In-depth knowledge of Lions' culture, Lions leadership experience and comfort using PowerPoint is preferred.

Here's a sampling of classes:

Visual Aids	Training environment
Training preparation	Session management
Adult learners	Delivery skills
Interactive learning	

Application form Lions Leadership Institute and Faculty Development Institute



Deadline: October 13, 2022

Send completed form and payment to:
Lions Leadership Institute
5730 Executive Drive, Lansing, MI 48911

Applicant information

First name _____
Last name _____
Address _____
City _____
State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____
E-mail _____
Club name _____
District _____ # years in Lions _____
Highest Lions office held _____

Have you previously attended a Michigan Lions Leadership Institute? yes ____ no ____

Which Institute do you plan to attend (check one)?

Leadership Institute _____
Faculty Development Institute _____

Payment Information

Pay by check, payable to Michigan Lions Leadership Institute

Enclosed is my check for \$250 for
Leadership Institute _____
Enclosed is my check for \$350 for
Faculty Development Institute _____

Pay by credit card online:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/michigan-lions-leadership-institute-tickets-354586627147?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

Signature _____

DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION IS OCTOBER 13, 2022



MD-11 Council Chair

Please share this information in your newsletters. Council Chair 2023-2024; Leadership Institute 2022

Thank you!

Lion Wendy

Wendy Burns, Executive Director
Lions Clubs of Michigan
5730 Executive Dr., Lansing, MI 48911
Direct Line 517.887.6640 ext. 11 Fax 517.887.6642
www.lionsofmi.com

2023-2024 COUNCIL CHAIR APPLICATIONS NOW ACCECPTED!

Please Note the Deadline of November 23, 2022

Attention all eligible Multiple District 11 Past District Governors and Immediate PDG's:
The search is on!

In accordance with the MD 11 Constitution and By-Laws, the Council Chairperson shall be a Past District Governor or Immediate Past District Governor. He/she shall serve a one-year term and may not serve in that capacity again.

Notice to all eligible candidates is required and published in the Lion Pride at least 40 days prior to the application deadline. To be considered for the position, please submit a cover letter, the application form included in this publication and your resume to the Lions of Michigan State Office no later than **November 23, 2022**. Late applications will not be accepted.

Interviews will be conducted by the 2022-2023 MD 11- 1st Vice District Governors on Friday afternoon, **December 2, at the Holiday Inn Downtown, Grand Rapids, MI**. Selection of the 2023-2024 Council Chair will be made at the conclusion of the interviews and introduced that evening at the Council of Governors meeting.

Thank you for taking the time to consider serving the Lions of Michigan, MD 11 in this very important capacity.



**MD 11 Council Chairperson – 2023-2024
Application Form**

Please type or print:

Last Name	First Name	Middle Initial
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Spouse's Name (if applicable)

Address	City and State	Zip/Postal Code
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Residence Phone (Include Area Code)	Business Phone (Include Area Code)
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Fax (Include Area Code)	Cell Phone (Include Area Code)
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E-Mail Address

Your Lions Club	District #	Year Served as a DG
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Include on separate letter-head the following:

Offices held at the club level:

Offices held at the zone, region, and district level (including committee assignments):

Offices held at the multiple district level (including committee assignments):

Special awards, honors, and recognitions you have received:

Skills or talents you bring to the position:

Mail to: Lions of Michigan
Attn: Wendy Burns, Executive Director
5730 Executive Dr.
Lansing, Michigan 48911



District News

District 11-E2 Qualifies For LCIF Community Impact Grant

comdac@comdac.com

Our district has qualified for an LCIF Community Impact Grant. We have funds available of up to \$3,726 for a special project in one community in the district. You can learn more about the grant at www.lionsclubs.org/DCG. Your club can submit a project to me (the district LCIF coordinator) by 2/15/23. The prospective projects will be reviewed at the 3/11/23 cabinet meeting, and one will be selected to be forwarded to LCIF. Let me know if you have any questions.

PDG Barb Durflinger
District 11-E2 LCIF Coordinator
989-742-2790
lionbarb@comdac.com

Peace Poster Update

We have seven clubs within our District that are participating in the Peace Poster Contest of 2022-2023: Central Lake, Elk Rapids, East Jordan, Alpena, Hillman, Boyne and Oscoda. The theme is, "Lead With Compassion".

The participating clubs will need to choose the winning poster from their club, attach the completed "Winner Sticker" to the back (the sticker is in the Poster Packet), and then submit the winning poster to me (Jean Manning) by the end of October OR take the winning poster to the District Cabinet Meeting in November.

If the participating club is not attending the November District Cabinet meeting, then contact me (Jean) about receiving your club entry. I am willing to drive half-way to obtain the poster, or it may be mailed to me within a mailing tube (22661 W. County Rd 459, Hillman 49746).

From: Jean Manning - aka Jean Hill

District Melvin Jones Award

Hello club presidents and secretaries of MD 11E-2,

It's time again to send in nominations for the District Melvin Jones Award. This award goes to those Lions in MD 11E-2 who have served the district exceptionally well. Take a look at your club members and if you have one who you believe is a worthy recipient, send in a nomination.

You will have three attachments in this email, the nominating letter with information, and two pages to use as part of your nomination; you may add additional information if space warrants it. These nominations are due to me by Dec. 31, 2022. You can either snail mail or email them to me; information is in the nomination letter.

As a side note, there are some clubs where only the president or secretary had email information posted at the LCI site. Can all the clubs please make sure to have as much complete information as possible.

Thanks for all you do for your community,

Steve Murch
1st Vice District Governor
MD 11 E-2



Hillman Lions Club

Presents:

Trivia Night Fundraiser

The Hillman Area Lions Club is having a Trivia Night Fundraiser on Saturday, 10/15/22. Doors will open at 6:00 pm and Trivia will begin at 7:00. We want to challenge the other Lions' Clubs in the District to try and beat us at trivia! Please join us for a fun evening. There will be 50/50 raffles and basket raffles. Also, a prize for first place team and a prize for the winning Lions team.

Refreshments will be served...bring your own beverages. Cost is \$10.00 per person. Teams can be up to 8 players. Invite your friends and family.

The event will take place at:

Patchwood Plaza

14797 State Street South

Hillman, MI 49746

Questions?

Contact Jan Pankner 989 798 1328



Calendar of Events

OCTOBER 2022



- October 31, 2022

NOVEMBER 2022

Cabinet Meeting — November 19, 2022 — Location: Indian River Lions Clubhouse, 4439 M-68, Indian River, MI 49749 — Cabinet Meeting and District Peace Poster Contest Judging. All Lions present will have a vote for the District peace poster contest winner.



PASSINGS REPORTED



NONE REPORTED

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

New Members Reported — September 2022

Lewiston Lioness Lions: **JENNIFER MIKOLOWSKI** — Joined: 09/07/2022 — Sponsor: NANCY WHITE

Charlevoix Lions: **ROBERT HEATH** — Joined: 09/19/2022 — Sponsor: KIM KOLB

ERIN Q O'DONNELL — 09/19/2022 — Sponsor: KIM KOLB

DANIEL W ULRICH — 09/19/2022 — Sponsor: BILL TRUBILOWICZ

Glennie Lions: **TIMOTHY GATES** — 09/06/2022 — Sponsor: N/A

IRA SWINNEY — 09/06/2022 — Sponsor: N/A

On the Mend Reported

Boyne Valley Lions: King Lion Lisa Luebke has tested positive for covid. Her temperature went up to 102.2 with body aches, headache, chills, cough, dizzy, and congestion. (September 18)

Oscoda Lions: Lion Tom Flora is recovering from heart surgery. — Lion Newana Visser has had toe surgery and is doing well. — Ed Heinrich, Lion Connie's husband, has had spine surgery and is dealing with an infection.



Boyne Valley Lions

SEPTEMBER 2022

Boyne Valley Lions had a survey to determine if members wanted to have meetings every Wednesday or twice a month. With 14 votes in, 64% of the respondents want to keep the current club meeting schedule of twice per month, so the BV Lions will continue to meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month.

Boyne Valley Lions Club's contributed \$1,000.00 on August 24, 2022, to the Charlevoix County Community Foundation – for the Boyne Valley Lions Clive & Ruby Vollick Scholarship Fund.

Central Lake Lions

SEPTEMBER 2022

New member Dan Krommendyke (left) inducted by DG Rod Leathers (center), with sponsor Steve Sherman (right).



Part of the highway clean up crew are newest club member Dan Krommendyke with one of our long timers Mike Bachmann, a member since 1970.

President Brian Graff and Past President Marie Leathers join committee chair Desiree Herrst presenting \$1,000 check to Jean McDonough of Camp Quality, with DG Rod Leathers. Desiree chaired a can drive to raise money for childhood cancer programs.





Lewiston Lioness Lions SEPTEMBER 2022

Vice President Diane Bissonette (l) installed Jennifer Mikolowski (c) into the Lewiston Lioness Lions Club on September 7, 2022. Nancy White (r) is Jennifer's sponsor.



Oscoda Lioness Lions SEPTEMBER 2022



Oscoda Lions just held our 21st Annual art and craft show

Lions Denise Mochty, Sue Bovan. Pat Novak



(Below) Lion Yvonne Mallak presents a check to Jessica Guoan for the Iosco Animal Shelter



On behalf of the Oscoda Lions Club, we would like to extend our deepest appreciation to the community, the 93 vendors who were at the show this year and everyone who made our 21st annual Fall Festival Arts and Crafts show another huge success. An event such of this allows us to be able to raise funds so that we can continue to do the great things to help those in need in our community. For example, the event today allowed us to raise enough funds to make a donation of over \$940 to the Iosco Animal Shelter. In addition, they were able to receive several donations from individuals who attended the show as well as make a couple of animal adoptions. We continue to Serve and do great things in this community. Thank you for supporting us! — Lion Yvonne Mallak.



CORONAVIRUS UPDATES - October 01, 2022

This is a snapshot of the World, Nation, and State of Michigan statistics on **September 27 – October 1, 2022**. Numbers may differ by the time you read this as the COVID-19 and **Variants** continue to infect more or less.

(Info from N.Y. Times, WHO, CDC & michigan.gov. & other health websites)

World Statistics Cases: 614,385,693 ❖ Deaths: 6,522,600

U. S. Statistics Cases: 94,965,623 ❖ Deaths: 1,047,392

Michigan Statistics Cases: 284,359 ❖ Deaths: 38,624

Vaccinations (1 or more doses) Summary:

World: 6.0% — United States: 68.5% — Michigan: 68.3%

(Statistics may vary monthly as new information and corrections are applied)

11-E2 Counties	Cases Reported	Deaths	% Vaccinated
Alcona:	1,840	74	62.11%
Alpena:	6,138	150	59.21%
Antrim:	4,980	72	64.17%
Arenac:	3,648	80	56.15%
Charlevoix:	5,590	64	68.63%
Cheboygan:	5,391	121	60.36%
Crawford:	3,019	36	56.87%
Emmet:	7,224	97	72.40%
Gladwin:	6,305	125	52.97%
Iosco:	5,344	157	61.89%
Kalkaska:	4,203	65	52.11%
Montmorency:	1,878	49	59.98%
Ogemaw:	4,772	110	50.15%
Oscoda:	1,607	59	47.38%
Otsego:	6,401	113	59.11%
Presque Isle:	2,253	62	65.77%
Roscommon:	5,272	122	61.00%
Totals	75,865	1,556	59.43%

Vaccination % = number of county residents vaccinated (1 or 2 doses) divided by the total county resident population 5+

COVID Update: COVID “Almost Over”?

While COVID-19 cases are dropping in most places, it is still a threat to those with compromised immune systems and the non-vaccinated. In our own District there have been 715 new cases and 30 deaths in the last month. COVID has taken the lives of over 6.5 million people world wide, with over 1 million of those victims in the U.S.A. – and these statistics are most probably much less than the actual numbers.

A few other takes on the COVID status:

- More than 90 million cases have been confirmed in the U.S., according to NBC News count. New cases are rising, and the country has averaged between 100,000 and 130,000 new cases per day since August 1. -- (Sep 23, 2022)
- The COVID-19 pandemic has effected the life expectancy for the U.S. population. In 2020 life expectancy was 77.0 years, a decrease of 1.8 years from 2019. The age-adjusted death rate increased by 16.8% from 715.2 deaths per 100,000 standard population in 2019 to 835.4 in 2020. Age-specific death rates increased from 2019 to 2020 for each age group 15 years and over.
- Despite many people trying to ignore COVID and get back to “normalcy”, some adamantly disagree that the pandemic is over, pointing out that COVID-19 remains a public health emergency in the United States, the World Health Organization still considers it a global pandemic, and most significantly, the virus is still killing over 400 people a day in the U.S

As if COVID wasn't enough of a health threat that will continue at some level for the foreseeable future, the CDC issued this Monkeypox Update: As of Sept 27th, 66,551 confirmed or probable monkeypox cases have been identified in over 106 countries around the world, including 25,341 in the US.

Lets hope this isn't yet another Virus of the Year to contend with...

The Trouble With Duality

Definition: Duality — the state or quality of being two or in two parts; dichotomy; duality refers to having two parts, often with opposite meanings. Duality infers that every aspect of life is created from a balanced interaction of opposite and competing powers.

Our world is often seen in terms of duality: day or night; fight or flight; high or low; hot or cold; up or down; hard or soft; black or white; truth or lies; fast or slow; right or left (or wrong); good or evil; and so on. All these and more dualities exist, and many of these things we encounter every day in some fashion.

The problem is that too many people take the extreme position side of one duality part and ignore or rail against the opposite part and those who respond to that opposite part. Humans tend to embrace one idea of a duality choice and close their minds to anything else to maintain their comfort zone.

Racism is one example of some people stuck in a “black or white” mind trap, unable to conceive that we're all human beings regardless of skin color. Some people want to believe con men are telling the truth, not lying. Others refuse to believe those telling the truth, believing they're lying. We believe what we want to believe because of what we've been taught or experienced, and close our minds to anything else. An open mind is curious, ready to investigate what is not known, and able to change thoughts and beliefs if new data is found.

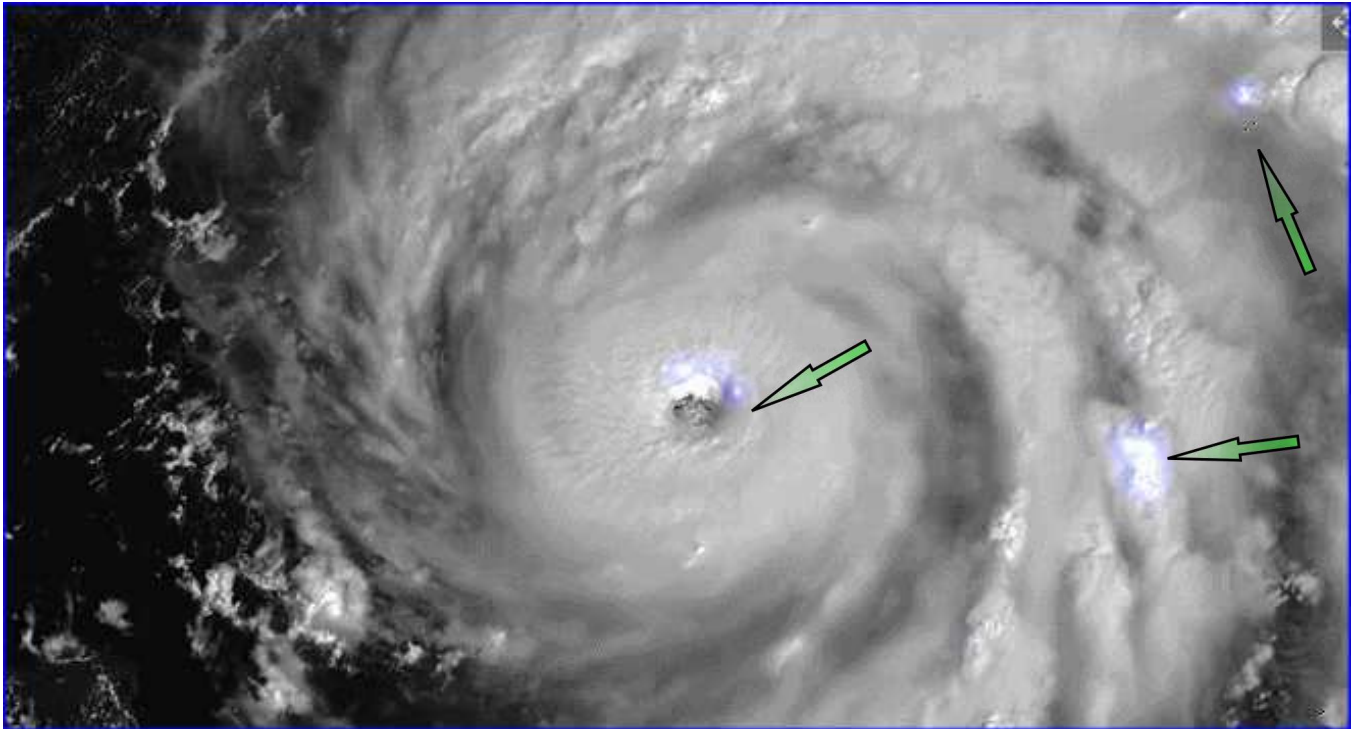
The reality of duality is that it deals with opposite extremes, while ignoring all that exists between the extreme opposites. In nature, the duality process of day turning to night doesn't occur like flipping a light switch on or off. Between day and night is the twilight time in the middle. The natural colors of black and white are opposites separated by thousands of shades of gray. Medium temperatures fill the space between to cold and too hot. The common belief is that a prey animal encountering a predator has the duality choice of fight or flight to survive. But there is another way many animals may avoid the predator without struggle or running away – they freeze. Animals, like deer, freeze in their tracks so the predator may not see it if it doesn't move; predators are looking for any movement that might be prey. There is a middle ground between truth and lying where we engage in both. No human has lived without at least telling a little white lie, maybe to not upset an other person. And even the greatest liars have told a truth now and then.

Duality is part of life. Keep an open mind, and realize we control our thoughts about dualities — duality does not control us. Balance is the middle path.

BE KIND. MASK UP + SOCIAL DISTANCE + WASH HANDS + VACCINATION = STAY SAFE!



Pictures of the Month



Hurricane Ian was one of the largest powerful storms to hit our country in history. It hit Florida as a Category 4 hurricane with winds of 155 mph. You've no doubt seen the devastating destruction on the TV news — the buildings blown to rubble, some just gone, cars, boats, and airplanes smashed to pieces, trees and wires down, flooding and damage from ocean surges and huge amounts of rain. There will be much to do to recover from the disaster.

The picture above shows a satellite view of the storm just before hitting the coast of Florida. The arrows point out some purple flashes of lightning in the eye and the outer parts of the storm.

The photo to the right shows the storm with added mapping to show the hurricane eye just about to hit land at the area of Fort Meyers.

As it moved slowly over the land, the storm weakened. It left Florida as a former hurricane, with over 30 deaths, millions of dollars in damage, and hundreds of thousands affected by the hurricane's fury.



(Photos from NASA website)



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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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