



Notable Quote: The truth is incontrovertible. Panic may resent it; ignorance may deride it; malice may distort it, but there it is. - Winston Churchill

NOVEMBER 2022

District Governor's Message



DG Rod Leathers

Hello fellow District Lions,
Wow, it is already November. Halloween is over and Thanksgiving is almost here. Before we get all wrapped up into the holidays let's take the time to remember our veterans. November 11th is set aside for all to remember the sacrifices our men and women of our military have made so the rest of us can enjoy our freedoms. Also let's not forget our military spouses. They are the ones that have to maintain a normal household while their military member is off performing their duties, not always knowing where they are or even if they will be coming home. Remember to take the time to thank the veterans and their spouses for their service for us. While you are

thanking them, talk to them about Lions. Remember veterans love to serve.

Do you have a veteran in need in your community? Did you know the Lions of Michigan Foundation (LMF) will give up to \$1500 to help a veteran or their family in need? If you need more information contact Barb Durflinger 989-742-2790 or email: comdac@comdac.com or Diane Skop 989-302-0122 email: skopd@iserv.net. The Foundation also has a Mints for Military program (see flyer included in this newsletter). They will send a Lion Mints Care Package to men and women serving our country throughout the world. For more information you can visit www.lmsf.net and look under the Programs menu.

The district convention will be April 21st-23rd. Our theme for the Friday Mixer is a Barbershop theme. Who knows where that will end up, but guaranteed to be fun. So everyone mark your calendars for Operation Grayling for our district convention. The district convention is an opportunity to meet other lions from our district and learn how other clubs are doing things and share the things your club is doing. There will be people representing our state projects where you will be able to learn more about them and ways you can use them to better your communities. There will be more information coming out soon on registration and the agenda of what will be there. Whether you're a new Lion or have been a Lion for longer than you can remember I hope to see all of you there.

As Always "Together We Can"

DG Rod





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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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We Serve

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



Vice District Governor's Message



VDG Steven Murch

Greetings fellow Lions. I hope you are all enjoying your time as a Lion, helping your community.

It's hard to imagine, but we are already one-third of the way through our Lions year. On top of that the holiday seasons are just around the corner – and as they usually go flying with all of the activities surrounding them, before you know it the year will be half over.

How's your club doing? Are you serving your community? After all, that is what we as Lions do best – serve our community. With the holidays approaching, and many clubs losing members for the winter months due to them heading south, do you have plans in place to continue serving without the other members around?

It's easy to serve when your club is at full strength, and a bit more challenging when the numbers are lower than normal. However, every club has been doing that to some degree because no club has 100 percent participation in all of its endeavors.

We've all found ways to serve our communities without full club participation, even though we'd love to have full participation from our members. Now, is the perfect time to formulate a plan to get new members and start the second of half of the Lions year – and the first months of the new calendar year – with growth. Imagine the service we could do if all of our clubs were larger.

As a district, we have 27 clubs with 701 members as of November 2. It's up 12 members from the beginning of the Lions year. However, that is down significant from pre-Covid years. The district is down more than 40 members and has lost three clubs since the pandemic.

It's a trend we would love to reverse, but it truly has to be done at the club level. The district can, and is trying to, add clubs in communities where we have lost clubs in the last 15 years when we had over 40 clubs in the district. But at the club level we need to grow too.

A club that remains stagnant and doesn't add new members will eventually run into problems. Even if your numbers remain unchanged over a five year period, it means you likely brought in new members due to people leaving the club during that time.

Challenge yourselves and aim to add even one or two more members by the end of the Lions year on June 30, 2023. If every club added one member that would be 27 new Lions, and if every club added two members it's 54 new Lions.

The district can help, but it is up to the individual clubs to ask the district. Immediate Past District Governor Bill Gaines is the district's Global Membership Team representative and he will help you as will any member of the district cabinet who will gladly help – but you have to ask.

Let's set a district goal of surpassing 740 members by the end of June. But aim higher and see what we can do.

Thanks for all you do.



LCI President's Message

WE ARE TEAM LIONS



Hello, Lions!

There's one thing better than watching a great team in action—being *on* the team! There are few things I love more than pulling on a jersey, grabbing a glove, and taking my place on the field. It's hard work, it requires dedication, but it's also just so much fun.

Of course, I'm talking about Team Lions. When my club goes out to serve, we do it as a unit. We wear our club shirts, we take our positions, and we use our individual strengths to help our team be successful.

We aren't just a club. We're a group of caring people who are dedicated to the same mission. We all work hard and use our talents in different ways to achieve a common goal.

And when we want to have a bigger impact, we grow our team. We do this by recruiting more members, and also, importantly, by partnering with other clubs and organizations.

There is no real way to have the impact we want to have if we go it alone. Don't be afraid to reach out to others and encourage them to join us. We accomplish big things by working together. Through hard work, dedication, and teamwork. Oh, and didn't I mention...fun!

Go team, Lions.

Make a great day,

Brian E. Sheehan

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International President. Lions Clubs International



A message from:

Jerome Thompson

**Past International Director,
GAT Constitutional Area 1 Leader**



Can you believe that we have completed the first quarter of the fiscal year. The Lions of Constitutional Area 1 (USA and Affiliated Countries) have gotten off to a slower than usual start. However, as a Club Leader, I am confident that you will help us reach greater success.

Membership in the first 3 months was down 59 members. However, as of October 9th, year-to-date, we have recorded membership growth of 161. However, dropped members are showing that we have lost 5% less than this time last year. There is hope for a better tomorrow. Service reporting has been submitted by 38% of our clubs. Will you please report just one service activity that has been completed since July 1, 2022? Can we double that number in the next 20 days?

It is time to review your club goals. If your club has not set goals, you can find great resources on the Lionsclubs.org website. [Here is the link.](#)

You may find the following information useful as you talk to the Lions in your club, or need a meeting program:

1. [Link to Lions Quest](#) – Serving At-Risk youth, while building clubs.
2. For more than a century we have served our communities like no other civic organization. The link to a recent seminar highlighting how to use the Global Membership Approach for Clubs to build an annual service calendar can be found at [this link](#).

IT'S ALL ABOUT THE SERVICE WE PROVIDE

We have 80 more days in the first half of this fiscal year. Will you take the time to encourage your club members to add just one member per club? **8,000 new Lions in 80 days** will provide a firm foundation for expanding our service impact by at least 800,000 lives. Additionally, our future leaders may very well be in the group of new Lions. Need ideas? Reach out to your District or Multiple District Global Membership Team Leader.

And finally, some of you may be wondering, "Who is my Global Action Team Area Leader?". [Here is the link](#) to find out.

Until next month, let's be the biggest cheerleaders to encourage our club members to accomplish more than ever imaginable.

Sincerely,

**Jerome Thompson, Past International Director
CA 1 GAT Leader**



Lions Clubs International

Dear Lion,

Please remember that all Lions clubs, districts and multiple districts with annual gross receipts less than US\$50,000 that are not required to file Forms 990 or 990-EZ must file the e-Postcard (also known as the 990-N). If your Lions club, district or multiple district has a foundation, which is a separate legal entity, the appropriate form will need to be filed as well.

Please review the Annual Tax Filing information below. Thank you!

ANNUAL TAX FILING INFORMATION

Kindest regards,

Legal Division

Lions Clubs International

This email was sent to Lions in the United States of America with the following titles: International Director, 2nd year, International Director, 1st year, Council Chairperson, Council Secretary, Council Treasurer, District Governor, Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer, Cabinet Secretary, Cabinet Treasurer, Club President, Club Secretary, Club Treasurer



LCIF.ORG



From LCIF Chairperson Douglas X. Alexander

Greetings Lions and Leos!

The last several weeks, I have had the opportunity to visit with many of you around the world, and enjoy hearing your stories of service made possible by LCIF grants. Our foundation truly empowers us to make a difference in the world, thanks to the continued support of Lions and Leos – like YOU – and many others who generously give to LCIF. In this month's newsletter, we reflect on the successes of Campaign 100 through a special video message, share a story of LCIF's impact, and offer resources for you to explore the grants LCIF offers. I also hope you will learn more about ways to support LCIF and opportunities to share what it means to you to be a Lion or a Leo. Thank you for continuing to be an ambassador for our global foundation.

Thank You Donors!

Your continued support of LCIF inspires others to give and enables our global foundation to award life- changing grants. With 100% of donations benefiting grants and programs, every donation to LCIF brings hope to a world in need.

[LEARN MORE](#)



Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION

Hurricane Ian devastated entire communities.

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

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

Hurricane Ian was a Category 4 Atlantic hurricane that caused widespread damage across the southeast United States and surrounding areas. The destructive storm system left at least 106 people dead, more than 40,000 people displaced, and many homes and businesses destroyed.

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 Florida and other Emergency grants to empower Lions in impacted areas to help their communities recover.

Your donation can make a difference.

[HELP NOW](#)

Your generous donation to LCIF's Disaster Relief Fund, specifically reserved for all disaster relief, helps Lions continue to serve!

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

**100% of donations benefit grants and programs and qualify for Melvin Jones Fellowship (MJF) or Progressive MJF.*



An Update on Lion Mint Inventories

There are finally fizzy fruit in, but wintergreen is almost out, and there will probably not be a shipment until February, so if you want those, you might want to order soon. There is plenty of peppermint.

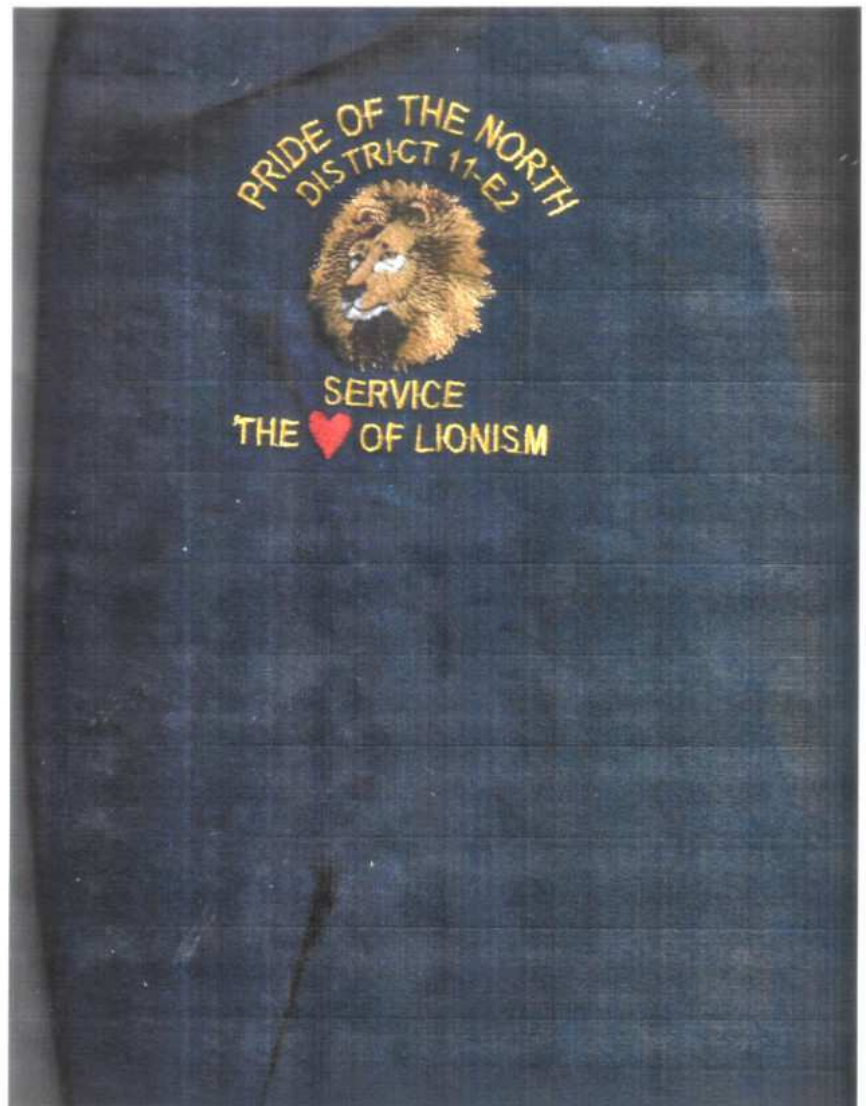
I will be going down to Lansing the first weekend in November, so if anyone needs them, I can bring them back, and we can figure out how to get them to you after that if you want to save on shipping.

Barb Durflinger
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District Polo Shirt

DG Rod has made arrangements for 11-E2 Lions to order a district polo shirt. The price of the shirts is \$30, which includes embroidery of the logo (picture attached), and embroidery of your name. Orders for the shirts should be sent to me- see address below. If each club secretary could gather their club's orders and forward them to me with one check for all orders from your club, I would appreciate it! I will need a list of sizes and names. There is no deadline for this, so orders can be placed any time. Let me know if you have any questions.

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Mints For MILITARY

The Lions of Michigan Foundation is proud to recognize the brave men and women serving our nation in the United States military. We have Lion Mints Care Packages ready for distribution,

but we need the names and addresses of more service men and women to recognize. Please help us by displaying and distributing this flyer in your community.



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PLEASE SEND A LION MINTS CARE PACKAGE TO:

Military Member's Name: _____

Rank: _____ Unit: _____

APO: _____ FPO: _____ AE: _____ AA: _____ AP: _____ Zip Code: _____



The Sight & Hearing raffle tickets for 2022-2023 are available now.

- Barb Durflinger



Lions Of Michigan Foundation

"Bridging The Gap To Service"

2021 & 2022 Sight & Hearing Sweepstakes Raffle Results

Below is a table showing the results of the LoMF Sight & Hearing Sweepstakes Raffle for 2021 and 2022.

Our District 11-E2 has topped the ticket sales both years by a large margin. As the 2023 raffle ticket sale begins, can we continue our dominant streak? Duh... **Together We Can!**

District	2022 Participants	2022 Tickets Sold	2021 Participants	2021 Tickets Sold
Miscellaneous	2	5	2	9
District 10	20	1,095	15	1,029
District 11-A1	11	861	11	866
District 11-A2	17	484	8	431
District 11-B1	19	1,151	18	1,054
District 11-B2	22	1,011	16	979
District 11-C1	12	379	8	199
District 11-C2	23	1,184	15	801
District 11-D1	18	1,315	16	1,394
District 11-D2	25	879	25	721
District 11-E1	24	1,343	19	880
District 11-E2	20	2,755	17	2,476
	213	12,432	213	10841



Calendar of Events

NOVEMBER 2022

Daylight Savings Time Ends — November 6, 2022

Election Day — Tuesday, November 8, 2022 —

Veterans Day — November 11, 2022

District 11-E2 Cabinet Meeting — Saturday, November 19, 2022 — 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.

Thanksgiving Day — November 24, 2022

DECEMBER 2022

Winter Solstice — First Day of Winter — December 21, 2022



PASSINGS



NONE REPORTED IN OCTOBER

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

NEW MEMBERS — OCTOBER

East Jordan Lions: MARK T FOWLER — Joined 10/09/2022 — Sponsor: LINDA CHASE

Hale Lions: TAYLOR BRIANN MARINE — Joined 10/01/2022 — Sponsor: N/A

On the Mend

Boyne Valley Lions: King Lion **Lisa Luebke** tested positive for COVID in mid-September. She is still not totally recovered, but hopes to be able to return to her normal activities and duties in early November.

Lion **Rex Judkins** is at Boulder Park Terrace Nursing Home located at 14676 W Upright Ave., Charlevoix, MI 49720.

WE WISH ALL AILING LIONS A SPEEDY RECOVERY & A FUTURE OF GOOD HEALTH



Alpena Lions

OCTOBER 2022

Julie Jansen, grandmother of Garrett Mausolf, accepts a donation from Jon Emerson, President of the Alpena Lions Club. One year old, Garrett Mausolf, was recently diagnosed with Neuroblastoma, a cancerous tumor on his Aorta. The donation to fight Pediatric Cancer, made by the Alpena Lions Club, will help the family with the financial burden they are encountering. Our hopes and prayers go out to Garrett and his family



Boyne Valley Lions

OCTOBER 2022

In partnership with the Boyne City High School Hospitality Class, the Bone Valley Lions are bringing back the Classic Michigan Beef and Roasted Vegetable & Mushroom pasties. The maximum amount of pasties they could sell based on Chef Cole's class size and capability is 600 pasties, and we closed the ordering down today at 596 pasties. There was a great response again to the pasties, and the orders capped out in 5 days!

Gross sales were \$4,768.00. The Hospitality Class received \$953.60, and an estimated \$1,430.40 covered other costs. The Net Fundraiser amount is \$2,384.00

4 or 5 Lions will be needed to work on November 11th to deliver pasties to customers' vehicles from 3:00 pm - 6 pm. Congratulations to our club on another very successful fundraiser!

Kidsight screening is scheduled for Wednesday, November 2nd, 8:30 am - 11 am, and Thursday, November 3rd, 10 am - 11 am. Location - Early Learners building, 321 S Park Street Boyne City



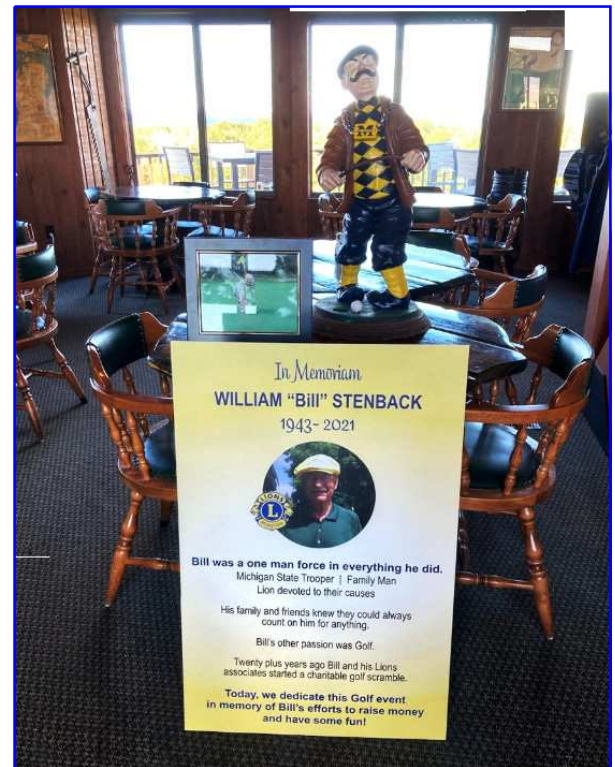


Central Lake Lions

OCTOBER 2022

Right: The annual Central Lake Lions Golf outing was in memory of PDG Bill Stenback this year, one of the founders of the 20 plus year golfing tradition.

Below: Lions Mark and Shelley Lewis and Lion JoAnn Nell held a KidSight screening at the Central Lake Fall festival.



East Jordan Lions

OCTOBER 2022

Nine East Jordan Lions did maintenance on the Camp Daggett Boy's Cabin. They painted the floor, replaced trim, cleaned gutters and installed our club sign. Pictured are Linda Reich, Richard Russell, Ron Warnos, Linda and Bill Chase, Richard Russell, Faye and Dan Miller, Sherry and Bob Pursel.





Hillman Lions OCTOBER 2022

Hillman Lions made their first fifth grade project visit of the year on Monday, Oct. 17.

Pictures by Duane Durflinger.





Oscoda Lions

OCTOBER 2022

Lions John Novack, Bob Drogash and Tony Priebe built a ramp for a lady who is having trouble with steps and long distances due to heart and diabetes issues.

They met at the lumberyard at 8 am in the morning. Loaded the materials and made their way to Sand Lake. They took out a section of the railing and built a 4x4 platform then a 20-foot ramp along the existing deck. Attached the railings and repaired a few other things with the existing railings. They left at 2 pm. The owner of the house was happy with the ramp when we were done. Another excellent team effort. Thanks guys.



Above: Home owner , John Novack, Tony Priebe

Lions ramp builders Tony Priebe, John Novak, Ann Bovan, and Chuck Andrina built a 5'x10' platform and a 22' ramp for a veteran and his wife today. They tore out an old ramp and steps that had gotten very unsafe and they had trouble using to access their home.



The homeowners were very appreciative of the work we completed. They met at the lumber yard at 8 am and finished up at about 2:30 this afternoon. They have some demolition material to haul away on another day. The Iosco County Veterans Assistance office paid for the materials for the project. It was a beautiful fall day to work outside.

– Reported by Chuck



Both pictures left to right – home owners, Lions John Novak, Tony Priebe

**CORONAVIRUS UPDATES - November 01, 2022**

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

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

World Statistics Cases: 627,104,342 ❖ Deaths: 6,567,552

U. S. Statistics Cases: 97,531,207 ❖ Deaths: 1,070,784

Michigan Statistics Cases: 2,897,827 ❖ Deaths: 39,406

Vaccinations (1 or more doses) Summary:

World: 68.0% — United States: 79% — Michigan: 68.7%

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

11-E2 Counties	Cases Reported	Deaths	% Vaccinated
Alcona:	1,878	75	62.56%
Alpena:	6,232	151	59.41%
Antrim:	5,094	73	64.70%
Arenac:	3,717	80	56.43%
Charlevoix:	5,697	65	69.21%
Cheboygan:	5,541	122	60.68%
Crawford:	3,076	36	57.18%
Emmet:	7,365	102	72.77%
Gladwin:	6,492	126	53.18%
Iosco:	5,508	162	62.41%
Kalkaska:	4,303	68	52.33%
Montmorency:	1,915	49	60.32%
Ogemaw:	4,851	113	50.44%
Oscoda:	1,627	59	47.80%
Otsego:	6,532	115	59.31%
Presque Isle:	2,311	64	66.07%
Roscommon:	5,343	123	61.52%
Totals	77,482	1,583	59.78%

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



COVID Update: Latest Stats

- USA – The daily average number of cases on October 31 was 37,665; the number of deaths daily has fallen steadily but slowly since September and remains above 350.
- For all outcomes, the Omicron BA. 2 subvariants were significantly less severe than that of the Omicron and Delta variants.
- The end of the COVID-19 pandemic is in sight, the leader of the World Health Organization declared in September, with deaths at their lowest level worldwide since the new coronavirus first began to spread in March 2020.USA

Light Enlightened

We live in a world that we interpret through our 5 senses: hearing, smell, taste, touch, and vision. Simply put, these senses are constantly collecting data that is sent to the brain, which digests it and orders the body to respond to anything of interest, or of danger. We usually don't even know that a volume of sensed data is constantly being absorbed while we concentrate specifically on other things. For example, if you're watching TV you don't notice birds chirping outside, or traffic noise from the nearby highway. Only when something, like a sudden loud sound, intrudes on your concentration do you become aware of outdoor sounds.

When you look into and become aware of things you never dreamed of, you find things in our world and universe that we think mundane are actually much more complicated – for example, light.

Definition: **Light, or visible light, is electromagnetic radiation within the portion of the electromagnetic spectrum that is perceived by the human eye.**

Various experiments have proven the nature of light as wave-particle duality; that light has both a particle nature, the photon, and a wave nature. The electromagnetic spectrum (including radio waves, microwaves, infrared, 'visible' light, ultraviolet, X-rays, and gamma rays) consists of electromagnetic (EM) field waves that carry electromagnetic radiant energy through the vacuum of space at the speed of light (186,000 miles per second; 671 million miles per hour). An individual photon carries more energy the higher its frequency. A single gamma ray photon might carry 100,000 times the energy of a single photon of visible light.

A laser, an acronym for "light amplification by stimulated emission of radiation", emits a beam of coherent light through optical amplification that stimulates emission of electromagnetic radiation, allowing a laser to be focused to a tight spot. Laser technology has produced consumer products like pointers, Blu-Ray and DVD players, bar code scanners, medical surgical procedures such as LASIK eye surgery, and manufacturing use for cutting, engraving, drilling and marking a broad range of materials.

The Sun is the main source of light on Earth. At 93 million miles away, it takes 8 and 1/3 minutes to get sunlight to Earth so we only see the Sun as it was 8 minutes ago. Artificial light sources include lamps, neon lights, televisions, etc. Any object can become a light source if it heats up enough – fire, heated metal, volcanic rock lava.

Bioluminescence, a form of chemiluminescence, is the natural production and emission of light by living organisms, widely in marine vertebrates and invertebrates, and in some fungi, microorganisms including bioluminescent bacteria, and terrestrial arthropods such as fireflies. Humans give off mostly infrared radiation, seen in infrared cameras, electromagnetic radiation with a frequency lower than visible light.

Without light sources we could not see the world around us. Everything we see that is not natural or artificial light is actually light reflected from a light source. Trees, rocks, cars, the Moon, dogs, human beings, all and everything else are never really seen as they are - we see only the light they reflect. Color is determined by the molecular properties that an object has. When an object's molecules absorb photons, its reflection is dark. Objects that reflect more photons are seen as lighter colors, all the way to white.

So that is some of the scientific aspects of light. The term for knowing or understanding is "enlightened". However, it is interesting to bring in the opposite of light — darkness. From early human history to the modern world, darkness is often seen as threatening, frightening, or dangerous — words like dark thoughts, black magic, dark realms define darkness as ominous, portending evil or harm. Light is good. Darkness is bad. The thing is, darkness is **not a thing**. Light, as photons and waves, is a thing. Darkness does not exist by itself as a unique physical entity, but is simply the absence of light. There is no dark photon or physical existence. It is just what we see when there is no light.

This concept got me to thinking about the way we interpret behavioral events. For example, we see all aspects of love — romantic love, loving children, siblings, your pet, pickel ball, etc. — as positive good. We judge love's opposite, **fear** — all its facets of hate, violence, racism, anti-Semitism, misogyny, etc. — as negative bad/evil. What if we see fear and its hideous children not as an opposite to love, but as an absence of love? Perhaps, coming from a more positive angle can curtail the negative power of fear by realizing it is not a power, it is a void. Turn on the light.



Pictures of the Month



Michigan Whitetail Deer

November brings the onset of Winter weather, and the deer hunting season. Whitetailed deer are found in every county in Michigan and can easily adapt to their surroundings. Here are a few things about these prevalent creatures you may not know:

- It is estimated that there are two million deer in Michigan today, up from closer to 1.7 million a decade ago.
- In the past 40 years, the number of deer living in the northern Lower Peninsula and the Upper Peninsula actually declined, as open and edge habitats preferred by deer grow into forests. In southern Michigan, the population has exploded, increasing nearly 500%, from 200,000 to a million deer.
- The highest concentration of record sized deer in Michigan come from the southwestern corner of the state. The state record whitetail had an estimated dressed weight of 240 to 250 lbs. The deer was thought to be 5 1/2 years old.
- There are an estimated 36 million whitetailed deer in the United States. Texas has the highest deer population, 5.5 million. Rhode Island only has 18,000 deer. Wisconsin has continued to be the state with the largest number of deer available per square mile
- Since 2011, Michigan has recorded at least 50,000 vehicle-deer crashes each year. In 2021, there were 52,218 motor vehicle-deer crashes in Michigan. About 1,449 injuries and 10 deaths were reported from those crashes.

DNR Photo/Data



You Make the News – We Publish It!

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

Send your information to: dlzim47@gmail.com

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

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

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

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

DON'T BE LEFT OUT!!

Racism has no place in our world.

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

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