



JANUARY 2023

Notable Quotes: Be at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbors, and let every New Year find you a better man.
— Benjamin Franklin

District Governor's Message



DG Rod Leathers

Hello District Lions,

Another month has gone by. Hope everyone had a great holiday season. We are at the beginning of a new year and halfway through our 2022-2023 Lion year. It is time to look back at our service and accomplishments over the first half of the year. Time to reflect on the things we did right and time to come up with ideas on ways to improve over the next 6 months. Time to evaluate our clubs activities and ask are we headed in the right direction to best serve our communities, are we supporting our district and state the best way we can.

How can we improve the way our communities see us as Lions or better yet how can we make the members in our communities visualize themselves as Lions and wanting to join and support Lionism in our communities. All of these questions can be answered simply by following our International President Motto "Together We Can". Take some time at your January meeting and brainstorm and come up with the answer to these questions.

The District Convention is right around the corner April 21st to the 23rd at the Ramada Inn in Grayling. We have almost 30 people signed up so far. Congratulations to Lion Bob Nelden from Central Lake winning the free banquet meal for signing up early. The cutoff for the next drawing is January 15th for a free lunch meal. Anyone signing up by midnight on the 15th will be put into the drawing. Check out our district website lionsdistrict11e2.org for information on the convention.

As always we need to look for new members to help us serve the needs in our communities. We are down 6 members from the start of the Lion year. Let's work hard and get that to a positive number by the end of January. I am guessing we all know someone who we think would make a great Lion. We just need to ask them by telling them stories about how our club is making a difference in our communities.

Let's make 2023 the best year ever in our clubs.

Together We Can and Together We Will.

DG Rod



We Serve



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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

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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

**VDG Steven Murch**

Vice District Governor's Message

Greetings fellow Lions, and Happy New Year. Most of us usually spend the last days of the ending year and the first few days of the new year looking forward.

As Lions we should be doing the same thing. For us, though, the new calendar year is the midway point of the Lions year. So we look back at the six months to see how far we've come to achieving our goals, and looking forward to try to achieve those goals.

Perhaps the most important goal that we either don't set or don't put as much effort into is sharing our news and getting the word out about our club. Letting others know about what we do is vitally

important to helping us succeed as Lions.

The easy-to-identify aspect of sharing our news is just to let others know what we might have done, be it donating to a local cause or cleaning up our area roadways. It's a simple thing to do but how many of our clubs don't even do that?

Lions has never been about tooting our own horn, but doing so helps us in so many ways. Promoting our clubs helps us raise awareness to what we do, leading to potential new donations, new members and overall goodwill within our communities.

If we don't push our message into the public how can we expect them to donate money and help us make a difference in the communities where we live ... where they live. If we don't push our message how can we expect people to want and join us in doing good in the community?

Getting the word out is so much easier today than it was 50 years ago. We have more tools available to us, it's just up to us to utilize them.

Digital cameras and smartphones make taking photos easy to do and easy to share. We can even write messages and emails with those same smartphones. Computers make connecting with others easier.

So make a goal for your club to share the news, either through social media or traditional media – or both. The more ways we share our good news the better the likelihood that what we do is seen by others in our community.

Send in your photos and club news to your local newspaper. This is rural northern Michigan, all local newspapers will help you get the word out. Use social media, whether it's Facebook, Instagram, TikTok or any other one you choose. If you don't know how to use it, find someone to help.

Messaging is important, now more than ever. If it hasn't been a goal of your club to get the word about what you do, make it a priority now. Our clubs do good every day, so shine the light on your accomplishments.

As always, thanks for all you do



Fun is Fundamental



Hello, Lions!

Well, I don't know about you, but there's nothing like a new year to fill me with a renewed sense of purpose, and I feel more eager than ever to do the important work that Lions do.

Every year I like to take this time to pause and assess how we're doing as a club. What have we done well so far and where have we stumbled? How can we build on our successes and learn from our mistakes? And, if your club is anything like mine, how can I prank the heck out of my

After all, would it be Lions without a little fun? Of course not! Folks, let's remember that people want to be a part of

something that makes them feel good. Laughter is a big part of that. Having fun is a great way to make members feel connected and more dedicated to the work you do as a club.

Every club is unique, and your idea of fun may be different than mine (roller skates, anyone?). But whatever makes your members laugh, do it. Whatever gets Lions excited to show up to the next meeting, include that in the agenda.

Service is important work. But that doesn't mean it has to feel like work. Make service fun.

People like fun. People want to be a part of fun.

And we want people to be a part of Lions.

Make a great day,

Brian E. Sheehan

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International President, Lions Clubs International big



We Serve.



A message from:

Jerome Thompson

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



December is such a busy time of the year for many clubs. However, we can use these last few weeks of 2022 to expand our service, engage more volunteers and to enhance our club leadership. In addition to the traditional holiday celebrations, Lions Clubs participate in many community events and engage in many service activities. To each of you, on behalf of the Global Action Team, let me express our sincere appreciation for all that you have done, are doing and will do in the coming weeks. Because of you, our association is better. Of course, your community is better because you have taken the time to put a smile on the face of someone in need.

While our global service causes are important, at this time of the year, the most important thing you can do is to serve your local community. Your visibility will enhance your ability to attract service minded individuals to your club.

How can you, as a member of Club Leadership Team add value, build excitement, and engage more Lions?

- Build a relationship with city and county governmental leaders
- Help at a community service project
- Host a community vision screening, diabetes symposium or partner with another service group
- Talk less and listen more. The community will let their needs be known.
- Help your club to Build a Vision, Build a Plan and Build Success

Progress Report

8,000 New Members in 80 Days

In the first 61 days, we added 5,233 new members. We need an additional 2,762 new members in December 2022. This can be done, with your help! During December 2020, we added 2,607 new members during pandemic. Please take a moment and invite someone to join our association. Then, please use your influence to encourage all club members to invite someone to join their club.

100 New Clubs in 100 Days

In January, we will kick off the 100 New Clubs in 100 Days campaign.

Continued



Upcoming Webinar

We will be hosting a webinar to empower Lions with the knowledge to find success in new club development.

When: Jan 30, 2023 - 07:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Topic: Expanding Our Footprint of Service into New Communities – 10 easy steps to success

Register in advance for this webinar >

My friend, I appreciate all you have done, are doing and will do for Lions Clubs International. In the words of our President Brian... "Together We Can, and Together We Will!" Those in need are counting on you to act today, to encourage, excite and empower each club member to serve, lead and engage others.

Your Global Action Team stands ready to provide you with the support and resources necessary to find greater success. Please let your GAT Area Leader or me know what you need. We Serve.

PID Jerome Thompson,
Global Action Team - CA 1 Leader

Resources

Global Membership Approach for Clubs >

**Club Officers - Embracing Members Today So They Will Be
Serving Tomorrow** >



LEADER DOGS FOR THE BLIND



LIONS RESOURCES

Spread Our Message. Change Lives.

Leader Dog's mission would not be possible without your commitment to our organization. To sustain our efforts for years to come, it is important for more people to know about Leader Dog. Our goal is for everyone who encounters us to understand:

- Our mission
- What we stand for
- Why we matter
- How we do what we do better than anyone

Together, we need to communicate a consistent message to family, friends and the surrounding communities. The kind of message that sparks a conversation, ignites passion and motivates people to take action.

As a result, Leader Dog will be able to continue to impact the lives of people who are blind or visually impaired, extend our outreach to new areas and build a bigger community of supporters.



Meet Future Leader Dogs Forest & Jenny

Thanks to a grant from the Gary Sinise Foundation, veterans and first responders benefit.



On National Assistance Dog Day, the Gary Sinise Foundation announced a \$350,000 grant to Leader Dogs for the Blind to support our service of veterans, defenders and first responders who are blind or visually impaired with highly skilled guide dogs.

"The Gary Sinise Foundation is proud to expand our efforts of support to our nation's veterans, defenders and first responders, specifically those experiencing blindness or vision loss," said Mike Thirtle, CEO of the Gary Sinise Foundation. "Through our partnership with Leader Dogs for the Blind, several Leader Dogs will be raised and trained to assist those we serve, helping them to regain their freedom and independence. And for all they have sacrificed for our country and communities, as our Founder Gary Sinise would say, 'we can always do a little more.'"

"The support of the Gary Sinise Foundation will directly help veterans and first responders who are blind, visually impaired or Deafblind," said Lion Susan Daniels, CEO of Leader Dogs for the Blind. "The impact of working with a guide dog reaches beyond the recipient to their family, friends and community. As each recipients' self-confidence and travel skills grow, so does their family's comfort knowing their loved one is safe and traveling independently with their Leader Dog by their side."



IN EVERY LEADER DOG
LIES THE HEART OF A LION.

A Leader Dog partner since 1939.

Seven Puppies to Be Sponsored by the GSF

Pictured left:

On the left is Future Leader Dog Forrest, a yellow Labrador retriever named for the main character in the movie Forrest Gump, which co-starred Gary Sinise as Lieutenant Dan Taylor. Future Leader Dog Forrest is the first of seven Leader Dog puppies that will be sponsored by the Gary Sinise Foundation.

Pictured on the right is Future Leader Dog Jenny, a black Labrador retriever named for the main female character in Forrest Gump. Future Leader Dog Jenny is the second of seven Leader Dog puppies they will sponsor over the next two years.

As part of the grant, the Gary Sinise Foundation is sponsoring seven Future Leader Dogs. The first two puppies are Labrador retriever siblings who will be raised by the Fisher family and Linda and Tony Gimble. The Fishers are very experienced, having raised 10 Leader Dog puppies in the past. "When we heard that the Gary Sinise Foundation was sponsoring puppies, we immediately wanted to be a part of the partnership," said Laura Fisher. "My husband, Paul, is an Army veteran and I work for Leader Dog. It's like raising one of these special puppies in our home was meant to be."

This will be the 23rd puppy that Linda and Tony Gimble of Moline, IL have raised. "We are already great supporters of Leader Dogs for the Blind and to be able to raise a puppy sponsored by the Gary Sinise Foundation just makes this more special to us," said Linda Gimble. "Our son retired after 20 years in the Air Force, and this is a way for our family to honor his service and the service of millions of others like him."

BE OF SERVICE
LeaderDog.org/Lions

FOLLOW THE LEADER



Detroit Free Press names Eversight a winner of the Michigan Top Workplaces 2022 award

ANN ARBOR, Mich., November 21, 2022 – [Eversight](#), a nonprofit eye bank dedicated to restoring sight and preventing blindness worldwide through donation, transplantation and research, has been named a 2022 Top Workplace in Michigan through the [Detroit Free Press Top Workplaces competition](#). This recognition is based solely on employee feedback gathered through a third-party survey administered by employee engagement technology partner, [Energage LLC](#). The confidential survey uniquely measures 15 culture drivers that are critical to the success of any organization, including alignment, execution and connection.

Eversight celebrates 75 years of restoring sight through donation, transplantation, and research

The Michigan Eye-Bank and Illinois Eye-Bank and formed a partnership in 1985.

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (WILX) - Working to restore sight and prevent blindness through the healing power of donation, transplantation, and research, Eversight is celebrating 75 years.

Nonprofit eye banks were established in every state, often by Lions Clubs to meet the critical demand for corneal tissue to treat preventable blindness.

The Michigan Eye-Bank and Illinois Eye-Bank formed a partnership in 1985. This partnership earned them a reputation for clinical excellence in the eye banking field according to their website. Eversight also partners with Gift of Life Michigan, Lions Clubs, surgeons, businesses and philanthropists throughout Michigan

In addition to recovering, evaluating, and providing human eye tissue for transplantation, Eversight also does the following:

- Supports academic research into the causes and cures of blinding eye conditions
- Conducts eye banking research to provide innovative solutions for surgeons and their patients
- Promotes donation awareness through public and professional education
- Provides humanitarian aid to people around the world in need of sight-restoring transplants
- Partners with local governments and medical professionals in countries seeking to establish independent, sustainable eye banking infrastructure
- Educates technicians, surgeons and other clinicians on the latest eye banking and transplant technique

According to Eversight's website, they have worked with families of 1,682 Michigan residents who gave the gift of sight for transplantation research and education as cornea donors in 2020.

—Data from WILX 10



Lions Of Michigan Foundation
"Bridging The Gap To Service"

SAVE THE DATE LIONS OF MICHIGAN FORUM 2023

Together We Can...Make A Difference

February 24-25, 2023

Double Tree Hotel, Airport Grand Rapids

4747 28th St SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49512

JOIN US FOR A FUN FILLED WEEKEND! Friday Night includes a off-site Service Project at Kids' Food Basket in Grand Rapids. We will then head back to the Hotel/Conference Center and enjoy networking and fellowship at the Hospitality Suite. Saturday Morning registration begins at 7:00am, with a Welcome Message at 8:10am. We have 16 AMAZING breakout sessions for you to choose from throughout the day. Don't forget to stop by and visit all of the great exhibitors and projects. Our afternoon will conclude with a Luncheon featuring our White Cane Scholarship Recipients, and Keynote Speaker, Dustin Dale, author of Learn to Lead by Serving. There will be door prizes awarded at the end of the program.

GROUP SERVICE PROJECT

Join us on Friday night for a service project to be held at Kids' Food Basket, Grand Rapids. 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm.
KFB is located at 1300 Plymouth NE, Grand Rapids.

Kids' Food Basket supplies thousands of children in West Michigan with a Sack Supper to ensure they have increased access to healthy food each day. Once the packs are ready, volunteers from KFB will add a fresh vegetable and fruit in a decorative bag to turn it all into a Sack Supper, ready to be delivered to a child's school. Lions can help to supply and package the contents of these meals at the KFB location in Grand Rapids during our service project night on Friday, February 24, starting at 7:00 p.m. Watch for details on what your district is asked to donate. Whether you are attending the Michigan Lions Forum or just driving in to participate in this service opportunity, all are welcome!





KEYNOTE SPEAKER



The Lions Michigan Forum Committee announces DUSTIN DALE, motivational speaker - 2023 keynote address

Dustin Dale brings over 10+ years of motivating teams by focusing on inspiring a change in behavior. He delivers powerful, thought-provoking messages from his personal journey as a senior level leader inspired on creating a culture of excellence. Dustin has led over 1,000 teams through challenging and complex times where he focused on ensuring everyone was developed and inspired to become the best version of themselves. Dustin has developed his own training course and presentations that will build winning, trustworthy, and successful teams.

However, there is more to Dustin's story than meets the eye...

November 21st, 2021. Dustin's life would completely change when he was faced with the news of a life-threatening autoimmune disease.

Dustin found his true "why" during his recovery and has since then taken on a new journey of sharing his testimony, experience and focus on servant leadership. He has shared his knowledge with businesses, universities, non-profit organizations, and many more on how to understand their "why" and create a culture of excellence. Dustin has also helped thousands on understanding servant leadership with his series of books, *Learn to Lead by Serving*. Sold worldwide!

Dustin not only focuses his messages on helping organizations become stronger, authentic, and top performing teams. He also shares his personal story of his childhood, addiction, death, and spiritual journey as well. His message has been shared with youth across the country, where Dustin is passionate about reduce the suicide rate in youth and helping break generational curses.

Whether you are seeking a professional leadership speaker, or a spiritual speaker. Dustin will ensure everyone is ready to leave the room and take action!

"We have a limited time on Earth, and if we don't know our true "why," then what are we focused on?"

-Dustin Dale



The first 125 restaurants will receive Mr. Dale's book "Learn to Lead by Serving" a \$10 value



Lions of Michigan
District 11 E-2
Cabinet Meeting Minutes, December 10, 2022 via Zoom

Cabinet Members in Attendance- DG Rod Leathers, 1VDG Murch, CST Durflinger, GST/ZC Marie Leathers, ZC Kane and GLT Dave Zeller

Cabinet Members Absent – ZC Dennis Gocha and IPDG Gaines

Lions in Attendance –Linda Gocha, David Lein, Bob LaBeau, Di LaBeau and Julie Haase

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM by DG Leathers. The invocation was offered by 1VDG Murch. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by ZC Marie Leathers.

Secretary's Report - Minutes of the 11/19/22 cabinet meeting were presented by CST Durflinger. It was moved by 1VDG Murch, supported by GST Leathers that they be accepted as presented. Motion carried. There was no correspondence.

Treasurer's Report- The YTD 2022-23 financial reports were presented, showing a beginning balance in the admin account of \$38,625.41, income of \$7,963.86, and expenses of \$13,996.01, leaving an ending balance in the admin account of \$32,593.26 as of 12/5/22. This consists of \$31,331.29 in admin and \$1,261.97 in convention funds. The projects account showed a beginning balance of \$32,078.77, income of \$31,387.46, and expenses of \$30,563.07, leaving an ending balance of \$32,903.16 as of 12/5/22. It was moved by GLT Zeller, supported by 1VDG Murch that the reports be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

Old Business- None

New Business- None

GLT Report- GLT Zeller reported that he is redoing a power point from a few years ago on keeping members active and engaged. It will be available to all clubs when completed. He also noted that the Lions of Michigan Forum in February is a great learning opportunity.

GMT Report- DG Leathers reported that we are at -3 for membership so far this year. He noted that the Council of Governors is talking about a state dues increase which they need to offset the membership decrease across the state.

GST Report- GST Marie Leathers reported that we will be providing Ziplocks for the service project at the Forum. For the state convention service project we have been asked to provide socks - 25 pairs each of men's, women's and children's. If your club can purchase some, please bring them to the district convention.

Zone Chair Reports- Lion Linda Gocha reported for ZC Gocha that East Jordan has three new members, and he is visiting the Boyne Lions on Wednesday. ZC Leathers reported that she visited Elk Rapids and was there for their annual community dinner.

Committee Reports

Oral Reports- District Convention- DG Leathers and PDG Durflinger reported that planning is proceeding. The forms were sent out, and are available on line. There were 14 on-line sign-ups for far.



The drawing for the first free meal will be done on 12/15 from those that have registered by then. An email reminder will be sent out to encourage registration. The forms are also on the district website. The theme is Barber Shop, and if we can raise \$10,000 for LCI, DG Rod will again shave his head and beard. PID Blankenship, our International Guest has offered to be shaved as well if we raise \$20,000. Information will go out soon on how to make contributions to this fundraiser. Rod commented that if every member would contribute only \$20, that would raise most of the funds. The raffle information will be going out in January.

District Melvin Jones - 1VDG Murch reported that forms were mailed out to apply for the award, and reminders were also sent out. The deadline to apply is 12/31, and clubs are reminded that this award is for a Lion who has provided service on the district level.

Michigan Forum - DG Leathers reported that the Forum will be in Grand Rapids from 2/24-2/25. Registration forms are available at LionsofMI.com.

Audience Comments - None

VDG Comments - 1VDG Murch commented that he will be reaching out to current committee chairs in January to see who wants to continue in their current position and will be reaching out to clubs to fill vacancies.

DG Comments - DG Leathers reported that the Leadership Institute was cancelled due to lack of registrations. He reported that the All State Band committee still hasn't gotten things out to clubs. He wished everyone Merry Christmas.

With no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 10:50. The next meeting will be on 3/11 at 10 AM in Grayling at the St. John's Lutheran Church.

Respectfully submitted,
PDG Barb Durlinger, Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer

comdac@comdac.com

More convention forms

Attached are the advertising and credentials forms for the upcoming district convention. Also attached is a registration form. The next drawing for a free meal is January 15, so register now! You can mail in the form, scan the Q-code and register that way, or follow the link on the district website. Payment for meals can be made either on line or by mail. Let me know if you have any questions. Happy New Year!

CST Barb

989-742-2790

lionbarb@comdac.com

[Forms Next Pages](#) 



ADVERTISING ORDER FOR PROGRAM

District 11 E-2 Convention
 April 21,22,23 2023
 Grayling Ramada Inn, Grayling,MI



Individual or Club _____

Contact Person _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

SIZE OF AD BEING ORDERED:

Width x Height

5 x 8 (Full Page)	\$119.00	_____
5 x 4 (Half Page)	\$65.00	_____
2.5 x 4 (Quarter Page)	\$45.00	_____

(Sizes shown include borders around the ad)

Customer Signature _____

ATTACH CHECK OR MONEY ORDER (made payable to District 11-E2 Convention Fund) along with printer ready copy.

Please note that this year we are offering 100% full color.

Ad artwork can be emailed to edw@allegraalpena.com. **FINAL**

DEADLINE TO GET AN AD IS MARCH 21, 2023

MAIL TO:

VDG Steve Murch
 130 Tuttle St.
 Alpena, MI 49707

**If you have any questions,
 please contact**

Lion Ed Klimczak:

989-356-0834

989-464-4904

edw@allegraalpena.com

*Life is short, so forgive quickly.
 Believe slowly. Love truly.
 Laugh uncontrollably. Never regret
 anything that makes you happy.
 And have a wonderful journey!!*

Our Motto:



We Serve

**2022-2023 Lions District 11-E2 Elections****CERTIFICATION OF DELEGATES**

According to the Multiple District 11 Constitution and By-Laws, all Lions Clubs in good standing the Lions Clubs International, Multiple District 11 and District 11-E2 are entitled to One (1) vote for each Ten (10) members or major fraction thereof, as reported on their February 2022 membership report. The major fraction referred to is Five (5) or more.

PLEASE NOTE: Your delegates are determined by your February 2022 Membership Report and not the February 2023 Membership Report. Lions Clubs International policy requires that voting delegates be based on the number of Lions that have been members for at least One (1) year and One (1) day.

Select your delegates. You may also include alternates in case a delegate is not able to participate in the voting. Make a copy of the attached Delegate Form and place their names and email addresses in the table. Be sure to include the total number of Lions on your February 2022 Membership report in the space allotted. Also enter your President's or Secretary's name in the space provided.

Then mail your completed Club Delegate Form to:

Lion Bob Nelden

District 11-E2 Credentials Chair

102 Elm Street

Charlevoix, MI 49720

PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.



2023 CLUB DELEGATE FORM

THE TOTAL NUMBER OF LIONS ON YOUR FEBRUARY 2022 MEMBERSHIP REPORT IS _____.

NAME OF DELEGATE OR ALTERNATE:

EMAIL OF DELEGATE OR ALTERNATE:

I hereby certify that the delegates/alternates listed above are members in good standing of the

_____ Lions Club, District 11-E2, Multiple District 11, and
Lions Clubs International.

Presidents Name

or _____
Secretary's Name



District 11 E2 Membership Counts As of February 2022

**Clubs should use the information below to determine number of
delegates for the 2023 Convention**

Alpena-	56
Alpena Evening	5
Beaverton	31
Boyne Valley	34
Central Lake	71
Charlevoix	65
Cheboygan	7
East Jordan	36
Elk Rapids	11
Glennie	14
Grayling	17
Hale	19
Harrisville	29
Hillman	18
Hubbard Lake	15
Houghton Lake	13
Indian River	14
Lewiston	17
Lewiston Lioness Lions	31
Lincoln	42
Mackinaw City	31
Mio	22
Oscoda	58
Petoskey	10
Roscommon/Higgins Lake	13
Rose City	14

**CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM**

Complete one form for each person!

Registrations are due March 30, 2023

NOTE: You can complete this form on-line! Use your smartphone camera on this QR code----->



Circle all that apply: Lion Spouse Leo Guest

Club Name: _____

Attendee Name: _____

Name you want on your badge: _____ Address: _____

Indicate which events you are attending:

	Friday Evening Mixer 7 – 9 PM - Hors' D'oeuvres and entertainment – Service Project	Included
	Saturday Lunch Buffet- Taco Bar	\$23.00
	Saturday Banquet Holiday Dinner- Turkey, Ham and sides	\$40.00
	REGISTRATION FORM IS NEEDED TO VOTE	
	Total:	

Room Reservations (Grayling Ramada Inn)

Reservations can be made directly thru the Grayling Ramada Inn at 989-710-2399. Ask for the Lions' Group Discount. A double room is \$94.00, Queen \$99 and Pool Side \$109 plus taxes and fees. Reservation cut off is April 6, 2023. Breakfast is included with hotel reservation.

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Grayling Lions Convention Account
Mail to: Grayling Lions - Registration – 1923 Dansk Lane, Grayling, MI 49738

Enclosed is my check for meals as indicated above \$ _____

Note: One check can be written for two or more registration forms. Please place the check number in the following bracket of each form you are including. (Check#: _____)

Your convention hosts are: **The Grayling Lions Club**. For information or answers to questions please contact: PDG Bob Gingerich (989)348-5355, bob@danishlanding.com



Calendar of Events

January 2023.

New Years Day — January 1, 2023

Martin Luther King Day — February 16, 2023

February 2023

Valentine's Day — February 14, 2023

President's Day — February 20, 2023

March 2023

District Cabinet Meeting — March 11, 2023 — 10:00 am — St John Lutheran Church — Free!

Daylight Savings Begins — March 12, 2023

St. Patricks Day — March 17, 2023

April 2023

April Fools Day — April 1, 2023

District Cabinet Meeting — April 21, 2023 — 4:00 pm — Grayling Ramada — Free



PASSINGS REPORTED



Lewiston Lions Club: ROGER COHOE — 10/05/2022

Lewiston Lioness Lions Club: MAGGIE JEANGUENAT — 12/10/2022

Lincoln Lions Club: LONNIE CRAMPTON — 12/05/2022

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

8 New Members Reported — December 2022

Boyne Valley Lions: **BRITT WAGNER** — Joined: 12/14/2022 — Sponsor: **MICHAEL CAIN**

Central Lake Lions: **DALE I HIGBEE** — Joined: 12/15/2022 — Sponsor: **REBECCA JAMES**
ROBERT J SAMUEL &

LYNN S SAMUEL — Joined: 12/15/2022 — Sponsor: **RAY KUIPER**

East Jordan Lions: **KIM FORSTER** — Joined: 01/01/2023 — Sponsor: **JEFF ARGETSINGER**
PAUL MICHAEL — Joined: 12/05/2022 — Sponsor: **BILL CHASE**

LINDA ANN MICHAEL — Joined: 12/05/2022 — Sponsor: **DENNIS GOCHA**
Lewiston Lions: **JENNIFER MIKOLOWSKI** — Joined: 10/01/2022 — Sponsor: **NANCY WHITE**

On the Mend Reported

NONE REPORTED



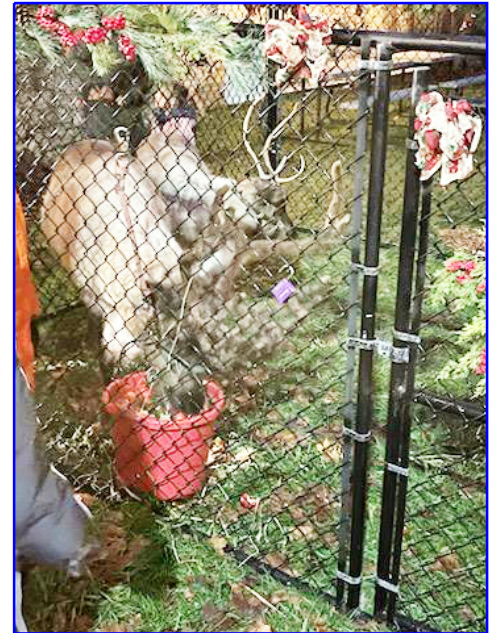
Central Lake Lions DECEMBER 2022

Central Lake Lions rang the bells to collect for the Salvation Army through the Christmas season.

Salvation Army Envoy Greg Irwin, Bethany Irwin with bell ringing chair Mike Ring.



Not only did Santa & Mrs. Claus (aka DG Rod & Marie Leathers – *above*) volunteer with the Salvation Army bell ringing, but they brought some volunteer reindeer for the public to enjoy (*right*) – it just isn't Christmas without reindeer.



A very Merry Christmas in Central Lake.



Boyne Valley Lions DECEMBER 2022

– Info from BV Lions emailed meeting notes

The Lions Board has agreed to rename our scholarship fund to Boyne Valley Lions Club Memorial Scholarship and include the funds from the Nels Northrup and Sue Pepper's estate. The Lions will dedicate our scholarship fund for the Endowment for Student Success.

Pasty promotion was another success with the BVLC accepting credit cards online for the first time.

- a) 80% of the orders paid by credit card
- b) 544 pasties delivered 402 beef and 142 veggie
- c) Net fundraiser profit \$2,997

Lions rang the Salvation Army Bell on Friday, December 2

- a) Bell ringers included Lions Jim White, William Arno, and future Lion Judy Smith

The BVLC received a donation in the amount of \$1,000 from Lynnell Northrup Wakley to place in the Lions Scholarship Fund.

East Jordan Lions DECEMBER 2022

The East Jordan Lions obtained 88 trees from Fife Lake and sold them at the local hardware.

Pictured are Lions Bill Chase, Dan Miller, Richard Russell and Denny Gocha. Other Lions pitched in and helped sell the trees too.



East Jordan Lions partnered with Toys for Tots to help sort and bag toys for needy families.

Pictured are Lions Dan and Faye and Miller, Dave Carr, Linda and Denny Gocha.

New Lion Paul Michael helped organize the event.



Lewiston Lions DECEMBER 2022

For over 50 years the Lewiston Lions Club has been contributing fresh fruit through Community Sharing for those in our area. This year was no exception.

Pictured from left to right are Lions Dick Deska, Jim Hilgendorf and Brian Grachal.



Oscoda Lions DECEMBER 2022

The Oscoda Lions Club 39th annual Children's Christmas Party was held at the Oscoda Methodist Church from 4:00-5:30 on Saturday, December 3rd. Santa arrived right on schedule to the delight of the children who had come to tell him their secret wishes. Parents took photos and shared in the children's enjoyment. Each child received a gift bag filled with goodies and selected a stuffed animal from a large assortment of fuzzy creatures. Members of the church had cookies for the kids to frost and pictures to color while they waited to see Santa.



Special thanks go to Santa who traveled from Corunna (on his sleigh, of course) to greet the children and to ride on the Lions Club float during the Northern Lights Parade. Special thanks also go to Lions Kay and Andrea who did a superb job of organizing and orchestration this great event.





Petoskey Lions

DECEMBER 2022

The Petoskey Lions had their annual holiday gathering at Petoskey's Southwoods on Wednesday, December 14, for the first time in 2 years due to the COVID Pandemic. Our snowbird members are gone and some were unable to attend, but the sparse Lions were boosted by some family and friends that were invited guests.

Our numbers were small, but our commitments to Service were high as members bought and brought items they purchased to donate to the Women's Resource Center (WRC). In the past we have concentrated on paper products for the Center, but this year, in the knowledge that people need and are asking for socks, we had bags of socks for women and children, and some paper products to donate as well. Also, checks were sent out the WRC and to the Jeremiah House, which works to help people who need recovery from traumas or addictions and are homeless. 'Tis the season to give, and it feels good to help people in any season.

DISTRICT NEWS

Lion Mints Price Increase - Venmo Donations

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Please distribute the attached documents to your District contacts.

As we previously discussed at our Board of Trustees Meeting in November, effective January 1, 2023, the price of Lion Mints will increase to \$120 per case plus shipping. The price increase is necessary as our cost from the manufacturer has also increased. Regarding product availability, we have finally received a ship date for our order of Wintergreen Rolls, and if everything progresses normally, Wintergreen Rolls should be available in late January or early February. Unfortunately, we have no new information on the availability of Wintergreen Drops.

Our Venmo Charity Profile will give donors another option to make electronic donations to the foundation. Donors now have the option of using the donation link on the foundation website (www.lmsf.net<<http://www.lmsf.net>>), donating using our Pay Pal account (info@lmsf.net<<mailto:info@lmsf.net>>) or using Venmo (@LionsofMIFoundation).

I wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Chad

DUES BILLING

The second half dues bills come out on 12/31, so if you have members who need to be dropped, be sure you do it before then or your club will have to pay another 6 months of dues for them. Let me know if you have any questions.

CST Barb



CORONAVIRUS UPDATES January 01, 2022

This is a snapshot of the World, Nation, and State of Michigan statistics on or near **JANUARY 1, 2023**. Numbers may be different by the time you read this as the COVID-19 Variants continue to mutate and infect more, or less.

(Info from John Hopkins, nytimes.com, WHO, CDC & michigan.gov. & other health websites)

World Statistics	Cases: <u>660,918,874</u> ❖	Deaths: <u>6,691,511</u>
	Average 7-day New Cases: <u>501,881</u>	
U. S. Statistics	Cases: <u>100,483,164</u> ❖	Deaths: <u>1,099,837</u>
	Average 7-day New Cases: <u>58,617</u>	
Michigan Statistics	Cases: <u>2,988,654</u> ❖	Deaths: <u>40,767</u>

Vaccinations (1 or more doses) Summary:

World: 71% — United States: 81.0% — Michigan: 69.25%

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

Note: COVID-19 is clearly an ongoing phenomena that will continue to affect our national health, no matter how eagerly we want to forget it. We are in a stage of going on with our lives with a "normalcy" that in reality will include the presence of COVID. The fact that the recent variants of COVID have been much less lethal than the original and Delta strains, and that many people are taking the vaccines, have lowered the death rates. COVID now seems to be at the level with flu and the common cold instead of a deadly plague. Most people have a miserably unpleasant experience when infected, but don't die. There are always people, those with weak immune systems, the elderly, pregnant women or the already sick that will not survive the virus. Many places have virtually lessened or stopped releasing COVID data, so that it is certain that most of the statistics are quite under-recorded, and the cases and deaths are actually much higher than what's counted. Due to these changing events, I've decided to retire the District 11-E2 COVID statistics by county. I'll keep reporting the World, U.S., and Michigan statistics data, and virus-related things that are happening.

UPDATE: State of COVID-19

The COVID Omicron XBB.1.5 variant is rapidly becoming dominant in the U.S. It is highly immune evasive and appears more effective at binding to cells than related subvariants, scientists say. XBB.1.5 now represents about 41% of new cases nationwide in the U.S., nearly doubling in prevalence over the past week. (CDC Info)

Post-COVID Conditions: Some people infected with the virus that causes COVID-19 can experience long-term effects from their infection, known as post-COVID conditions (PCC) or long COVID – conditions also called by many names, including: long-haul COVID, post-acute COVID-19, post-acute sequelae of SARS CoV-2 infection (PASC), long-term effects of COVID, and chronic COVID. The working definition of post-COVID conditions was developed by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) in collaboration with CDC and other partners.

What You Need to Know

- Post-COVID conditions can include a wide range of ongoing health problems; these conditions can last weeks, months, or years.
- Post-COVID conditions are found more often in people who had severe COVID-19 illness, but anyone who has been infected with the virus that causes COVID-19 can experience post-COVID conditions.
- People not vaccinated against COVID-19 and who become infected may have a higher risk of developing post-COVID conditions compared to people previously vaccinated.
- While most people with post-COVID conditions have evidence of infection or COVID-19 illness, in some cases, a person with post-COVID conditions may not have tested positive for the virus or known they were infected.
- CDC and partners are working to understand more about who experiences post-COVID conditions and why, including whether groups disproportionately impacted by COVID-19 are at higher risk. (CDC Data)



New Year — New World

As we say goodbye to 2022 and welcome 2023, with expectations of improved conditions in a new year, our desire for better times could not be any greater. It's been a rough road the past 2 years, with the COVID Pandemic changing so many things, pushing aside the normalcy we thought was more secure, all in addition to the unavoidable foibles humans exude on one another. Wars and violence, excessively senseless, born of greed and hate. Even Nature seems to be running off the rails, with climate change resulting in serious droughts, excessive flooding, stronger and more vicious storms, deadlier tornadoes and hurricanes, to name a few.

So yes, we want this new year to be better, a more friendly, and productive year. Whether we get a better year or not hinges on our own human collective behaviors. If humans can set aside the petty bickering, end the bullying and egotism that focuses on "me, me, me", replace the ignorance of racism and bigotry with knowledge and kindness, and open the closed minds that abstain from serious thinking — if we can overturn these and other negative behaviors that have flourished and resulted in what we are living in now, a favorable future could begin in this year. If enough people change their thinking, focusing on the positives, replacing competition, adversity and control with cooperation and kindness, learning to respect, not envy or criticize other people who are different, and find ways to work together, — concepts we Lions are familiar with and use for good purposes — things can change for the better. There is room enough for everyone on this planet, without polluting and destroying the ecosystem that sustains us and all other life on it. While there's never been a time one could call "perfect", there have been times people decided to get along, found ways to solve their problems by working together, and were able to live peaceful and meaningful lives. It's been done, and it can be done again.

TRIVIA & QUIZ: In honor of a new year, a change of pace to have a little trivia of things I didn't know and you might not know, either. Now you will know:

People: U.S. Census Data for 2020 — People who identified as White, or in combination with another race group, comprised 235.4 million people and **71%** of the total population. Individuals who identified as Black or African American, or in combination with another race group, totaled 46.9 million people, **14.2%** of the total population. People identified as American Indian and Alaska Native, or combined with another race group, comprised 9.7 million people, **2.9%** of the total population. Americans who identified as Asian, or in combination with another race group, totaled 24 million people, **7.2%** of the total population. The people who identified as Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander, in combination with another race group, made 1.6 million people and **0.5%** of the total population. (Yes, I know the percentage adds to only 95.8, not 100 — that is probably because of the individuals who didn't check any of the race boxes on the Census form.)

Eyes — Colors of Human eyes are in these percentages: Brown Eyes: **45%**. Blue Eyes: **27%**. Hazel Eyes: **18%** (Hazel eyes consist of shades of brown and green.) Green Eyes: **9%**. Other **1%**. (Other? People with albinism (which causes a lack of pigment in the skin, hair, and eyes) appear to have pink or red eyes. Other pigment variations can cause gray eyes (which are blue with flecks of gold and brown) and amber eyes (which have a yellow, golden, or coppery hue) which are extremely rare. The vast majority of babies are born with blue eyes, which alter as pigment amounts change with age.

— Info from heffingtons.com/k

QUIZ: What ethnic ancestry is the largest in the U.S. population?

A. English — B. German — C. Irish — D. Italian — E. Scottish • (Answer is on the final page)

BE KIND. STAY SAFE!



PICTURES OF THE MONTH

THE BLIZZARD OF THE CENTURY



(Left) A Mackinac Bridge Authority camera shows the state of snow and wind on December 23, 2022.

(Bottom Left) Knee-high snow removal proved very difficult in the wind and whiteout snowfall.

(Bottom Right) The storm's arctic blast brought freezing temperatures as far south as Louisiana and northern Florida. This frozen fountain is in New Orleans.



In December, 2022, people across our nation looked forward to enjoying upcoming festive holidays. The traditional Christmas songs were sung or hummed by nearly everyone, seasonal songs like “Silent Night”, “Here Comes Santa Claus”, and “I’m Dreaming of a White Christmas”. Well, Nature, fueled with Climate Change energy, brought out the biggest White Christmas, or to be more accurate, a “Whiteout Christmas” not seen before in our lifetimes.

The huge storm was technically a “bomb cyclone”, a weather condition in which there is a rapid pressure drop in the low-pressure mass — by at least 24 millibars in 24 hours. This quickly increases the pressure difference, or gradient, between the two air masses, making the winds stronger. This process of rapid intensification has a name: bombogenesis.

From December 21 to December 26 the storm hit almost the entire country as it moved from the Pacific to the Atlantic, leaving heavy flooding, icy roads, up to hurricane winds, and several feet of snow in the Rockies, the northern midwest and eastern states, and into Canada. The blizzard and the related cold wave killed at least 102 people, with 41 of those deaths in the Buffalo area where lake-effect snowfall exceeded 55 inches over the five-day period. Fatalities occurred in major highway pileups, icy roads, and some from freezing to death stranded in their cars or being disoriented in the snow. or losing their heat at home - 2,670,000 had power outages. Eight people died in mid-Michigan due to the snow and cold. 18,200 flights were canceled in the U.S. for between December 22 and 28, while hundreds more were canceled in Canada. In Michigan, the highest snowfall was in Baraga, 42.8 “ — in our area, Mancelona, 36.7”.

So many people, U.S. and Canadian, suffered through a very un-merry Christmas, being unable to travel to family gatherings, losing power, having a car accident, sustaining wind damage to home or property, or losing a family member or a good friend. We can only hope this “once in a generation” storm is just that, something we won’t see again.



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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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Quiz Answer:

B. GERMAN

- German-Americans make up the largest self-reported ancestry group within the United States. (2020 Census).
- They are the the largest ancestry group in 21 states, including Michigan.
- The second largest ancestry population for decades has been Irish-Americans, but the 2020 Census showed that the English-Americans were a hair's width ahead in population.
- Michigan rates Germans as the largest population, with Polish in second place.
- Frankenmuth, located just 90 miles north of Detroit, is in fact is the most German town in the USA. (Mar 26, 2021)

The following table shows the population findings for the U.S. top 10 ancestry groups.

Ancestry Group Label	U.S. Estimate
German	42,220,180
English	31,825,171
Irish	31,495,897
American	17,625,957
Italian	15,947,138
Polish	8,237,026
French (except Basque)	6,447,506
Scottish	5,244,788
European	4,656,123
Subsaharan African	3,967,734

In Northern Michigan, German ancestry in all the counties in our 11-E2 District are above or or near 50% of the total population. The 2 top counties: Presque Isle leads with 59.97% and Oscoda is second at 57.52% German ancestry populations. The 2 counties with the lowest percentages: Cheboygan with 45.17%, and Charlevoix at 47.64%.

I always thought the English were the largest ancestry group population – they were at the beginning of our nation. The stats are based on what citizens have furnished, so there is always a chance that the data is not carved-in-stone accurate. I'm just grateful that the U.S. language isn't German!