



MARCH 2023

Notable Quotes: Notable Quotes: "In all our searching, the only thing we've found that makes the emptiness bearable is each other."
- Carl Sagan

District Governor's Message



DG Rod Leathers

Hello District Lions,

March is upon us, the sap is running and we need our clubs to get running also bringing in new members. We need to evaluate our clubs and make sure we are supportive and keep our current members excited. Retention is just as important as new members. As of the time of this letter we as a District are sitting at a positive 2 on membership. We've added 57 new members so far but we have also dropped 55. My sincere

thanks to all the clubs that have added new members. Lets keep it going. "Together We Can". Lets finish out the year with a positive membership in all of our clubs but most of all a positive impression in all of our communities. Remember the best way to increase members is to Just Ask by Service and telling people what Lions are all about and how they can help.

The District Convention is just a little over a month away. April the 21st to the 23rd at the Ramada Inn in Grayling. The Convention is a great way to meet Lions just like you and learn what other clubs are doing in our District. Together we can learn new ways to make our own clubs better. Friday night is a time of fun. We will begin doing a Service Project putting tool bags for Habitat for Humanities to give to their new home owners throughout our District. There will also be a social time afterwards with a Barbershop theme. If we can raise \$10,000 for our Lions Clubs International Foundation your District Governor will have his beard, mustache, and hair cut off. Saturday will be a day of club officers training, a session for all Lions and guests, a luncheon, a session on our State Projects and a District Raffle during the day. Saturday night we will have an awards banquet with a message from Past International Director BJ Blankenship from Tennessee. Sunday morning we will have a Memorial Service remembering all the great Lions we have lost since our last convention, followed by district elections. If you haven't signed up yet you can do so by going to the District website lionsdistrict11e2.org.

Remember "Together We Can!" Looking forward to seeing you all there,

DG Rod

2022-2023 DISTRICT OFFICERS REFERENCE LIST

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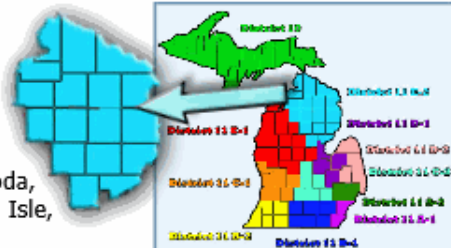
Note: This information is up to date at the time of this publication, but is subject to change as adjustments are needed.

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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

**VDG Steven Murch**

Vice District Governor's Message

Greetings fellow Lions, how has your winter been? Are you ready for spring?

For many clubs, warmer weather means ratcheting up the service and fundraising efforts. With the increased efforts comes more exposure for our clubs as we become more visible in our communities. And, of course, with more visibility comes more opportunities for our clubs to attract new members – which in turn offers great ability to raise more funds and do more service to our communities. Nothing but positives.

But here's a question (two actually): When someone asks you about your club, what do you tell them? Are there factors that affect your answer, like where you might have met the person or what kind of relationship you have with them?

While the the second question might play a role in how you talk about your club and what you might tell them, the truth is you should use the opportunity to tell them everything. If we want new members in our clubs we need to give them the big picture – and the small details.

You never know what is going to appeal to someone and make them decide to join your club. Some Lions might use just the things the club does locally as a selling point, while others might focus on the missions of Lions. The truth is if we focus on just one or the other we might not convince someone to join our clubs.

Sure, there are occasions when your time is limited and you have to put your best foot forward and can't give someone all the information. But in those instances you should stress that if they want more information, or a clarification, then you would be happy to discuss it further at a later time. The more information someone has about our clubs and Lions in general, the better our chances of getting that person to join.

Our clubs play a key role in our communities and there are people who want to help make our communities stronger. Sometimes they don't know where to go to become involved. That's where you come in: Reach out to people and let them know about Lions.

We are Lions for a reason, because we care and we enjoy service. Let's make sure we share that with as many people as we can, so can grow and be a force in our communities.

Thanks for all you do.



Lions Clubs International



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**Together we can with
International President,
Brian Sheehan**

Dear Lion,

Your club is always working to bring bigger and better service to your community. Because every project, no matter how big or small, helps build a stronger foundation for the future. And the best part about it is that there's always something exciting to look forward to.

Let's share our excitement for what's happening now and what's next with our communities. We can give the people around us the opportunity to be the change they want to see by inviting them to help us make it happen. Because everything we do leads to something bigger. And our best work is still ahead of us.

Make a great day,

Brian Sheehan

International President



A message from:

Jerome Thompson

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



January, 2023 showed a lot of promise. While we ended December with some declining numbers, clubs responded in January with membership growth more than 2600% over January 2022. Members added to existing clubs, reinstated members and dropped members improved over last year. It is imperative that we, as club leaders, set the example. Please consider recruiting a new member or two in February. Also, please encourage your clubs to host a Membership Growth Event. Resources can be found below.

New and exciting service opportunities help us to keep our members engaged. Look around and see what needs in your community are not being met. If in doubt reach out to your local school principal. Lions in our neighborhood schools will result in parents wanting to join in our service journey. What can a club do in a school? Vision Screening, Diabetic First Aid Kits, Adopt a Classroom, Read to Kindergarten classes, host educational events, Lions Quest in after school programs, and the list goes on. In fact, the possibilities are only limited by our imagination.

And finally, it is time to roll up our sleeves and do some strategic planning in our clubs. The Global Membership Approach, originally implemented at the district level, has now been adapted to use in all clubs. When clubs Build a Vision, Build a Plan and Build Success, our service impact is enhanced; we have more Lion volunteers to help; and we provide more leadership opportunities to all members of our club. Below you can find the link to a PowerPoint to guide your club's discussion and vision building.

Below, please find a few links that may assist you, as an Ambassador of the Global Action Team, to motivate your club, as we come together with a unified message encouraging the Lions of Constitutional Area 1 to expand our footprint of service, by engaging more volunteers, who are equipped and empowered to lead in new and creative ways. Together we can.

Resources

Membership Growth Event Toolbox ➡

Global Membership Approach for Clubs ➡

Club Excellence Award ➡



Lions Clubs International

Dear Club President and Club Vice President,

As a leader, you have an opportunity to provide helpful tools and resources to help your club achieve its goals. Lions Clubs International offers several great resources to help clubs and their members, so take some time to check them out!

- The [Club Excellence Award](#): This resource serves as your club's roadmap to excellence, focusing on the key elements of a quality club: membership, service, organizational excellence and marketing. If you have any questions about the award, please contact us by email at clubexcellenceaward@lionsclubs.org or by phone at (630) 468-6828.
- Plan for Your Club's Success (Global Membership Approach): Use this [planning guide](#) and [PowerPoint](#) to discover your club's strengths, ways to improve and new opportunities that will help your club grow and thrive! Planning forms help you develop a vision, assess your club's needs and organize your plan for successful implementation.
- [Club Quality Initiative \(CQI\)](#): Change is critical for each club. The CQI is a strategic planning tool that helps clubs identify opportunities for improvement. By understanding your current operations, identifying areas that can be improved and taking measured steps to accomplish your goals, your club can be even better. The CQI program offers you [three suggested ideas](#) for implementing the Club Quality Initiative.

As your club develops a plan for membership satisfaction and retention, connecting with the membership chairperson is a great way to help with planning, create enthusiasm and build the club's membership. In addition, reaching out to members within the club and building teams that will help enhance their experience as Lions is key to success.

- Review the [Membership Satisfaction Guide](#): This guide will help you troubleshoot common issues that members have in their experience as Lions. There are useful templates for quick surveys of club members to get a pulse on what they think of your club. This will help you identify areas that will improve the club experience.

In mid-2023, we'll be launching the Lion Portal. To ensure a smooth transition, Lions and Leos should make sure their information (their name, contact information and communication preferences) is correct in [MyLCI](#). Also, a unique, unshared email address is required to log into the Lions Portal. Get news and updates on the [Lion Portal page](#).

Sending a voting delegate to LCIcon 2023 in Boston? They must be registered for the convention and assigned as a voting delegate by their club secretary or other duly authorized officer in [MyLCI](#) by July 5. Get more information on the [LCIcon election page](#).

If you are a Facebook user, visit us at [Improving Lions Club Quality](#) where you will find helpful information from Lions around the world. You can post questions, comments, stories and share new ideas to improve clubs within your zone.

We look forward to supporting you. Please contact us if you have any questions by email at clubofficers@lionsclubs.org or by phone at +1 (630) 468-7084.

Sincerely,

Your District & Club Administration Division Support Team

**Lions Clubs International**

Dear Lion Leader,

Lions International has been made aware of the increasing number of phone, text, social media and email scams. Most recently, fraudulent invoices have been sent to clubs by scammers requesting payment for products delivered or services rendered.

Be aware of scams that fraudulently use the Lions Clubs International, Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), the International Association of Lions Clubs or other variations of our organization's name and logo. These types of scams are designed to trick people into revealing personal and financial information about themselves, which can then be used to commit identity theft, but they often misspell the name of the organization.

If you receive a suspicious mailing, email, text, check or social media message, please follow these guidelines:

- Do not reply, open any attachments or click on any links in the message.
- Be wary of any offer to accept a check or money order in an amount greater than you are owed or requests to return money to the check sender.
- Look carefully at every invoice and compare it to previous ones received that you know to be genuine – particularly the bank account details, the wording used and association name and branding.
- Do not immediately cash an unexpected or surprise check. Do not deposit it unless you are expecting a check and you are absolutely certain it is meant for you.
- Do not pay upfront for a promise like a grant, debt relief or financial assistance.

If you have any doubts about whether a Lions International or LCIF communication is authentic, you should contact us at privacy@lionsclubs.org before you act.

Fraudulent "scams" are increasingly common in our digital world, so it is important to remain vigilant. Read [How to Protect Yourself from Scams](#) to find more information on the steps you can take to protect yourself.

Regards,

David Kingsbury
General Counsel – Legal Division
Lions International

Cheers to LCIcon 2023!



Posted [February 24, 2023](#)

Boston is home to incredible American history, beautiful and diverse neighborhoods and *Cheers* — one of television's most iconic TV shows. Millions of Americans tuned in the 80s and 90s to watch Sam and Diane, and all of the regulars at Cheers like Cliff, Norm and Frasier, who entertained a generation.

International President Brian E. Sheehan recently visited the famed Cheers and recorded a special message inviting Lions to join him, and Lions around the world, for LCIcon 2023 in Boston.

(Go to lcon.lionsclubs.org to watch IP Sheehan's short invite video)

Be there July 7-11

We can't wait to see you in Boston this July. Make sure you register now to secure your spot so you can enjoy everything that LCIcon 2023 has to offer:

- Inspiring and engaging talks from Lion leaders and world-class speakers
- Exciting entertainment including Killer Queen: A Tribute to Queen with Patrick Myers
- New ideas, the latest tools and skills to enhance your club and service
- The incredible history of our beautiful host city of Boston

LCIcon Boston 2023 | Boston, Massachusetts, USA | July 7-11, 2023

[Register](#)



Sept. 21-23,
2023

THE RENO REVIEW



MARCH 2023

The Latest News & Information for the Reno 2023 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum

A MESSAGE FROM OUR GENERAL CHAIR

JAMA WAHL



The goal of every Lions Club is to serve its community. To do that to the best of our abilities as Lions, we need to be informed and knowledgeable. The USA Canada Lions Leadership Forum grew out of this purpose to prepare and educate Lions.

To see a history of the past 46 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forums, please go to www.lionsforum.org. Click on About and scroll down to History. This walk down memory lane will give you a sense of our past even as we look to our future.

Thank you to all of the Lions who served on the Planning or Host Committees. And, thank you to those Lions who attended these Forums. Your attendance and participation make the Forum a success!

At this year's Forum in Reno, we are adding a new twist to Thursday morning's activities. It is Lions Speed Learning.

It is not enough to know what your community needs. Lions need to know the resources available to be the strongest clubs, that then can provide the most relevant and meaningful service.

Speed Learning will give participants a chance to gain insight on numerous topics in a very short time. If a topic is of special interest, then the Lion can scope out the seminar schedule to be sure to attend the full-blown seminar during Forum week. Our Forum Education Team promises Lions Speed Learning to be a fast, fun new event for the Forum.

We want to see you Reno!

Up and Away with Leadership

Jama

SPEED LEARNING OFFERS TASTE OF FORUM SEMINARS

MARK MANSELL, EDUCATION COMMITTEE CHAIR

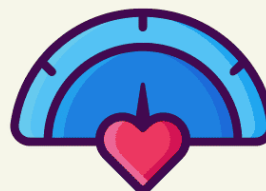
From wine to beer, chocolates to cheese... everyone loves samplers! What beverage or food samplers do for your palate; we want to do for your mind. We thought providing a sampler for your mind would be a great way to let Forum participants whet their learning appetite!

Welcome to Lions Speed Learning! This Forum kickoff experience will offer a dozen different topics from some of our nearly 90 seminar facilitators. With topics such as marketing, social media, member recognition ideas, and meeting energizers; there will be something for everyone.

Using 10-minute learning sessions, participants will get to "sample" an array of learning topics. Throughout this two-hour Lions Speed Learning experience, you will be able to move from topic table to topic table and let your mind partake in a wide array of learning offerings that align with sessions we will be offering as full seminars during the Forum.

But as they say in the infomercials, **"Wait, there's more!"** To boost the fun even further, Lions Speed Learning participants will receive a LEARNING PASSPORT to collect stamps at each topic table they attend. Those who collect six or more stamps can enter into a drawing for one of 10 \$25 gift certificates to the Forum store. Winners will be announced at Thursday night's dinner.

LEARNING and FUN... what a combination! Lions Speed Learning is going to be a blast so be sure to arrive Thursday morning and let your mind get a jump start to the amazing learning experience that will be the Reno USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum!





The earthquake in Turkey devastated entire communities.

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

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

A powerful earthquake struck Turkey and Syria and strong aftershocks followed, killing more than 2,000 people and injuring thousands more. As one of the strongest quakes to hit the region in more than 100 years, it has left entire communities 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\$200,000 Major Catastrophe grant to empower Lions in Turkey and other 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.*



Lions Bear Lake Camp

Our Mission is to develop leadership skills, build confidence, and to provide a premier outdoor educational and recreational experiences year-round to all persons, regardless of ability.

February 13, 2023

Dear Lion Club President

About five weeks ago a letter was sent out about a special fund raiser for Lions Bear Lake Camp. It is located just north of Lapeer Mi. The mission of Lions Bear Lake Camp is to provide a premier educational outdoor recreational experience for children with special needs.

About 15 years ago the Romeo Lions donated three golf carts to the camp to transport the children from/to the cottages, dining building, lake areas, arts and craft building, etc. Those carts have now worn out and need to be replaced; This is where we need your help.

If every club in the state would find \$100.00 in the budget to give for the new carts., we would be able to pay the cost of the carts and shipping fees. That \$100.00 investment divided by 15 years amounts to just \$6.66 a year. Our campers or worth a lot more. Your donation will be much appreciated.

Checks payable to: Lions Bear Lake Camp

Mail to: PDG Rich Pfeiffer
70350 Henry Ross Dr.
Romeo, MI 48065

Thank you so much. Please contact me with any questions.

Leo Schaefer, P.D.G.
11A-2 2020-2021

Shae71par@hotmail.com (586) 843-3222



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- LED Light Bar
- Brake Lights
- Blinkers
- Horn
- Hazzard Lights

This \$100 is over and above your regular donation to the camp.

3409 N. Five Lakes Road • Lapeer, MI 48446 • PH: (810) 245-0726 • FAX: (810) 245-0750





District 11E2 Convention April 21-23, 2023

Are you ready to have some FUN at the district convention? The Friday night mixer will feature DG Rod having his beard, mustache and hair shaved if he can raise \$10,000 for Lions Club International Foundation by April 21. But wait, there's more! If he raises \$20,000 then our guest speaker Past International Director BJ Blankenship will also have his hair and beard shaved!

Maybe you're wondering if the convention is for you? If you're receiving this email then the answer is YES! Even if you can't attend the whole convention consider coming for what you can. It's a great opportunity to learn more about Lions Clubs, meet and do service with other Lions, and celebrate the largest service club in the world! The convention is free to attend - the only costs are for meals and hotel rooms.

Don't delay - register today! February 15 is the deadline for the next drawing for a free meal at the convention! Online registration makes it easy to register. You can go directly to the online registration [here](#) or go to the district website lionsdistrict11e2.org for more information. After you submit your online registration you will be directed to an option to pay online or mail in a check for meals that require payment.

Room reservations can be made directly through the Grayling Ramada Inn at 989-348-7611. 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.

We hope to see everyone at the 2023 District Convention!

[REGISTER HERE](#)



CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

Complete one form for each person
OR register online
Registrations are due March 30, 2023

Registration forms and link to online
registration and payment available at
LionsDistrict11E2.org



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: _____

Telephone: () _____ E-mail _____



Indicate which events you are attending (see itinerary for times and locations):

<input type="checkbox"/>	Friday Evening Mixer - Hors' D'Oeuvres - Entertainment - Service Project	Included
<input type="checkbox"/>	Training (circle one) President Secretary Treasurer Session for all Lions	Included
<input type="checkbox"/>	Business meeting	Included
<input type="checkbox"/>	State project presentations	Included
<input type="checkbox"/>	Saturday Lunch Program - Taco Bar	\$23.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Special presentation with PID BJ and PDG Carolyn Blankenship	Included
<input type="checkbox"/>	Saturday Awards Banquet - Turkey, Ham and sides	\$40.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Hospitality room	Included
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sunday Memorial	Included
<input type="checkbox"/>	Elections	Included
<input type="checkbox"/>	REGISTRATION REQUIRED FOR ALL ATTENDEES AND TO VOTE!	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Total:	

Room Reservations (Grayling Ramada Inn)

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MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Grayling Lions Convention Account

Mail to: Grayling Lions - Registration – 1923 Dansk Lane, Grayling, MI 48654

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

Convention Itinerary

Day & Time(EDT)	Description	Location
Friday April 21st		
3 – 7 PM	Registration & Certification	Outside Pine Room
4 – 5 PM	Lions District Cabinet Meeting	Birch Room
5 - 7 PM	Dinner - on own	See list of local restaurants
5:30-7:00 PM	V.I.P. Dinner (by Invitation)	Restaurant
7:00– 9:00 PM	District Mixer Service Project Entertainment	Pine/Cedar/Balsam Rooms
Saturday April 22nd		
7 - 9 AM	Breakfast	Restaurant (for hotel guests)
8:30 -11:30 AM, 5:30-6:30 PM	Registration & Certification	Outside Pine Room
9 - 9:55 AM	Training Sessions – President Secretary Treasurer Session for All Lions	Exact Location of each session TBD; rooms to be used: Maple, Balsam, Pine, Cedar
10 – 10:55 AM	Lions District Business Meeting	Birch Room
11 – 11:55 AM	State Project Presentations	Balsam Room
12:30 – 2 PM	Awards Luncheon w/program from PDG Carolyn Blankenship	Pine and Cedar Rooms
2:30- 3:30	Q&A with PID BJ Blankenship	Birch Room
4 – 5 PM	District Raffle	Atrium
Saturday April 22nd Evening		
5:30-6:30 PM	Social Hour	Pine and Cedar Rooms
6:30 – 8:30 PM	District Awards Banquet	Pine and Cedar Rooms
9 PM	Hospitality Room	Birch Room
Sunday April 23rd		
7 – 9 AM	Breakfast	Restaurant (for hotel guests)
9 - 10 AM	Memorial Service	Balsam Room
8 – 10 AM	Registration & Certification	Outside Pine Room
10 AM	Lions District Election Convention Wrap Up Adjournment	Balsam Room

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

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

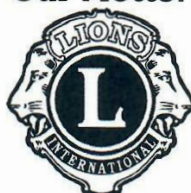
DEADLINE TO GET AN AD IS MARCH 21, 2023

MAIL TO:

VDG Steve Murch
 130 Tuttle St.
 Alpena, MI 49707

*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

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

Lion Ed Klimczak:

989-356-0834

989-464-4904

edw@allegraalpena.com

DISTRICT NEWS

Lions of Michigan Foundation Sight and Hearing Tickets

I hope everyone is doing well selling their sight and hearing tickets. I have attached a list of the tickets that were sent to each club in November, which I based on how many you had sold last year, with a minimum of 30 sent to each club. I have 136 tickets that haven't been distributed to a club in the district, so if you need more, let me know. Our district has always been the leader in sales for the state, and I would love to have that continue next year. The goal of your trustees this year is for us to sell 3000 tickets as a district (note- Oscoda alone took 1100 tickets, so if they sell all of those, it doesn't leave all that many for the rest of us!).

I also attached a summary of the grants we have received so far this year, as well as hearing aids provided. Last year the Foundation provided a tremendous amount of assistance to our district, with the \$7,500 grant for the Gaylord tornado, and a number of Veteran's Assistance Grants and hearing aids. In order to be able to continue this service to our communities, we need to support the Foundation. Selling raffle tickets benefits not only the Foundation, but if your club sells a minimum of 30 tickets, you will receive a rebate of \$3.50/ticket, which increases to \$5/ticket if you sell 100 or more, and \$5.50/ticket if you sell 250 or more, so a great fundraiser for your club as well. Even a small club can do well with these. My own Hillman Club with only 14 members has sold 200 for the past several years, and we are on track to do that again this year, so there is no reason that every club in the district shouldn't be able to sell at least 30.

If you want to be entered into the ticket sellers drawing, your stubs and money should be returned to the Foundation by May 6. You may continue to sell tickets until the drawing at the state convention on May 20, but remember that if you are mailing them to allow plenty of time for them to arrive in Lansing. I would suggest at least a week given how slow the mail can sometimes be. Every year the Foundation has to return money and stubs to clubs whose tickets didn't arrive back at the state office in time, so please don't waste all of your efforts by sending them in late! You can also send them to Lion Diane Skop (Houghton Lake Lions) or to me, and we will see that they get to the state office, or to the state convention where the final drawing is held. If you are attending the district convention in April, you can also bring them there. Let me know if you have any questions. Thanks to all of you for all of your support of the Lions of Michigan Foundation.

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February 23, 2023

I just checked my outgoing email, and can't find a record that I sent this out to the clubs in January, so if I did, now you have another one! We have openings for 1VDG, 2VDG and Lions of Michigan Foundation Trustee, so check with your members and see if you have anyone interested. The requirements for each office are listed in one of the attachments.

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Calendar of Events

March 2023

District Cabinet Meeting — March 11, 2023 — 10:00 am — St John Lutheran Church, Grayling — Free!
Daylight Savings Begins — March 12, 2023 **St. Patricks Day** — March 17, 2023 **Spring Equinox** — March 20, 2023

April 2023

April Fools Day — April 1, 2023 **Easter** — April 9, 2023

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

District Convention Friday Night Mixer — April 21, 2023 — 6:00 pm — FREE — Ramada Inn, Grayling, MI
 Service project, DG shave if we raise \$10,000 and PID shave if we raise \$20,000. Barbershop music, snacks, cash bar and FUN!

District Convention — April 22, 2023 — All Day — FREE except for meals — Ramada Inn, Grayling, MI
 See Itinerary on Convention page

District Convention - Memorial Service and Elections — April 23, 2023 — 9:00 am — FREE
 Ramada Inn, Grayling, MI



PASSINGS REPORTED



Lewiston Lioness Lions: **ANNABEL (CORKY) ROBERTS** — Joined: 06/01/2003 — Deceased: 02/01/2023

Lincoln Lions: **MICHAEL D PHINNEY** — Joined: 05/22/2019 — Deceased: 02/15/2023

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

4 New Members Reported — January 2023

Indian River Lions: **ARTHUR J WOOLLARD SR.** — Joined: 02/21/2023 — Sponsor: **PASQUALE NARDIZZI**

Lewiston Lions: **MARTY POHL** — Joined: 01/04/2023 — Sponsor: **JULES DESCAMPS**

Lincoln Lions: **PATRICK A. TRIMMER** — Joined: 02/01/2023 — Sponsor: **STEPHEN WEICHEL**

Oscoda Lions: **WILLIAM N BICKEL** — Joined: 02/09/2023 — Sponsor: **WILLIAM GAINES**

On the Mend Reported

East Jordan Lion Tim Timmer is recovering from hip surgery.
 East Jordan Lion Faye Miller is on the mend for rotator cuff surgery.

Boyne Valley Lions FEBRUARY 2023

(From Meeting Notes)

Boyne Valley Lions Club sent 37 pounds of glasses to be recycled last Wednesday (February 1, 2023).
Lion Mints are back in supply and being overseen by Lion Julie Taylor.

Hillman Lions FEBRUARY 2023

Donation to Hillman for Pop Up Pantry:

A donation presentation to the Hillman Lions Club from the Masons for our Pop Up Pantry.

Picture: Mason Sam Higdon, Club President Mike Fochtman, Mason Roger and Lion Barb Durflinger.



Oscoda Lions

FEBRUARY 2023

Oscoda Lion held their 11th annual Souper Bowl Supper, the Lions provide 24 different soups for sale and Jamie Merdzinski art classes at Richardson Elementary school provided handmade Bowls for sale. We served 265 people, The money raised by the Lions will go to their charities and the money raised by the art classes at Richardson Elementary school will go to a charity of their choice. We want to Thank everyone for all their help and support. WE SERVE.



CORONAVIRUS UPDATES MARCH 01, 2023

This is a snapshot of the World, Nation, and State of Michigan statistics on or near **MARCH 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: 758,390,564 ❖ **Deaths:** 6,859,093

Average 7-day New Cases: 145,769

U. S. Statistics

Cases: 103,268,408 ❖ **Deaths:** 1,115,637

Average 7-day New Cases: 33,733

Michigan Statistics

Cases: 3,057,222 ❖ **Deaths:** 42,096

Average 7-day New Cases: 710

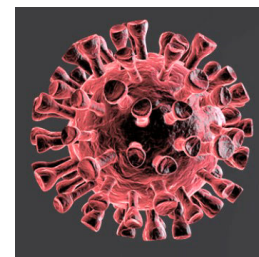
Vaccinations (1 or more doses) Summary:

World: 69.7% — United States: 81.0% — Michigan: 69.5%

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

UPDATE: State of COVID-19 In 2023

The COVID-19 virus continues to evolve as there's a new omicron subvariant called XBB.1.5 sweeping the nation. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's latest report shows it now makes up 74.7% of new COVID-19 infections, up from 49% earlier. Scientists found its concerning mutations make it even more contagious than other strains. That's something experts believe will likely continue in the future.



While XBB.1.5 is spreading easier, doctors find that it doesn't seem to cause more severe disease. That it's mild may be good news, but there are still 500-600 deaths a day. Health experts note that the updated COVID-19 boosters are working well, even against this new variant. Without the bivalent booster, your antibodies won't recognize this variant very well, and doctors are concerned that our high-risk populations, our seniors especially, get that important bivalent booster.

The concern for seniors is certainly well shown in the statistics in COVID-19 death rates. It is documented that 80% of all COVID deaths were over 60 years of age. The following table depicts the correlation of age groups as a percentage of the U.S. population and the percentage of COVID fatalities as of February 1, 2023.

Age Group	Percentage of the U.S. Population	Percentage of U.S. COVID Deaths
50-64	19.2 %	17.70%
65-74	9.60%	22.40%
75-84	4.90%	26.10%
85+	2%	27.10%

Info From Statista

The world wide statistics show the same outcome of greater death percentages growing higher the older the population group is. In Michigan, as of January 1, 2023, through February 21, 2023, 490 people have died from COVID — people 65 & above accounted for 435 of the total deaths.

The Seasons of Life

The month of March marks the the end of Winter and the beginning of Spring, at least on the calendar. The actual weather may not correspond to the calendar, as we living north of the 45th parallel, or near it, are often reminded. Some Winter blizzard conditions can, and usually do, show up after Winter “ends”. Actually, the marks of seasons, the Solstices and Equinoxes, are determined by the position of the Earth’s tilt to the sun.

Seasons have long been used to put a time-line on the journey of human life. We are born, helpless and dependent on others for survival — just as a seed pushes through the soil, dependent on rain and the sun to help it grow and thrive. Spring is the time of life anew, of birth, of growing. For human lives, Spring is the season of children, growing from helpless infants to eager children to willful teenagers.

The season of Spring morphs into the season of Summer, the time of the young adult that grows into adulthood. Adults decide what they want and try to determine how to get it. Summer is the physical peak of human life, a time that the body is at ultimate function. It is the time of building serious relationships, of becoming what you will be as a person, of becoming aware of the realities of life. For some it is a time of success, for others, a time of failure. It is a time where thoughts, desires and actions will determine the path future life, and the concept of the future is very important.

Summer transforms into Autumn, the time of middle age. It is when the mind may be at it’s best, as it has discovered and learned much of how things work, or should work – and it is still learning. It is also a time in which the body begins to become less dependable, when it’s declining functions begin to show, and things once done easily are harder to do. Autumn is a time of attaining adult goals for some, or a time of same old-same old for others. Realization is becoming reality, and the far-off future is nearer now.

As the leaves of the trees fall to the ground, the transition from Autumn to Winter slips into our lifeline, and we find ourselves at the open door of Old Age, a last step before the end. Like all the Seasons, the Winter transition comes at different times, and lasts for different times, for different people. Winter is a time for memories, to reflect, to face who you really are, how you got where you are, and how meaningful your life has been, or still can be. While some people fear old age, a few look forward to it, and most just make the best of it. A declining body and slower mind of old age are daunting as life winds down. But there are still many things, learning and doing, that older people can do if they choose to not give up. Remember the Beatles song lyrics, “will you still feed me, will you still need me, when I’m 64?” Today 64 is more middle age than old age. Our image of what old age is, how we think and feel about it, has changed since then. Our culture has altered ideas of what “old” looks and feels like. Many more people in their 80s and 90s, are still mobile, living fulfilling lives, doing things never imagined before. As long as we are breathing we have the power within us to choose how we will face our reality each day. Winter can be a pain in the neck, but it can also be the most beautiful season of all.

From (Anonymous): “There are only 2 kinds of life — those who are growing, and those who are decaying.”

From George Bernard Shaw: “We don’t stop playing because we grow old, we grow old because we stop playing.”

So, for all the Lions in Winter: “Keep on breathing, learning and growing, and keep on playing, not decaying.”

TRIVIA: Avoid These Dangerous Animals!

- The most dangerous mammal on the earth for humans is the hippopotamus – over 500 people in Africa are killed by this large, deadly land mammal each year (as compared to only 22 for lions). This is because they are very aggressive and territorial, and have a habit of charging at boats and capsizing them. (Jun 25, 2022)
- The most dangerous of any animal on earth is the mosquito. In terms of the number of humans killed every year, mosquitos by far hold the record, being responsible for between 725,000 and 1,000,000 deaths annually from the lethal diseases they spread. (Jun 25, 2022)
- Almost 120 People Are Killed Annually by Deer. The number of animals killing people in the USA is 1 in 1.4 million. Deer are considered the deadliest animal in America because of car fatalities. (Jan 28, 2023)

BE KIND. STAY SAFE!

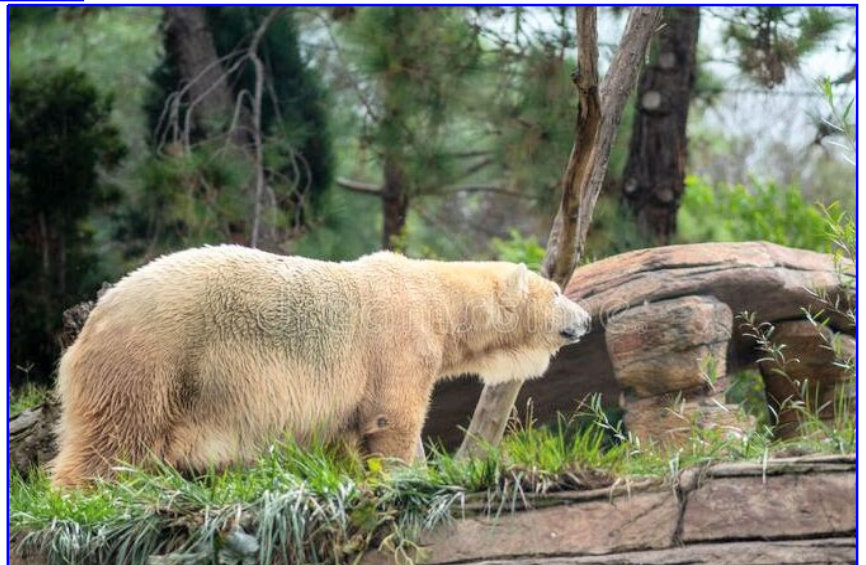
PICTURES OF THE MONTH



RISE OF THE PIZZLY

One of the major projects for Lions Clubs International is the Environment; "We serve to sustainably protect and restore our environment to improve the well-being of all communities."

Human activities have altered environmental norms, resulting in loss of habitat and threat of extinction for many species. Climate change has been particularly rough for polar bears. The usual Arctic ice on which they live and hunt their stable food, seals, has nearly disappeared, melting in the rising temperatures. Starving polar bears are being driven ever



further south, onto land where they meet grizzlies, whose ranges are expanding northwards. With growing contact between the two species comes mating, and therefore increased hybrid offspring, commonly known as "pizzlies", a term replacing the "p" from polar and dropping the "gr" from grizzlies. Some scientists suggested putting the sire's name first (as done for many other hybrid animals), so a hybrid grizzly-polar bear would be one of two names: Pizzly Bear or a Nanulak (the hybrid offspring of a male polar bear and a female grizzly bear), or Grolar Bear or Aknuk (the hybrid offspring of a male grizzly bear and a female polar bear.)

In 2006, a hunter shot what he thought was a polar bear in the Northwest Territories of the Canadian Arctic. A closer look proved to be an altogether more unusual animal: A bear with the cream-white fur of a polar bear but the long claws, humped back, shallow face and brown patches of a grizzly. DNA tests confirmed that the animal was a hybrid — the first documented wild offspring of a polar bear and a grizzly bear.

The most recent estimate of when polar bears diverged from brown bears is less than 500,000 years ago, although scientists continue to research this question. After beginning to branch off, the polar bear's ancestors went through a series of evolutionary changes in order to survive in the Arctic, and ultimately they became superbly adapted to a life of hunting seals and surviving extreme cold. Despite their differences, polar bears and brown bears share lasting DNA genetic similarities that make the two bears biological sister species, so the two species can mate and produce viable offspring. Unlike other hybrids, like donkeys mated with horses to produce sterile mules, the hybrid bears are fertile and have themselves produced young. A 2017 study in the journal *Arctic* found DNA from eight hybrids springing from a single female polar bear who mated with two grizzly bears.

Polar bears are considered the largest predator on earth. Big, brilliant, and built for cold, the polar bear's keen intelligence has been compared to that of the great apes. Their weak spot is having a specific diet. Grizzlies are also considered to be quite intelligent. One of their strongest traits is that they will eat anything. With pizzlies drawing characteristics from both parents that could give them an edge in warming northern habitats, some scientists speculate that the pizzlies, and/or "grolars", could be here to stay.

Info from livescience.com & polarbearsinternational.org

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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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