DISTRICT 11-E2 NEWSLETTER



APRIL 2019

Notable Quote: "This time, like all times, is a very good one, if we but know what to do with it." - Ralph Waldo Emerson (1803 -

DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

Gordon Harris,
District Governor

It's convention season, Lions. So far, I have attended conventions for Districts 11D1 and 11D2, and on April 27 I will attend the convention for 11E1, our neighbor to the southwest. Attendance has been down from recent years, but all participants really enjoy themselves.

Our 11-E2 convention is scheduled for May 3-5 in Alpena. The deadline for registering was April 15, but registration is being held open for late comers. Club Presidents, I urge you to send your allotted number of delegates to our convention. Please participate in the most important District function of the Lion year. Call Alpena and tell them you are coming and will pay what you owe when you get there.

At least two topics to be discussed at our cabinet and business sessions are the Defense Against Diabetes initiative and possible alternative formats for future conventions. Come and let your voices be heard.

Yours in service,
DG Gordon Harris

2018 - 2019 DISTRICT OFFICERS

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President's Message

Gudrun Yngvadottir

Build a Strong Foundation for a Strong Future

Hello, Lions!

When building a home, the most important first step is to have a strong foundation that can support the rooms, furniture, and lives that will rest upon it.

In serving, it's equally important to have a solid foundation to support the work we do.

Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) is that support. It enables Lions to do work that would otherwise be out of reach.

But without the contributions of Lions and friends, LCIF would not be strong enough to support all the work that needs to be done. It would not be able to help fund the water pipes being installed in Malawi or the gender-equity programs for young people in India. It wouldn't have been able to send emergency aid to the people of California when devastating fires ripped through their town, destroying everything.

Right now, these places may seem far away from your town and the needs of your community. You may be focused on the local homeless shelter that needs food or the high school in desperate need of a new gymnasium. And maybe right now your club can raise the funds for those efforts. But one day your community may need help from LCIF.

And LCIF will be there for your community. But only because millions of Lions around the world recognized that your town is just as important as theirs. They said, "I will help, no matter where the need:' And that is how we support one another. That is how we make this a world of interconnected communities. A world of Lions.

That is why it is more important now-when so many challenges face our global community-that Lions recognize and contribute to the work LCIF empowers.

After all, it could be our community that needs it next.

Yours,

Gudrun Yngvadottir

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International President, Lions Clubs International





Add New Members to Qualify for Service Grants

You know that increasing, retaining and engaging your members is the key to a healthy club and impactful service. With the right resources, your club can celebrate new members and current members while engaging in meaningful service in your community. That's why we're offering you a special opportunity to receive a service grant when you add new members in April.

Here's how the service grants work:

- Add new members in April Clubs will have an opportunity to receive a special grant for new Lions who are reported during April 2019.
- Apply for a grant Clubs can apply for a Service Grant for New Members, which awards a
 total of US\$35 for each new member in two equal installments on December 31, 2019 and June
 30, 2020 club statements if new members stay active.
- Engage new members Funds should be used to plan activities that engage new members in service so they have a great on-boarding experience in your club.

These service grants will allow you to invest directly in your new members so you can make their first year a memorable one. Don't miss this incredible opportunity to grow your club's impact by inviting new members in April and inspiring a lifetime of service.

In friendship,

Gudrun Yngvadottir Your International President

Introducing Your Lion Account

All Lions Clubs International digital applications are transitioning to a universal login system. This will be called your **Lion Account**. Beginning March 27, 2019, you'll be asked to use a new username and password that will give you access to:

- MyLCI
- MyLion®
- Shop
- Upcoming applications

If you already have a MyLion username and password, you're good to go and don't need to create a new one. Your MyLion credentials will become your Lion Account credentials.

We recognize this will be a short-term disruption for all MyLCI users, but we believe this approach will have big benefits in the future as we add/improve applications and give our members a great online space to be Lions.



Join us at the Garibaldi Hotel, Milan, on Sunday, July 7 for Michigan Night. This annual get-together includes a 4-course Italian dinner and is sure to be enjoyed by all.

COST IS \$50/PERSON AND MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE. PAYMENT DUE BY MAY 18, 2019.

PLEASE MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO LIONS OF MICHIGAN AND MAIL TO:

LION BILL SIMPSON 706 RIVER ST., BIG RAPIDS, MI 49307

2019 Lions District 11-E2 Convention



May 3, 4 & 5, 2019 ● Ramada Inn - Alpena, MI



2019 Convention Itinerary

Day & Time(EDT)	Description	Location
Friday May 3		
2 – 6 PM	Registration & Certification	Lobby Ramada Inn
4 – 5 PM	Lions District Cabinet Meeting	Huron/Superior
6 PM	V.I.P Dinner (by Invitation)	Michigan
7 – 9:30 PM	District Mixer Band – MLM Trio & Horse Racing	Holidome
Saturday May 4th		
6:30 - 8:30	Guest Breakfast seated by 8:00 for those staying as register guests of Motel	CW's Restaurant
8:30 -11:30 AM	Registration & Certification	Lobby Ramada Inn
8:30 – 8:55 AM	ID and Cabinet	Superior
9 – 10 AM	Lions District Business Meeting	Huron/Superior
9 – 10 AM	Lioness Cabinet Meeting	Michigan
10:05 – 11:05 AM	Lions/Lioness Training Sessions – President – PDG David Zeller Secretary – Lion Bob Noll Treasurer – CST Barb Durflinger Membership Chair – Lion Bob Taisor	Superior Huron Bar Area Michigan
10:05 – 11:15 AM	Visit Multiple District Projects Tables	Lobby Ramada Inn
11:05 – 12:00 AM	Lioness Roundtable w/Lunch	Michigan
11:00 – 4:00	Free Time, enjoy Alpena	
2:00 – 3:00	Austin Bros Brewery Tour	Austin Bros Brewery

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2019 Lions District 11-E2 Convention





DAY & Time (EDT)	Description	Location
Saturday Afternoon May 4th		
1:30 – 3 PM	Registration & Certification	
1:30-2:45 pm	Eversight Leader Dog Lions of Michigan Foundation All-State Band Bear Lake	Superior
3:00 – 4:00 pm	Diabetes Awareness Gretchen Stelter MSU Extension	Superior
4:00 – 5:00 pm	District Raffle	Holidome
Saturday Evening May 4 th		
5:30 – 6:30 PM	Meet and Greet	Huron/Superior/Michigan
6:30 – 9:30 PM	District Banquet	Huron/Superior/Michigan
9:30 PM	Hospitality Room	Hospitality Room #136
Sunday May 5th		
6:30 – 8:30 AM	Guest Breakfast seated by 8:00 for those staying as register guests of Motel	CW's Restaurant
8 – 8:45 AM	Memorial Service	Michigan
8:45 AM – 10:45 AM	Registration & Certification	Lobby Ramada Inn
9:15 – 10:30 AM	Lioness Award Breakfast	Huron/Superior
11 AM	Lioness District Election	Michigan
11 AM	Lions District Elections	Huron/Superior
12 Noon	Convention Adjourned	

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ADVERTISING ORDER FOR PROGRAM

2019 Lions/Lioness

District 11 E-2 Convention May 3,4 & 5, 2019 Ramada Inn, Alpena, Michigan



Individual or Club			
Contact Person			
SIZE OF AD BEING			
Width x Hei	ght		
5 x 8	(Full Page)	\$99.00	
5 x 4	(Half Page)	\$55.00	
2.5 x 4	(Quarter Page)	\$35.00	
	(Sizes shown include borders around the ad)		
Customer Signature	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 APRIL 15, 2019

MAIL TO:

Alpena Lions Club P.O. Box 324 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!!



If you have any questions, please contact
Lion Ed Klimczak:
989-356-0834
989-464-4904
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2018 - 2019 Lions/Lioness District 11 E-2 Convention CERTIFICATION OF DELEGATES

Please return by: April 15, 2019



According to the Multiple District 11 Convention and By-Laws, all Lions Clubs in good standing with Lions Clubs International, Multiple District 11 and District 11-E2 are entitled to (1) vote for each (10) members, or major fraction thereof, as reported on their February 2018 membership report. The major fraction referred to is (5) or more members.

PLEASE NOTE: Your delegates are determined by your February 2018 Membership Report <u>and Not</u> the 2019 February Membership Report. Lions Clubs International policy requires that voting delegates be based on the number of Lions that have been members for one year and one day.

Select your delegates and alternates. All must be Lions for at least one year and one day prior to the convention. List their names on the left side of the form. Please PRINT or TYPE. Place a (D) after each delegate and an (A) after each alternate. List delegates first and then alternates. DO NOT HAVE THE DELEGATES OR ALTERNATES SIGN THE FORM!! All delegates and alternates will sign the form at the time of registration and certification at the convention. Clubs less than one year old should use their charter numbers to determine their entitled number of delegates. Use the reverse side if necessary. RETURN THIS FORM NO LATER THAN April 15, 2019.

Mail to: Lion Bob Nelden 4954 Benway Lane Central Lake, MI 49622

The total number of Lions on our 2018 February Membership report is ______

THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY CLUB SECRETARY	THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED AT CONVENTION SITE
NAME OF DELEGATE/ALTERNATE	SIGNATURE
I hereby certify that the delegates and alternates standing of the	s listed above are members in good Lions Club, District 11-E2, Multiple
or _	



2018 – 2019 Lions/Lioness District 11-E2 Convention Alpena, Michigan May 3, 4 & 5, 2019



CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

Complete one form for each person!
Registrations are due April 15, 2019

	ne:		
	e Name:		
	ou want on your badge:		<u> </u>
Address	<u> </u>		
Telephor	ne: () E-Mail:	-	
Indicat	e each event you will attend:		
	Friday Evening Mixer 7:30 pm - Hors' D'oeuvres and entertainment Hosted by: Alpena Lions Club		Included
	Saturday Breakfast - included with room in CW's Restau	ırant	Included
	Saturday Banquet Plated, Circle Choice Baked Chicken – Roasted Pork Loin	\$25	
	Saturday Lioness Awards Breakfast Buffet	\$15	
	Saturday Lioness Lunch Meeting Forum	\$15	
	Write a Check, for those	checked Total:	
Reserva Ask for t	eservations (83 total rooms available at Ramada Inn) tions for the Ramada Inn will be made directly thru the Ramada le Lions Group Discount. Rooms are on a first come first se lus taxes and fees and reservations should be made by 4/15	erve basis. All re	
	MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Alpena <u>Lions</u> Mail to: Alpena Lions – Registration – PO Box 324,		707
Note: Or	d is my check for meals and Activities as indicated above ne check can be written for two or more registration forms. P in the following bracket of each form you are including. (Che	lease place the	
	nvention hosts are: The Lions Club of Alpena For inform ontact: Steve Murch 989-657-9277 or SteveMurch49707@g		s to question



Activities for the Weekend



Friday Cabinet Meeting
Friday Evening Mixer
Saturday Training Sessions
Saturday Multiple District Projects and Video History of Lions
Saturday Lioness District Meeting
Saturday Afternoon Free Explore

- 1. Besser Museum
- 2. National Marine Sanctuary
- 3. Austin Brothers Brewery Brewery Tour 2-3p m
- 4. Visit Downtown Alpena
- 5. Walk the Covered Bridge on Duck Park Island
- 6. Art in the Loft Gallery
- 7. Presque Isle Lighthouses

Saturday District Raffle
Saturday Banquet Saturday Hospitality Room Sunday
Memorial Service
Sunday Lioness Awards Banquet Sunday Lions Elections
Sunday Lioness Elections

A fun weekend is planned for all ages, come enjoy Alpena and do the business of the Lions and Lioness District.



SEND TO:



NECROLOGY REPORT

Please return by: April 15, 2019

Dear Club Officers:

Each year District 11-E2 holds a special Memorial Service on Sunday morning of the convention. This is a solemn moment when we honor all the Lions and Lioness who have passed away during the past Lion year.

Every club is asked to respond by submitting the names of your members whose service on Earth has ended. Furthermore, we ask that you honor them by attending the Memorial Service and lighting a candle in honor and remembrance of their service.

Please print or type so that names will be spelled correctly in the Memorial Program.

Thanks for helping to honor your former member (s). District 11-E2 Convention Committee

Pam Stewart 2659

AuGres, MI 48703

Linwood Rd.

(CLUB CONTACT PERSON) (PHONE NUMBER) DECEASED MEMBER(S)	LOGY REPORT(CLUB NAME)	
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LEADER DOGS FOR THE BLIND: YOUR LOCAL LIONS RESOURCE

There are 1.3 million people in the United States that are considered legally blind. Each year 75, 000 more people become legally blind. Of this number only 10% travel independently with a white cane or guide dog. Together, Lions and Leader Dog serve this population.

We often hear the comment "Our club only supports local services." While our campus is located in Rochester Hills, Michigan, we serve and support clients in your local communities throughout the United States, Canada and beyond.

In FY 2017-18, Leader Dog served 184 clients with guide dogs

- · 21 clients received home delivery training
- 10 clients are **Deaf-Blind** (see picture at right)
- 58% were new clients and 42% were returning clients
- 47% of guide dog clients listed themselves as unemployed, 47% as employed, 13% as students and 10% as retired
- The leading cause of blindness listed by guide dog clients is retinitis pigmentosa, second is glaucoma.
- Eleven guide dog clients this year are **U.S. Armed Forces veterans**.
- Lions clubs assisted 56 clients with their Leader Dog applications.

CELEBRATING 80 YRS LEADER DOG ANNIVERSARY



Did you know we are celebrating our 80th anniversary this year? Founded by three Lions, the first class graduated in October 1939 at the cost of \$600 per client/dog team. Clients were charged \$150, a practice that was ended in 1958 when we made our services free of charge to clients, opening the door to everyone in need regardless of ability to pay. All services are still provided free of charge — thanks Lions, Lioness and Leos!



UNIQUE PROGRAMS AT LEADER DOG

Quiet cars, public transportation, hustle and bustle of crowded streets. These are environments many of our clients experience. In response, Leader Dog offers an urban setting training in Chicago and for our "mild climate" clients a warm weather training in Naples, Florida every year.



ABOVE: Guide Dog Mobility Instructor Jenny Sanderson and LD client Jill (MD-11, Michigan) use American Sign Language to communicate with Leader Dog Twinkie while training in Naples, FL..

WAYS TO KEEP IN TOUCH

(AND SEE CUTE PUPPY PICTURES)













Greetings Lions, Lionesses, Leos and Leader Dog Champions,
Spring brings about a lot of great work at Leader Dog. Our warm
weather guide dog training is wrapping up in Naples, Florida and our
urban guide dog training is beginning in Chicago. Meanwhile, Summer
Experience Camp is filling up for teens 16 and 17 years old who are
blind or visually impaired. All of this work is thanks to your club's and
district's support. Thank you! Share the April newsletter with your
members and newsletter editors so all our Lions can see how Lions
and Leader Dog "Together We Serve."

Our third quarter donation reports are now available on our website. Your district reports are grouped by your multiple district. **View your reports**. If you have any changes (clubs added, closed, etc) please let Lion Kathy know at KGilchrist@leaderdog.org.

Lion Beth Slade Director of Lions Engagement

FOLLOW THE LEADER



Leader Dogs 3rd Quarter Report: Michigan Lions' Donations 04/02/19 MD 11 Pg 1

District Totals	Annual Credit
District 11-A1	\$15,513.00
District 11-A2	\$111,330.98
District 11-B1	\$9,927.00
District 11-B2	\$7,864.45
District 11-C1	\$7,975.00
District 11-C2	\$2,957.30
District 11-D1	\$20,865.29
District 11-D2	\$39,103.07
District 11-E1	\$9,430.00
District 11-E2*	Annual Credit
Alpena Evening Lions Club	\$100.00
Atlanta Lions Club	\$200.00
Au Gres Lioness Club	\$125.00
Bellaire Lioness Club	\$415.00
Bellaire Lions Club	\$1,000.00
Boyne Valley Lions Club	\$600.00
Central Lake Lioness Club	\$200.00
Central Lake Lions Club	\$1,000.00
Charlevoix Lions Club	\$1,000.00
Cheboygan Lioness Club	\$100.00
Cheboygan Lions Club	\$250.00
East Jordan Lioness Club	\$50.00
East Jordan Lions Club	\$100.00
Elk Rapids Lions Club	\$1,100.00
Ellsworth Lioness Club	\$100.00
Ellsworth Lions Club	\$50.00
Gaylord Lions Club	562.50
Glennie Lions Club	100.00
Grayling Lions Club	250.00
Harrisville Lions Club	\$200.00
Hillman Area Lions Club	\$200.00
*Only Donating Clubs Shown	Continued on Next Page

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Leader Dogs 3rd Quarter Report: Michigan Lions Donations MD 11

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District 11-E2*	Annual Credit
Houghton Lake Lions Club	\$100.00
Lewiston Lioness Lions Club	\$150.00
Lewiston Lions Club	\$375.00
Lincoln Lions Club	\$500.00
Mackinaw City Lions Club	\$500.00
Mio Lions Club	\$250.00
Oscoda Lioness Club	\$50.00
Oscoda Lions Club	\$1,050.00
Roscommon Higgins Lake Lions Club	\$5.00
11-E2 District Totals:	\$10,682.50
MD-11	\$164.00

Includes Soft-Credits' next to an amount indicates that the amount includes gifts from other entities given for club credit.

*Only Donating Clubs Shown



PASSINGS



NONE REPORTED

NEW MEMBERS

March:

Boyne Valley Lions welcomed new member Lion Clare VanLaan on March 20 Central Lake Lions welcomed new member Lion Kayla Lietaert in March

On the Mend

Indian River Lions President Ron Morgan was hospitalized in Petoskey for AFIB and the flu on March 28. No update on his condition received.



Lions of Michigan Foundation "Bridging The Gap To Service"

Sight & Hearing Sweepstakes

Tickets: \$10 each - Grand Prize: \$5,000 - Drawing: May 18, 2019

All proceeds generated by the Sight & Hearing Sweepstakes are used to provide eye care and hearing aids to low-income Michigan residents.

For tickets, please contact your local Lions Club or call 517-887-6640.

SIGHT & HEARING SWEEPSTAKES: Cash Prizes



1ST PRIZE \$ 5,000.00 2ND PRIZE \$ 2,500.00 3RD PRIZE \$ 2,000.00 4TH PRIZE \$ 1,500.00 5TH PRIZE \$ 1,000.00 6TH PRIZE \$ 500.00 7TH PRIZE \$ 400.00 8TH PRIZE \$ 300.00 9TH PRIZE \$ 200.00

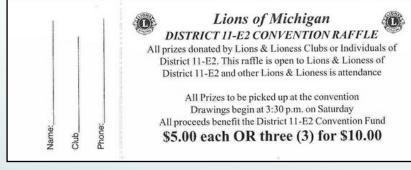


Selling Sweepstakes tickets can make money for your Club – and you can win money as well!

Lions of Michigan District 11-E2 Convention Raffle Tickets

District 11-E2 Convention Raffle tickets are available for \$5 each or 3 for \$10. All

proceeds go to the District 11-E2 Convention Fund to defray costs for Lions Club members attending the annual Convention. Prizes are donated by local clubs; prize drawings are conducted on Saturday at the Convention.



Calendar of Events

APRIL 2019:

Easter - Sunday, April 21

Earth Day - Monday, April 22

MAY 2019:

District 11-E2 Convention - Friday, Sunday, May 3-5 -

Ramada Inn, Alpena

Saturday, May 4, 2019: Lions of Michigan District 11-E2 Convention Raffle Drawings

Mother's Day - Sunday, May 12

Lions of Michigan State Convention – Thursday, Saturday, May 16-18 – Auburn Hills Marriot, Pontiac

Lions of Michigan Foundation – Sight & Hearing Sweepstakes

Saturday, May 4: S & H Ticket Sellers Drawing Saturday, May 18: S & H Raffle Drawings

Memorial Day – Monday, May 27

JULY 2019:

Lions Clubs International Convention - July 05, 2019 - Milan, Italy

JUNE 2020:

LCI Convention - June 26, 2020 - Singapore

JUNE 2021:

LCI Convention - June 25, 2021 - Montreal, Quebec, Canada

Boyne Valley Lions

March

Project Connect Wednesday, March 13.

Project Connect is a day of Vision Screening service children. for Thanks again to Nate Lion for leading up the team at this year's Project Connect in the Odawa Casino and to Lion Ken Allen for setting up



the equipment the night before. The team including Lions Rex, Lee Ann, James, Ken, Kim and Nate screened 29 children from 6 months to 6 years of age. 10 of the 29 children screened were referred for additional vision screening.

March 20

Lion Clare VanLaan, sponsored by Lion Katie Bobowski was inducted as a new Lion by Lion President Jill Drury. Clare is the 46th Boyne Vallev Lions Club member



Boyne Valley Lions Club March Donations

\$250 - Northern Michigan Cancer Crusaders \$250 - Leadership Charlevoix: Ferry Beach Project \$400 - Leader Dogs for the Blind

April 10: 2019/2020 Club Officers

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President	John Cool	
1st Vice President	Gow Litzenburger	Bolo
2nd Vice President	James Richman	7 =
3rd Vice President	Kim Akin	new in
Secretary	Larry Taylor	role
Asst. Secretary	Julie Taylor	
Treasurer	Robert Prebble	
Asst. Treasurer	Ralph Gillett	
Tail Twister	Mike Wagner	
Lion Tamer	Jim Felton	
One Year Director	Mike Cain	
One Year Director	Yolanda Pethers	
Two Year Director	Lee Ann Lindahl	
Two Year Director	John Drury	
Membership Chair	James Richman	
IPP	Jill Drury	

Central Lake Lions

March



Central Lake Lions Club had its newest member Kayla Lietaert inducted by 2nd VDG Rod Leathers, sponsored by Lion Marie Leathers



The Central Lake High School Trobotics Club demonstrated their robot for the Lions Club. Last year the Lions and Lioness Clubs contributed to their expenses to compete at the state finals.

Petoskey Lions

April

Petoskey Lions recycled 124 pair of glasses in the month of April.

Oscoda Lions March/April

Our last Texas Hold'em Poker Tournament is scheduled for April 18, 19 and 20. There will be no Sunday poker because of the Easter holiday.

Thursday, April 18: 4:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. - Dave Brick, Josh Sutton, Debe Merritt

9:00 p.m. - 2:00 a.m. - Rick Ferrebee, Ann Bovan, Andrea McCaffery

Friday, April 19: 4:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. – Julie Burrell, Bob Tasior, Devon Tasior

9:00 p.m. - 2:00 a.m. - Jane Meyer, Bill Palmer, Eileen Palmer

Saturday, April 20: 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. - Bobbi Kopko, Bill Gaines, Yvonne Mallak

8:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m. - Newana Visser, Denise Mochty, Mary Jo Rehberg

Nominations for Club Officers

Lion Bill Palmer is still looking for a few club members to complete the slate for club officers and board members for 2019-2020. Get involved.

President	Bill Palmer
1 st Vice President	Yvonne Mallak
2 nd Vice President	
Secretary	Eileen Palmer
Treasurer	Julie Burrell
2 year Directors	Andrea McCaffery, Bobbi Kopko, Sherry Proulx
1 year Directors	Lewis Moeller, Dustin Clare, Sean Clarke
At-Large Director	Gary Rehberg – Humanitarian Chair
At-Large Director	Mary Jo Rehberg – Newsletter/Communications
Tail Twister	
Lion Tamer	
Membership Chair/IPP	Robert Tasior
Program Director	Jane Meyer

The board approved the following expenditures:

- \$30 for advertising in the Lions MD11 Convention program.
- \$90 for a full page ad in the 11 E-2 Convention program. This expense will be shared with the Lioness Club.
- Provide a gift basket for the Volunteer Appreciation Day on April 18. A bird themed basket will be assembled by Lion Andrea.

5th Annual "Celebrate our Community Volunteers"

Thursday, April 18th Noon – 4:00 p.m. – Huron Shores Artesian Hall -- Downtown Oscoda.

This is a free event for all community volunteers.

You Make the News - We Publish It!

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

Send your information to: dlzim47@gmail.com

- 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.
- * <u>Photos</u>: Should be 300 pixels for good quality. <u>Include names of individuals in photos</u>, and/or describe <u>what the photo</u> <u>is showing</u>. <u>Text</u>: Include dates and names (if applicable) for all events submitted.

 Text will be edited as needed for space, spelling, corrections, etc.

Don't be left out!

DISTRICT 11-E2 NEWSLETTER April 2019

Editor's Notes:

By Lion David J. Zimmer

Kindness Matters



Kindness defines who we are as Lions. And why we serve. An act of kindness may be small and personal, or large and profound. When 1.4 million men and women come together to serve, it represents a dynamic force for good.

Info from Lions International website

Kindness: noun

- 1. the state or quality of being kind: kindness to animals.
- 2. a kind act; favor: his many kindnesses to me.
- 3. kind behavior: I will never forget your kindness.
- 4. the practice or quality of being kind

RELATED WORDS

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You may have noticed that the Lions organization has been stressing the importance of kindness of late. As the definitions and related words above (from online dictionaries) show, the concept of "kindness" reflects the best impulses in human behavior. The opposite of kindness can be expressed by words such as meanness, hate, malevolence, cruelty, intolerance, and bigotry, and other negative terms describing humanity's worst behaviors. These times remind us daily that bullying, divisive rhetoric, gun violence, bigotry' discrimination, and hate crimes occur much too often in a country that proclaims "Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness" as its core principles. People being targeted or harassed because of their differences in race, ethnicity, religion, gender identity, or political philosophy is part of a new reality. The shocking numbers of men exposed as behaving badly towards women is unconscionable and disturbing. This worldwide disrespect of women (comprising over half of the world's population) as equal human beings casts a shameful shadow on our supposedly "enlightened age".

Many forms of these negative behaviors have persisted throughout human history, in part because of people's reluctance to get involved in "other's problems", and the mind set that "that's the way it's always been, nothing we can do about it." Now awareness of the scope of behaviors that have usually been kept hidden behind the veil of secrecy are coming to light. While frightening and appalling, being awakened to these issues opens the opportunity for us to grasp the situation and do something about it. We cannot fix what we don't know, and we can't expect a better future if we don't fix our shortcomings. Some don't think they could be victims of bias. As an older white male of the Boomer generation, the current "power demographic", you would think that I wouldn't have to worry about being a victim of discrimination. You would be wrong. I'll share with you my experience of what I call "beardism." In the mid-1990's, while living downstate, I interviewed for a job with a "Large Package Delivery Service" I'll call LPDS. My qualifications for the office job were more than adequate, but the interviewer revealed that I could not work for LPDS unless I shaved off my beard. I have worn facial hair since 1971, neatly trimmed, nothing like those long shaggy beards adorning faces of the rock band ZZ Top. I simply think I look better with a beard; it's part of me, it's who I am. So I was shocked that this "no beard" policy existed because it was so arbitrary and ridiculous. Why would anyone be offended by what has been the natural state of the male face as long as humans have existed? I can understand some occupations banning beards – firemen wouldn't want flammable facial fur while fighting fires. But it was an office job, not delivering packages or dealing with customers, so who would be bothered by facial hair? Other employees? I certainly understand that some people are ok with men having a beard and some don't like the look. It's a free country and we're all entitled to our own opinions of what we like or don't like. But making beardlessness a requirement for employment is just wrong. That was what I felt then, and what I feel now.

Ironically, the job interviewer had a <u>mustache</u>. Think about that – mustache ok, beard not ok. Mustache wearers Adolf Hitler and Joseph Stalin could work for LPDS, but bearded Jesus and Abe Lincoln would be denied a job The undisputed greatest package deliverer in the known Universe, Santa Claus, with his big white beard, could not work for LPDS.

It was just so surreal. I thought of it as "beardism", discrimination judging external attributes (hair) instead of character. In the greater scheme of things "beardism" is a mere blip on the list of discrimination evils. But I remember how I felt

frustrated and angry, powerless to do anything about a policy that was unfair and stupid. I experienced the sting of discrimination, not for something I had done, but for who I was. A small taste of the discrimination I now realize so many African Americans, Latinos, Jews, Muslims, gays, women and others experience every day. I did not take the LPDS job.

One of the attractions of Lionism for me was the tolerance, goodness, and diversity of people helping people without bias. When Lions serve their communities and people in need, each act of kindness is a repudiation of the misguided ideas and actions of intolerant, hateful individuals and groups. Through kindness we recognize people as human beings, regardless of the attributes of race, ethnicity, religion, gender, etc. Lions alone can't solve all the world's problems, but we can be beacons of compassion and by example of doing the right thing encourage others to embrace the concept of kindness that humanity so desperately needs. We often refer to our species as "humankind" or "mankind" – let's really earn that description.