

# DISTRICT 11-E2 NEWSLETTER

## DECEMBER 2018



Note: Due to a medical emergency DG Gordon Harris's wife Veda is experiencing there will be no District Governor's Message this month. Please keep her and Gordon in your prayers.

An article by Lion Robert Tasior, Global Membership Coordinator, is offered instead.

*Notable Quote:* "We ask for strength and the Great Spirit gives us difficulties, which makes us strong." — Native American saying



Hello fellow Lions,

As your 11E2 Global Membership Coordinator I would like to talk a bit about an issue that affect most Lions Clubs in 11E2 – MEMBERSHIP!

For those that know me you are aware that I rarely beat around the bush and I am not afraid to state what I feel is an issue that needs addressing. You also know that I do not bring up issues without bringing to the table a possible solution. I am open to suggestions and I am willing to talk openly and be candid and frank in these discussions.

I believe wholeheartedly that membership in our 11E2 District can grow and Lionism in our District can once again serve our communities with the vigor and intensity it once did.

The answer is membership! We simply need to ask. An all out drive to gain membership in our 11E2 clubs has to happen. Each and every member should be scouring their communities for new members, and once we get them, give them the proper training to succeed as Lions.

I have heard dozens of reasons why memberships are dwindling – people don't want to be involved anymore, people don't have time to volunteer, our dues are too expensive, young people don't have time or ambitions to serve anymore. While all of these things are in ways true, I would argue that they have always been true.

These issues are the same things said throughout the history of the Lions. Even during the great depression Lions Clubs were growing – why? Because a need was there and good people stepped up to serve. That need is still there. While the average age of Lions has increased, the responsibilities to our communities are the same. We simply need to engage more people. We need members and the only ones that can bring new members are YOU!

Our 11E2 District membership count is at 868 members. One year ago it was at 906. We simply have to turn this around. This is not something one person can do; it is the responsibility of all of us. I ask all club Presidents to please address this at your meetings. Stress the need for actively seeking new members, form committees to openly discuss membership issues. When we get new members engage them, listen to them, mentor them, they are the future leaders of your club – cherish them!

**Lion Robert Tasior**  
**Global Membership Coordinator**

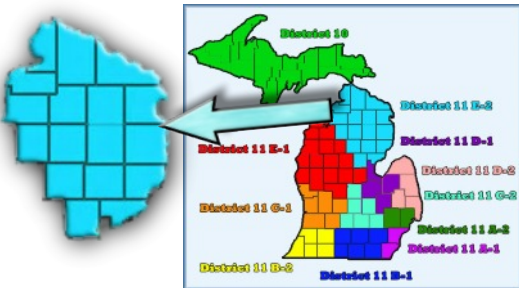


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### Lions Of Michigan Multiple District 11-E2 Counties

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

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**Pursuing New Horizons with International  
President, Gudrun Yngvadottir**

**Dear Lion,**

Your service has changed lives in your community, and, together our work has saved countless lives around the world. When we work together, we are bigger and we are better. Your Global Action Team (GAT) can maximize your service and multiply our impact - locally and around the world.

Collaborating with your GAT will help your club achieve new breakthroughs in service. They have the experience and the resources to help you transform your service ideas into results. Keep reading to learn how your GAT is always available to empower your club to do more for more people.

In friendship,

**Gudrun Yngvadottir**

**Your International President**

### See the GAT in Action

The GAT can help you multiply your service impact, just like it did for Lions in Nairobi, Kenya, who have made huge strides in the fight against diabetes. Kenyan Lions started with an idea and ended up helping more than half a million people.



## Lions GAT Fights Against Diabetes in Kenya

Michael DiMaria – November 13, 2018

Big challenges require big solutions. That's why Lions in Kenya, Nairobi turned to the Global Action team (GAT) in their fight against diabetes.

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The GAT believes in taking a one-team approach, working together to increase leadership development and membership opportunities, and to promote innovative and impactful service projects in communities all over the world. Through teamwork, a small idea in a rural community can grow into the next big idea that impacts millions across a country.

Lions in Kenya who saw a need and leveraged the power of the GAT one-team approach are now leading efforts to bring diabetes awareness, treatment and support to communities in and around the capital city of Kenya, Nairobi.

### **A Solid Foundation**

Kenyan Lions began the fight against diabetes ten years ago. And with diabetes recently becoming a focus of Kenya's Ministry of Health, Global Action Team leaders saw the opportunity to expand the care they were providing. Through their existing partnerships with the Lions Sight First Eye Hospital and M.P. Shah Hospital in Nairobi, these leaders conceived the idea of Lions Diabetes Care Centers, and opened the first center in April 2017.

Lions leveraged professional expertise and partnerships with healthcare providers, Lions hospitals and diabetes centers to provide comprehensive screenings, follow-up care and educational materials and resources. Each pillar of the Global Action Team had a role in expanding diabetes education, screenings and continuing care for those most in need.

### **Harnessing Synergy**

Here's how the GAT brought together service, leadership development and membership to multiply their impact in Nairobi:

**Service** – Lions of Kenya hosted diabetes screenings at hospitals, schools, businesses and rural and poor areas for all Kenyans. Educational material was distributed to all who came for screenings. Those who were diagnosed with diabetes or at risk of diabetes were immediately connected to health support services, which included follow-up and on-going care. All of this is done at a single point of service!

**Leadership Development** - Leadership development is more than just training. It's critical to identify and seize opportunities to lead. Global Action Team leaders in Kenya took advantage of those opportunities and worked within the new diabetes care centers to develop staff, and train medical students and members of the community. Training opportunities included peer leader training for diabetes support groups, and training for outreach and education field support groups.

**Membership** - Lions of Kenya mobilized their existing membership with outside partners and members of the community during World Diabetes Day in November 2017. They served together, raising awareness during the lead up to service on World Diabetes Day. From that shared experience, a new specialty club was chartered with a vision to educate and create more diabetes awareness in the community.

Nairobi Phoenix Lions Club is proud to be a specialty Lions club focusing on diabetes as its global cause. With their scheduled outreach camps, they have screened more than 15,000 people and supported over 320 new diagnosed cases. They have also provided support through counseling and training to those already living with the disease. It's great to be a Lion and help in the fight against diabetes.

*"I care about diabetes because my whole family is affected by it. I see my family members injecting themselves with insulin every day. Just like them, there are so many people around Africa and other parts of the world who do not even know they are suffering from this deadly disease."* – Soyum Shah, Lions Club Nairobi Phoenix

What started as Lion leaders seizing an opportunity to meet community needs by providing diabetes education and care has grown into a movement, serving almost half a million people. As a result of service, nearly 800 members of the community and local partners joined the Lions family. And among those new members are the next generation of Lion leaders.

They not only saw the impact of service. They experienced it.

Learn how you can harness the power of the GAT today.

Info from LCI Website



## Club Quality Initiative

The Global Action Team is all about leveraging resources and creating synergy so we can do more. The same is true for your club. Here are some great resources that can help your club better serve your members and the community.

- **Club Quality Initiative**

Ready to take your club to the next level? The Club Quality Initiative takes a whole-club approach to strengthening your club. Get started on the Club Quality Initiative today. (Access on [www.lionsclubs.org/](http://www.lionsclubs.org/))

- **Community Needs Assessment**

When we better understand the needs of our community, we can deliver even better service and discover new projects. Start your Community Needs Assessment now. (Access on [www.lionsclubs.org/](http://www.lionsclubs.org/))

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## MyLion is changing service

Global action starts with local action. If you're ready to innovate your service, check out the MyLion service app.

With the tools to organize service, connect with Lions around the world, and share your service photos and stories at your fingertips, your club will be ready to schedule your next great project and inspire the world.

MyLion is now available in 13 languages, so check for availability in your area and get connected!

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## The Service Journey

The Service Journey is an approach to living and serving well. To making a real difference people can see and feel. It encompasses four simple phases: Learn, Discover, Act, and Celebrate. We love these words because they transcend organizational formulas. They have no borders. They are the essence of Lions and Leos.

If the past 100 years have taught us anything, it's that as we serve, we grow. And we were never meant to stop. Service is our journey. Let's explore it together.

### Learn

Insight is often more valuable than instinct: if we aren't informed about what's happening around us, our impact may fall short. So, we cultivate an awareness of local needs and how they connect to a larger global narrative. We seek new information and turn it into insight. Learning positions us to be effective.

### Discover

Opportunity awaits anyone willing to learn. Knowledge sharing equips us to leverage our strengths, bridge gaps through partnerships and encourage innovation. This process of discovery unifies our focus and prepares us for action.

### Act

Our mission is service, and service is visible. Its effects are measurable. Equipped with insight and inspired by opportunity, we practically support our communities, our regions, and our world together. Through action we fulfill our mission.

### Celebrate

Serving humanity in over 200 countries, we take pride in the unique expressions of kindness found in each of our local clubs across the world. When we share our stories and report our impact, we unify our organization, inspire our communities, and capture the attention of a global audience. Celebration elevates the experience and impact of service.

# EMERGENCY GRANT CRITERIA & APPLICATION

## EMERGENCY GRANT PROGRAM OBJECTIVE:

The objective of the Emergency Grant Program is to provide immediate emergency relief assistance to victims of natural disasters through the service work programs of Lions clubs worldwide. Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) Emergency grants are available for relief aid in the wake of tornadoes, hurricanes, earthquakes, typhoons, monsoons, ice storms, wildfires, flooding caused by excessive rains and similar natural disasters. Emergency grants are not applicable for drought, infestations, disease outbreaks, man-made disasters, political strife or random acts of violence.

## APPLICATION AND CRITERIA REQUIREMENTS:

Emergency grants in amounts up to US\$10,000 are available to help Lions districts with the distribution of immediate relief aid to victims of serious natural disasters where 100 or more people have been displaced or affected. The district governor must submit the grant request for an Emergency grant and provide specific details on the damages sustained within their district. Individual clubs may not submit requests for Emergency grants.

LCIF should receive this request from the district governor within 30 days of the disaster's occurrence. Requests received after this 30-day time period are not eligible for funding. To help meet this 30-day submission deadline, it is recommended that requests be submitted via e-mail, fax or phone.

The Chairperson of the LCIF Board of Trustees has approval authority for Emergency grants for amounts up to US\$10,000. Emergency grant funds are limited to providing immediate needs including the purchase of food, bottled water, clothing, blankets, medicine and cleaning supplies. Emergency grant funds may not be used for non-immediate needs such as providing shelter, rebuilding damaged facilities and homes or replacing household and personal belongings lost as a result of the natural disaster. Please refer to the Emergency Grant Guidelines document available at [www.lcif.org](http://www.lcif.org) for more information on what is considered an immediate need. LCIF Standard grants up to US\$75,000 are available for long-term reconstruction and rehabilitation projects for vital public facilities damaged during a disaster.

## EMERGENCY GRANTS CRITERIA:

1. Grant requests will be considered for situations evidenced by an urgent need for water, food, clothing, medical supplies, blankets and cleaning supplies not available from other agencies. The district governor will provide a plan of action for a Lions-led relief effort that involves local Lions in distributing the LCIF-funded relief supplies.
2. An Emergency Grant request from any executive officer of Lions Clubs International shall be given priority based upon his/her personal witness to a natural disaster. Such grants shall be subject to all other Emergency grant criteria.
3. An Emergency grant recipient shall be obligated, as soon as reasonably possible, to supply all information required under the usual grant application process as a condition of acceptance of an Emergency grant.
4. LCIF shall not be a primary relief agency nor shall it seek to duplicate the work of such agencies in their efforts to meet immediate disaster needs, nor attempt to assume responsibilities of governments, insurance carriers or private efforts, except where flagrant and otherwise irremediable omission occur.
5. Emergency grants shall not be given or used to provide direct cash assistance to disaster victims. Numerous other agencies exist principally for that purpose and, in most cases; an Emergency grant is not sufficient to effectively provide for victim's needs.
6. Receipt of an Emergency grant will not necessarily preclude further application being made for matching under the Standard Grant Program for disaster reconstruction projects.
7. Emergency grant recipients are obligated to use grants funds for their original intended purpose within 30 days of receipt of the grants unless given an extension by LCIF. The grant must be used within this time period, immediately after which the district receiving the grant shall send LCIF any unused funds and a detailed grant report of how the funds were expended, along with appropriate receipts and supporting documentation. Outstanding final reports may delay the application process of subsequent requests.

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### **DISASTER DETAILS:**

The district governor should answer the following questions in detail. It is important that as much information as possible is provided about the damages sustained within the district. A delay in providing this information will delay processing of the Emergency grant request.

1. When and where did the disaster occur? (Specify cities, counties, villages, etc.)
2. What is the extent of the damage, deaths and injuries? How many homes and families were affected?
3. What current relief efforts are underway by the community, relief agencies and Lions?
4. What is the district's plan of action to purchase and distribute immediate relief aid such as food, clothing, blankets, bottled water, medical supplies and similar items with the LCIF Emergency grant funds?

When all information is received by LCIF from the district governor and if it meets the Emergency grant criteria, the request is presented to the LCIF Chairperson for consideration. Emergency grants are issued upon the approval of the Foundation's Chairperson within the guidelines of the grant criteria. LCIF will not reimburse Lions for money spent on relief efforts executed prior to grant approval.

### **CERTIFICATION BY DISTRICT GOVERNOR:**

This is to certify that I have reviewed the LCIF Emergency Grant Criteria. I endorse the need for an Emergency grant and will do everything in my power to assure proper and efficient administration of the Emergency grant funds to purchase and distribute only food, clothing, blankets, bottled water, cleaning supplies, medical supplies and similar items through a Lions relief program.

District \_\_\_\_\_ Nature of Disaster \_\_\_\_\_

Date Disaster Occurred \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Request \_\_\_\_\_

District Governor Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province/Country \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Fax Number \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

**Note:** The previous information describes the criteria and procedures the Lions Club International Foundation uses to help Lions Clubs cope with natural disasters world wide. We've witnessed a high number of various types of natural disasters recently occurring in the United States and around the world - earthquakes, hurricanes, floods, tornadoes, tsunamis, and wildfires, destroying natural areas and man-made structures, and taking lives. We hope never to see a need for LCIF disaster relief in Northern Michigan, but it is important to know that help is available from the Lions organization if Nature's wrath ever happens here.





## BUILDING SKILLS OVER TIME



Since she was a toddler, **Kayla McDonough** has lived with Retinitis Pigmentosa. "For 14 years I have adapted my life to my vision," said Kayla, "I made things work—but my vision has changed and now I have night blindness and very little peripheral vision." Kayla realized she needed to develop better travel skills because, "If you don't have mobility, you can't get across the street safely."

Kayla attended Summer Experience Camp at Leader Dog when she was 17, and at 18 she became a camp counselor. "The first time I flew alone to Michigan I needed a flight attendant to get to baggage claim," explained Kayla. "But the confidence I built during camp and over the following year made it possible for me to make my way to baggage claim on my own this time."

During camp, Kayla fell in love with the staff and environment. "Leader Dog had already made me more independent during camp," said Kayla. So, she had no trouble deciding where she would go to get her first guide dog.

Less than a week after finishing as a Summer Experience Camp counselor, Kayla was back on campus to receive Leader Dog Kane, a male yellow Labrador retriever. "Kane just kind of melts into me, he always has to be touching me," laughed Kayla.

Kayla is now a freshman at Kings College in Pennsylvania heading for a degree in business administration. She is living on campus and other than having to enforce "no food off the ground" to LD Kane when in the cafeteria, things are going great.

*ABOVE: Summer Experience Camp Counselor Kayla McDonough, front & center, poses for a group shot with several campers this past June*



IN EVERY LEADER DOG  
LIES THE HEART OF A LION.

A Leader Dog partner since 1939.

## MISSION MOMENT



"I'm not going to be a recliner potato anymore!" ~Roy S. of 5-SE (South Dakota) and his 1st LD Bryla raised by Lions Phil and Phyllis Krebs of MD-26 (Missouri)

## Together We Serve Campers

Last June Leader Dog hosted 18 Summer Experience Campers from 13 states: **Georgia, Pennsylvania, Utah, Missouri, Louisiana, Minnesota, Kansas, Michigan, New York, Wisconsin, California, Texas and New Jersey.**

Many multiple districts have Lions' camps-this is an additional opportunity for your local teens who are blind and visually-impaired. And, thanks to Lions, Lioness and Leos, camp and transportation are free of charge!

Information and applications are on our website: [LeaderDog.org](http://LeaderDog.org)

## FOR MORE UPDATES...

Read and subscribe to our full edition newsletter on our website: [LeaderDog.org](http://LeaderDog.org)

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[LeaderDog.org/Lions](http://LeaderDog.org/Lions)

FOLLOW THE LEADER   

Information from the Leader Dogs for the Blind Newsletter





**JOIN US AT THE 2019 MICHIGAN LIONS FORUM!  
MICHIGAN LIONS SERVICE PROJECT TO BENEFIT  
PROJECT KIDSIGHT**

Friday, February 22, 2019  
Holiday Inn Gateway Centre  
5353 Gateway Centre Dr., Flint, MI 48507  
**7:30 pm**



## Lions Of Michigan Foundation



The MD 11 Global Service Team is organizing a large, group project to take place during the Lions of Michigan Forum on Friday, February 22, 2019. The event will be held at the Holiday Inn Gateway Centre, Flint.

All clubs in Multiple District 11 and Single District 10 are being asked to supply items for gift bags to be used at Project KidSight screenings throughout our great state. The goal is for each district to collect 1,000 items. The committee has set a goal to assemble 3,000 bags at the Forum.

**WE SERVE!**

Lion Justin Faber MD11 GST Chairperson

### DISTRICT    NEED

### GST CONTACT

<b>SD10</b> -Crayons/Colored Pencils.....	IPDG Matt Doney
<b>A1</b> -Coloring Books.....	2VDG David Wilbert
<b>A2</b> -Activity Books .....	Lion Bill Stevens
<b>B1</b> -Stickers (3,000) .....	CC Barry Allen
<b>B2</b> -Crayons/Colored Pencils.....	Lion Tanda Stiffler
<b>C1</b> -Crayons/Colored Pencils.....	PDG Diane Wehby
<b>C2</b> -Activity Books.....	IPDG Brent Beracy
<b>D1</b> -Coloring Books.....	Lion Joe Gwizdala III
<b>D2</b> -Coloring Books.....	PDG Dave Wineman
<b>E1</b> -Activity Books.....	Lion Sheila Ferrel
<b>E2</b> -Activity Books.....	DG Gordon Harris



# LIONS OF MICHIGAN FOUNDATION

“Bridging The Gap To Service”

## Sight & Hearing Sweepstakes

The Sight & Hearing Sweepstakes is a state-wide raffle sponsored by the Lions of Michigan Foundation. Michigan Lion and Lioness Clubs participate in the raffle by partnering with the Lions of Michigan Foundation to sell raffle tickets. Tickets are \$10 each, and the grand prize is \$5,000.

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.

**33<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL SIGHT & HEARING SWEEPSTAKES Tickets Are Now Available For Sale.**

**USA/CANADA LEO LEADERSHIP  
FOUNDATION, INC.**



### Message From Our President

Dear Lions Club President & Secretary:

I would like to take this time to ask every Lions Club to please consider making a donation to the USA/Canada Leo Leadership Foundation (USACLLF). This organization is responsible for organizing the fabulous Leo Leadership Forum every year. The donations received will help defray the cost for Leos attending the 2019 Leo Forum. This Leo Leadership Forum is meant to teach our Leos about Public Speaking, Leadership, Community Engagement/ Development, and most importantly about Lions Clubs International and the Leo Club Program. It also provides our Leos the opportunity to meet Leos from all over the United States, Canada, and the Islands of the Caribbean. I'm a firm believer that every dollar contributed can make a difference to the Leos and to the Lions. I hope you will consider making a donation to help our LEOS.

Attached you will find a letter + donation form from the Leo Leadership Foundation. We ask that you please print clearly when filling out the form. A patch or forum pin will be mailed in gratitude for your donation.

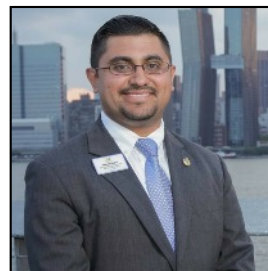
*Letter from Leo Leadership Foundation*

*Donation Form*

Sincerely,

**LION PABLO M. ROMANO**

President



**Note: The *Letter from Leo Leadership Foundation* and the *Donation Form* are on the following 2 pages**



## USA/Canada Leo Leadership Foundation, Inc.

*"Proudly serving the Leos of Constitutional Area 1 & 2"*

PABLO M.  
ROMANO  
President & Founder

November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018

Dear Lions of Constitutional Area 1 & 2:

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As we start our second century of service, we are investing into the future of Lions Clubs—our Leos. Our Leo Club Program started here in the United States almost sixty years ago and today continues to flourish with more than 7,000+ clubs worldwide, 175,000 Leos in 145 countries. Just last year, Leo Clubs completed 24,038 projects. These clubs have served many people, and they are not stopping anytime soon.

We have united to encourage and inspire our Leos to be the great change we need for Lions' continued success. Our vision is to empower and further educate our Leos in areas of leadership and community engagement/development. With that said, Leo advocates gathered to form the USA/Canada Leo Leadership Forum. This Forum is the first of its kind in our Constitutional Area. A Forum organized for Leos by Leos.

From all over the United States, Canada, and Multiple District 60 "Islands of the Caribbean" and other affiliated territories, our Leos share a common set of values. They serve with enthusiasm, constantly striving to make positive, sustainable change to our communities. They inspire their peers and share their talents with those in need. They make an impact on our Lions and reinvigorate our lifetime commitment to serve in this organization. These values give our Leos the power to make profound impact, and we "LIONS" on their side there can be no limit.

Our Leo Leadership Forum will provide Leos with various workshops in leadership, public speaking, community development, etc. These workshops will be developed by experts in the subject and co-facilitated by Leo leaders. At the completion of the Leo Leadership Forum, our Leos will receive their High School Degree. Moreover, we will offer fun activities so Leos can inspire and learn from each other and later bring home their newfound knowledge and share it with their clubs. This forum aims to make a demonstrated commitment to our Leos, whom we believe are the future of Lions.

We hope you may consider donating any amount to our Foundation. Your generous donation will help our Foundation forward our mission of better supporting our Leos through our annual Leo Leadership Forum. As a sign of our appreciation, all donors will be recognized with a club patch or forum pin.

Yours in Lionism,





## USA/Canada Leo Leadership Foundation,

**3<sup>rd</sup> USA/Canada Leo Leadership Forum 2019**

Arizona, USA • July 24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019

## DONATION FORM

**Select One:** ☐ Multiple District ☐ District ☐ Lions Club ☐ Leo Club

Donor Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_

Home \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

*All donations received will help the Foundation defray cost for our Leos attending the forum.*

Donation Levels: ☐ **US \$100** ☐ **US \$250** ☐ **US \$500** ☐ **US \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**Select One:** ☐ **BANNER PATCH** ☐ **FORUM PIN**

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**PDG Stephen DeName, Treasurer**  
**P.O. Box 266**  
**Croton on Hudson, NY. 10520 (USA)**





## 2019 Lions Clubs of Michigan Scholarship for the Visually Impaired

### Three \$3,000 scholarships to be awarded

Please mail completed scholarship application to:

#### The Lions of Michigan State Office

Attn: Scholarship Committee  
5730 Executive Drive, Lansing, MI 48911  
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#### Scholarship Criteria:

1. Must be legally blind and provide verification (letter from optometrist or ophthalmologist or letter from vocational counselor).
2. Applicants must be a resident of the State of Michigan and a United States Citizen (International students must provide proof of citizenship) and either attending or accepted by an accredited trade or business school, college or university.
3. Applicants must complete the official scholarship application (both sides).
4. Must submit two letters of recommendation.
5. Must submit an essay outlining why you need the scholarship.
6. Must have a minimum GPA of 2.5 (transcript required).
7. Completed scholarship applications must be postmarked NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 31st annually.
8. Must attend the Lions of Michigan Forum to accept scholarship during a ceremonial presentation.  
(Actual check(s) will be issued to the school/university/equipment manufacturer upon submission of documentation. Two weeks notice required).

#### Scholarship Selection Process:

1. Lions of Michigan Scholarship Committee will review all applications during January.
2. This scholarship will be awarded in February annually at the Michigan Forum.

Name				Phone	(     )
Address					
City		State		Zip	
Email Address					
Date of Birth		* Degree of visual acuity			
* Legally blind is defined as best corrected vision in both eyes of 20/200 or less and/or visual fields of less than 20 degrees.					
How did you hear about the scholarship?					



## Education Information

High School you attended			
What college or other institution are you attending/planning to attend?			
Have you been accepted?			
What do you plan to study?			
What are your personal and educational goals?			
How will the scholarship funds be used? <i>(Check all that apply)</i>			
<input type="checkbox"/> Tuition	<input type="checkbox"/> Books	<input type="checkbox"/> Housing	
<input type="checkbox"/> Specialized Equipment (please specify) _____			
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) _____			

## Organizations, Activities and Awards

Describe briefly your most significant public service, community, or campus activities associated with your education and/or future career goals.

Special honors and awards	
Special talents and training	

Applicant's Signature		Date	
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# Calendar of Events

**JANUARY 2019:** 11-E2 Cabinet Meeting

Saturday, January 12 – Ramada Inn, Grayling

**FEBRUARY 2019:** Lions of Michigan Forum

Saturday, February 23 – Holiday Inn, 5353 Gateway Centre, Flint

**MAY 2019:** District 11-E2 Convention

Friday-Sunday, May 3-5 – Ramada Inn, Alpena

**MAY 2019:** Lions of Michigan State Convention

Thursday-Saturday, May 16-18 – Auburn Hills Marriot, Pontiac

**JUNE 2020:** LCI Convention

June 26, 2020 – Singapore

**JUNE 2021:** LCI Convention

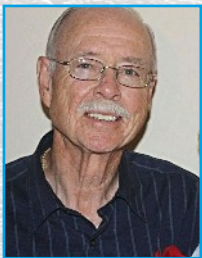
June 25, 2021 – Montreal, Quebec, CA

**JULY 2019:** Lions Clubs International Convention

July 05, 2019 – Milan, Italy



## PASSINGS



Boyne Valley Lion Oral Eugene Sutliff, age 81, passed away peacefully at his home on Friday, November 30, at 7:30 PM. Visitation was 5:00 to 7:00 PM Thursday, December 6th at the Boyne City First Presbyterian Church. A funeral service was held at 11:00 AM on Friday, December 7th at St. Matthews Church, with a visitation being held from 10:00 AM until the time of service.

## NEW MEMBERS

**None Reported**





## Boyne Valley Lions

### November

At the November 28 meeting, the Boyne Valley Lions Club was thanked for their service by **Jane Millar**, Executive Director of Northern Community Mediation.



BV Lion President Jill Drury and Jane Millar

### Service Award Chevrons presented to:



Lion **Bob Prebble** -- 50 years, and

Lion **Ralph Gillette** -- 40 years

Presented by BV Lion President **Jill Jury** at the November 28 meeting.

### December

Boyne Valley Lions said goodbye to one of their valued members with the passing of Lion **Oral Sutliff** on November 30. He was remembered with visitation on Thursday, December 6, and funeral held on Friday, December 7, in Boyne City.

- Due to the funeral service of Lion Oral Sutliff, the Salvation Army bell ringing originally scheduled for Saturday, December 8th was cancelled and moved to December 15, from 10 AM to 4 PM, with some Lion volunteers needed for one or more of 90 minute shifts.

## Central Lake Lions

### December

During Central Lake Window Night on December 5th the Lions were represented at the Lakeside Properties Real Estate office with a working Leader Dog, an Eversight Representative, and by collecting eyeglasses and passing out information about Lionism. They were there from 5-8 pm. .

Window Night is a great place to celebrate the beginning of the Christmas season with a tree lighting at 5:30 followed by fire truck and hay rides, live reindeer from 5-8, shops open with specials and refreshments, and of course Santa Claus! And not to be missed was a stop by the Central Lake Lioness annual bake sale from 3-7:30 pm at the Mason Hall.



The Central Lake Lions Club with Eversight Representative Dennis Richardson and Chair Lion Julie Haase along with local resident Melanie Ludy and her Leader Dog Casi were available to pass out information and answer questions. Leader Dog Casi was a big hit with kids and adults alike. They also collected eyeglasses and had Leader Dog coloring pages for the kids.

### The Central Lake Lions Christmas

**Dinner:** Club members donated \$1,300 to help start the local high school Manna project to provide food for high school students to take home, along with instruction on meal planning and preparing food. With donations from the Lions Club, Lioness Club and individual members the school exceeded their goal to get the project started. Pictured is Lion President Jim Broome and Central Lake Superintendent Lion Lenore Weaver with donation bucket. Special guests were District Governor Gordon Harris plus Santa and Mrs. Claus along with their elf!







## Cheboygan Lions

### November

- Cheboygan Lions continue to sell raffle tickets for their first drawing in January of 2019.
- The Club supported the veterans dinner with man power and financial support.
- The Club gave a local resident financial support to purchase hearing aids.
- The Club supported the Cheboygan County Junior Golf Academy with a \$100.00 donation.

## Oscoda Lions/Lioness

### November

Oscoda Lions ramp crew was at it again, this time in



Tawas City where they built, for the first time, an aluminum ramp.

It was in two sections totaling 34' and a 5"x5' platform.

Lions **Tony, Rick, Bill, and Chuck** took 4 hours to complete. Great Job guys. We Serve.

### December



Oscoda Lions held their annual lunch with Santa Saturday, December 1. Beside seeing Santa and telling him what they wanted for Christmas, there were games, coloring and more things for the children to do. Over 240 children saw Santa and received gifts from him, plus over 340 lunches were served. Each child received a stocking filled with goodies and everyone enjoyed the games, Christmas tattoos and lunch provided by McDonald's.

## Fairview-Comins Lions

### December



Fairview Comins LC Christmas wreaths project is going very well. For sale for \$25

### Oscoda Continued

Thanks go to the many Lion elves who filled the stockings, packed the trailer, helped set up, served lunch, helped with the various activities and stayed to clean up. The Lions appreciate the many donations of stuffed animals, toys and candy. Lion **Bev Hunt** is thanked for her generous contributions that helped to fill the stockings. Thanks also go to Walmart and Family Fare for their contributions to the party and to Lion **Jim** for printing the flyers. Thanks go also to the fine people at the American Legion who donate the use of the hall every year.

Special thanks go to Mother Christmas, Lion **Andrea**, who did a superb job of organizing and orchestrating this outstanding event. It is truly a very special party. Santa was also in the Northern Lights Parade that



night. For the 13<sup>th</sup> year the Northern Lights Parade illuminated Oscoda's streets with an array of beautifully lighted floats, a military color guard, the high school band, marchers and riders and lots of candy. The predicted rain held off as the throngs of viewers gathered to witness the brilliance and sparkle of thousands of lights and to cheer Santa as he arrived in town aboard the Lions Club float. (Continued ...)





### Oscoda Lions/Lioness (...continued)

Many thanks go to Lions **Bob T, Devon, Dustin and Rick** for the colorful, refreshing updates they made to Rudolph, his team and the sleigh. Our float received the “Best of Glow” award in the organization category. Thanks go also to Lion **Bob V.** who provides a home for Rudolph and the generator to keep him bright, to Lion **Chuck** who hauled the float and the Lion elves who walked along passing out treats to the kids. The Chamber of Commerce and the Parade Committee are again to be congratulated for their superb efforts to make the parade a delight for everyone.

## Petoskey Lions

### November

Petoskey Lions met on Tuesday, November 27, at Filmore's. District Governor **Gordon Harris** attended the meeting.

- **Dr. Jane Millar**, Executive director of Northern Community Mediation, honored the Petoskey Lions for our community service.



- Lion President **Julie Haase** honored Lion **Hubert Hayes** with a pin for his **65 years** as a Petoskey Lion as of January 1, 2019.
- Petoskey Lions Club contributed \$200 to the Diabetes Awareness Grant Program.
- Annual Lions Christmas Holiday Dinner will be on Monday, December 17, at the Perry Hotel.
- Lion/Leader Dog Puppy Raiser **Julie Haase** will pick up Future Leader Dog **Beckett** on December 25<sup>th</sup>.



Hubert Hayes

FLD Beckett

**75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary - 75 Years of Service**  
**Petoskey LIONS CLUB**

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## Notes From 11-E2 District Editor



Consider for a moment the glass with water at the halfway mark. Do you see the glass half full, or is it half empty? Technically, either answer is correct as the same amount of water is in the glass. But from the human perspective, it is seen as one or the other depending on the perception of the viewer. The common belief says optimists see the glass half full, while pessimists see the glass as half empty. (And “Engineers see a glass that’s twice as big as it has to be.” – an old joke.)

The point is that we all exist in the same world, but we don’t all see the world in the same way. All our “knowledge” and beliefs come from what we’ve been taught by others (parents, teachers, peers, books, media, etc.) and from our own personal experiences. We haven’t all been taught the same things throughout our lives, and we’ve certainly not shared all of the same experiences. It’s no wonder we have diverse, and often divisive, opinions and beliefs about what’s right, what’s wrong, what’s true and what’s not.

We are now experiencing a time of conflicting views as contentious as the divisive Vietnam War era. What or who can we trust, what is true and what is false? On one hand, the world has never been better, but on some levels it has never been worse – all depending on where we are focus our awareness. Even the sage sayings we turn to for wisdom are conflicting. “Birds of a feather flock together”, yet “Opposites attract”. “Haste makes waste”, but “He who hesitates is lost”. Which do we feel are more valid?

Many people are confused, frustrated, and desperate for answers. Some look to the past as a “Golden Age”, overlooking all the flaws and difficulties every time period experiences. Others look to the future as some “promised land” that will be devoid all our current problems. The world, our culture, even our beliefs are rapidly changing as progress in science, technology, and social constructs alter “what has been” into “what will be”. For some this is an exciting new frontier; for others change is frightening.

We tend to fear what we don’t know or understand. Our brain’s primitive survival instinct helps us avoid danger, but it can also lead us into false assumptions and actions resulting in negative outcomes – racism and violence, “hate crimes” against others who look different or worship differently. “Us vs Them.” Nazis in 1938. We claim to revere history, but all too often fail to learn its lessons.

What is there in the human psyche that so often requires denigrating and minimizing “those” other people so “we” can feel adequate – our own worthiness dependent on devaluing others, labeling others as “losers” so one can feel like a “winner”. Hate, greed, discrimination, abuse, anger – these are all forms of fear. Fear grows from not fully understanding the broad variety and ever-changing fabric of reality, and not being able to control any of it.

Yes, the world can be a big mess, with soul-crushing problems of a magnitude that we may feel are impossible to overcome. Do you feel your glass tending toward half empty yet?

Fortunately, there is another, alternative way to look at the reality we all share. Humans create problems, but we also solve problems. For example, we Lions work to solve problems for others in our communities. We do this by acknowledging that a problem exists, identifying the particulars of the problem, envisioning a solution, and then finding a way to implement the solution.

We can choose to focus more on the positive things in this world. Look how far humanity has come from living in caves, the joys of art, music and the inventions humans have created. We have technology that can do things we only dreamed of a decade or two ago, tools that make our work easier, help heal what ails us, and make our lives richer as we learn more about our world, our universe, and ourselves. Imagine living in the Dark Ages, and compare that with your life now. Standing in line at the grocery store doesn’t seem that bad in comparison to life in the past.

It’s helpful in life to have a positive attitude, but we also need to take positive action. Problems don’t fix themselves; some assembly is required. Every discovery, invention, or work of art began as a dream or idea that was carried through to action. We have to believe in ourselves, and in others. We can only do this by not judging other people. When we judge others, we risk misjudging them. Working White Cane fundraisers, I’d try to guess which person would donate. I got it right sometimes. But many well-dressed people just walk by, and then a scruffy-looking biker throws in a \$20 bill. Lesson learned – don’t judge people by their looks. Or by their “whatever” differences.

We will never all agree on everything, but that doesn’t mean an opponent has to become an enemy. We are all human beings who come into this world the same way, and leave it the same way. We are all the same, except for our differences.

We can’t just sit back and hope for others to make things better. If we really want a better world, we need to recognize and reject all forms of fear, and focus on positive action with a nonjudgmental attitude, giving forgiveness, gratitude, joy and kindness to all others. We need less greed for gold and more “Golden Rule”, simply treating others as we would like to be treated. It’s a process of one step at a time, but it’s not impossible.

We are creators with Free Will. We can choose to tell the truth, or we can lie. We can decide to be generous, or we can be selfish. We can choose to become better people, or not. We can take the attitude path of the half full glass, or the half empty one. Or, we can focus on filling up the glass.

In this holiday season we tend to take a breath, mourn our losses, count our blessings, and ponder the coming new year. Let us also resolve to be true to our basic humanity and our spiritual core, to speak our truth and let “We Serve” become not only our Lions motto but our personal creed as well. Change will inevitably happen, but how we react to change, how we choose to perceive it, is up to each of us; We make our own reality more than we realize. Ultimately, what we collectively do, or don’t do, will determine the future of humanity on this planet – and whether the glowing light on the horizon heralds a bright future, or civilization collapsing in flames.



Have A Safe  
Merry  
Christmas  
&  
Happy  
New Year