



DISTRICT 11-E2 NEWSLETTER

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GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

During a recent visit with my adult grandson and his friends, the conversation turned to Lionism.

They had no idea who the Lions were, or what Lions did, and asked if Lions were like the Shriners.

What an eye opening experience!

This is just one example why it is so important for clubs to be involved in their communities. When we become involved in our communities, people can see who Lions are and what Lions do.

If there is a high school or college in your area where a Leo club could be formed, think about it. Several clubs in our district are already sponsoring a Leo club.

Could this be something your club would be interested in doing?

DG Carol

"Has your club heard the call?"

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Happy Valentine's Day



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MEMBERSHIP

MEMBERS	JAN 2017	YTD 2016-17
Jan 1, 2017	984	1,028
+ New	+ 4	+ 50
- Drops	- 10	-100
Jan 30, 2017	978	978
Net Gain/Loss	- 6	-50

NEW MEMBERS

Boyne Valley

Arthur Turner and Johncie Turner

Fairview/Comins

Kevin Tobridge, Sponsor Tom Maskelis

Lincoln

James F Kramer, Sponsor Richard Schefferly



DECEASED MEMBER

Mackinaw City

Thomas Alexander

Joined 1947—almost 70 years of service

TAWAS AREA LIONS CLUB

I am sad to report that the Tawas Area Lions Club will turn in their charter on June 30, 2017, after serving their communities for 58 years.

The District Governor and others have met with the club in an attempt to keep the club active.

Despite all efforts, the club will turn in their charter on June 30, 2017 – after 58 years of service to their communities.

Who will fill this void?

DG Carol

MD 11 WHITE CANE WEEK

Correction to Lion Pride: White Cane Week will be held during a 10-day period from April 28-May 7, 2017. The Governor's Proclamation will be available soon.

At this time, remember that the new law prevents clubs/organizations from collecting donations in our streets and intersections.



2018 DISTRICT CONVENTION

With our 2017 District Convention well underway, now is the time to plan forward and determine who will host the 2018 convention.

Interested clubs should prepare a bid with the location and costs for hotel, meeting, and banquet rooms. We will vote on convention bid(s) at the final Cabinet meeting in Grayling.

Please discuss hosting the 2018 convention with your club's board of directors and membership to see if your club will take on this challenge. Assistance is always available from past convention chairs.

Look for a list of recent district convention host clubs and locations in the March newsletter.

MD 11 CONVENTION

The flyer for the MD 11 Convention is on page 11. Complete registration details will be available at the MI Forum and on our website very soon.

LIONS—CELEBRATING 100 YEARS!

The stage is being set and plans are well underway for the Centennial Convention in Chicago! Lions Clubs International will reach a monumental milestone, 100 years of service, giving Lions from around the world a reason to celebrate!

You can attend the exciting International Show featuring music groups the Beach Boys and Chicago. The plenary sessions will include interesting speakers and, of course, the colorful Parade of Nations.

Look for the special Centennial Exhibit and the opportunity for Leos and Lions to perform on stage! And there will be opportunities to take a tour of LCI headquarters.

For more information, visit us at LCICon.org. You don't want to miss this celebration...we are looking forward to seeing you in Chicago!



INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION INFO

As District representative to the MD 11 International Convention Committee, I want to inform you regarding some aspects of the 2017 Convention in Chicago. This will be the closest that the convention will be to our neck of the woods for the foreseeable future. After all, the 2018 through 2021 LCI Conventions will be in Las Vegas; Milan, Italy; Singapore; and Montreal, Quebec. So you should take advantage of this opportunity to experience the pageantry and multi-culturalism of the LCIcon. One way to learn more about the convention and events is to go to lionsclubs.org and click on LCIcon at the top of the home page. Since this information is readily available to all, I want to talk about other things that aren't readily available to you.

This month I will talk about travel to the Convention. There are several travel options to consider. You can fly, take the train or a bus, or drive to Chicago.

- The options to fly involve selecting the airport you fly from and when you want to arrive. For most of us, Cherry Capitol Airport or MBS International Airport are the closest choices, although you may choose Alpena or Pellston, too. The advantage to flying is that you arrive within an hour or so and the convention committee provides a bus for transfer from the airport to the various hotels where the delegations are housed. This probably is the most expensive travel option although you may be able to find bargains by searching for less expensive tickets online.
- Catching a train to take you to the convention is a bit less expensive. Amtrak has an option to depart from East Lansing and the ticket is only \$79. That requires a transfer at Kalamazoo. This may be an option that you would like to explore further.

Just look the schedule over at the Amtrak website. Another option for the train is the South Shore Line. You would drive to one of many stations along the line from South Bend, IN to Chicago. Parking is free and the rates are incredibly low. For more information, visit mysouthshoreline.com on this option. The cost of one adult ticket from South Bend to McCormick Place is \$13.25.

- You may consider driving to the convention and parking at the convention may be searched out by looking at mccormickplace.com/attendees/parking.php. There are several options there that allow you to travel on your own schedule and have your vehicle available to use when you want. Consider there may be an additional daily parking charge at the hotel.
- Another option for some might be to travel by bus. A search on the Greyhound website found a trip from Grayling to McCormick Place on June 29 and returning on July 4 at \$66 for one adult. That is a big cost savings. Parking in Grayling is free.

I have heard that District A1 or A2 is chartering a bus and would consider stopping to pick up along the way. This would require us to travel south to meet the bus and find parking where the pickup takes place. I will research this and provide more information as I receive it.

You can always contact me if you want more information and I will be happy to come to your club or zone meetings to give out information about the convention.

JPDG Bob Gingerick

LCI: ENTRANCE FEES

Next year, LCI will be consolidating New Member and Charter Fees into a single category called "Entrance Fees." As part of this consolidation, we will have one single entrance fee of \$35 as of July 1, 2017. This consolidation and fee increase -- the first since 1993 -- will allow us to:

- Increase member benefits
- Improve the member experience
- Simplify the new member enrollment process by having a single entrance fee type

Specifically, we are adding:

An enhanced new member kit with ongoing new member communications and tools:

- Upgraded MyLCI 2.0 to provide members with a destination to track their activities and engage with other members.
- New service programs to support the new global service framework rollout
- A mobile app for members to serve on the go.
- Digital LION Magazine including the mobile magazine app.

It's an exciting time to be a Lion. We look forward to working on your behalf to make sure Lions remain stronger than ever, and we thank you for everything you do to make Lions Clubs International a world-class service organization.

Very truly yours,

Chancellor Bob Corlew
Your International President

LCI: MESSAGE TO LICENSEES

To Our Valued Licensees: I am writing to remind you that the Official Licensees of Lions Clubs International are not authorized to use our International President's logo. The presidential logo is used exclusively by Lions Clubs International on behalf of the International President on a limited number of specific goods.

I also wanted to inform you that **we will be discontinuing use of an annual presidential logo and theme beginning with our upcoming president in the 2017-2018 Lions year.** The upcoming International President will still have pins and medals designed specifically for distribution during his presidential year.

Although there is no presidential logo, we want to be clear that the design of the International President's pins and medals is not to be duplicated in whole or in part by any of our official licensees. Any requests for items resembling the forthcoming IP pins and medals, or bearing the logos of our previous International Presidents should be directed to our office for response.

Thank you and please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sarah Gryniewicz
LCI Licensing & Promotions Coordinator
Club Supplies & Distribution Division

NOTE: Wendy Burns from our State Office sent a clarification that this mandate DOES NOT apply to the use of the International President's pins and/or medals in MD 11, District or club publications.

CLUB ACTIVITIES

BEAVERTON—Held our annual Wild Game Meal with donated auction and silent auction items. This event is sold out every year. A speaker from Rusted Rooster Productions spoke and shared some of the latest hunting and outdoor videos.

BELLAIRE—Meetings were held at the MeadowBrook Medical Care facility. Business was attended to, and DG Carol Athan presented longevity awards to Lions Duane Drake (40 years), Mike Kaza and Don Lukins (15 year each). DG Carol also discussed the proposed merger of Districts 11-E1 and 11-E2. She also talked about the Lions Centennial Celebration, the upcoming District Convention, and brought us up to speed on the KidSight trailer and All State Band. Guest speaker Mike Reiley enlightened us on his five years in Saudi Arabia. Our club held an in-house auction of the extra Koeze Nuts which helped to bring that fundraiser total to \$2910.22. Congratulations to our Chairperson, Lion Bill Smith. Our club continues to support the Leader Dog for Bill Jones of the Bellaire area by taking care of his veterinary bill in January.

EAST JORDAN—The Lions held their annual dog show with many fun contests for the entrants—longest tail, best costume, smallest, largest, etc. There were 25 entries with over 100 spectators. Prizes were given out and proceeds from donations were given to the local Humane Society.

FAIRVIEW-COMINS—Club members helped at the local food bank by packaging food and making deliveries.

GRAYLING—Sold Sight & Hearing tickets during January and raised \$350.00. Sales

from the sale of candy bars at Family Fare netted the club \$248. Lions mints raised \$64.15. Donated \$250 to Hospice of Michigan in the name of a family member of a Grayling Lion. Donated \$100 to Relay for Life team “Families Against Cancer.” Provided an eye exam and glasses for one adult for \$154. Also donated \$100 to Paws with a Cause and LCIF for the eradication of measles.

HALE—Four Lions provided eye screening to seven children in our Hale school. The children were from the Head Start Program. Lion Lonnie Crampton brought the screening equipment and three Hale Lions assisted. Eleven members and one guest attended our regular scheduled meeting. Discussed donating a bench for the children’ playground, having the KidSight trailer at our county fair in July, and work on scholarships for the year.

LEWISTON—Donated to Eversight Michigan’s eye bank research, the Lewiston Community Sharing Program, chartered boy scout troop 18 from Lewiston, and donated funds to Lewiston’s boy scout troop, cub scout pack and venturing crew.

LEWISTON LS LIONS—Sold quilt raffle tickets at Family Fare.

LINCOLN—Donated \$2,850 to Lions district and state projects. Purchased glasses for a needy adult.

MIO—Delivered brown trout eggs to Mio schools to start trout in the classroom. Collected 207 pair of glasses and sent them to a recycling center.

OSCODA—Held a dinner meeting on January 26. Members volunteered for several upcoming events. Guest speaker Charlie Negro

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spoke on the value of tutoring and mentoring in the local schools. Oscoda Lions took part in running the gaming operation for four evenings. The club was awarded the "Chamber Service Award," and an Oscoda Lion received the "Citizen of the Year Award." A student requested help in attending band camp. Held monthly board meeting on January 5 at the United Methodist Church. Built a ramp to help a person who lost one leg and will soon lose the other one.



Oscoda Lions Club held their annual bowling fundraiser at the Vista Lanes. We sold out the lanes, and there were prizes for everyone. Lion Tony Priebe had a high game of 298! Thank you to ALL our sponsors and everyone who participated. We could not have raised over \$2,000 without you.



A ramp was completed in December for an Oscoda woman who is wheelchair bound. Cost of Ramp was \$713. It's another first class job by Lions Tony, Bill, Chuck and Nick Priebe.

PETOSKEY—Met at JW Filmore's for the monthly business meeting on January 9. President Julie Haase informed members about information presented at the Cabinet meeting held January 7, including a possible

merger of Districts E1 and E2, use of KidSight trailer at the August Petoskey Festival on the Bay, Sight & Hearing raffle tickets, eyeglass requests, and organizing the Furry Scurry fundraiser for a Petoskey Dog Park. Met again at Filmore's on January 23 for a regular business meeting. Speakers Amy Evans and Greg and Bethany Irwin from the local Salvation Army church described how they help people in the community. Planning for the Furry Scurry fundraiser will begin at the February 13 meeting.

PRESCOTT/SKIDWAY LAKE—The club donated \$150 to All State Band students and \$10 to district projects. Donated \$275 each to Leader Dogs for the Blind and Eversight Michigan. Donated \$100 to Camp Fish Tales, \$165 to Bear Lake Camp and \$80 to LCIF. Three members worked at the local food pantry assisting in food distribution. Two members collected \$61 from mint sales and six pair of glasses.

ROGERS CITY—Lion Dennis Downie organized the Lions' sponsorship of the Blood Drive at the Rogers City Senior Center on January 9. The Red Cross goal was 45 units. Of the 46

units collected, 42 were Regular and four were Power Reds. There were fifty-two donors, but all were not able to donate. Several walk-ins compensated for the 17 no-shows due to illness and weather.

LIONS STORE



PEACE POSTER CONTEST KITS

This is the 30th anniversary of the Peace Poster Contest. Lions clubs interested in sponsoring the Lions International Peace Poster Contest can order the kit for each school or group –each student does not need their own kit. Each kit contains:

- Official Club Contest Guide and Rules
- Official School or Youth Group Contest Guide and Rules
- Participant Flyer to duplicate and give to participating students to take home
- Sticker to place on back of winning poster
- Certificates for contest winner and school or youth group.

Cost of the kit is \$11.95, and can be ordered now until October 1.

100% Attendance Award for 2016-2017 for Lions who have achieved 12 consecutive months of perfect attendance, this is a handsome clutch back pin in gold electroplate finish. Cost is \$2.00 each.



LIONS OF MICHIGAN FORUM “PROJECT BACK-PACK”

Be a part of our history-making Centennial year by participating in the large group Centennial Service Challenge: *Project Back-Pack*, on Friday night before the Forum, February 17, starting at 7:30 p.m.

All clubs participating will be able to submit service hours to LCI.

“Project Back-Pack” is an effort to supply food for needy kids on the weekend – a time when many may go hungry. You are encouraged to reach out to your local community for donations, where possible. Bring your supplies to the Michigan Forum on Friday, February 17, for packaging. Back-packs can be distributed to your local schools, or left at the Forum for donation to the Lansing area public schools.

Below is a list of items for back-packs that will be needed:

Back packs
Pasta/Ramen Noodles
Tuna
Oatmeal
Peanut Butter
Macaroni & Cheese
Fruit Juice (boxed)
Fruit Bars
Cereal
Soup

With the help of Michigan Lions and our business partners, we can make a difference in the lives of so many of our hungry neighborhood children!

Lions of Michigan is a 501 (c) 4 ID 23-7047794 organization.

DG CHALLENGE SUMMARY

Club	Total YTD	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan
Alpena	29	1	6	6	8	2	3	3
Alpena Evening	12	0	5	0	0	1	5	1
Atlanta	18	2	0	2	4	2	7	1
Beaverton	14	1	2	3	1	1	2	4
Bellaire	30	1	6	10	4	4	2	3
Boyne Valley	42	1	1	17	7	0	5	11
Central Lake	49	0	9	5	1	22	8	4
Charlevoix	25	7	1	1	11	2	2	1
Cheboygan	18	2	0	2	5	6	2	1
East Jordan	20	7	5	1	2	1	2	2
Elk Rapids	42	1	3	4	2	19	2	11
Ellsworth	15	1	1	7	1	3	1	1
Fairview-Comins	20	2	0	7	0	2	2	7
Gaylord	49	2	5	8	6	7	12	9
Glennie	12	1	6	0	1	2	1	1
Grayling	54	1	6	13	6	2	7	19
Hale	37	2	2	15	12	1	3	2
Harrisville	3	0	1	0	1	0	1	0
Hillman	17	1	2	2	3	1	7	1
Houghton Lake	23	6	1	1	11	2	0	2
Hubbard Lake	12	6	1	1	1	1	1	1
Indian River	11	0	0	0	2	5	2	2
Lewiston	22	1	12	1	1	1	1	5
Lewiston Lioness-Lions	58	2	22	8	8	4	4	10
Lincoln	23	1	4	1	6	2	7	2
Mackinaw City	109	0	39	14	27	14	10	5
Mio	23	2	2	2	8	7	0	2
Oscoda	54	2	7	8	14	10	8	5
Petoskey	16	2	2	2	2	2	3	3
Prescott Skidway Lake	47	27	2	5	2	2	2	7
Rogers City	46	7	8	3	6	3	2	17
Roscommon Higg Lake	25	1	9	11	1	1	1	1
Rose City	49	2	2	5	5	26	7	2
Tawas Area	13	0	0	1	0	6	5	1
		92	172	166	169	164	127	147



New
sponsorship &
team
opportunities!
See back for
details

Bowling for Brighter Tomorrows

**Sunday March 19, 2017
Noon-3:30 p.m.**

Eversight Michigan invites you to bowl with us to help support our Gift of Sight program that provides sight restoration to the uninsured.

Bel-Mark Lanes
3530 Jackson Rd.,
Ann Arbor MI 48103

A donation of \$25.00 per bowler provides 2 games of bowling, shoes, 2 slices of pizza & unlimited soft drinks

For more information, please contact Victoria Launiere at (734) 780-2673 or email vlauniere@eversightvision.org

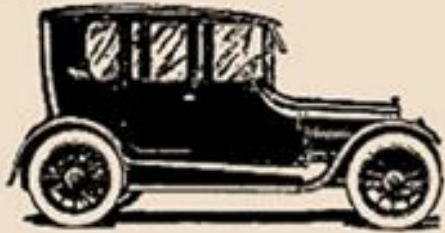


Please register by March 3, 2017.

Visit eversightvision.org/Michigan for a registration form

You are cordially invited to
attend the

97th Annual Lions
MD 11 State
Convention



FRIDAY & SATURDAY

MAY 18-19

2017



GREAT WOLF
LODGE
TRAVERSE CITY

COMPLETE DETAILS
COMING SOON!



THURSDAY PICNIC

LCI GUEST SPEAKER
PID HAYNES TOWNSEND

Welcome Reception
Awards Breakfast
Awards Dinner

RSVP

WE LOOK
FORWARD TO
CELEBRATING
WITH YOU



Lions Centennial International Convention MICHIGAN NIGHT



Sunday, July 2, 2017
5:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Join your fellow Michigan Lions for an entertaining evening at



Tommy Gun's is Chicago's longest running interactive dinner show, featuring gangsters, flappers and You!

Your evening will include your choice of the following:
(please make a selection)

Prime Rib, Lasagna (meat or meatless), Boneless Chicken Breast (lemon herb sauce or mushroom sauce), Soup or Salad, Vegetable, Potato, Dessert and Coffee, Tea or Soft Drink. Cash bar available.

The cost for show, dinner, tax and gratuity is \$57.00 per person.

Tommy Gun's is located at 2114 S. Wabash Ave., just one half mile walk or short taxi or bus ride from the Hyatt McCormick Place Hotel (Michigan delegation hotel).

Join us for a fun-filled Michigan night!



Please complete the registration form below and mail with check payable to

LIONS OF MICHIGAN to:

PDG Bill Simpson
706 River St.
Big Rapids, MI 49307

Names of Attendees _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

\$57.00 x _____ (# of registrants) = \$ _____

Entrée choice(s) _____

Reservation deadline is March 2, 2017

