

# DISTRICT 11-E2 NEWSLETTER



## JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2019

### DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

*Notable Quote:* "The greater danger is not that our hopes are too high and we fail to reach them; it's that they are too low, and we do." — Michelangelo



**Gordon Harris,  
District Governor**

Fellow Lions:

I know most of you realize that I bring this new year's first message to you with a heavy heart. But I cannot adequately express the heartfelt thanks of myself and my family for all your expressions of sympathy and support in our time of grief. It's been a tough winter, but we will get through it.

I am happy to bring you some great news on a couple of fronts. First, the LCIF has approved the Defense Against Diabetes (DAD) grant request from the Lions of Michigan. At the next Council of Governors meeting in February, we will be receiving more information on how funds will be distributed to each district, and, ultimately to the individual clubs which have pledged monetary support.

Second, I can now see a glimmer of light at the end of the tunnel with respect to future District 11-E2 future leadership. At a special meeting of the cabinet and Honorary Committee on January 12, 2019, Lion Rod Leathers of the Central Lake Lions Club was elected our Second Vice District Governor. Thank you for stepping up, Lion Rod!

Third, I am profoundly grateful (and relieved) to assure the Lions of 11-E2 that they will have a district governor in 2019-20. A past district governor will stand for election at our convention at Alpena in May. I urge all clubs to send at least the number of delegates they are entitled to for this election.

We have one more vacancy to fill - that of 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG for 2019-20. Someone please step up.

Finally, I urge all Lions to seriously consider attending the Lions of Michigan Forum in the Flint/Grand Blanc area Feb. 22-23. Registration forms were printed in the last issue of LIONS PRIDE.

The best of a new year to all.

Yours in service,

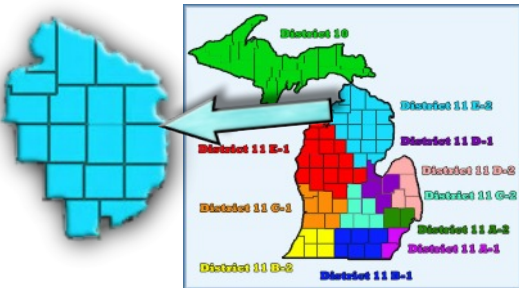
**DG Gordon Harris**

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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

### REGION 1, ZONE 1

#### ZC Art Clark

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Lioness, Hillman, Indian River,  
Mackinaw City*

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*Alpena Evening/Alpena Host,  
Fairview-Commings, Hubbard Lake,  
Mio*

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*AuGres Lioness, Hale, Harrisville,  
Lincoln, Oscoda/Oscoda Lioness,  
Prescott-Skidway Lake, Rose  
City, Whitmore Lioness*

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Lake, Lewiston/Lewiston Lioness  
Lions, Roscommon-Higgins Lake*

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*Bellaire/Bellaire Lioness, Central  
Lake/Central Lake Lioness, Elk  
Rapids, Ellsworth/Ellsworth  
Lioness*

### REGION 3, ZONE 2

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*Boyne Valley, Charlevoix,  
East Jordan/East Jordan  
Lioness, Gaylord, Petoskey*

January

## President's Message

Gudrun Yngvadottir

### Service is a Journey



Hello Lions!

When we became Lions, we embarked on a journey together. We all started down a path of service, sharing kindness, bringing hope to our communities, changing the lives of the people we serve, and changing our own along the way.

But in many respects, the service itself is a journey. It isn't something that comes together in a single day and it doesn't end when the event is over. It's a cycle of learning and doing and celebrating, so that we can continue evolving our work and expanding our capacity to serve.

We learn of a problem — perhaps it's an epidemic of diabetes in our hometown or a local population in need of medical care — and we begin to think of ways in which our club might help. We do some research, we reach out to people who know about the issue, and we learn more about the needs and the obstacles in our path. And this makes the service we do that much better because it's more informed, and more prepared, and ultimately more effective.

Reporting what we do and sharing our stories is also a key component to keeping the movement going. It is one thing to perform a good deed. It's another to perform a good deed and share the story of your service with others who may champion your cause or even join you in service — all because they were inspired by your story.

Remember, we're all on this journey together. We are all heading towards one goal — a better world — yet we are all taking different paths to get there. And the process of getting there is just as important as the destination,. What is your path?

Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gudrun Yngvadottir". The script is fluid and cursive.

**Gudrun Yngvadottir**  
International President, Lions Clubs International



# We Serve



February

## President's Message



## Celebrate the Art of Service in Milan

Hello, Lions!

When I think of Italy I think of great food, beautiful landscapes, and a rich diversity of friendly people. This year, Italian Lions “more than 1,300 clubs and 40,000 members strong” are opening their doors to the global Lion community in July, and I hope you will consider joining me there.

Milan, in particular, has a history of fostering creativity and ingenuity. Home to Leonardo DaVinci and Michelangelo, it is the perfect destination for this year's convention, celebrating a renaissance of service.

The annual convention is a special moment for us all to pause and come together to reflect on what we accomplished as Lions over the past year and what we hope to accomplish in the coming year. It is a chance to see firsthand what it truly means to be an international organization.

While not all Lions can make the journey, all Lions will be the focus of this year's events. We will be looking for ways to infuse the work of all who serve with the creativity and passion that make us who we are. I truly believe Lions are among the most creative problem solvers in the world, and each year the time I spend surrounded by this community inspires my own future service and fuels a renewed dedication to all the work that still needs to be done.

I look forward to celebrating the art of service with you in Milan.

Yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gudrun Yngvadottir".

Gudrun Yngvadottir  
International President,

Lions Clubs International Type 2 Diabetes Screening All Lions Clubs are



## We Serve



# The Connection Between Air Pollution and Diabetes

Recent research published in *The Lancet Planetary Health* indicates a strong link between air pollution and diabetes, highlighting the importance of air quality.

Researchers at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, MO., In collaboration with the Veterans Affairs St. Louis Health Care System in Missouri, analyzed the impact of pollution on a group of United States veterans with no previous history of diabetes.

They followed the participants for 8.5 years and found that air pollution contributed to around 3.2 million cases of diabetes and the loss of 8.2 million years of healthy life.

“Our research show a significant link between air pollution and diabetes globally, We found an increased risk, even at low levels of air pollution currently considered safe by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the WHO (World Health Organization).” Senior author Dr. Ziyad Al-Aly told *Medical News Today*.

“This is important because many industry lobbying groups argue that current levels are too stringent and should be relaxed. Evidence shows that current levels are still not sufficiently safe and need to be tightened,” he said.

*Medical News Today* also notes that the risk of diabetes related to pollution is higher in lower-income countries that lack clean air policies, such as India, China, and Indonesia, while more wealthy countries, such as Canada, Australia, and New Zealand, have a lower risk.

Perhaps most concerning is the finding that show even at levels that are officially deemed “safe,” the risk is still significant.

Info from Lion Magazine

From Wendy Burns Mon, Jan 21, 1:37 PM

**CONGRATULATIONS! to the D.A.D. Grant Steering Committee on their hard work! LCIF has announced approval of the grant which will benefit the districts of MD 11 and SD 10.**

Dear Lions of Michigan:

Here is a short update on the D.A.D Project.

On Friday January 11, 2019 our MD 11 & SD 10 has received official notification by Lions Clubs International Foundation's Board of Trustees approval of the LCIF Diabetes Grant for "Defense against Diabetes" (D.A.D.) Project in the amount of \$187,509 over a one-year project period.

All eleven Districts as the Lions of Michigan have committed to pursuing the new LCIF Diabetes Grant and have raised funds equal to \$62,500 and will now receive matching funds of \$187,500 to equal the total of \$250,000 for all eleven Districts which will be disbursed proportionally to funds raised by each District. Each District has raised as much as \$5,681 and will be receiving matching funds of \$17,045 to equals \$22,726 per district. We now have major tasks to accomplish as a Lions of Michigan team.

We plan to meet with the District Chairpersons of Sight Conservation/Diabetes, District Governors and our D.A.D. Steering Committee on Saturday February 23, 2019 right after the Lions of Michigan Forum to discuss and review requirements and conditions to administer the funds for the grant. Lion Bill Bradfield and I will be on the agenda for the Council of Governors Meeting on Saturday evening to present complete information.

Please watch for more information coming out in the next month on this major Diabetes Grant Program called "Defense against Diabetes" (D.A.D.). Remember Diabetes is the leading cause of blindness worldwide. Lions can make a difference in fighting this disease.

Thank you,

Lion Roger Blackwell

State Committee Chairperson, Sight Conservation/Diabetes

# MICHIGAN LIONS FORUM



**STRENGTHENING  
OUR FUTURE**

**FEBRUARY 23, 2019**

Enjoy statewide fellowship  
with **LIONS, LIONESS,  
AND LEO** Club members

**Every Registrant Receives:**

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS BOOKLET**

containing information on breakout sessions  
& speakers

**COMMEMORATIVE PIN  
LUNCHEON PROGRAM**

**\$40.00 price is for reservations  
received before February 8, 2019.**

**After 2/8/19 \$45.00.**

Mail registration form to:  
Lions of Michigan State Office  
5730 Executive Dr., Lansing, MI 48911  
517-887-6640 or Fax: 517-887-6642

## HOLIDAY INN GATEWAY CENTRE

Flint

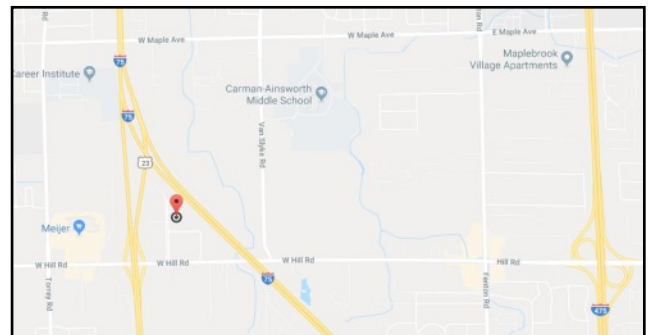
*Lions Room Rate is \$85*

5353 Gateway Centre, Flint, MI 48507

**810-232-5300**

HOTEL RESERVATION DEADLINE:

**February 8, 2019**



## Large Group **SERVICE PROJECT**

Join us Friday night, **February 22**  
as we work together on a large group  
service project! Club members attending  
may report service hours to LCI.





**FRIDAY February 22****7:30-9:00 p.m.**

(optional session for early arrivals)

- **Large Group Service Project**
- **Hospitality Suite - The Fillmore**  
open to all at 9:30 p.m.

**SATURDAY February 23**

- **Registrations** - open at 7:00 a.m.
- **Exhibitors** - open at 8:00 a.m.
- **General Session** - at 8:00 a.m.

**Session 1 Selections: 8:30 a.m.-9:20 a.m.**

- **New Voices**  
IPID Jenny Ware
- **Recruiting New Members in the 21st Century**  
PDG Ronnie Martin
- **Broadening Our Horizons**  
PDG Jeff Mayuiers
- **Hi, I'm new here. Which way do I go?**  
PDG Karen Routson

**Session 2 Selections: 9:30 a.m.-10:20 a.m.**

- **Defense Against Diabetes (D.A.D.) Grant**  
Lion Roger Blackwell & Team
- **100 Service Projects for Small to Large Clubs**  
PCC Justin Faber & PDG Dave Wineman
- **Retention**  
PID Esther LaMothe
- **Public Speaking**  
PDG Rock Wood

**Session 3 Selections: 10:30 a.m.-11:20 a.m.**

- **The Art of Tailtwisting**  
PCC Jim Pettinato
- **Keeping Members Motivated and Engaged**  
PDG Dave Zeller
- **Beaumont Silent Children's Fund**  
Kristine Rutkowski, System Director, Speech and Language Pathology
- **Creative Leaders! Water Color Art Class (limited to 35)**  
PDG Craig Bishop

**Session 4 Selections: 11:30 a.m.-12:20 p.m.**

- **Mentoring**  
PID Dennis Cobler
- **Harnessing the Power of Social Media**  
1st VDG Michael Scott, Jr.
- **LCIF Empowering Service**  
PDG Connie Shelton
- **Leadership Institute**  
PCC Paul Hemeryck

**SATURDAY February 23****Lunch 12:30 p.m.****White Cane Scholarship Presentations****Keynote Address**

PDG Ronnie Martin, LCI New Club Development Coordinator

**Door Prize Drawings - 2:45 p.m.**

## Keynote **Speaker**

### **PDG Ronnie Martin**

LCI New Club Development Consultant



The Michigan Lions Forum Committee is pleased to host PDG Ronnie Martin, LCI New Club Development Consultant, as this year's keynote speaker.

PDG Ronnie is a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow (3), a Jack Wiech Fellow (2), and is an Endowment Gold Leaf and Silver Leaf Holder, a lifetime member of the Texas Lions Camp, and a Century Club member. He is an Eye Bank Ambassador, a Lifetime Member of the Lions Eye Bank of Texas in Houston, and a Certified Guiding Lion. Ronnie has been awarded an Eddie Munger Fellowship, Lion of the Year 2009-2010, four International President's Medals, an International Leadership Medal, and nine International President's Certificates of Appreciation. He is one of only five District Governors in the world to receive four gold stars in his year 2013/2014 for the Dream Achievers Awards. He has personally sponsored over 130 members and has been a part of starting 188 new clubs. Under his term as President of the Freeport Host Lions Club, the club was recognized as the #1 growth club in all of North America and was awarded the Lions Clubs International Flag set, one of only twenty-one awarded worldwide.

New Things are on the Horizon for Lions: We have changed the way we interact with each other over the last few years. Texting is a new way of communication for many, for example. Our organization is changing in the United States! Technology is our future and we need to embrace this change. We don't need to throw out our tried-and-true methods, rather be open to a new way of thinking as to how WE SERVE.





# MICHIGAN LIONS FORUM

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## REGISTRATION Form

Please complete the registration form and send it along with a check to Michigan Lions Forum,  
5730 Executive Drive • Lansing, MI 48911  
Telephone 517-887-6640 or Fax 517-887-6642

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Club Name \_\_\_\_\_  
District \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Registrants

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
2. \_\_\_\_\_  
3. \_\_\_\_\_  
4. \_\_\_\_\_

# \_\_\_\_\_ Registrants at \$40.00/person\* \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\*Registration fee is \$40.00 and includes lunch, forum and proceeding booklet. \$40.00 price is for reservations received before February 8, 2019.

After 2/8/19 \$45.00.

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:  
Lions of Michigan

List food allergies or dietary requirements:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Check here for the forum book on CD ☐  
(For visually impaired only)

**REGISTER  
EARLY!**

**This event will fill quickly!**

*Mark the sessions you plan to attend*

### FRIDAY NIGHT SESSION 7:30 p.m.

- ☐ Large Group Service Project
- ☐ Hospitality Suite -The Fillmore - 9:30 p.m.

### SATURDAY SESSIONS:

7:00 a.m. - Registration

8:00 a.m. - General Session

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- ☐ Retention
- ☐ Public Speaking

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- ☐ The Art of Tailtwisting
- ☐ Keeping Members Motivated and Engaged
- ☐ Beaumont Silent Children's Fund
- ☐ Creative Leaders! Water Color Art Class (Limited to 35)

### Session 4 Breakout Session - 11:30 a.m. (Check One)

- ☐ Mentoring
- ☐ Harnessing the Power of Social Media
- ☐ LCIF Empowering Service
- ☐ Leadership Institute

12:30 p.m. - Lunch, White Cane Scholarships,  
Keynote Address, Closing Remarks  
& Door Prize Drawing



## **Drive In Event at the Michigan Lions Forum**

**9:00 AM – 4:30 PM @**

**Holiday Inn Flint - Grand Blanc Area  
5353 Gateway Center, Flint, MI 48507**

*Come Join the LEO*  
**QUEST**

## T E N T A T I V E      A G E N D A

8:30-9:00 REGISTRATION OPEN

9:00- 9:15 MINI MIXER

9:15-10:30 LEOQUEST ESCAPE ROOM: IN SEARCH OF THE LIONS SPIRIT

10:30 - 11:10 WORKSHOP A

11:15 -12:00 WORKSHOPS B

12:00 -1:00 LUNCH    BUFFET LUNCH

1:05 - 1:50 WORKSHOPS C

1:55 - 2:40 WORKSHOPS D

2:45 - 4:00 GROUP MAKE-AND-TAKE SERVICE PROJECTS

4:00 - 4:30 WRAP UP AND NAME EXCHANGE

### WORKSHOPS:

A - LOSS OF SENSES (WALKING IN ANOTHER'S SHOES )

B - LEADERSHIP AND LIONS (WHAT IS A GOOD LEADER )

C - WORKING WITH WHAT YOU'VE GOT (BUILDING YOUR LEO TEAM SPIRIT )

D - DEEP DIVE INTO SERVICE IDEAS (BRAINSTORMING SERVICE PROJECTS ON LITTLE/NO BUDGET )

### MAKE-AND-TAKE SERVICE PROJECTS:



THE GROUP WILL BE DOING 3 PROJECTS THAT CAN BE EASILY REPLICATED BACK AT THEIR OWN CLUB. THE SERVICE PROJECTS ARE CENTERED ON:

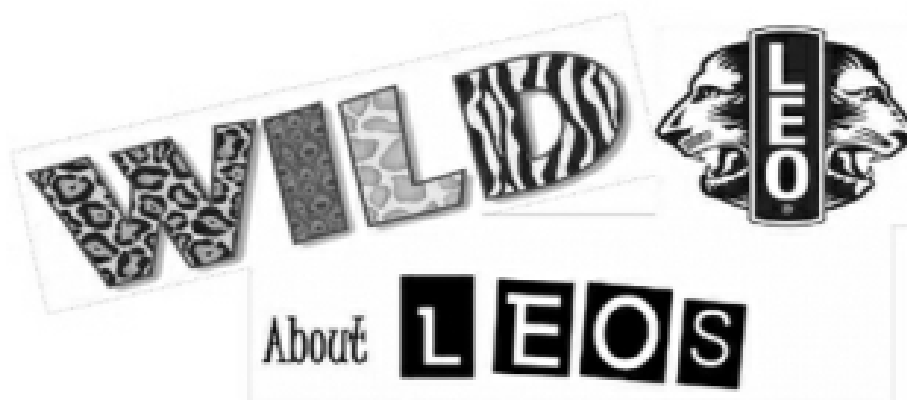
\*VETERANS AND/OR ELDERLY

\*EMERGENCY PERSONNEL AND/OR TEACHERS

\*TO BE ANNOUNCED



# PERMISSION SLIP FOR



Arrangements have been made for the Drive In Event to be held in conjunction with the Lions of Michigan Forum at the Holiday Inn Flint - Grand Blanc Area (5353 Gateway Center, Flint, MI 48507) on Saturday, February 23, 2019 from 9 AM – 4:30 PM.

I, acting as parent or guardian of (my child) \_\_\_\_\_, do hereby give consent for my child to attend the event.

I understand that personal injury can and may occur to my child, and I hereby authorize Lions of Michigan and/or sponsoring Lions/Leo Club or another appointed youth advisor, to seek and consent to emergency medical attention for my child as needed; and I further agree to be liable for and to pay all costs incurred in connection with such medical attention.

I hereby release *Lions of Michigan and the Holiday Inn Flint-Grand Blanc Area*, its employees, agents and volunteers, from any and all liability, claims, demands, causes of action and possible causes of action whatsoever arising out of or related to any loss, damage or injury (including death) that may be sustained by my child while participating in or traveling to and from this event.

The following is all of the insurance information and medication information necessary for my child to receive appropriate medical care.

Insurance Information	
Medications taken by child	

I give permission for my child to ride in any vehicle designated by *Lions of Michigan or sponsoring Lions/Leo Club*, its employees and adult volunteers, while participating in and traveling to and from this event.

I agree to accept full responsibility, financially or otherwise, for any damage my child may do to the property of *Lions of Michigan and the Holiday Inn Flint-Grand Blanc Area*, properties visited on outing, other's personal property, or vehicles used for transportation.

I agree and consent to all of the above stated.



\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

PLEASE COMPLETE BOTH SIDES





## REGISTRATION FORM PLEASE PRINT

LEO NAME		PHONE NUMBER	
LEO CLUB		EMAIL ADDRESS	
GRADE		DATE OF BIRTH	
MEDICAL CONDITIONS			
FOOD ALLERGIES			
OTHER ALLERGIES			
RESTRICTIONS			
SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS			
EMERGENCY CONTACT #1		PHONE NUMBER	
EMERGENCY CONTACT #2		PHONE NUMBER	

REGISTRATION INCLUDES LUNCH & SUPPLIES FOR 3 DIFFERENT MAKE-AND-TAKE SERVICE PROJECTS.

PLEASE MAIL COMPLETED REGISTRATION FORMS AND PAYMENT (VIA CHECK OR MONEY ORDER MADE OUT TO AMY ANDERSON) TO: **LEO CHAIR AMY ANDERSON, 23891 MAY STREET, EDWARDSBURG, MI 49112.**

DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION IS **FEBRUARY 15** TO GUARANTEE LUNCH FOR REGISTRANT.

PLEASE COMPLETE BOTH SIDES



## Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

### International childhood Cancer Day

February 15, 2019

# 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



**LDUN - New York,  
USA**

**UN Headquarters  
Saturday, March 9,  
2019**

**LDUN - Geneva,  
Switzerland**

**Palais des Nations  
Wednesday, April 10,  
2019**





# 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.

## SIGHT & HEARING SWEEPSTAKES



www.lmf.net

5730 Executive Drive  
Lansing, MI 48911  
517-887-6640

**LIONS OF MICHIGAN  
FOUNDATION**

**33<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL  
SIGHT & HEARING  
SWEEPSTAKES**

Project KID Sight  
Emergency Vision & Hearing Care  
R. Mathog Lions Hearing Centers  
Emergency Disaster Relief  
Military Family & Veterans' Relief

### 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
- 10TH PRIZE \$ 100.00

**LIONS OF MICHIGAN FOUNDATION  
SIGHT & HEARING SWEEPSTAKES**

**LICENSE NO. R50042**

**\$10.00 Per Ticket**

**Grand Prize - \$5,000.00**

2 Prize - \$2,500	5 Prize - \$1,000	8 Prize - \$300
3 Prize - \$2,000	6 Prize - \$500	9 Prize - \$200
4 Prize - \$1,500	7 Prize - \$400	10 Prize - \$100

Drawing: May 18, 2019 - 10:00 AM-2:00 PM

ALBURN HILLS MARRIOTT  
3600 Centerpoint Parkway - Pontiac, Michigan

**TICKET NO. 07407**

**RETURN THIS STUB ONLY**  
YOU NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN

Purchaser: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Ticket Seller: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

**TICKET NO. 07407**

**LIONS OF MICHIGAN FOUNDATION  
S&H SWEEPSTAKES - TICKET SELLERS**

**LICENSE NO. R50044**

1 Prize - \$750	3 Prize - \$250
2 Prize - \$500	4 Prize - \$100

Drawing: May 4, 2019 - 10:00 AM-1:00 PM

LIONS OF MICHIGAN STATE OFFICE  
5730 Executive Dr. - Lansing, Michigan

**TICKET NO.**

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



# PASSINGS



## Central Lake:



Veda Jean Harris, 72 of Kewadin, died Wednesday, December 26, 2018 at Munson Medical Center. Born July 12, 1946 in Logan, OH, she was the wife of our current District Governor, Gordon Harris. Veda was active in her own right with the Lion and Lioness Clubs of Central Lake, and was the Immediate Past President of the Central Lake Lioness Club.

## Oscoda:

Oscoda Lions were saddened by the loss of Lion Bud Rick, who passed away in late December.

## NEW MEMBERS

### **January:**

Oscoda Lions welcomed new members **Kevin Hill, Tamara Pichla** and **Marvin Pichla**.

## *On the Mend*

**PDG Bob Gingerich** is doing well after a heart situation put him on the sidelines for the near future. We wish him a swift and complete recovery.



**Lions of Michigan**  
**District 11 E-2**  
**Cabinet Meeting Minutes January 12, 2019**

**Cabinet Members in Attendance** – DG Gordon Harris, IPDG Bob Gingerich, CST Barb Durflinger, ZC's Art Clark, Bill Gaines and Rod Leathers, GLT Dave Zeller, GMT Bob Tasior

**Cabinet Members Absent** – ZC's Bev Bodem, Clairene Jorella and Dennis Gocha

**Lions in Attendance** – PDG Bill Stenback, PDG Dennis Richardson, Lions Julie Haase, Carla Jean Gingerich, Devon Tasior, David Zimmer, Duane Fosmore, PDG Flo Kelpinski, Fred Chidester, Chuck Garrison and Shirley Hill

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM by DG Harris. The invocation was offered by IPDG Gingerich. The Pledge was led by GLT Zeller.

PDG Zeller installed newly elected 2VDG Rod Leathers. DG Gordon then presented 2VDG Leathers with his blazer patch.

**Secretary's Report** – Minutes of the October 20, 2018 cabinet meeting were presented by CST Durflinger. IPDG Gingerich moved approval, ZC Gaines supported, motion carried. There was no correspondence.

**Treasurer's Report** – CST Durflinger reported the administrative account had a beginning balance on 7/1/18 of \$26,428.19. Income through 1/11/19 was \$14,395.49 and expenses were \$11,968.66, leaving an ending balance on 1/11/19 of \$28,855.02. This total is made up of \$23,620.78 of administrative funds and \$5,234.24 of convention funds. The projects account had a beginning balance of \$35,748.97, income of \$7,132.18 and expense, s of \$580.00, leaving an ending balance of \$42,301.15 as of 1/11/19. It was moved by ZC Gaines, supported by 2VDG Leathers that the financial report be accepted. Motion carried. Dues collection summaries were included in the packets for the cabinet. As of 1/11/19 15 of the 32 clubs 2nd half dues are paid. Those not received by 1/31/19 will receive 2nd notices.

**Old Business** – DG Gordon passed out the certificates for the 12 Lions completing their Certified Guiding Lion training following the last cabinet meeting. We now have a number of people qualified to assist clubs that need help.

**New Business – Discussion of Cabinet Vacancies** – DG Harris said there are no volunteers to fill the 1st VDG vacancy yet. He will be waiting to see what happens, and hopes the vacancy will be filled by the convention. He urged qualified individuals to think about stepping up.

**Selection of Hall of Fame Nominee** – We received no nominations for the posthumous nominee. It was moved by CST Durflinger, supported by PDG Gingerich, that the nominee from the Alpena Lions Club in the living category, PDG Dave Zeller be approved. The motion passed unanimously. His nomination will be forwarded to the Lions of Michigan Foundation.

**Forum Project** -- It was moved by PDG Gingerich, supported by GMT Tasior that we provide the requested items for the Forum project. CST Durflinger will contact the state office to determine what items we were asked to assist with. Motion carried.

**Recap from Council of Governor's Meeting** -- DG Harris reported that Bear Lake Camp met their first goal which will enable them to request matching funds from LCIF toward their capital campaign. The next portion of their campaign will be kicked off at the Forum in February. The incoming Council of Governors selected PDG Jeff Hunt from Bay City as their Council Chair. LCI has approved \$250/district for training purposes. DG Harris and GLT Zeller will coordinate to determine if we qualify for funds. Two Lions from our district, Tom Woizeschke from Alpena and Cal Shooks from Central Lake attended the Lions Leadership Institute this year. The dates for the Institute next year are 11-8 through 11/10 in Higgins Lake. The state convention this year will be held in Pontiac at the Center Point Marriott. The keynote speaker will be 3rd International Vice President Brian Sheehan.

**GLT Report** -- GLT Zeller reported that we really need people to serve on committees. Upcoming training opportunities are the Michigan Forum in February in Grand Blanc, the USA/Canada Forum and the district and state conventions.

**GMT Report** -- GMT Tasior turned in a written report, but also commented that one of the keys to new members is for the current members to participate in activities of value to their communities. Activities need to be both fun and rewarding to both recruit new members and keep current members engaged.

**Zone Chair Reports** -- ZC Clark reported that he has visited several of his clubs, and is planning a zone picnic for early in the summer. ZC Gaines reported that he has met with both Lion and Lioness Clubs in his zone. His zone is down 4 members right now, but he is scheduled to induct 4 new members this month. ZC Leathers has visited all of his clubs and held one zone meeting. There is another scheduled on 1/24 hosted by the Bellaire Lions Club.

### **Committee Reports**

Written Reports were provided by the following Committees :

- Constitution and By-Laws - PDG Zeller
- District Convention - PDG Zeller
- Eversight - PDG Richardson
- LCIF - PDG Durflinger
- Leader Dog - Lion Julie Hasse
- Liaison - PDG Zeller
- Lions of Michigan Foundation - PDG Zeller
- Michigan Forum - PDG Zeller
- Strategic Planning - PDG Zeller
- USA/Canada Forum - PDG Zeller

The following supplemented written reports at the meeting: PDG Zeller noted that the district convention will be in Alpena on May 3-5. They are working on getting glass bottom boat tours and brewery tours scheduled. Lion Julie introduced future Leader Dog Beckett, the son of Teddy. PDG Zeller noted that 3 white cane scholarships will be awarded at the Forum. In addition if you want white cane supplies, they can be picked up at the Forum to save on shipping.

**Oral Reports- All State Band** -- PDG Durflinger passed on the report from chair Lion Chuck Brew. The first rehearsal is today, so we won't know until next week how many students we have for sure. Right now we have two registered, one from Bellaire, and one from East Jordan. The trip this year is to Milan, Italy, and will cost \$4,295. Lion Brew has requested that the district financially support these students. He requested \$500/student or a cap of \$1,500 in the event that there are more when we get the final list. It was moved by GLT Zeller, supported by GMT Tasior that we approve this recommendation. Motion carried.

**Diabetes Awareness-** DG Harris reported that he has been contacted by the MSU extension, and they are willing to do programs in our area. He will be speaking with them more, and if you want contact information, please let DG Harris know. We should be hearing soon about the LCIF matching grant. CST Durflinger will remind clubs about sending in their contributions if they want to participate. So far seven clubs have sent in funds totaling \$1842.

**District Editor-** Lion Dave Zimmer reminded clubs to send him information if they want their activities in the newsletter. The deadline for the next newsletter is 2/1/19. He welcomes comments and suggestions for the newsletter.

**Elections-** PDG Richardson noted that all clubs have been sent information on election deadlines and filing requirements.

**Environmental-** GMT Tasior reported that we have three documented areas in our district with PFAS contamination, Alpena, Grayling and Oscoda. The federal government limit for non-harmful levels of PFAS is currently 70 PPT, but many studies suggest the limit should be lower. There is more communication coming, and town halls are being held in the affected areas.

**Eversight-** PDG Richardson encouraged clubs/individual Lions to visit Eversight in Ann Arbor. They have a new building now. They are happy to do tours. He reported that for this fiscal year 30 people in our district received the gift of sight. Our district last year gave \$14,020, and he encouraged every club to contribute. This year so far 19 Lions clubs and 4 Lioness clubs have donated \$6,695. It would be great if all state projects could get 100% district support this year.

**Website/Information Technology -** IPDG Gingerich reported that the website has been updated. He encouraged clubs to send him information. Right now he is taking most of it from the District Facebook page.

**Announcements/Audience Comments -** ZC Clark commended Lion Dave Zimmer on an excellent newsletter. This sentiment was seconded by many attendees.

**DG Comments -** DG Harris noted that his comments had been made earlier in the meeting.

With no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 11:19. The next meeting will be in Alpena at the district convention. The tentative time is 9 AM on 5/4.

Respectfully submitted,

PDG Barb Durflinger

Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer

### ComDaC

**From:** "Art Clark" <clichecoffee@gmail.com>  
**Date:** Wednesday, January 09, 2019 10:29 AM  
**To:** "ComDaC" <comdac@comdac.com>  
**Cc:** "Ron Morgan" <theshootist65@gmail.com> "Leslie Drury" <leslejrury1948@gmail.com>  
**Subject:** Re: Cabinet meeting reports

Lion Barb : I am in Harrison Arkansas. helped move my older sister to an assisted living facility this week. I am hoping to attend the zone meeting on Saturday on my return trip. Was pleased our Indian River Lions Club was able to build a handicap ramp with the assistance friends of our Lions. We also donate \$1000.00 to area needy Families during the holiday season. Lion Leslie and I visited the Mackinaw City club in early December. The Mackinaw City club are a true example of Lionism at work in their community. We are looking forward to a joint Zone picnic in the early summer and a visit from you Barb Durflinger at our next regular meeting Tuesday January 15 .2019 . Lion Mike from the Indian River and Hillman clubs mentioned about the passing of our District Governor Gordon Harris wife . Our prayers and condolences to Lion Gordon and his family.

On Wed, Jan 9, 2019, 8:44 AM ComDaC <comdac@comdac.com> wrote:

Just a reminder that I will need reports by the end of the day today. If you want to do an oral report, or have no report , let me know so that can be reflected on the agenda. Thanks! I hope to see you all on Saturday morning.

CST Barb  
 989--742-2790  
 lionbarb@comdac.com

## Region 2, Zone 1 Report – Jan 2019

Attended a joint meeting with the Whittemore, Oscoda and AuGres Lioness on Oct 23. Attended meetings with the Oscoda, Harrisville, Lincoln, Rose City and Prescott Skidway Lake Lions in October, November and December. Each of these clubs is active. I had to cancel a meeting with the Hale Lions due to a family conflict but have meetings scheduled with that club and Prescott Skidway Lake in January.

Talked at each of these meetings and presented a goal of recruiting new members in numbers representing 5 to 10% of their current membership based on the idea that clubs have to add new members equal to 5% of their membership just to maintain current membership with normal attrition. I also solicited increased participation in District 11 E2 events and leadership.

This zone is currently down 4 members after attrition to date. However, I am currently scheduled to induct 4 new members this month. Have forwarded the name of one Zone member Lion who is willing to and capable of assuming District office to the District Governor.

Respectfully submitted,

William Gaines

Region 2, Zone 1 Chairperson

### Region 3 Zone I Report October to December 2018

I held a zone meeting in October hosted by Central Lake Lions Club. Approximately 45 Lions attended. Lion Barb Durflinger gave a presentation on LCIF. We collected \$373 for LCIF.

I visited Elk Rapids community dinner in December. They provided a free ham dinner for the community and collected food for the community food bank.

Central Lake Lioness held a bake sale at Central Lake Window Night. The Central Lake Lions held an open house with Leader Dog along with a working Leader Dog and Eversight representatives there.

At Central Lake December Christmas dinner meeting they took up a collection for The Trojan Pantry at Central Lake High School. They collected \$1300.

I have a zone meeting planned for January 24". Will be hosted at Bellaire Lions Club.

Region 3 Zone I Chairperson.

Lion Rod Leathers



Lions Club District 11 E2  
GMT Coordinator  
Cabinet Report  
Jan. 12th 2019

Greetings fellow lions, 2019 is here, I have mixed news for you in this report. First I would like to state that the downward trend in membership overall is continuing. We have 32 clubs in our District with 861 members. We are down from 896 one year ago, although I must add that some numbers are because clubs have cleaned their rosters out for non paying members.

34% of our clubs in 11 E2 have 20 members or less, with the current trends we can expect this percentage number to rise. We must find a way to stop this trend and turn it around.

I found it quite interesting that out of the 12 clubs in our district that have 20 members or less 50%, or 6 clubs, have either one activity reported or none at all reported for the year. Inactivity does not help clubs grow! How can we expect our membership to grow if people can't see us? How can we expect to SERVE our communities if we aren't out in the community?

In my last report I asked the membership to just look around and simply ask people to come and check us out. Now I am asking for you to evaluate your clubs and ask yourself are we out in the public eye doing the things we should be doing? How does the community see us doing activities? Are we having fun and communicating with our communities, or do they see us as just another person asking them for money! Do we engage them with friendly greeting and conversations? People do not want to join something that isn't fun or rewarding.

Lastly I cannot write this report without expressing my extreme sorrow for the loss of our 1st Lady of 11 E2 Lion Veda Harris. Lion Veda was extremely kind and friendly to both my wife Devon and I and we shall never forget her warm and friendly manner. We have both Lion Veda and Governor Gordon in our thoughts and prayers.

Lion Robert Tasior

11 E2 GMT Coordinator

Eversight Report  
District 11-E2 Cabinet Meeting  
January 12, 2019

The core mission of Eversight is to make it possible for people to receive the GIFT OF SIGHT through corneal transplants. In Michigan, during this past year, 1,878 persons have donated their eyes and 1,446 individuals have had their sight restored through a corneal transplant.

Our Lions and Lioness Clubs have partnered with Eversight since 1957, and continue to be its largest partner and support group. We aid Eversight financially and through our many local volunteer efforts. Last year our District donated \$ 14,020 to Eversight, making ours one of the top Districts in the state. So far this year 19 Lions clubs and 4 Lioness clubs have donated \$6,695. It is my hope that we can become a 100% District in support of Eversight this year.

The cost of a corneal transplant is approximately \$3,000. Any club which donated this amount, to cover the transplantation expenses for someone in need, would be honored by Eversight as a SIGHT LEADER. Clubs donating at least \$1,000 will have their club's name prominently displayed at Eversight's headquarters in Ann Arbor. Clubs donating at least \$500 will receive a patch for your club's banner and a yearly Sight Supporter pin.

Clubs are encouraged to utilize the Charles Weir and William "Doc" Barr Fellowship Awards to honor a club member or someone from your community. Donations of \$500 over a three year period would qualify your club to receive Weir Sight Conservation Fellowship Award and a \$1,000 donation over a three year period would qualify your club for a Barr Knights for Vision Fellowship Award. These very nice awards can be easily ordered using Eversight's website: ([eversightvision.org](http://eversightvision.org)). Click on the "Who We Are" tab followed by 'Lions Partners', followed by 'Michigan Section'. You can also receive assistance from Victoria Launiere at Eversight: ([vlauniere@eversightvision.org](mailto:vlauniere@eversightvision.org))

Corneal Transplants would not be possible without organ donors. It is important that we continue our work on Organ Donor Awareness. One way is for your club to participate in Donate Life Day 19 (Buddy Day) this coming April at the Secretary of State offices. Details have not been finalized. Details to come. Perhaps your club could also have an Organ Donor Awareness program this year. We have reached the point where we have a surplus of eye tissue for transplantation, but when you consider that about 22 people die each day awaiting an organ for transplantation. We must continue to work to increase the number of potential organ donors.

Any questions or a request for a club program please contact me:  
([den7rich@gmail.com](mailto:den7rich@gmail.com)) or (231 ) 944-0587.

Lions and Lionesses can find more information about Eversight and their activities by utilizing their newly re-designed website: [www.eversightvision.org](http://www.eversightvision.org)

Respectfully submitted .

Dennis Richardson, District 11- E2 Chair  
Eversight Michigan

**Leader Dogs for the Blind Report  
Cabinet Meeting  
January 12, 2019**

Third Quarter club donation reports are now available for review. The total District 11-E2 donations are \$6,832.50.

All clubs contributing \$100 or more annually receive a banner patch. Make a total annual donation of \$5,000 or more and receive a Top Dog award.

Other giving opportunities:

- Sponsor a puppy

- Honor a lion with a "Together We Serve" Lapel pin, personalized medallion, or a Founders Tribute Legacy Society - include Leader Dogs in your financial or estate plans

- Campus Naming

- Tribute Bricks

**Please SAVE THE DATE for Friday, March 8, 2019 for a meal like no other. Dine under blindfold at Leader Dogs second annual Dinner in the Dark fundraiser at MGM Grand Detroit (in the Grand Ballroom).**

**Ticket Prices:**

**\$125 SUPPORTER TICKET (dinner only)**

**\$225 VIP**

**VIP Ticket includes: two drink tickets, hors d'oeuvres, blindfold walk with a Leader Dog in training and photo**

**Dress: Snappy casual**

**For additional information, please visit [leaderdog.org/dinner-in-the-dark](http://leaderdog.org/dinner-in-the-dark)**

Leader Dogs for the Blind is looking for puppy raisers and host families for breeding stock moms and dads. If interested, please go to their website [leaderdog.org](http://leaderdog.org) under the Volunteer menu.

If you want more information or a presentation, please contact Lion Julie Haase at [haasejul@yahoo.com](mailto:haasejul@yahoo.com) or (231) 838-9394.

Lion Julie Haase  
District 11-E2 Leader Dogs Chair

District 11-E2 Cabinet meeting January 12, 2019

## LCIF Report

This year is the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of LCIF's founding. Since its inception there have been over \$1 billion in grants awarded, including \$11.8 million for disaster relief, and \$415 million for sight programs. 87 million children have been vaccinated and 30 million people have had improved or restored sight.

This year is the beginning of the third major funding campaign. SightFirst was launched in 1990 with a goal of \$130 million and raised \$140 million. SightFirst 11 was launched in 2005 with a goal of \$200 million, and raised \$205 million. Both of these were aimed at sight programs. The drive beginning this year is Campaign 100, a three year campaign with a goal of \$300 million. This time the program will cover all of our humanitarian programs, vision, youth, disaster relief, diabetes, and will expand our global causes, hunger, childhood cancer and the environment. The goal is to serve 200 million people over the next 10 years.

The goal for every club is to donate \$250/member over three years (only \$80/member/year), with club, individual member and local community donations all included toward this goal. Right now only 6% of Lions donate individually to OUR foundation and International would like to increase this percentage. Individual contributions can be made on a recurring basis via credit card on the LCIF website to make it easier.

Since 1999, almost \$64,000 in grants has been received by our district. The only reason we haven't gotten more is we haven't asked for them! Our state projects have also been the beneficiaries of a number of grants, the most recent ones including \$75,000 for the Leader Dog Canine Development Center, and over \$48,000 for purchase and outfitting of KidSight trailers, one of which was allocated to our district. In order to continue to receive this support, we need to continue to support our Foundation.

We are off to a good start in raising funds this year to date. Our clubs and individuals within the clubs have donated \$6,721 so far this year. Zone R3, ZI collected \$373 at their zone meeting for Campaign 100 - Thanks ZC Leathers!

I have visited six clubs thus far, and have two more on my schedule. I would like to visit every club this year, so I will be contacting the rest soon. If you have any questions, please contact me. I would also like to attend zone meetings, so would appreciate it if ZC's could let me know when they have meetings scheduled.

PDG Barb Durflinger



## District Committee Reports

October January 12<sup>th</sup> 2019

Grayling MI

### **Constitution, By-laws & Rules**

Nothing to report at this time

### **District Convention**

The District Convention will be held May 3, 4, and 5<sup>th</sup> in Alpena at the Ramada Inn. A fun and learning time will be the order of the weekend. The Alpena Lions look forward to hosting the District again this year.

### **Liaison**

Nothing to report at this time.

### **Michigan Forum**

The dates are February 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Holiday Inn Gateway Center, Flushing. A great program has been lined up. Come and take part in the Friday Service Project at 7:30 on Friday and choose between 4 breakout sessions with 4 individual sessions choices at each one. Keynote speaker will be PDG Ronnie Martin LCI's New Club Development Consultant. See table for Registration form

### **Strategic Planning**

Nothing to report at this time.

### **USA/CANADA Forum**

Forum was a great success and next forum will be in Spokane, WA 9/19-9-21 2019

### **Lions of Michigan Foundation**

The Foundation will be selling Raffle Calendars and they are \$20.00 for each calendar and of that if a club sells them they will receive \$5.00 for each one sold, see PDG Barb or PDG Dave to get your supply.

Also Lions of Michigan Foundation raffle tickets are now available; let's make our District 100% with all clubs participating. Remember you get 5.00 of each ticket sold when you reach 100 tickets, and you get \$5.50 if you reach 250.

New Hearing Aid applications are available; ask PDG Barb or PDG Dave for the latest version.

The Foundation has purchased a pop up canopy with sides for each District to use at events.

## Boyne Valley Lions

### January

#### Lions Nominated for Chambers Awards

The Boyne Valley Lions Club along with fellow Lions John Cool and Gow Litzenburger have been nominated for the Outstanding Contribution Award at the Annual Chamber Awards Gala. Three nominees will be presented the prestigious award during the event on Thursday January 17th. Good luck to all of our Lion nominees!



Lion John Cool



Lion Gow Litzenburger



Boyne Valley Lions Club

## Indian River Lions

### January



Indian River Lions recently built a ramp for a local resident in need of special access to the house.

## Lewiston Lions

### December



Pictured are Brian Grachel and Jim Hilgendorf of the Lewiston Lions Club.

The Lewiston Lions Club donated cases of apples and oranges for the community sharing Christmas food hand out on December 18th. Over 140 families were served.

## Mio Lions Club

### October - 2018

The Mio Lions Club donated **\$5,450** to several recipients in October, 2018\*. List of Donations:

- **\$2,000** - Lions of Michigan Foundation;
- \$600** - District 11-E2 Projects;
- \$500** each - Lydia's Gate and LCI;
- \$250** each - River House, Habitat for Humanity, Michigan Eye Bank-Eversight, Bear Lake Camp, Leader Dog, All State Band, and Pause for a Cause;
- \$100** - Hospice

### December - 2018

- Had float in Christmas parade. **\$2,700** in Donations:
- \$500** - St. Judes;
- \$500** - Wounded Warriors;
- \$300** - Coats for Kids;
- \$750** - Mio Elementary School;
- \$250** - Montmorency-Oscoda Co. Child Protection;
- \$200** - St. Mary's Food Pantry;
- \$200** - North Central Community Foundation

### January - 2019

- **\$500** in Donations:
- \$500** - Mio's Youth and Government;
- 196** pairs of glasses donated;
- Fundraising: took in **\$121** from ink cartridge recycling.

*\*NOTE: My sincere apologies to the Mio Lions for this submitted information that was misplaced. This is on me, and I will do my best to ensure this doesn't happen again. - Lion David Zimmer, D.E.*



## Oscoda Lions

### December

Expressions of sympathy are extended to **Norma Rick** and her family. Lion **Bud** passed away in late December.

### January

- January 10: Club Meeting/Executive Board Meeting – Tait's Gathering Room – 6:00 pm. The first meeting of 2019 was an informational and informative meeting about Lionism and ways to make our club even better. Three new members were installed by Lion **Bill Gaines**; we welcomed **Kevin Hill**, **Tamara Pichla** and **Marvin Pichla**.



Above, From Left: Lion Jane Meyer sponsored Kevin Hill; Tamara and Marvin Pichla, sponsored by Lion Bill Gaines



Jane Meyer and Bill Gaines receiving a centennial award for sponsoring new members from Pres. Robert Tasior

- January 26: The annual Lions Club Best Ball Bowling Tournament was held on Saturday, January 26th at Vista Lanes. Twelve four person teams for afternoon (4 p.m.) and evening (7:30 p.m.) shifts and lots of great prizes were awarded. Bowling was open to keglers of all ages and all bowling abilities. Tourney entry fee was \$20 per person.
- The board approved a \$50 donation to the Lions Bear Lake Camp in memory of Lion Veda Harris of Central Lake, the wife of DG Gordon Harris and a \$50 donation to the Lions of Michigan Foundation in memory of Lion Bud Rick.
- A card was received from a friend of the Rick family which included a donation to the club of \$75 in memory of Lion Bud.

- Thank you notes were received from Oscoda Middle School, The Office of the Sheriff, Hope Anglican Chapel, Food Bank of Eastern Michigan and leader Dogs for the Blind. All of these organizations appreciated our recent donations.
- The board accepted a donation of \$250 from the State Farm Foundation which will be used to support our community projects.
- The club received a check from the Oscoda-AuSable Chamber of Commerce in the amount of \$50 for our "Best of Glow" Christmas float.
- The club approved the dues payment in the amount of \$50 for our membership in the Oscoda –AuSable Chamber of Commerce.

### February

- February 8, 9, and 10: The second Texas Hold 'Em Poker Tournament is scheduled for Vista Lanes.
- February 5, 2019 Blood Drive: American Legion Hall. Sponsored by the Oscoda Lioness Club
- February 15: The 8th annual "Souper Supper" project is underway. Richardson Elementary art students are creating bowls to sell along with the soup the Lions Club will provide on Friday, February 15th. The purpose of the project is to bring awareness of the many people who go without adequate food every day in our community and around the world. The "Souper Supper and Sale" will be held at Oscoda High School from 5 to 7 p.m. Lions **Bill Gaines** and **Andrea McCaffrey** are chairing the project again this year. This project has been a tremendous success, supporting the students, helping raise funds to fight hunger and showing how Lions work in the community. The cost of the meal will be \$3.00 for children ages 5-12 and \$5.00 for ages 13 and up with a maximum cost of \$20.00 per family.

## Petoskey Lions

### December

- Petoskey Lions and guests celebrated the Annual Lions Christmas Holiday Dinner on Monday, December 17, at the Perry Hotel in Petoskey. Paper products and household items were collected and donated to the Women's Resource Center.

### January

- The Petoskey Lions Club canceled our one January meeting because of member illness and bad weather.

Our sincere sympathies and prayers go out to the family, friends, Lions and Lionesses mourning the passing of Central Lake Lioness Veda Harris, wife of our District Governor Gordon Harris. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

What I learned  
from my dog:



*Weather Wisdom Quote:*

**"Climate is what we expect, Weather is what we get!"**  
– Mark Twain

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\* **Photos:** Should be 300 pixels for good quality. Include names of individuals in photos, and/or describe what the photo is showing. **Text:** Include dates and names (if applicable) for all events submitted. Text will be edited as needed for space, spelling, corrections, etc.

**Don't be left out!**



## Did You Know?...

I recently watched an interesting nature show on Nat-Geo TV about the world's big cats and their unique behaviors in the wild. It got me thinking about the connection of wild lions and civilized Lions. The animal lion's massive size, incredible strength and great hunting prowess make this cat the apex predator in its realm. The lion has been respected and feared for its abilities, and admired for its majestic presence for millennia. It's a great mascot for any entity that wants to be the apex player in its field. The founding fathers of the Lions Club chose the lion to be the symbol of their new organization despite the very different behaviors lions and Lions embrace. Feline lions are awesome at what they do, and we human Lions work hard to be respected and awesome at what we do.

One of the questions behavioral scientists were trying to answer concerns the level of intelligence of the big cats. All big feline predators exhibit high levels of intelligence in their ecological niches, but which is the smartest cat? And how can that be determined? How do you give these wild animals an IQ test that can deliver credible results?

Some biologists came up with a simple but clever experiment to finally determine which species has the highest intelligence level. They built a large containment box, anchored to the ground, with a door on one side that could be opened by grasping and pulling a wooden handle. A large enclosure that included the box and a second, smaller chain link containment cage completed the arrangement. A chunk of raw meat was placed in the box, the door shut. The feline research subjects, a couple of lionesses in the test they showed on TV, were brought in. One lion was placed in the cage with a full view of the box, its door, and the other lion, who was free to confront the box. Both could smell the meat. The unfettered lion circled the box, looking for a weak spot, pawing the unyielding wooden container. After nearly 20 minutes of frustration, the lion managed to solve the puzzle, inserting a paw behind the protruding handle and pulling the door open, allowing access to the delicious treat inside.



The lions were removed, and another hunk of meat was put in the box. The second lion, who had watched the first test, was brought in to confront the container. Testing: Did this lion learn anything from watching the first lion's success?

In less than 5 minutes, the second lion managed to open the door and obtain the protein prize. She had obviously seen the first lion's success and was smart enough to copy her method. She had learned by observing. Repeated tests with other lions brought similar results. This test was then given to other big cats – tigers, leopards, cougars, etc. None of these cats seemed able to learn by observing, and none could match the lions' results.

Given these facts, it seems conclusively evident that lions are indeed the most intelligent of the large feline species. Behavioral scientists note that animals considered the most intelligent are those that live in social groups or packs – wolves, dolphins, primates (including humans), and other species that constantly interact and cooperate with others of their kind. They speculate that it is this cooperative social behavior that stimulates learning possibilities within the group. Most of the big cats are solitary predators, whose interaction with others of their kind occurs only for mating, for mothers with their young, or for young siblings hunting together before going it alone. Only lions live consistently together in groups, males and females, working together and learning from their pride mates. (Kind of like what we do.) To be precise, the results were compiled testing lionesses, but it seems likely that male lions would have tested with similar results since they live in the same pride environment.

So now you know. Our organization's symbol turns out to be the most intelligent of the big cats. Not only was the adoption of the symbolic lion a good choice, it was the **smart** choice!

– David Zimmer, 11-E2 District Editor, Petoskey Lions Club



# Safety Reminder

As you may have noticed, winter weather frequently creates driving hazards, such as icy roads and windblown snow whiteouts that drop visibility to nearly zero. You may also have noticed that a surprising number of motorists drive without their lights on during heavy snowfall and windy whiteouts. This is incredibly dangerous, both for the "stealth vehicle" and for the other motorists that can't see it. When you can't see a car, you may not be able to stop on slippery roads in time. You may not see a car coming when making a turn. Those who don't put their lights on endanger themselves and every other car they encounter on the road.

(Not your parking lights, not your day running lights; use your headlights!)

**TURN ON YOUR LIGHTS!**

**BE SEEN – BE SAFE**

