

DISTRICT 11-E2 NEWSLETTER



March 2019

*Notable Quote: "Judge each day not by the harvest you reap but by the seeds you plant."
- Robert Louis Stevenson*

DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE



**Gordon Harris,
District Governor**

Greetings, Lions of 11E2.

In February at the Michigan Forum outside of Flint, the Council of Governors and District Diabetes chairpersons were briefed on the status on the details of the Defense Against Diabetes (DAD) project to be launched by MD11 and SD10. As I reported in a prior newsletter, this program will be partially funded by a 3:1 matching grant from LCIF – a grant which has been formally approved by the LCIF Board. Here are some more details as I currently understand them.

If your club has not yet committed funds to the DAD project, you still have time to act and submit a check to Cabinet Treasurer Barb Durflinger. The matching grant funds will be available after May 1, 2019, and each club will then have one year to spend its funds and the matching funds on diabetes educational programs and pre-screening tests for people in their communities.

The MSU Extension Service offers excellent educational programs, and a representative will be presenting at a breakout session at our District Convention on Saturday, May 4, 2019 in Alpena. This is yet another reason for making sure your club is represented at the District Convention.

We were also furnished with a list of Michigan Certified Diabetes Self-Management Training Programs in District 11E2. These agencies are located in Kalkaska, Petoskey, Alpena, Gladwin, West Branch, Charlevoix and Gaylord. If you want more detail, give me a call.

The time for your club to participate in the Lions of Michigan DAD program is now.

Yours in service,
DG Gordon Harris

2018 - 2019 DISTRICT OFFICERS REFERENCE LIST

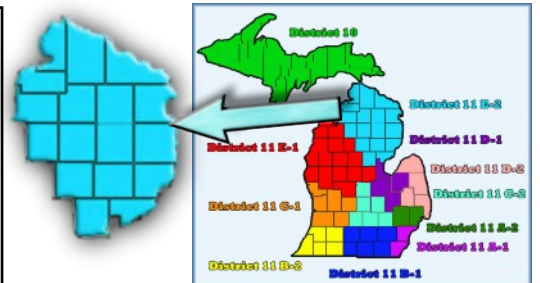
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Lions Of Michigan Multiple District 11-E2 Counties

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



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Mio*

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City, Whitmore Lioness*

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Rapids, Ellsworth/Ellsworth
Lioness*

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East Jordan/East Jordan
Lioness, Gaylord, Petoskey*



President's Message

Gudrun Yngvadottir

Planting Trees, Planting Hope

Hello, Lions!

When I was a child I planted trees with my family at our summer cottage, and later my children did the same. My son wasn't always happy about it, being out there, digging holes. He saw a whole lot of small trees that didn't mean much to him. But now he's all grown up and so are the trees. More than 4,000 trees brim with life, rustle in the wind, and give us shelter on our walks. He understands now, the promise of planting trees. He understands that planting something—anything, but especially trees, which take so long to mature—is an act of hope.

As Lions, we are ever hopeful. And I see that every day in the work that you do. Clubs across the world are planting trees as a symbol of that hope and as a concrete way to fight the effects of climate change. We do so many meaningful things as Lions, but none of them matter if we lose the one place we all call home.

I challenge you to look at your community and seek out ways to help fight for our planet. Partner with your local government to find a spot in need of reforestation. Get a group together to pick up trash at the beach or along a favorite hiking trail. Take some school children to a forest preserve and teach them about nature.

As adults, we tend to care about the things we loved as children. I loved the trees I planted with my parents, I passed that on to my children, and they are passing it on to theirs. Let's teach the new generation the beauty of our natural environment so they will grow up to be protectors of the world we all depend on.

Yours,

Gudrun Yngvadottir



We Serve

International President,
Lions Clubs International

MILAN, ITALY • JULY 5-9, 2019

A world servant takes the stage in Milan



Tony Blair is one of the most consequential figures of our time. From his time in public office to his current work through the Tony Blair Institute for Global Change, Mr. Blair has been focused on addressing some of the world's most critical challenges..

Lions Clubs International is pleased to welcome Mr. Blair to LCIcon 2019, where he will both challenge and inspire us in our mission to be global leaders in humanitarian and community service.

LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL



Our world. Our cause.

EXPLORE DIABETES

The growing diabetes epidemic is nothing short of staggering. According to the International Diabetes Federation, the number of adults living with the disease is expected to reach 629 million by the year 2045. In the face of such a powerful challenge to global health and well-being, what difference can one person possibly make?

Every journey begins with a single step. Serving in diverse communities all over the world, more than 1.4 million Lions and Leos now have a unique chance to change the fight against diabetes, one act of kindness at a time.

NOTE: Health is a major concern of human beings all over the world, and a *Global Cause* for the Lions Club organization. The following article, from an online CBS News report, provides some pertinent statistical research, which may be depressing, or may motivate us to do more.

The World's Healthiest Countries, Ranked

By Ashley Welch – February 25, 2019 / 4:58 PM / CBS News

Spain just surpassed Italy as the world's healthiest nation. That's according to this year's edition of the Bloomberg Healthiest Country Index, which ranks 169 countries based on factors that contribute to overall health.

Six of the top 10 countries were in Europe, with Italy ranking second.

In contrast, the United States didn't even break into the top 30, ranking at number 35, one notch worse than last year.

The top 10 healthiest nations, according to the report, were:

1. **Spain**
2. **Italy**
3. **Iceland**
4. **Japan**
5. **Switzerland**
6. **Sweden**
7. **Australia**
8. **Singapore**
9. **Norway**
10. **Israel**

To come up with the rankings, Bloomberg researchers graded nations based on several factors including life expectancy, while giving penalties for health risks such as obesity and tobacco use. Environmental factors like access to clean water and sanitation were also taken into account.

The results mirror other research that came out last fall looking at future life expectancies in 195 countries and territories around the world. In that study, published in the international medical journal The Lancet, Spain also ranked first, with a projected life expectancy of 85.8 years by 2040.

The United States ranked 64th.

Experts say the eating habits of the Mediterranean diet may provide clues for why Spain and Italy enjoy such good health. This heart-healthy diet is rich in fruits, vegetables, fish and whole grains, along with healthy fats like olive oil, nuts and avocados.

A number of studies have shown the Mediterranean diet reduces the risk of heart disease and may have numerous other health benefits, including reduction of LDL, or "bad," cholesterol, as well as a decreased risk of Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease and cancer. One study published in British Journal of Nutrition found that following a Mediterranean diet was associated with a 25 percent lower chance of death from any cause.

People in Spain also benefit from a national health system focused on preventative care, according to a review by The European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies, which praised its "principles of universality, free access, equity and financial fairness."

One of the main reasons the U.S. ranks so poorly compared to other developed nations is the obesity epidemic, which shows little sign of letting up. The latest figures from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimate nearly 40 percent of American adults — equivalent to 93.3 million people — are obese.

Life expectancy in the U.S. has also been driven down in recent years due to so-called deaths of despair, including suicide and drug overdoses. For the first time, Americans were even more likely to die from opioid overdoses than car accidents.

Sub-Saharan Africa accounted for 27 of the 30 unhealthiest nations in the Bloomberg rankings. Haiti, Afghanistan and Yemen were also in the bottom 30.

Kindness Matters

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

Purpose and Ethics

As Lions, we hold ourselves to the absolute highest standards in everything we do. Our members and clubs are dedicated to serving others, and it shows. We champion kindness in our communities and actively work to improve the lives of all people.

Our Purpose

- To Organize**, charter and supervise service clubs to be known as Lions clubs.
- To Coordinate** the activities and standardize the administration of Lions clubs.
- To Create** and foster a spirit of understanding among the peoples of the world.
- To Promote** the principles of good government and good citizenship.
- To Take** an active interest in the civic, cultural, social and moral welfare of the community.
- To Unite** the clubs in the bonds of friendship, good fellowship and mutual understanding.
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- To Provide** a forum for the open discussion of all matters of public interest; provided, however, that partisan politics and sectarian religion shall not be debated by club members.
- To Encourage** service-minded people to serve their community without personal financial reward, and to encourage efficiency and promote high ethical standards in commerce, industry, professions, public works and private endeavors.

Our Code of Ethics

- To Show** my faith in the worthiness of my vocation by industrious application to the end that I may merit a reputation for quality of service.
- To Seek** success and to demand all fair remuneration or profit as my just due, but to accept no profit or success at the price of my own self-respect lost because of unfair advantage taken or because of questionable acts on my part.
- To Remember** that in building up my business it is not necessary to tear down another's; to be loyal to my clients or customers and true to myself.
- Whenever** a doubt arises as to the right or ethics of my position or action towards others, to resolve such doubt against myself.
- To Hold** friendship as an end and not a means. To hold that true friendship exists not on account of the service performed by one to another, but that true friendship demands nothing but accepts service in the spirit in which it is given.
- Always** to bear in mind my obligations as a citizen to my nation, my state, and my community, and to give them my unswerving loyalty in word, act, and deed. To give them freely of my time, labor and means.
- To Aid** others by giving my sympathy to those in distress, my aid to the weak, and my substance to the needy.
- To Be Careful** with my criticism and liberal with my praise; to build up and not destroy.

Info from Lions Clubs International Website

WANTED

**LIONS at the
2019 MD11**

LIONS CONVENTION

May 16-18, 2019

Auburn Hills
Marriott Pontiac
3600 Centerpointe Parkway,
Pontiac, MI

Rates
available
at
\$79
per night plus
fees and taxes
Reserve at 248-253-9800

For information visit
lionsofmi.com
or call
517-887-6640 ext. 10



2019 WILD, WILD WEST

99TH ANNUAL MD 11 LIONS CONVENTION



REGISTRATION & TICKET FORM

AUBURN HILLS MARRIOTT

PONTIAC, MI • MAY 16-18

HOTEL PHONE 248-253-9800



RESERVATION CODE: LOF, \$79 PER NIGHT (plus fees & taxes)

REDUCED RATE AVAILABLE THRU APRIL 1, 2019

Name _____ ☐ Lion ☐ Lioness ☐ Spouse ☐ Guest
 Lions/Lioness Club of _____ District _____

Name _____ ☐ Lion ☐ Lioness ☐ Spouse ☐ Guest
 Lions/Lioness Club of _____ District _____

Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

Home: () _____ Office: () _____ Email: _____

Is this your first MD Convention? ☐ Yes ☐ No How many years a Lion member _____

QUANTITY

AMOUNT

_____ Thursday Picnic @ \$10.00, May 16, 2019	\$ _____
_____ Round trip bus to Leader Dogs for the Blind @ \$5.00	\$ _____
_____ Registration @ \$15.00 for each Lion	\$ _____
_____ Registration @ \$15.00 for each Lioness or Leo	\$ _____
_____ Registration @ \$15.00 for each Spouse or Guest	\$ _____
_____ Friday Evening Buffet @ \$20.00 per person	\$ _____
_____ Friday Night Welcome Reception @ No Charge	\$ 0.00
_____ Saturday Breakfast @ \$15.00 per person	\$ _____
_____ Saturday Night Banquet @ \$26.00 per person	\$ _____
_____ (Choice) of: Salisbury Steak w/ Mushroom Demi Glaze # _____	

Grilled Chicken # _____

Vegetarian # _____

GLUTEN FREE# _____

TOTAL AMOUNT \$ _____

Make checks payable to: Lions of Michigan

Please Note any special needs (i.e., deaf interpreters, dietary restrictions, food allergies, etc.)

1. Everyone MUST pay the registration fee. No meal tickets may be purchased unless (excluding Saturday Banquet) registration fee is paid.
 2. Deadline for pre-registration and purchase of tickets is May 10, 2019. No refunds after May 11, 2019.
 3. Tickets and registration packets will be distributed at the Lions Registration Desk at the Auburn Hills Marriott in Pontiac. They will not be mailed to you.
- The registration desk will be open from 9:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. on Friday, May 17 and from 8:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 18, 2019.

COMPLETE FORM & MAIL WITH CHECK TO:

LIONS OF MICHIGAN • 5730 EXECUTIVE DR., LANSING, MI 48911

99TH ANNUAL MD 11 LIONS CONVENTION – MAY 17-18, 2019**Marriott Auburn Hills Pontiac, MI
ADVERTISEMENT OPTIONS**

Listed below are several options to sponsor a personal or business ad in the MD 11 Lions Convention Proceedings Booklet.

Placing an ad shows fellow Lions, Lioness and Leos your support of the Lions of Michigan!

ADVERTISING RATES AND SIZES

Overall Booklet Size: 8" x 5 ½"

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|------------------|---------|
| 1. 1/4 page ad: | \$20.00 |
| 2. 1/2 page ad: | \$25.00 |
| 3. Full page ad: | \$30.00 |

Please note that all ads must be prepaid by **May 3, 2019**. Mail form to Lions of Michigan State Office, 5730 Executive Drive, Lansing, MI 48911; email to lions@lionsofmi.com or fax: 517-887-6642

Name:

Business Name:

Billing Address:

City, State, Zip

Home Phone:

Business Phone:

Email address:

Cell Phone:

☐ Included is a print ready ad or message } Please design my personal or business ad to read (please attach detailed information for your ad)

CIRCLE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

Ad Size: 1/4 page 1/2 page Full page

☐ Enclosed is my check for \$

We are unable to accept Credit Cards

Thank you for your continued support-See you in Pontiac!

Mail form and advertisement to:

Lions of Michigan

5730 Executive Dr. Lansing, MI 48911

Questions? Call 517-887-6640 ext. 10



**EXHIBITOR AGREEMENT –MD 11 LIONS CONVENTION
FRIDAY – SATURDAY, MAY 17-18, 2019
AUBURN HILLS MARRIOTT – PONTIAC, MI**

Please reserve a display table for the undersigned at the Lions of Michigan Multiple District 11 Convention, at the Auburn Hills Marriott, Pontiac, MI. Enclosed is a check covering the exhibition fee of \$80.00 for **Friday and Saturday**; the fee includes a **business card sized ad** in the State Convention booklet. \$50.00 is the fee for a **single day** and for an additional \$25.00 the **business card size ad** can be included in the State Convention booklet. The charge is fully refundable if, for any reason, the convention is canceled or moved to another city or in case of fire or other catastrophic occurrence to the property. All conditions stated in the letter of invitation shall be accepted and followed by all exhibitors and their representatives.

The undersigned releases the Lions of Michigan Multiple District 11, and its agents from any and all liabilities that may arise or be asserted as a result of participation in this exhibition. The Lions of Michigan Multiple District 11, Inc. will determine the eligibility of any company or product for exhibit. Acceptance of an exhibitor for the convention does not imply endorsement of the product or services, nor does rejection imply lack of approval of the product or manufacturer.

Exhibitors shall take precautions to provide security to safeguard their property during non-show hours. It is understood that neither the Lions of Michigan Multiple District 11, Inc. nor Auburn Hills Marriott, Pontiac, MI (nor legal entities which own, lease and/or operate it), nor their members, officers, directors, or employees shall be responsible for injury to any person or persons for loss or damage to property belonging to the exhibitor or any person or persons while in transit to or from the hotel/conference center or while on the hotel/conference center property or otherwise. The exhibitor assumes complete responsibility and liability for all injury to any and all persons or property in any way connected with exhibitor's display caused by the exhibitor, his agents, representatives or employees. The exhibitor indemnifies and agrees to hold harmless the Lions of Michigan Multiple District 11, Inc. and the Auburn Hills Marriott, Pontiac, MI (and legal entities which own, lease, and/or operate it), their members, officers, directors and employees against any and all liability whatsoever arising from any or all damage to property or personal injury caused by exhibitor or his agents, representative, employees or any other person.

**2019 MD 11 LIONS CONVENTION
AUBURN HILLS MARRIOTT – PONTIAC
MAY 17-18, 2019**

Please reserve a display table for me on:	_____ Friday Only (May 17, 2019)	\$50.00
	_____ Saturday Only (May 18, 2019)	
\$50.00	_____ Friday and Saturday w/ad	\$80.00
	_____ Ad Only:	\$25.00

Do you require an electrical hook-up? Yes_____ No_____

CONTACT NAME _____

PHONE _____

ORGANIZATION

ADDRESS

DATE _____

AMOUNT

ENCLOSED:

\$ _____

Space is limited! Please submit by May 3, 2019

Mail your registration to:

Lions of Michigan, 5730 Executive Drive, Lansing, MI 48911

Questions? Call 517-887-6640 ext. 10



We Serve

Wild, Wild West

MD 11 LIONS CONVENTION
 Guest Speakers: 3rd VP Brian & Lori Sheehan
 May 16-18, 2019
 Auburn Hills Marriott, Pontiac

THURSDAY, MAY 16, 2019

6:00 p.m. Pre-Convention Picnic at LEADER DOGS FOR THE BLIND

Experience the excitement of our State Project, Leader Dogs for the Blind!

You must register in advance. Picnic: \$10.00 Bus Transportation: \$5.00

Meet in hotel lobby @ 5:00 p.m. Bus (\$5.00) or Car Pool to LD

3rd VP Brian Sheehan and Lion Lori Sheehan are scheduled to attend if travel time allows

FRIDAY, MAY 17, 2019

9:00 a.m. Council of Governors Meeting

9:00 a.m. Lions and Guests Golf Outing –Shotgun Start - **Complete Details Coming Soon!**

10:30 – 11:30 a.m.– **NEW! Breakout Session:** Spring into Summer with the latest in flowers and potted container design! **Class is limited to 35 participants**

Exhibitor Displays Open both Friday and Saturday

1:30 p.m. – District Governors–Elect Planning Meeting

2:00 – 3:00 p.m. –**NEW! Breakout Session:** Diabetes: Harnessing the Power of Diet

6:30 p.m. –Welcome Reception & Wild, Wild West Bash! COSTUMES ENCOURAGED!

Prizes awarded for top costumes. Silent Auction will remain open through Saturday @ 6:30 p.m.

8:30 - 10:30 p.m. –Entertainment by The Gobie's Band

10:30 p.m. **The After-Party Hospitality – Hosted by the Lions Convention Committee**

SATURDAY, MAY 18, 2019

8:30 a.m. -2019 Awards Breakfast

Guest Speaker, Lion Lori Sheehan "Keeping our Lions Healthy!"

10:30 a.m. Business Session – Hear reports from our 5 State Projects and more!

LUNCH ON YOUR OWN

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

1:30 p.m. – **Breakout Session:** Fighting Childhood Cancer – Beaumont Hospital (*Invited*)

2:30 p.m. – **Breakout Session:** LCIF Campaign 100 – 3rd VP Brian Sheehan

3:30 p.m. – **Breakout Session:** Oversight: Making Vision a Reality

4:30 p.m. – International Convention Travel Tips to Milan

LCI International Convention led by PDG Bill Simpson

SATURDAY AWARDS BANQUET-KEYNOTE ADDRESS –

6:00 p.m. Social Time

7:00 p.m. Banquet and Keynote address by: 3rd VP Brian Sheehan

S.A. Dodge Awards

9:30 p.m. Silent Auction Wrap-up

10:00 p.m. **The After-Party Hospitality –Hosted by the Lions Convention Committee**



REGISTER EARLY FOR THE LIONS GOLF OUTING ON
FRIDAY, MAY 17, 2019. SHOT-GUN START BEGINS AT 9:00 a.m.

Captain Name: _____

Team Player _____ Team Player _____

Team Player: _____ #of players @ \$30/ea _____

Contact Phone, Address; Email _____

RESERVE YOUR TEAM TODAY - COURSE TO BE DETERMINED!



International Women's Day – March 8

Lions Clubs International observes International Women's Day, a time to call for the end of violence and trafficking against women and girls, and for the promotion of education, development and opportunity. We are also pleased to report the continuing growth of women at Lions, increasing to 33% of all new members this year, up from 31% last fiscal year. Now nearly 26% of all members overall, and growing.

Lions, take the opportunity to focus your service on women and young girls in your community this month:

- Organize a Reading Action Program activity that encourages mothers to read to their children.
- Volunteer at or help support a local women and children's shelter by donating clothes, toys and books.
- Invite women to join your Lions club, and plan family-friendly service projects that encourages them to get their kids involved, too.
- For Family and Friends Month in April, consider screening "Girl Rising," a groundbreaking film that tells the extraordinary stories of nine young girls around the world, and focuses on the power of education to change the world.

Make every day International Women's Day! Think globally, act locally and make a difference.



Lions Clubs International

Dear Club President and Club Secretary,

Many multiple district and district conventions are held in March, April and May, so now is the time to get ready for them! Using [MyLCI](#), you will be able to access information about them such as the number of delegates allowed for your club and any outstanding dues or fees that need to be remitted.

The information will be available in MyLCI in the first week of the month in the month preceding the convention, or the day after the convention is reported in MyLCI, whichever is later.

To access this information in MyLCI, select "Convention" from the "My Lions Club" menu, and scroll to the district convention.

Finally, your club's balance must be paid at least 15 days prior to participation in your district and multiple district's convention. Nonpayment may make your club ineligible to vote.

Thank you for your service!

Sincerely,

Your District & Club Administration Division Support Team



**1 Lions of Michigan
Foundation
5730 Executive Drive
Lansing, Michigan 48911
info@lsmf.net**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE Contact: Chad McCann - 517-887-6640

The Lions of Michigan Foundation has been added to the list of nine Michigan charities eligible to receive direct contributions from Michigan tax payers filing their 2018 and future Michigan Income Tax Returns.

Lansing, Michigan – January – 2019 – Governor Rick Snyder has signed Public Act 255, creating a Lions of Michigan Foundation Fund within the Michigan Department of Treasury for the purpose of collecting funds donated to the Lions of Michigan Foundation through annual Michigan income tax return filings. Any Michigan Tax Payer, when they file their Michigan Income Tax Return Form MI-1040, may now support the Lions of Michigan Foundation by simply checking the appropriate donation box and indicating the amount of their donation on **Form 4642 – Michigan Voluntary Contribution Schedule**.

The Lions of Michigan Foundation is now 1 of 9 Michigan charities with this very distinct honor, which requires the approval of the Michigan House of Representatives, Senate and Governor. It was made possible through the dedication and support of Representative Wendell Byrd who introduced the legislation and former Speaker of the House Tom Leonard who advocated for the legislation. The legislation received strong bipartisan support throughout the Michigan Legislature.

The Lions of Michigan Foundation is a public charity that was created in 1984 to help Michigan Lions Clubs provide community services. The foundation works in partnership with its member Michigan Lions Clubs and other organizations to address serious human needs and improve quality of life.

The Lions of Michigan Foundation helps financially struggling Michigan residents whose options for affordable medical treatment are limited. Primarily, the foundation provides vision, hearing and emergency services aimed at helping Michigan residents maintain their independence, excel in school and prosper in life.

Michigan Voluntary Contributions Schedule (Form 4642) - Charitable Funds Available – 2018 Tax Year

American Red Cross Michigan Fund
Animal Welfare Fund
Children's Trust Fund
Fostering Futures Scholarship
Fund
Lions of Michigan Foundation Fund
Michigan World War II Legacy Memorial Fund
Military Family Relief Fund
United Way Fund



Lions of Michigan Foundation

"Bridging The Gap To Service"

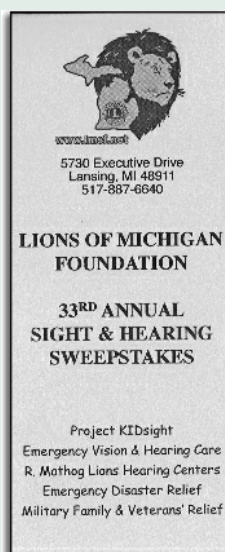
Sight & Hearing Sweepstakes

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

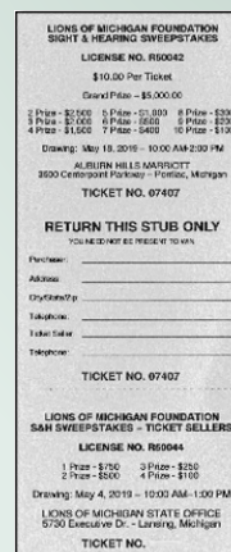
All proceeds generated by the Sight & Hearing Sweepstakes are used to provide eye care and hearing aids to low-income Michigan residents.

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

SIGHT & HEARING SWEEPSTAKES: Cash Prizes



- 1ST PRIZE \$ 5,000.00
- 2ND PRIZE \$ 2,500.00
- 3RD PRIZE \$ 2,000.00
- 4TH PRIZE \$ 1,500.00
- 5TH PRIZE \$ 1,000.00
- 6TH PRIZE \$ 500.00
- 7TH PRIZE \$ 400.00
- 8TH PRIZE \$ 300.00
- 9TH PRIZE \$ 200.00
- 10TH PRIZE \$ 100.00



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

Lions of Michigan District 11-E2 Convention Raffle Tickets

District 11-E2 Convention Raffle tickets are available for \$5 each or 3 for \$10. All proceeds go to the District 11-E2 Convention Fund to defray costs for Lions Club members attending the annual Convention. Prizes are donated by local clubs; prize drawings are conducted on Saturday at the Convention.

Name: _____

Club: _____

Phone: _____

Lions of Michigan
DISTRICT 11-E2 CONVENTION RAFFLE

All prizes donated by Lions & Lioness Clubs or Individuals of District 11-E2. This raffle is open to Lions & Lioness of District 11-E2 and other Lions & Lioness in attendance

All Prizes to be picked up at the convention
Drawings begin at 3:30 p.m. on Saturday
All proceeds benefit the District 11-E2 Convention Fund

\$5.00 each OR three (3) for \$10.00

Lions Youth Exchange Program

Hey Everyone, have you ever wondered what it would be like to visit another country? Well, Lions International can help you discover a little bit of many different countries.

We are in need of host families for Foreign Exchange Students every summer from the end of June thru the end of August for three to eight weeks. Depending on when your family is available. All students will spend the week of July 21 -st - 27th at our Youth Exchange camp. If you have an extra bed in your home and the interest in another country and their culture, contact me for more information. Michigan students between the ages of 15 & 19 are encouraged to apply to become an Exchange student and travel for the summer.

Some of the countries that we have students coming from are:

Mexico, Mongolia, Brazil, Germany, Belgium, France, Italy and Japan, maybe even more. For more information about hosting or becoming an Exchange student please contact: lioneileen53@gmail.com.

Or visit the Lions International web site at lionsyouthexchange.org.

Lion Eileen Delaney

Eileen Delaney is the Lions State Youth Exchange Chairperson.



PASSINGS



NONE REPORTED

NEW MEMBERS

February:

Alpena Noon Lions welcomed new member **Scott Kreinbring** (sponsored by PDG Dave Zeller)



Region 3, Zone Chair, Lion **Rod Leathers**, has accepted the 2nd Vice District Governor position for the 2018 – 2019 fiscal year.

He was installed by District Governor **Gordon Harris** at the January 12 11-E2 District Cabinet Meeting .

Congratulations 2VDG Rod!

Calendar of Events

MARCH 2019:

International Women's Day – Friday, March 8

Daylight Saving Time – Sunday, March 10
“Spring Ahead”

Vernal (Spring) Equinox – Wednesday, March 20 – Spring Begins

St. Patrick's Day – Sunday, March 17

MAY 2019:

District 11-E2 Convention – Friday, Sunday, May 3-5 – Ramada Inn, Alpena
Lions of Michigan District 11-E2 Convention Raffle Drawings on Saturday, May 4, 2019

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

Lions of Michigan Foundation – Sight & Hearing Sweepstakes
Saturday, May 4 - S & H Ticket Sellers Drawing
Saturday, May 18, 2019 – S & H Raffle Drawings

JULY 2019:

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

JUNE 2020:

LCI Convention – June 26, 2020 – Singapore

JUNE 2021:

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

2019 Spring Equinox – Wednesday, March 20

**WINTER
ENDS...**



Begins!

Seasonal Change – It's About Time (Literally!)

Alpena Lions (Noon Club)**February**

PDG Bev Bodem inducted a new member, **Scott Kreinbring**, into the Alpena Noon Lions Club. His sponsor is PDG Dave Zeller

Boyne Valley Lions**February****Upcoming Events**

Project Connect March 13. Project Connect is a day of service for those in need. The event will take place on March 13th from 11 am until 3 pm (plus some time for set up and take down) at the Odawa Casino. The Boyne Valley Lions, as in the past, will be there to screen children for eyesight issues. We will have two (2) volunteer shifts lasting 2 1/2 hours. Each shift will consist of 2 to 3 Lions.

Lions of Michigan 33rd Annual Sight & Hearing Sweepstakes Ticket Sales, drawing May 4th. Lion Rex is selling tickets at \$10 each. Grand prize: \$5000!

District 11-E2 Raffle Tickets for the convention in Alpena on May 3-5. Drawing during the convention. Tickets can only be sold to Lions, \$5 each or 3 for \$10

Oscoda Lions/Lioness – February

Oscoda Lions and Richardson Elementary held their annual Souper Supper and Art Show on Friday Feb. 15th. We had a great turn out, everyone enjoyed a great soup supper provided by the members of the Lions Club. Plus they had a chance to see and buy bowls that were made by the Elementary kids.

The 5th grade art students sold the bowls, assisted at the admissions table and assisted the Lions throughout the evening. Club members served 29 difference soups, biscuits, drinks and desserts to 307 happy diners.



The club grossed \$1,284 from the sale of the meals and an additional \$85 from the 50/50 sale. All the money raised went to charities. An estimated 400 volunteer hours went into the event.

Thanks go to our business partners PNC, Neiman's Market, KFC, Family Fare and Roger's. Special thanks go to Lions Bill Gaines and Andrea McCaffrey for all of their efforts to make this a very special club activity.

Thank you cards were received from Madonna University for our \$100 donation to support their program for the blind, God's Children Haiti for our \$400 gift of support, the Iosco County Sheriff for our donation to the Children's Safety Program and the library for the \$100 donation to support the summer reading program.



2019 Lions of Michigan Forum

A few information tips from the Lions of Michigan Forum at the Flint Holiday Inn Gateway Centre on February 23, 2019. There were 16 sessions on different topics offered. Below are some highlights of two I attended, dealing the the universal club difficulties of member motivation and engagement, and using social medial to communicate and appeal to young people. - Lion David Zimmer

Keeping Members Motivated and Engaged

PDG Dave Zeller

What Makes a Fantastic Lion's Club? (Top 3 Answers)

1. Give me meaningful things to do (Don't waste my time).
2. Make It FUN!
3. Be Optimistic and Creative in finding New Endeavors and Members.



Why Do People Volunteer?

- To be part of a team
- Satisfaction from accomplishment
- To share a skill
- To gain leadership skills
- To demonstrate commitment to a cause/belief
- To get to know a community
- To have fun
- To do something different
- To donate their professional skills
- To make new friends
- Because they were asked
- To be challenged
- To be an agent of change
- To learn something new

What Do Volunteers Want?

- Something to do!
- Introductions, made comfortable at first meeting
- A job description and agenda
- Group and community involvement
- To Do Meaningful and Interesting Work
- To know they are making the world a better place

Attributes of a Great Volunteer

- Highly Motivated and Dependable
- A Great Team Player
- Optimistic and Vision Oriented
- Respectful and Ethical
- Understands Importance of Confidentiality

Summary of Key Points

- Make your volunteers feel needed and appreciated
- Ask volunteers to help in specific, actionable ways geared to both older and younger members
- Inspire your volunteers with the cause, not the organization
- Stay connected, and make sure your communication channels go both ways
- Develop a community of volunteers
- Show your volunteers how they made a difference

Harnessing the Power of Social Media

1st VDG Michael Scott, Jr.

Social media has become a fundamental shift in the way we communicate, a powerful and cost-effective tool to market any organization surpassing the web page. Common inexpensive platforms like Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter offer wide distribution of information and quick communication with high impact and broad scope.

Facebook is generally used more by "older" people than today's youth, who prefer Instagram and Twitter platforms for communication. Instagram is a great place for posting photos and videos, while Twitter allows real-time sharing of text information, and photos and videos as well. These and other social media formats can be utilized to promote service to the community and for fundraising events.

The message content is important, keep it timely and relevant. Accumulating followers builds better relationships, and engages your community by increasing visibility. Social media is not the future, it is now.

Editor's Notes:

As this Winter winds down and the sun begins ascending to Summer domination, we are reminded once more of Nature's power and how much of an impact it can have on our lives. In the blink of an eye, some natural event can upend normal life, from an annoying power outage to the devastation of a tornado or a high wind storm, a flood, treacherous icing, an earthquake – the list is long, and somewhat scary.

Despite Nature's dangerous potential, we generally live our lives seldom worrying about some natural disaster, until it happens. For most of us, nature's negative moments are short-lived and more annoying than deadly – downed electric lines cutting power, school and business closings, increased traffic accidents (thankfully most are non-fatal fender benders keeping the insurance companies busy and frustrating motorists who must find other temporary means of transportation), and generally not being able to do what we were looking forward to doing because of weather-related cancellations. Bumps on the Road of Life Northern Michiganders experience frequently when Winter weather messes up our plans and routines. The current Winter, a season personally requiring 33 snow blowings (and still counting), has been excessively unkind to the population of Northern Michigan.

But we persevere. Despite horrendous winds and the ice storms coating everything, most of us have been lucky to avoid a power outage at our homes for more than a short period. The biggest problem for me came when the freezing rain and ice knocked out the equipment of my internet provider. I was unable to get a stable connection online for nearly a week. This occurred just before I was ready to upload the January/February 11-E2 Newsletter; I literally was working on the final page when the internet went down.

I thought this would be a short annoyance, but the days passed and I still couldn't connect stably online. I was paralyzed, helpless, unable to use the technology we believe to be so reliable. I finally used the Petoskey library internet connection to email the newsletter out in mid-February. Unfortunately, it turned out that the file couldn't be uploaded to the District website. Unbeknownst to me, the website size limit for uploading files is 6 megabytes; the 30-page newsletter was over twice as large. Long story short, I spent a week trying to downsize the file, and finally succeeded in shrinking it enough to upload only after getting some guidance at the District Editors meeting after the Lions of Michigan Forum in Flint. So the newsletter was 2 weeks late because of both weather and human technology problems. One of those "learning experiences" that reminds us how Nature, including Human Nature, can really mess up the best laid plans and intentions. **Happy Equinox on March 20!**

– Lion David Zimmer, District 11-E2 Editor

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