

DISTRICT 11-E2 NEWSLETTER

September / October 2017



FROM THE GOVERNOR...

I would like to acknowledge the contribution that the late Lion Tommy Otto made to our District.

It was only 2 days before his death that I learned that his health had declined so much. It was sad to lose such a good Lion. He was District Treasurer and financial advisor for at least five District Governors. He was also treasurer of the Gaylord Lions Club and his church. We will miss him very much. Donations in his honor may be made to the Gaylord Lions Club, P.O. Box 285, Gaylord, MI 49735, First Congregational Church, or Hospice of Michigan.



regulations and the district rules of audit to further ensure that the club is engaging in appropriate business practices.

The club should outline in the club constitution and by-laws that the board of directors should receive the club's financial report no less than monthly and the original bank statement on a regular basis. Care should be taken to ensure that the bank statement and the financial report balance. The Financial Report should include:

1. Opening Balance – The balance that was reported during the previous meeting. The report should include the amount in each account.
2. All Income – Note the amount and source of the income. Fundraising events should include an itemized report outlining the money received and each expense paid. Every significant expense requires an invoice sent or receipt and the income should be validated by attendance, ticket sales or some other quantifiable means. The club may establish a definition of the amount requiring a receipt.

While discussing Tommy's contribution to the District with others at the funeral, I thought that it would be a good idea to talk to you a little bit about the importance of financial record keeping in your clubs.

Best practices for financial transparency and integrity are at the very heart of a Lions club. Sound and clear communication is critical to achieve this goal. This is designed to provide general best practices, but it should be noted that every club should consult an accounting professional to ensure that the club is compliant with local

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3. **All Expenditures** – All payments made which were approved by the board of directors. It should be noted that all payments must be approved by the club's board. Sometimes the expense payment approval is included in the club's budget approval process or by separate formal resolutions. Either way, the approval requires a quorum and must be reflected in

the minutes. Receipts and invoices received should be obtained to verify the amount spent.

4. **Ending Balance** – The final amount is provided, which will be the opening amount the following month.

DG Bob



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DISTRICT CALENDAR



OCTOBER 2017

- ✓ Council of Governor's Meeting #2, October 6-7, Quality Inn, St. Ignace
- ✓ Cabinet Meeting #2, October 14th, 10:00 a.m., Tait's Fare, Oscoda

NOVEMBER 2017

- ✓ Michigan Lions Leadership Institute, November 10-12, Higgins Lake

DECEMBER 2017

- ✓ Council of Governor's Meeting #3, December 1-2, Holiday Inn, Flint
- ✓ Lions of Michigan Visually Impaired Scholarship Application Deadline December 30

LOOKING AHEAD TO 2018...

- ✓ Cabinet Meeting #3, February 24, 2018, Day's Inn, Grayling, 10:00 a.m.
- ✓ Michigan Forum, February 16-17, Crowne Plaza, Grand Rapids
- ✓ Council of Governor's Meeting #4, February 17-18, Crowne Plaza
- ✓ District 11-E2 Convention, April 27-29, Shanty Creek, Bellaire
- ✓ Cabinet Meeting #4, District Convention, April 28, 8:30 a.m., Shanty Creek
- ✓ MD 11 Convention, May 18-19, Holiday Inn, Flint/Grand Blanc
- ✓ Council of Governor's Meeting #5, May 19, Holliday Inn, Flint

**INCLUDE YOUR CLUB'S
EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES
IN THE DISTRICT CALENDAR!!**

HELP WANTED!

There are two very important District Leadership Positions which I have not found a volunteer to cover. They are:

- Global Membership Team Leader
- Global Service Team Leader.

The MD-11 and Regional GMT's and GLT's are asking me for reports on these important assignments. I am unable to answer except to say that I have not found anyone to fill these jobs.

Please consider stepping up to the plate and hitting one out of the park. Contact me and I will provide you with the specifics on these positions. I, and the other district Lions, will be forever grateful...

DG Bob

*Life is a Journey not a Destination;
There are no mistakes, just chances we've taken.*
Author Unknown

NEMSCA VISION SCREENINGS

I want to thank all of the Lions clubs that helped with the NEMCSA early head start screenings, as well as Lion Tom Woizeschke from the Alpena Lions and Lion Lonnie Crampton from the Lincoln Lions for all their help.

The Lions were thanked at the NEMCSA meeting on Friday 10/6/17 for their service to the communities.

As for me, we are Lions, and **We Serve**.

Here are the findings:

60 children were screened-
55 passed
3 referrals-
2 other (unreadable).

Thank you again!

PDG Carol Athan

PEACE POSTER CONTEST



Lions Club Presidents & Peace Poster Chairs:

Following are the guidelines for submitting Peace Posters:

1. Only one (1) Peace Poster per Lions Club (per contest sponsored) may be submitted.
2. A participating Lions Club should notify me in advance of sending an entry.
3. Postmarked deadline for Peace Poster is November 15, 2017.
4. Mailing address:
PDG Bill Stenback
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Please contact me at 231-544-6522 or signaturefleet@charter.net if you have any questions.

William E. Stenback, PDG
District Chair, Peace Poster Contest
Central Lake Lions Club

WHY OUR SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS ARE DYING... (and how to fix them)

by Michael Brand

Nothing more American than a service club. Rotary, Lions, Kiwanis, IOOF, Altrusa, Shriners. Frenchman Alexis de Tocqueville rode all over the United States in the 1830s and was struck by the influence of religious, fraternal and civic organizations, and secret societies, on American democracy and concluded **that they made communities stronger, more interesting, and more engaged.**



But there are some reasons for concern. All of these service clubs, once the backbone of community life in America, have been in significant decline over the past 2-3 decades. It is not that our clubs have changed. America has changed. Thus the imperative is for us to reinvent for a new America.

Declining Social Capital

In his 2000 book, *Bowling Alone: The Collapse and Revival of American Community*, Robert Putnam documented that attending club meetings, such as those held by Rotary and Kiwanis groups, has declined by 58 percent in the period 1975-2000. This trend continued and even accelerated in the 21st century. Putnam notes it's part of an



overall trend by Americans who also have 43 percent fewer family dinners. Thirty-five percent fewer of us have friends who drop in to see us at our homes.

Pick an organization and the numbers are telling. In the past two decades Rotary down 20%, Jaycees down 64%, Masons down 76%. Recalling de Tocqueville's observation about the role our clubs play in a civil society, this decline represents a tangible loss to community. The question remains, **'Where do we go from here?'**

Since most service club leaders are in office but for one year, they shoot for short term quick fixes such as a membership drive. **However, for most of our service clubs the issue is not recruitment but retention.** Rotary averages 44,000 new members per year and loses an average of 51,000. They cannot keep members. If businesses are not keeping customers, the leaders generally make it top priority to find out why and correct the reasons. If they fail, they most likely will not be leaders for very long. Common sense says the same principle should apply to service clubs as well.

Think Tribes, Not Community

The classic definition of community is associated with a physical place, hence many of our service clubs are branded with a 'place' such as Jamestown Lions Club. But emerging generations of Americans now define community by their affinities: the gay community or the tech community. Even college alumni groups now tout themselves like independent countries such as **Spartan Nation** at Michigan State University.

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Seth Godin is an entrepreneur who ruminates on marketing in the digital age. Author of several best-selling books, Godin argues that **digital life has ended traditional mass communication and replaced it with an ancient human social unit, The Tribe.** These are groupings of people founded on shared ideas and values. As such, tribes give ordinary people the power to lead and make big change.

In the new world, **what people desire most is an opportunity to connect with one another.** People like bonding with other people. It's human nature. If we create opportunities for people to connect, they'll open up and feel more comfortable. As they do, they'll invite us into their lives and will introduce us to their friends. Then their friends become our family, our tribe. One by one we rebuild our clubs.

The data is so overwhelmingly convincing. One-half of charitable giving in the United States is not driven by what people care about, it is driven by what their friends and family care about. Consider the charity walk or bike ride. Most of those involved have little driving passion for the issue at hand, but join up to walk as part of a team organized by a friend or family member. It's their community. **The service clubs which will thrive in this new era are the ones who build out their tribe.**



Prioritize Time Over Treasure

The speed of American life has picked up. While we are not working that much more than previous generations, we are spending vastly more time in what might be called 'structured leisure activities'. This is especially true for families with children. For them, **time is more prized than talent or treasure.** For two-parent families, both are often working and sharing household and child rearing duties.

So what will attract them is not so much our mission, but **how we can add to the quality of their lives.** Their time is precious. So how can we adapt in order to make ourselves more welcoming to this emerging America?

Build An An Informal Atmosphere

Is the format of our club outdated? Is the weekly lunch a productive format? Are the rituals in our meeting making sense to younger Americans? Many try to side step or ignore these impediments rather than deal with them. That's human nature **as the most powerful force in the world is the status quo.**

But Americans now connect on-line so don't need the time investment of a weekly meeting in order to network. Leaders must identify and remove obstacles. Is the structure of our club meetings an obstacle to involvement? One thing is abundantly clear, what emerging generations want in physical meetings is for the environment to be **fundamentally social, fundamentally conversational and fundamentally less formal.**

Enable Them To Bring The Whole Family

One of the encouraging trends in modern America is how men have taken a much more active role in child rearing. Some of this is driven by women's increasing role in the workplace and some by men desiring to play a more intimate role in the development of their sons and daughters.

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These two-parent, two-career families have higher than average incomes and should be **a priority to our recruitment strategy**. They earn more and are more active than other demographics.

If we want to get them, we have to offer a milieu which permits and engages their children as well, for they will not give up valuable family time for anyone. So, does our club offer a family friendly environment?

Them See World Differently



Will this attract the next generation?

TED talks have become the gold standard among young professionals for these sessions arouse followers' thoughts and imagination, as well as stimulating their ability to identify and solve problems creatively. People gravitate to places containing others who awaken their curiosity, challenge them to think and learn, and encourage openness to new, inspiring ideas and alternatives.

While we may not be able to book high-level speakers, **we can look at altering meeting formats**. How about facilitated discussions around a pressing societal issue? How about reflective exercises which engage members to think deeply about a topic?

These ingredients are essential to creating an environment where people are willing to invest their time. Intellectual stimulation is defined as encouraging innovation and creativity, as well as critical thinking and problem-solving. Intellectual

stimulation involves arousing followers' thoughts and imagination, as well as stimulating their ability to identify and solve problems creatively.

People love environs that awaken their curiosity, challenge them to think and learn, plus encourage openness to new, inspiring ideas and alternatives. These elements are essential to pulling in the emerging generations and thus ensure club success.

Let Them ReThink You

It's not, 'Come do what we do', it's 'What do you want to do?' Can our club be an incubator for young creatives to develop new and interesting ways to address our traditional issues?

One aspect of emerging generations is their desire to have an **impact now**. It means they will not wait 5 years to be elected Chair of the Fundraising Committee before seeing their ideas in action.

If it's not happening today, they'll walk away.

Victor Hwang in his book, *The Rainforest*, metaphorically notes that most of us were trained to manage farms. By this he means our approach to anything is that we know what we want to grow, know when to plant the seeds, plant in straight lines, kill anything that looks like a weed, know when to harvest and can anticipate roughly our yield.

The Rainforest, by comparison, is a chaotic environment where all sorts of genetic mutations are taking place and everything looks like a weed.

Hwang's point is that we need more Rainforests. But that means relinquishing some measure of control. Not always easy when we have 60-80-100 years of tradition behind us. Yet, by allowing emerging leaders to reinvent our club we can navigate a path to securing our survival.

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Inventing The American Future

Service clubs are an American innovation that have evolved into a worldwide institution. While vibrant across the globe, **the loss of membership in the United States represents a loss of social capital and civic engagement.**

Today potential members are constrained by lack of time. In addition, they may not see much use an organization whose prestige and vitality is in question.

It is imperative we reinvent. That may involve passing the torch and **allowing an emerging generation of leaders to reinvent our clubs according to their needs.** The alternative may be irrelevance and obscurity.

The author is a member of the Rotary Club of Oregon City, OR.

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ALPENA

Alan Gapske--Sponsor, Steven Murch
Ryan Sanders--Sponsor, Steven Murch
Audra Smith--Sponsor, Scott Foerstner

ATLANTA

Chad Brown--Sponsor, Don Beck

BOYNE VALLEY

Richard Allen--Sponsor, Cliff Carey
Jeff Uloth--Sponsor, Cliff Carey

CHARLEVOIX

Mike Bennett—Sponsor Jeff Rizzo

HALE

Kay Bellville—Sponsor, Clayton Bellville
Loren Vannest--Sponsor, Roger Houthoofd

INDIAN RIVER

Valerie Marks—Sponsor, Pamela Marks

LEWISTON LIONESS LIONS

Deborah Rubenstein—Sponsor, Amy Waters

MACKINAW CITY

Suzanne Darrow—Sponsor, Patrick Darrow

OSCODA

Richard Ferrebee, Sponsor, Gary Rehberg

ROSE CITY

Margaret Winslow—Sponsor Stuart Bedell

DECEASED

ALPENA--Michael Murch

Joined: April 1, 2000 – 17 Years of Service

BOYNE VALLEY--Gordon Lambie

Joined August 1, 1966 – 51 Years of Service

Boyne Valley--Norman Mathers

Joined January 1, 2008 – 9 Years of Service

GAYLORD—Tommy Otto

Joined May 1, 1976 – 41 Years of Service

GRAYLING--Bill Fitch

Joined October 1, 2001 –16 Years of Service

ROGERS CITY--Mike Eustice

Joined June 1, 1961 – 56 Years of Service

MEMBERSHIP STATS

	July 1	
Opening Balance, Aug 1	922	924
Closing Balance, Sept 30	922	922
Net Gain/Loss	0	-2

CHARTER ANNIVERSARIES

CENTRAL LAKE LIONESS

40 Years--October 1977-2017

JULY CLUB ACTIVITIES

ALPENA JULY—July 12--Thirteen Lions spent 43 hours collecting 66 units of blood for the Red Cross. July 15/16--Eight Lions worked 22 hours at Arts on the Bay encouraging people to sign up to be an organ donor. July 17--Six Lions worked at the Brown Trout Festival. July 27--Lions prepared a lunch for families participating in a local food bank.

ATLANTA—July 13--Two Lions prepared and served a luncheon to food pantry recipients. Collected and donated 20 pair of glasses.

BELLAIRE —July 12—Set calendar for the coming three months and speaker schedule established. Directories are being finalized and the three upcoming fundraisers planned. Mint sales, Brats and Hot dog Dinner and our annual raffle will be held during Rubber Ducky Days followed by the parade on that Saturday, August 19. July 13--Discussion of previous board meeting with emphasis placed on supporting our fundraisers and participation in the parade. We will have a highway beautification just prior to our Rubber Ducky week in August. Lion Dave Lewandowski has taken on the responsibility of chairing this project. We also discussed the need for promptness in paying our dues. July 27--The revised budget and need to cut back in some areas was discussed. The club voted to assist a Meadowbrook Medical Care Facility resident with her hearing aids up to \$500.00, which will be sent to the audiologist asap. Zone Chair Bobbi Lukins was in attendance and presented a 40-year pin to Lion Duane Drake. July 19--In the month of July, the Lions contributed \$112.34 to the veterinary care of our local Leader Dog, Levi.

CHARLEVOIX—July 7--Lions cooked 380 chicken lunches for this club that had members from all over meet and tour Michigan at the BMW International motorcycle gathering. July 8--Charlevoix Lions cooked 450 chicken lunches for this year's Boyne Thunder event that attracted thousands of viewers. July 28--Donated \$500 to

Safe Haven Ministers, \$500 to the Women's Resource Center.

EAST JORDAN—July 8--Lions members sold raffle tickets and held the drawing at the close of the South Arm Classic show. A total of \$1050 in prizes was given out at the Summer Raffle. The Lions Club sponsored the annual South Arm Classics Car and Boat Show..100 cars were displayed on main street in East Jordan and 20 Classic Boats on the shore of beautiful Lake Charlevoix. Several thousand people enjoyed the day in East Jordan looking at classic cars and boats. Prizes were given in several categories and guests were given the opportunity to purchase raffle tickets for Lions Club Raffle.

FAIRVIEW-COMINS—July 3--The Fairview Comins Lions cooked and served at the Event center in Comins for the family fun day and fireworks. The community supported our club very much! July 14--Help package and distribute food at the food bank. July 12--Delivered commodities to elderly citizens.

GRAYLING—July 20--Funded an eye exam for one individual.

HALE—July 10--Road clean-up was completed the week of July 16. July 25--Hale Lions had free KidSight assessments at our County Fair for 3 days. We used the new trailer and were able to screen 19 children. It was received well from the community. July 10--Regular scheduled meeting had 13 members and 1 guest attend. Kathy Houthoofd received a Gold Centennial Award for sponsoring a member. Thanks Kathy! July 26--Roger Houthoofd, Don and Cheryl McDonell manned the gates for the County Fair. Thanks for the extra help. July 26--Roger Houthoofd, Don and Cheryl McDonell manned the gates for the County Fair. Thanks for the extra help. July 22--Hale Lions sponsored and manned water stations for the "Run Like Hale" event. Funds were donated to the

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Leukemia Association. It was a huge success and enjoyed by all. July 10--Thank you letters were received from the Penrickton Center and from the Lions Bear Lake Camp.

HARRISVILLE—Club members cleaned up highway stretches of US 23 and M72.

HUBBARD LAKE—July 8--The Hubbard Lake Lions distributed "white canes" and received \$462.60 in donations from the community. Funds deposited in the Sight Fund for use in vision related donations.

LEWISTON---July 1--Lion Facsko and Lion Cady, along with other leaders of our Boy Scout troop, took our boys to camp at Mammoth National Park and Tour the Caves. The boys also got to zip line and repel into the mouth of Horse Cave while they were there.

LEWISTON LIONESS LIONS: July 13--Lions volunteered at the Atlanta Food Bank: July 15--Sold quilt raffle tickets at Family Fare. July 26--Lion Corky volunteered at the Montmorency County Animal Shelter.

LINCOLN—July 22--The Lincoln Lions partnered with nine other civic groups (churches, service organizations) to develop welcome signage at three major routes into Lincoln displaying the Logos of each organization. The Lions purchased materials and installed the signs.

MACKINAW CITY—July 2—Club administrative duties done by king lion, treasurer and secretary. Maintained mints at restaurants and checked supplies, totaling 8 hours for the month. Wheel chair, walker and ramp maintenance.

OSCODA—Selling Paul Bunyan Raffle tickets at Family Fare July 14/15; at Ace Hardware on July 28 & 29th; at the AuSable River Canoe Marathon

Finish Line on July 30th. Over \$3,000.00 raised so far. July 19--The Oscoda Lions Club sponsored a movie to be shown on a big screen at The Oscoda Beach Park/Pier. The movie was Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe. 3 Lions gave out glow necklaces to all of the children. Starry Nights at the Pier. July 4--13--Lions worked selling hotdogs, sodas, and cherry pies for 50 cents, they also did tatoos and gave out glow necklaces, patriotic beads and leis to the children. 8 Lions donated soda. Oscoda Fireworks Concessions/Games.

PETOSKEY—July 8--The Petoskey Lions Club held Furry Scurry Fundraiser, a 5k dog walk to collect funds and raise community awareness for establishment of a Petoskey Dog Park. Preliminary numbers show a net collection of \$633. Aided by event partner Ruff Life Pet Outfitters ,who donated many items for the Event. . July 10--Petoskey Lions met at Filmore's for a regular business meeting. Light turnout, but we discussed the 5 State Projects, the Furry Scurry Fundraiser preliminary results, and decided to raise annual Club dues to \$80 from \$76 to cover International and District increase. July 24--Petoskey Lions met at Filmore's for a regular business meeting. Discussed preliminary results of the recent Furry Scurry Fundraiser, the 5 State Projects, and raising annual Club dues to \$80 from \$76 due to International and District increases. July 4: The Petoskey Lions Club Participated in the annual July 4 Parade in Petoskey, passing out candy to youngsters and flyers for our upcoming Furry Scurry Fundraiser to support a Dog Park in Petoskey. July 7--Sponsored a Blood Drive at the Petoskey Red Cross Building. -41 pints of blood were collected, which "could potentially touch the lives of up to 123 patients." (Emailed statement from Red Cross Blood Drive Director.)

PRESCOTT SKIDWAY LAKE—July 20--Issued a scholarship to a local student. July 3--Lions

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worked at the local food pantry to pass out donated food to eligible community members. **ROGERS CITY**—July 25--Dennis Downie made a deposit of \$88.10 for Lions Mints, \$28.00 from garbage bag sales & \$693.00 from Lucky 13 Raffle ticket sales. July 17--Melissa Zinke, Rogers City Lions President, presented scholarship awards of \$ 500 each to Camryn Bullock & Ashley Wirgau at their meeting at Kortman's Restaurant. July 10--From April 7, 2017 through June, the Rogers City Lions Club had been filling backpacks for 14 students for the past 10 weeks. The program allowed these children to have enough food to get through the weekend and not come to school hungry. Many Lions contributed food along with donations from Lions.

ROSCOMMON/HIGGINS LAKE—July 8--chuck wagon food truck during Art in the Park. July 4--Annual Chicken BBQ.

ROSE CITY—July 4--The Rose City Lions Club is responsible for all the 4th of July Activities in Rose City, starting with publicity, cleaning up the Rose City Park and decorating for the festivities. We organize the parade with scholarship winners acting as our king and queen. There is a tractor pull for the children, and games. There is a band that plays in the pavilion. Food prepared by the Boy Scouts. The Girl Scouts provide cookies for a donation. Snow cones, cotton candy, drinks and glow in the dark bracelets can also be purchased. Money from the glow in the dark items supports our scholarship program. The fantastic fireworks ends the program. We get many many compliments on the fireworks each year--they truly are outstanding!.. The next day we are back to clean up the park again. July 24--Money was collected from mint sales and mints restocked.

GOOD-BYE BELLAIRE & 11-E2

Just want you all to know what is going on for the time being. This will be our last publication for the Bellaire Lions Club as secretaries. We will miss all of you as well as all the many people we have been associated with over the past 19 1/2 years. It has been a real joy to serve this community and to reach out beyond. If we have helped just one, and made a difference, then we have accomplished much. Thanks for all the support. We love you all!

Lions Bobbi and Don Lukins

AUGUST CLUB ACTIVITIES

ALPENA--11 Lions spent 38 hours collecting 62 units of blood for the Red Cross on August 9, 2017. The preschool vision screening was held on August 29. The Lions donated a wheelchair swing to the City of Alpena on August 8, 2017 This swing was put together and then transported to its location by our Lions club.

BELLAIRE--Our club participated in the annual parade which helps to promote our club within the community. Lions Sam Cowan, Don Lukins and Dave Lewandowski were part of the marchers preparing for the parade. Restoration of the Perception Pathway meeting area carport. Lions Herb and Florence Reiley hosted our club along with 4 members of the Bellaire Rotary Club in the pavilion on their tree farm for our annual steak cook out. Guest Mike Sizen gave a presentation on his experiences as a youth referee for various sporting events in Antrim County. Regular business was conducted at the board meeting with budget concerns discussed. A proposed wood raffle is in the works to help with that. Plans finalized for our Rubber Ducky week community dinner and raffle. After the board meeting, Past District Governor Barb Durlinger and Duane joined us for dinner and she gave us information on LCIF and Lions of Michigan Foundation. Our annual Rubber Ducky Days Mint sale took place in front of the Bellaire Family Fare on Friday and Saturday, August 18,19. The event was held at the Antrim County Commission on Aging from 4-7 PM. The kitchen crew consisted of Lion Mike Kaza, Chairperson; Lions Bobbi Lukins, Dave Lewandowski, Don Seman and Don Lukins. 140 dinners were served. The amount raised for the dinner was:\$1295.56 Chairperson for the raffle was Lion Keith Shreve. Funds raised: \$2392. Lions Norb Kollin, Dave Lewandowski and Don Seman were the hardy souls who cleaned up the highway for the Bellaire community.

CHARLEVOIX--Lions cooked chicken lunches for an event at one of our local churches... 24 lions working hr and a half shifts raised \$2502 dollars Fri and Sat....

EAST JORDAN--Lions helped barbecue 550 half chickens for the Commission on Aging Senior Picnic. Seniors were fed chicken, beans, potato salad and desert while community organizations

had displays for the aid of seniors. 10 Lions participated.

ELLSWORTH--Sold ads, compiled months with the events in the community, assembled the months with the ads and distributed 900 calendars.

FAIRVIEW/COMINS--Helped package and distribute food at the food bank. Lion Shawn Sullivan delivered TPAF to senior citizens Lion Linda Smith. and Lion Susan Schantz assisted Lion Lonnie Cramptom from the Lincoln Lions Club with eye testing for the Fairview pre school children

GRAYLING—Paid for eyeglasses for one individual.

HALE--Regular scheduled meeting attended by 12 members. We received Thank You Letters from the Hale Prom Project, Paws with a cause and the Kindsight Fund for our donations. We strive to support events in our community.

HILLMAN--Pulled the Kids Sight trailer in the parade on August 12th to celebrate Victory over Japan (VJ Parade) in Hillman, MI. Also sold hot dogs and other refreshments to the crowd as a fund-raiser.

HUBBARD LAKE—Please use your access as District Editor to report that the Hubbard Lake Lions recently eld our White Cane Sale with great results. Good weather and Lions made this a successful event.

LEWISTON--Lion Cohoe assisted the Mio lions club who hosted a pontoon ride and cookout for seniors in rehab centers and nursing homes. Paid for a portion of a vision screening and glasses. Annual golf outing which provides funds for our community

LEWISTON LIONESS LIONS--Donated to support a Lewiston resident attending Kirkland College. She is in the nursing program. Collecting items for the garage sale. Make an offer Garage Sale for Timberfest Weekend. Sold tickets for quilt raffle at Family Fare.Sold quilt raffle tickets at the Garage Sale Lions donated to help with costs of Timberfest. The Lewiston Lioness Lions

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donated to the Lewiston Lions for their annual golf outing.

MACKINAW CITY--Maintenance of 5 mint locations for the first half of August The Lions own and maintain telescopes along the water front. The Mackinaw City Lions Club sold hamburgers,hot dogs dogs chips,water and cola at the annual Historical Village Baseball Game and Open House. Serving about 230 people. Secretary & Treasurer Reports. Mackinaw Lions donated the Lions Foundation for Harvey Relief. Donated \$ 500 TO 11E Harvey Relief fund

OSCODA--8 Oscoda Lions members walked along River Road Scenic By-way and picked up trash and garbage along this beautiful stretch of road between Oscoda High School and Footsite by Desi's. Good job Lions, we were all spruced up to greet any visitors coming thru our area. 4 Lions helped set up and tear down the equipment to be used by the American Red Cross during the Lionesses Blood Drive. 5 Lions were busy building a handicap ramp on a home here in Oscoda, to help an individual access his home without being carried. It took them 8.5 hours to complete with the help of some family members. We are very proud of this team of Lions.....Great Job!!!

PETOSKEY--Petoskey Lions held the Annual White Cane Fundraiser for 2017 on Friday & Saturday, August 11 and 12. Proceeds are yet to be counted after our August 28 meeting when the donations can be collected.

Petoskey LIONS used the Lions District 11-E2 KidSight Trailer to provide Vision Screenings to young children at the Petoskey Festival on the Bay. Boyne Valley Lion and Doctor of Optometry Nathan Slezak assisted in this activity, and was a great help to the first timer Lions learning the ropes of using the scanner properly. 34 children were screened; 31 Passed, 3 Referrals were identified. Pictures: 1: Lion Ray Johnson aims the Scanning Camera 2: Lion Julie Haase and FLD Murphy draw a crowd to the Kidsight Trailer at the Festival on the Bay. Petoskey Lions Club donated \$100 to the Maple Village Playground fund. New equipment, including swings, merry-go-round, fitness climbing system, and benches, as well as redoing the wood chip ground cover, are the goals

that the Maple Village and surrounding

neighborhood parents are working to accomplish.it is the only playground for neighborhoods west of US131 in the southern part of Petoskey.

Picture: Petoskey Lion Hubert Hayes hand a \$100 check donation to Barb Lane for the Maple Village neighborhood playground project. Petoskey Lions met at Filmore's for a regular business meeting. Recent activity results were discussed. Guest speaker Barb Lane informed members about the ongoing effort to replace playground equipment and refurbish the existing grounds at the Maple Village neighborhood. We contributed \$100 to the effort. The Petoskey Lions served a pancake breakfast to youths at Camp Transition Zone, held at Camp Daggett, on Wednesday, August 16. Camp Transition Zone teaches blind and vision impaired youths many life skills, as well as providing an enjoyable camping experience. Camp Transition Zone is overseen by Petoskey Lion Julie Clark in her capacity as a Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor in the Michigan Bureau of Services for Blind Persons.

PRESCOTT/SKIDWAY LAKE--Assisted Rose City Lions at the Ogemaw County Fair with the Kid Sight Camera. Lions assist the food pantry every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at St. Stephens Church and hand out donated food to the needy. Collected glasses and collected mint money donated.

ROGERS CITY--Lions Lonnie Crampton & Linda Harris screened 4 children and all passed during the NauticalFestival Kids fun day.

ROSE CITY--The Rose City Lions had the Kids Sight Trailer at the County Fair for the whole week. On Kids Day 5 members worked to screen 33 kids. Three of the kids received referrals. The Rose City Lions Club put up American Flags on the boulevard going into the Ogemaw County Fair. And take them down. The Rose City Lions Worked at the Ogemaw county Fair Grand Stand concession stand to earn money for the Admin fund. The Rose City finished the Lucky 13 raffle This is a very good money maker.

CLUBS IN ACTION

CAMP TRANSITION ZONE - WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16

Petoskey Lions served a pancake breakfast to 8 vision impaired young campers at Camp Daggett. Campers feasted on Lion Hubert Hayes' famous secret recipe pancakes at the 8:00 am breakfast.

Camp Transition Zone teaches many life skills to the low vision and blind youths, as well as giving them the enjoyable camping experience.



Thanks to volunteer Lions Dave Carlson, Julie Clark, Julie Haase, Hubert Hayes, Ray Johnson, and David Zimmer.

Left: Lions Ray Johnson & Dave Carlson serve breakfast food to young vision impaired campers.



Right: Murphy, Lion Julie Haase's new Future Leader Dog, found the camp activity very tiring, and took the opportunity to rest for a few moments.

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LIONS VISION SCREENING AT FESTIVAL ON THE BAY

Petoskey Lions Julie Haase, Ray Johnson, and David Zimmer, joined by Boyne Valley Lion and Doctor of Optometry Nathan Slezak, worked the Lions District 11-E2 Project KidSight Vision Screening Trailer at the Petoskey Festival on the Bay, Friday, August 18. The Project KidSight goal is to identify "treatable and preventable causes of vision loss in preschool children (ages 6 months to 5 years)." Scanning results:

- 34 Children screened - 31 Passed (vision OK)
- 3 Referrals (problems detected)

Clockwise from top right: Screen capture of subject's eyes; Scanning camera in stand; Lion Julie Haase draws a crowd with FLD Murphy; Lion Ray Johnson points the scanning camera with a smiling face



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Hardworking Lions in the concession trailer at the Ramblers vs. Kingsley Football Game.



One of our hosts, Medical Technician Sherri, with Lions, Eleanor, Julie, Deb, Rex and Oral on the tour of the newly redesigned Charlevoix Hospital.



Two of our hosts at Charlevoix Hospital, Chelsea Platte and Sherri.



Prepared to tour the new surgical room of Charlevoix Hospital.

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ROSCOMMON—Vision screening held during the Firemens Memorial Festival in mid-September.

The **Cheboygan Lions Club** finish another year of highway cleanup. L/R Bernie & Bill Beethem, Gary Ashcroft, Richard Pollex, Mike Swackhamer, & Jerry Spray Jr. (Photo by Lion MarkTamlyn)





Immediately after the cabinet meeting on 10/14, I will be sending the check out for the district "Help for Harvey" fund.

If your club wants to participate in assisting the Texas Hurricane victims, please be sure that I have the funds prior to that date. Thanks!

PS: And thanks to all of the clubs who have made contributions so far. Our 11-E2 clubs have been very generous! Let me know if you have any questions.

CST Barb

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With so many requests coming in for ways to help Texas, I contacted Texas Council Chair Rick Talbert for direct information. Please read below, and please forward to the DE's for inclusion in their newsletters. Thank you.

Lion Wendy

From Council Chair Rick Talbert:

Thanks to everyone who is reaching out to help Texas in dealing with the devastating effects of Hurricane Harvey. As of this moment, the vast majority of affected areas are still dealing in the rescue phase of the disaster.

Houston and surrounding areas are still underwater. Rockport and nearby towns which were directly hit by Harvey are in such terrible shape that they are not even allowing residents back in and have specifically asked people not to send volunteers or goods at this time.

As to coordinating the flow of monetary donations, including the LCIF Major Catastrophe Grant, the MD-2 Council of Governors has taken action to establish the Texas Lions Hurricane Harvey Relief Fund. At this time, direct donations in the form of checks can be sent payable to:

**Texas Lions Hurricane Harvey Relief Fund
c/o MD-2 Texas Lions
PO Box 294509
Kerrville, TX 78029**

Please be aware that MD-2 is a 501(c)(4)

In addition, if funds are required to be payable to a 501(c)(3), they can be sent to either of the following:

**LCIF
300 W. 22nd St. OR
Oak Brook, IL 60523**

**Texas Lions
Foundation
PO Box 64881
Lubbock, TX 79464**

LEADER DOGS OF MICHIGAN

District 11-E2 Lions:

***This information is provided to you so that you are informed about this issue.
Please take everything that you hear with a grain of salt.***

DG Bob

To our Lions Club Supporters:

As loyal supporters of Leader Dogs for the Blind we want to inform you that unfortunately, an anonymous letter containing libelous statements and false allegations about Leader Dogs for the Blind has been sent to some of our valued Lions Clubs and partners. We have seen most of these absolutely false statements before as social media posts made by a disgruntled former volunteer.

We are currently taking legal action to protect the reputation of Leader Dog, our personnel and our financial supporters from this libelous defamatory activity. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact—Lion Dani Landolt, chief marketing officer, at [248.218.6411](tel:248.218.6411) or Rachelle Kniffen, director of communications & marketing, at [248.659.5013](tel:248.659.5013). You can also email us at feedback@leaderdog.org.

Leader Dog is extremely grateful for our Lions Clubs supporters and proud of our longstanding partnership with Lions. Thank you for your continued support of our shared mission to empower people who are blind, visually impaired and Deaf-Blind with lifelong skills for safe and independent daily travel.

Melissa Leilani Weisse, CFRE
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To learn more about our programs and services visit [LeaderDog.org](https://www.LeaderDog.org)

Our mission is to empower people who are blind or visually impaired with lifelong skills for safe and independent daily travel.

VISUALLY IMPAIRED SCHOLARSHIP



2018 Lions Clubs of Michigan Scholarship for the Visually Impaired Three \$3,000 scholarships to be awarded

Please mail completed scholarship application to:

The Lions of Michigan State Office
Attn: Scholarship Committee
5730 Executive Drive, Lansing, MI 48911
www.lionsofmi.com

Phone: (517) 887-6640
Fax: (517) 887-6642
email: lions@lionsofmi.com



Scholarship Criteria:

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

Scholarship Selection Process:

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

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