

DISTRICT 11-E2 NEWSLETTER



September / October 2018

FROM THE GOVERNOR



Greetings 11-E2 Lions:

As I write this, I am on the home stretch of annual club visits to the 32 Lions Clubs of the District. As of October 18, 2018, I will have visited 24 clubs. Every club I visit confirms what I already know – Lions are good, generous people who give back to their communities through service to their fellow citizens - especially to those in need.

But there is also a pervasive attitude of most Lions I have met in my travels that I find problematic and frustrating to the point of pain. That attitude reflects a disconnect between Lions and the organizations to which they pay their dues - Lions Clubs International, Lions of Michigan and District 11-E2. No one seems willing to become active at the District level other than several Past District Governors. Past club presidents need to participate. Otherwise, the pool of eligible Governor candidates dries up. NO ONE HAS TO GIVE UP HIS/HER LIFE TO SERVE AS A DISTRICT OFFICER.

The District is now faced with entering the next Lion year of 2019-2020 with no District Governor. I can't tell you precisely what will then happen, but I would hope LCI would take over the District to preserve the viability of its clubs, at least until such time that we have ELIGIBLE Lions ready to step up. My goal is to have both Vice District Governor positions filled by the end of the District Convention in early May, 2019. But I will no longer stress out and worry about the situation. No more begging, no more cajoling, no more diatribes. The solution to our problem is up to the Lions of 11-E2. I can live with the consequences of no solution. Can you and your communities?

Now to more positive news. Most 11-E2 clubs have shown at least partial support for Leader Dogs, Bear Lake Camp, Eversight, Lions of Michigan Service Foundation and Lions International Foundation. I would like to recognize 15 11-E2 clubs who contributed to all five of these projects during the 2017-2018 Lions year:

Alpena	Hale	Mio
Bellaire	Hillman	Oscoda
Central Lake	Lewiston Lioness	Prescott/Skidway Lake
Gaylord	Lewiston Lions	Roscommon/Higgins Lake
Grayling	Lincoln	Rose City

Add to your list this year Lions of Michigan All-State Band, which is now an official project of MD11. If your club is not on the above list, it should be. The amounts don't matter, it's the participation by your club that counts.

Yours in service,

Lion Gordon Harris, District Governor

Notable Quote: "We don't see things as they are, we see things as we are." - Anais Nin

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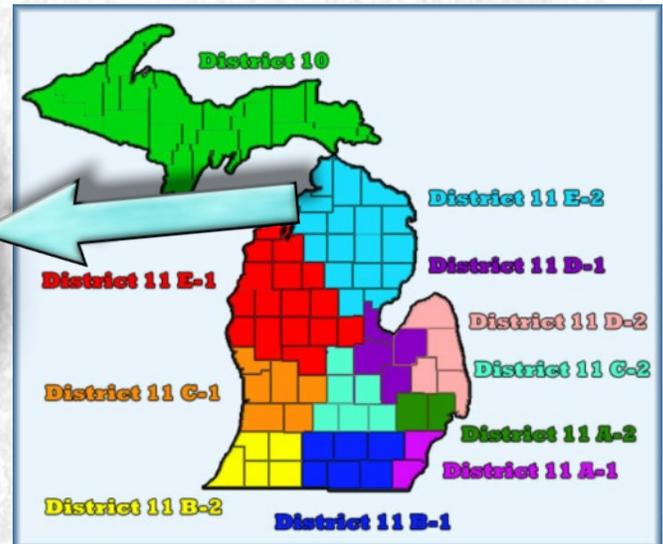
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GUDRUN YNGVADOTTIR: INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT



**International President
Gudrun Bjort Yngvadottir**

For those Lions who may have missed it, Gudrun Yngvadottir, from Gardabaer, Iceland, was elected to serve as International President of Lions Clubs International (LCI). Her election at the 101st International Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada, June 29 through July 3, 2018, is a landmark in history as Gudrun is the first woman to hold this position in LCI. A brief bio is presented below:

International President Yngvadottir is a biomedical scientist and has worked in research, education and management. Since 1990 she has worked at the University of Iceland as Vice Director at the Institute of Continuing Education. A member of the Gardabaejar Eik Lions Club since 1992, President Yngvadottir has held many offices within the Association, including District Governor Council Chairperson. She has dedicated her service to children and youth, membership and leadership development, health and wellness, including vision and diabetes, environmental projects and Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF). She has served on many committees as well.

In recognition of her service, Gudrun has received numerous awards including the Kjarans Medal, the highest award of Icelandic Lions; the Lions Crystal, the highest award of Norwegian Lions; several Membership and Extension Awards; eleven International President’s Awards; and the Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest Lions Clubs International award. She is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow. In addition to her Lions activities, President Yngvadottir is active in numerous professional and community organizations, including the Icelandic Association of Biomedical Scientists and has been its representative for cooperation between Scandinavian and European scientists. President Yngvadottir and her husband, Dr. Jon Bjarni Thorsteinsson, a past international director and a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, have one son, one daughter and six grandchildren.

CONGRATULATIONS to International President Gudrun Yngvadottir! *(Information from the LCI website)*

The Lions International Constitution did not eliminate the word “male” as a condition of membership until 1987

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Pursuing New Horizons with International President, Gudrun Yngvadottir

Dear Lion,

The hard work of every Lion is critical to our global impact. We each bring hope and dignity through our service, but there’s only so much we can do on our own. With the support of Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), our global Foundation, we can accomplish so much more together.

That’s why LCIF launched Campaign 100: LCIF Empowering Service. Campaign 100 will empower the service of Lions around the world, helping us do what Lions do best – serve. Keep reading to see how 100% of your generous financial gift supports your causes, your programs and your service.

In friendship,

Gudrun Yngvadottir

Your International President

Empowering Service with Campaign 100

Campaign 100 is our most ambitious fundraising campaign ever. Our three-year campaign has a goal of raising US\$300 million so Lions can serve more than 200 million people each year and do even more good around the world. Watch the Campaign 100 video to see how LCIF is empowering Lions to serve, increasing our impact and expanding support of additional global causes.

Visit our website to learn more about grants, our impact and how LCIF is empowering Lions through Campaign 100.



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Bring Campaign 100 to Your Club Today

The service of every Lion matters to our communities, and every Lion matters to Campaign 100. Here's how you can help your club learn more about LCIF and support Campaign 100 now:

- Learn more about the campaign by downloading the Campaign 100 brochure.
- Share this overview of why Campaign 100 matters with your club.
- Contribute generously as 100% of your gift will support our service.

Experience the LCIF Difference

The generosity of Lions and LCIF produces incredible stories like this.

"As a parent, you always try to keep your child safe," says Jeri DiPasquale. "But a diagnosis of diabetes changes everything. You suddenly hold your child's life in your hands."

Read the full story to see how a grant from LCIF transformed one Lion's experience with diabetes into a lifesaving program for an entire community.

Earn a Presidential Certificate in October

A balanced membership is an indication of a healthy club. That's why in October we will be rewarding club membership chairpersons for their ongoing efforts to invite men and women to join their clubs.

- Invite new members, including at least 50% women.
- Achieve your membership goal from October 1 through October 31.
- Earn a Presidential Certificate for your success.

When we serve together, we lead by example. Your club membership chairperson will be provided with additional information soon.

Note: The information copied in these pages comes from Lions Clubs International data which contained links to additional information, links not copied here.

Lions Response to Hurricane Florence

Note: As this is being written, Hurricane Florence is wreaking havoc along the Atlantic coasts of the Carolinas. Category 1 winds, powerful storm surges several feet high, and incredible amounts of rain (up to 40 inches, or even more in some areas), are creating power failures, falling trees, ravaged buildings, and massive flooding. The destruction this storm inflicts may be unprecedented - recovery will be difficult and may take years to fully complete. Many government and private organizations are marshalling resources to help the people suffering from this disaster. As Lions living in Northern Michigan, we don't always realize the breadth and depth of the Lions organization when it comes to providing aid in disaster situations. Lions are there, doing what needs to be done, and helping those who need help. The following information was sent out on September 13, 2018:

A Message From Lions Clubs International Chairman Dr. Naresh Aggarwal

"With Hurricane Florence pummeling the Carolinas and Virginia, it appears this year's hurricane season is off to a strong start. Disastrous winds, deadly storm surges and catastrophic flooding are expected to devastate the region.

Local Lions are already planning their long-term response. While many organizations, agencies and departments will be there in the aftermath to offer immediate relief and supplies, Lions will be on the ground for as long as it takes these communities to rebuild. This is the real heart of Lions Clubs International Foundation's (LCIF) disaster relief programs. Lions live, work and play in the places where they serve and are committed to helping their neighbors get back on track, no matter how long that takes."

Defense Against Diabetes (A Primer)

The 2017-18 Council of Governors were presented with the results of a \$45,000.00 Grant from Lions Clubs International Foundation to District 11E1 which resulted in a program which developed and implemented a pilot program for diabetics. It involved a comprehensive plan that provided diabetic retinopathy screenings, A1C screenings and nutritional educational training for diabetics. The original projection for the number of participants was 400 and that goal was surpassed by 30% and actually served 524 participants. Based on the information that was presented to the COG, they approved a statewide (MD-11 and SD-10) project to apply for a \$250,000 matching grant. The amount to be raised is \$62,000.00 and the matching amount would be \$188,750.00. At the first cabinet meeting for 2018-19, a vote was taken and the cabinet approved our participation in this project. We have submitted our proposal and budget to the steering committee for submission to LCIF.

Each district is asked to provide \$5,681.00 and will receive \$17,045.00 for a total of \$22,726.00 to use toward the project. In District 11E2 we have 32 Lions Clubs and eight Lioness Clubs. Each club is asked to contribute a minimum of \$142 and they can expect a return of \$568.00 to provide these services in their community. Clubs are expected to provide volunteers to do the A1C screenings. This would be accomplished at stand alone events promoted by the club or at health fairs sponsored by hospitals and clinics in the district.

The time line on this project is that we must submit our application to LCIF by October 9, 2018 and LCIF will approve or deny the grant in early 2019. We should be planning to sponsor events to hand out information and conducts screenings in April, 2019 and beyond. All of the funds must be used within one year of the grant being approved.

If you have any questions about this project, please don't hesitate to contact me.

IPDG Bob Gingerich

It's Time to Plan Your Diabetes Service Activity

Our Diabetes Service Journey website has been informing and inspiring Lions and Leos worldwide for two months now. We've given away two Fitbit Charge 2 wristbands, and you're responding to our poll questions in record numbers.

With World Diabetes Day just weeks away on November 14, it's time to start planning your club's diabetes service activity if you haven't already.

We're here to help you with valuable planning resources, and when you get them through our Diabetes Service Journey website, you'll automatically be entered into this month's contest.

Please encourage your club members to get involved by entering our contest and participating in at least one diabetes service activity. Through your leadership, we can fulfill our mission to reduce the prevalence of diabetes and improve the lives of those diagnosed.

Thank you for taking steps to fight diabetes.

Visit the site now:

Lions Clubs International - World Diabetes Day

fightdiabetes.lionsclubs.org

Strength in Numbers

We're partnering with the International Diabetes Federation to take on diabetes. Join us in the global effort.

[Learn more](#)

Info from Lions Clubs International

How to Scan QR Codes Using Your iPhone or iPad

September 4, 2018

QR codes can be used for website links, coupons, tickets, and contact information, just to name a few, and scanning them using your iPhone or iPad is completely accessible for blind and low vision iOS users.

Apple has built QR code recognition directly into its camera app, which means all you need to do is open it up and point it at the code in question. Remember to have some lighting for scanning the QR code.

You'll get a notification appear on screen once your iOS device recognizes what it's looking at (which generally takes less than a couple of seconds), promoting you to action the link the QR code points to, a quick tap on this and you'll be taken to the desired location, usually within the Safari web browser.

This works on all iPhone and iPad devices running iOS 11, and higher.

How to scan a QR code on iPhone and iPad

Open up the camera app on your iPhone or iPad.

Hold the device's camera up to the QR code.

No need to hit the shutter button, your iOS device will automatically recognize the QR code and provide you with an on-screen notification. (Make sure you have mobile signal or you're connected to Wi-Fi.)

Select the notification to be taken to the destination of the QR code.

There's also a built-in QR reader in the Wallet app on iPhone and iPod. To access the scanner, open the app, select the plus button at the top of the "Passes" section, then select Scan Code to Add a Pass.

From here, you can scan QR codes for coupons, boarding passes, tickets, and loyalty cards, but only for the specific things that Wallet considers "passes."

If you try to scan any other QR code, you'll get an error message.

**Info from coolblindtech.com / Lion Michael Scott, Dexter Lions Club*

How to Scan Codes with your Smartphone

Your phone is capable of reading QR codes and barcodes, but you need the right app. We show you how to scan codes on an Android phone.

By David Court | 04 Apr 2018

How to scan codes with your smartphone

Your smartphone has the ability to read both QR codes (which automatically take you to a website URL) as well as scanning a barcode to bring up product information such as price comparisons and user reviews. All you need to do is download the right app and then simply point your smartphone camera at the codes.

First of all we should say that there are tons of apps out there that claim to do this, and a lot of them are very good. For the purpose of this tutorial we have chosen two popular apps that we are familiar with and we are installing both on an Android phone. You'll be able to find similar free apps for iPhone in the App Store.

How to scan QR Codes with an Android smartphone

Download QR Code Reader from Google Play

Launch QR Code Reader

Allow the app permission to take pictures and record video

Point the phone's camera at the QR code so it sits inside the square shown onscreen

The app will read the QR code and offer up a link to the related website

How to scan barcodes with an Android smartphone

Download Barcode Scanner from Google Play

Launch Barcode Scanner

Position your phone camera so the green line shown on screen runs horizontal across a product barcode

Select either Product search or Web search depending on what information you want to discover

**Info from Lion Michael Scott, Dexter Lions Club.*



Boyne Valley Lions

July:

Lion Jill Drury was inducted as as Boyne Valley King Lion by her father, a former King Lion in his own right. The ceremony, held in the Commission Chambers of the Boyne City Hall, was well attended with nearly 30 Lions in attendance.



VDG Thom Seymour, King Lion Jill Drury, (Jill's parents - PDG Lynnwood Mast, Terry Mast), Jill's husband Lion John Drury

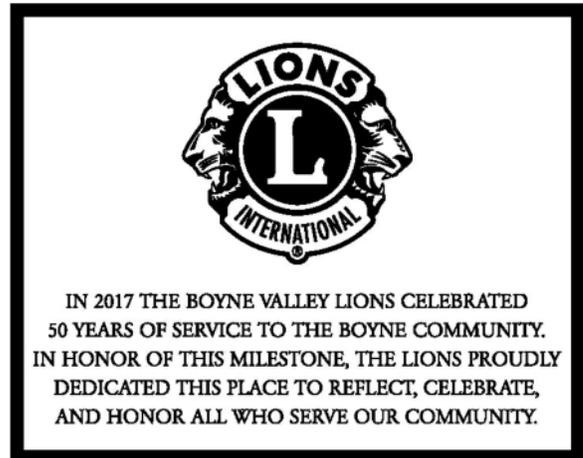
August:



The Boyne Valley Lions celebrated their 50th anniversary in 2017, and at that time decided to present a lasting gift to the area that they had been serving for the past 5 decades. A piece of property on Lake Charlevoix, was sold to Boyne City to maintain as an open space (across from the Family Fare) in perpetuity. The BV Lions Club at the chance to do something with this outstanding piece of property, deciding to present the city with a seating group that would include a beautiful three level drinking fountain (includes a pet basin), a bench, trash container, landscaping (including 2 trees and grass) and a memorial plaque (see plaque language below). The view from the seating group is on the shore of Lake Charlevoix and sports an unobstructed view of the lake.

In August, Boyne Valley Lions broke ground on their 50th Anniversary project, installing the drinking

fountain, bench and trash receptacle. The addition of grass seed and landscaping, including shade trees, will complete the project and have provided the city with the first completed setting in the open space. The dedication to Boyne City is scheduled for October 17, 2018.



- The 2018 White Cane Drive was completed on August 4th. Thanks to the generosity of the patrons of Family Fare, collections, once again, were strong. Our 2018, White Cane Drive raised a total of \$1,755. Thanks to all of the volunteers this year! The board will make final recommendations as to the charities who will share in these funds.

September:



- We take pleasure in welcoming Lion Richard Cook, our newest inductee into the Boyne Valley Lions Club. Richard (Rick), a retired special education teacher from the Grand Blanc area, and wife Kathy, have lived full time in Boyne City for the past five years. Richard brings our total club membership to 46. Congratulations and welcome Richard!
- Congratulations to Lion Nate Slezak and wife Malorie who welcomed a baby girl Everlie Rose into their family on Saturday, August 25 at 11:21 pm.

Central Lake Lions

July:



Central Lake Lions grilled 500 chicken halves on the July 4 holiday. Left to right: Lions Steve Juday, Al Kremer, Rich Miller and grill master Rod Leathers.

Cheboygan Lions

September:

- Sponsored Cheboygan Youth Hockey team for the 2018-19 year
- Paid for 2 eye exams.
- Preparing for the end of the year highway cleanup.

Grayling Lions

August:

Grayling Lion Clairene Jorella announced that she would “be out of the country from October 14, 2018 until April 6, 2019.” During that time, Lion Craig Stewart, of the Grayling Lions Club, has volunteered to handle hearing aid requests for the Grayling Lions Club and District 11 E-2. Lion Craig's telephone number is (989) 745-3787. For correspondence regarding hearing aids and hearing aid applications, please send all correspondence to Lion Craig Stewart, 3684 Serenity Trail, Grayling, MI 49738.

Lion Clairene had this to say about Lion Craig: “I sincerely appreciate Craig stepping up and volunteering to take on this project. Craig has been a Lion for less than a year and has volunteered to Chair the Fall White Cane event for the Grayling Lions Club as well as this project. Craig has stepped forward and participated in the Spring White Cane event for the Grayling Lions Club (before he became a member of the Club), the sale of Sight & Hearing Tickets and the sale of Lucky 13 tickets. We are fortunate to have Craig as a Lion.”

Lion Clairene Jorella



September:

Grayling Lions Club appreciation dinner for IPDG Bob Gingerich at the B.J. Restaurant in Gaylord, was held on September 15th.



DG Gordon Harris and IPDG Bob Gingerich

Hillman Lions

June:



Hillman Lions Club inducted 2 new members!! Pictured are Lisa Ferguson, Jim Paczkowski, Sr., Carleen Klein & Jan Pankner

August:

Hillman Lions Club inducted TWO new members in August!!! Hillman Lions welcome Patricia West, sponsored by Linda Harris & Karen Maher, sponsored by PDG Barb Durflinger.



From left to right is Barb Durflinger, Karen Maher, DG Gordon Harris, Pat West, & Linda Harris

Lewiston Lions

August:

The Lewiston Lions Club gives scholarships to 3 graduates of Johannesburg Lewiston High School every year. On August 1st, 2018, the recipients and their families attended the Lions meeting and Club President Dave Engel presented the scholarships to the Johannesburg-Lewiston High School Scholarship student recipients.



Left to right: Recipients Timmy Lapoint, Kyle May, Daniel Mackowiak and Lions President Dave Engel

Oscoda Lions/Lioness

July:

Our ramp building crew continues to keep busy and to do fine work. Two handicap ramps were completed in July.

- On July 11th Lions Chuck Tony, Rick and Ann completed a ramp for an Oscoda resident. The cost of materials was \$910.



- On July 25th Lions Chuck, Bill Gaines, Dave and Tony tore down an existing ramp and built two 12

foot ramps with a platform for a cost of \$870 for an Oscoda couple.



- The Oscoda Lions White Cane Drive, held on July 20 and 21, had thirty-eight Lions and Lioness members collecting donations at five locations. A total of \$3,015.23 was collected during the two day event, \$2,543.26 to the Lions, \$471.97 to the Lioness. Top collector Lion Bill Gaines brought in \$417.36. This year's event was moved forward to the third weekend of July to include summer visitors and summer residents. Warmer weather was also nice. Thanks go to Lion Julie who organized the drive.

September:



Oscoda Lions Club held its annual Paul Bunyan Festival "5K" Raffle on September 21-23. 5 winners won \$1,000 each. Over 2900 Tickets were sold. We would like to thank everyone who participated.



The winning tickets were pulled by Kelsey, Logan, and Abby Kloska.

Petoskey Lions

July:

Petoskey Lions Club sponsored a Blood Drive at the Red Cross building on Friday, July 6, with 46 donors registered and 43 pints of blood collected.

August:

- With August being the busiest month of the year for the Petoskey Lions Club, the White Cane Fundraiser began on Friday, August 10, at the U.S. Post Office in Petoskey.



Petoskey Lions Hubert Hayes and Julie Haase "White Caning" at D&W Market

Due to a schedule conflict with D&W Market having another organization doing fundraising on that day, the D&W location was rescheduled for Friday and Saturday, August 24 & 25. Early calculations indicate that around \$1,185 in donations were raised in total for the 2018 White Cane Fundraiser.

- On August 15, the Petoskey Lions Club served a pancake breakfast to the vision-impaired campers at the annual Camp Transition Zone held at Camp Daggett on the shores of Walloon Lake. Petoskey Lion Julie Clark, a Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor at the Michigan Bureau of Services for Blind Persons, oversees the Camp Transition event.



Above: Lions Julie Haase, Dave Carlson, Ray Johnson, and Dave's daughter, Callie.



Left: Lion Hubert Hayes at the Grill.

Six Petoskey Lions Club volunteers, with help from the Camp Daggett staff, served 22 youth at the breakfast, as well as 20 counselors and staff.

- The Petoskey Lions Club brought the District 11-E2 Vision Screening Trailer to Petoskey's Festival By the Bay on Friday, August 17, to screen children attending the event for vision abnormalities. Running from 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm, Lions tested 44 children, from infants to teenagers. Only 1 referral was found in the 44 screenings



Above: The Vision Screening Trailer at the Petoskey Festival by the Bay.

- Accompanied by wife Margaret, Elk Rapids Lion Dan LaBlond, has experience with the vision screening camera and the computer program technology. We thank Lion Dan for his invaluable help setting up and operating the vision screening equipment.



Above: Elk Rapids Lion Dan LaBlond monitors the vision screening computer.

- Starting with the August 27 meeting, Petoskey Lions Club monthly meetings will be held on Tuesday evenings instead of the normal 2nd and 4th Monday evenings. President Lion Julie Haase is teaching a class on Monday nights through early December, after which we will return to the regular Monday night schedules. Because there is no event until our scheduled November 2nd Blood Drive, it was decided to cancel meetings in September and early October, returning for the October 23rd meeting.

Petoskey LIONS CLUB 

75th Anniversary - 75 Years of Service

Rose City Lions

July:



Presentation of Lifetime Award: President Lion Ray Shelley, Lion Willard Wangler, and son Ed Wangler:

- The July 23 meeting was held at the assisted living home where Lion Willard Wangler currently resides. Lion Willard has been a very active Lion since 1982 -- over 35 years -- even in his 90's! Lion Willard has been instrumental over the years in orchestrating the Kiddy Tractor Pull event during our 4th of July Festival and has always sold numerous raffle tickets! Lion Willard's son, Ed, joined in the plaque presentation and said he was pleased that Rose City Lions honored his dad.

- 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. The Festival begins with a tractor pull and games for the children, and a band that plays old-fashioned country music in the pavilion until dusk.



The food is prepared and sold by the Boy Scouts as their major fundraiser for the year, while other community non-profits raise funds by selling snow cones, cotton candy and drinks.

Rose City Lions – Cont'd

September:



New members sworn in on September 24th meeting: Lion Leslie Blood, Lion President Ray Shelley, Lion Ed Wangler

Red Cross Closing Update

-From Petoskey Lion David Zimmer

Heads Up Notice: I was recently contacted by local Red Cross Coordinator Collette Sparks, who informed me that the Red Cross, in a cost-cutting move, is closing all "Mobile Collection Centers" in Northern Michigan, including the Petoskey Red Cross site

According to Collette, the closest sites for Northern Michiganders to donate blood after the closings will be Traverse City, Grand Rapids, Lansing and other southern Michigan cities.

Collette said they were notified that the closings would be in mid November; then this date was postponed. She said few specific details are being shared. There is confusion and uncertainty as to when the final date will be determined, which is particularly difficult for the more than 200 Red Cross staff members who will lose their jobs.

As it stands now, the Red Cross is doing "business as usual", so our November 2nd Blood Drive is still on as scheduled.

There is a chance that the closing decision could be re-evaluated and reversed. It could turn out that there are alternative cost-cutting measures that would be a better choice. But if not, this could be the last Blood Drive for the Petoskey Lions, as well as for the other Northern Michigan Lions Clubs that sponsor blood drives in our District 11-E2.

It seems counterintuitive that an organization consistently asking the public to "donate critically needed blood" would abandon a large segment of its Michigan collection source. One wonders how many local donors will want, or be able, to go to Traverse City to donate blood after this cost-cutting move closes the local sites.

We'll have to wait and see how this turns out.



Calendar of Events

OCTOBER 2018: 11-E2 Cabinet Meeting

Saturday, October 20
VFW at 10 AM, Central Lake

NOVEMBER 2018: Lions of Michigan Leadership Institute

Friday-Sunday, November 9-11
Ralph A. McMillan Center
104 Conservation Drive
Roscommon

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

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, CA

Notes From 11-E2 District Editor



I am Lion David Zimmer from the Petoskey Lions Club, where I serve as Club Secretary. I was asked recently by District Governor Harris to take on the 11-E2 District Editor position. I have been doing the Petoskey Lions Club newsletter for years, and have the computer and software tools to create this type of publication. This issue is the result of my first experience doing this at the District level. I am still in the learning curve stage, and I will appreciate any feedback that can help me improve this publication.

The purpose of this newsletter is to share information about District 11-E2 Lions Clubs - within District 11-E2, the State of Michigan organization, and the Lions Clubs International. It is important to let others know what our individual Lions Clubs are doing to fulfill our mission of Service to others. Learning what other Clubs are doing can help us in many ways, giving us new ideas for fundraising projects, for improving or tweaking the way we do things, and for providing better service to our communities. We can all learn something from each other. It is also a forum for our 11-E2 leadership community to impart their knowledge and keep us informed about policy changes or other things that may impact our individual Clubs.

We are sometimes so focused on our own Club that we forget that we are part of a much larger group of state, national and worldwide organizations. For that reason, it is also important to include pertinent information from outside District 11-E2 when available, to keep 11-E2 Lions aware of important things happening in the wide world of Lions.

I've tried to keep the format similar to what you are used to, and hope to build on the worthy publication that previous dedicated Editors have created. As stated earlier, I am still learning and will appreciate any constructive feedback (or criticism) that can help to improve this publication. In the end, this publication depends more on your participation than my efforts.

Thank you.

David J. Zimmer, District Editor

You Make the News – We Publish It

Didn't find any mention of your Lions Club in this issue?

Send your information to: dlzim47@gmail.com

- **Activities: Service Projects, Fundraising Events – What You DO!**
- **Club Milestones: New Memberships, Club Officers, Awards, etc.**
- **Photos of Service Activities, Fundraising Events, Awards, etc.**

*** 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.**

Don't be left out!

State Projects



Leader Dog School for the Blind

This complex is home to students, dogs, all service departments and the support staff that enable Leader Dog to enhance the lives of blind and visually impaired individuals from all over the world. Their goal is to be recognized as a full service resource center for individuals who are blind and visually impaired. Their vision is to become the most innovative and forward-thinking organization in the profession. With consistent support and expansion of their services, they are well on their way.



Eversight Michigan

Eversight Michigan is a charitable, not-for-profit organization dedicated to the preservation and restoration of sight through transplantation, research, education and partnership. Eversight recovers, evaluates and provides human eye tissue for transplantation; supports research into the causes and cures of blinding eye conditions; promotes donation awareness through public and professional education; and provides humanitarian aid to people around the world in need of sight-restoring services.

Lions of Michigan Foundation



The Lions of Michigan Service Foundation (Lions of Michigan Foundation) is a Public Charity that was created in the early 1980's to help Michigan Lions Clubs provide services in their communities. We are dedicated to the improvement of the quality of life of people in Michigan with unmet needs.

The Lions of Michigan Foundation works together with our Michigan Lions Clubs and other charities to deliver services aimed at helping people with sight and hearing deficiencies maintain their independence.

Lions Visually Impaired Youth Camp (Bear Lake Camp)



Lions Bear Lake Camp is owned and operated by Lions Visually Impaired Youth Camp, Inc., a Non Profit Corporation. The camp opened its doors in July, 2000. It is financially supported by Lions, Lioness and Leos throughout Michigan. They aspire to provide a premiere outdoor recreational/educational facility providing opportunities for people of special needs to enhance self-worth, attain independence, acquire social skills and realize their full potential as human beings. Bear Lake Camp is dedicated to working with the greater community and include them as a partner in addressing the needs of society. They provide an atmosphere that is wholesome, and encourages awareness and appreciation of the natural environment.

Michigan Lions All State Band



The Michigan Lions All State Band became the Lions fifth State Project after receiving approval by a vote of the membership during the May 2018 MD 11 Convention, held in Grand Blanc, MI. The Lions All-State Band provides its members with experience in 4 major areas:

- Musical Performance – Excellent musical literature and high-quality instruction contribute to long-term growth; Students return to their high school bands with more experience in performing
- Travel & Education – Worldwide travel promotes a better understanding of social, cultural, and ethical diversity; Increases students' appreciation of the world through tourism and exposure to unique activities.
- Sociological Growth – Students develop social skills; students experience their first opportunity to develop self-reliance through extended travel; lasting friendships are formed
- “We Serve” – Exposure to the Lion’s Motto – Concerts bring joy to people; students experience the personal satisfaction of the helping others;