

LION PRIDE WE SERVE

A PUBLICATION OF THE LIONS OF LOWER MICHIGAN - MD 11

UNITED IN KINDNESS AND DIVERSITY



We Serve in communities big and small. Responding to unique local needs is precisely what Lions do. It's what we've done for over 100 years. That's why when the world is experiencing hardship, Lions are there. Through the vibrancy of our global membership, innovation and hard work, Lions everywhere are providing much needed hope to so many communities. We are proud to be **United in Kindness and Diversity**.

Moving forward, together. When Lions stay connected, our communities benefit. In times of social distancing, it's important for Lions to find ways to stay connected—to one another and their communities. One of the greatest strengths of our clubs is that they promote real and lasting connections with other kind-hearted volunteers. Now is the time for clubs and members to find innovative and creative ways to continue to work with each other and their communities. In the face of all obstacles, Lions always find a way to serve the needs of their neighbors and the world. Serving safely. The world has changed over the past year, and so have Lions.

We are finding innovative new ways to serve safely, and addressing new needs that we have not encountered before. Lions International has created new resources on lionsclubs.org to help you serve safely. We have made the health and well-being of others our mission, but let's also make sure we're taking care of our members and ourselves. Our leaders and staff are here for you. A huge benefit of being a Lion is the global support system provided by your international headquarters staff—all dedicated to helping you serve. Now is the perfect time to utilize the tools and resources available to Lions on lionsclubs.org and rely on your Global Action Team (GAT) to enhance your leadership, membership and service.

—President Choi

LIONS USA/CANADA FORUM GOES VIRTUAL



What is a Virtual Forum? At a face to face Forum, Lions attend the general sessions and seminars. They also like to check out the exhibits and hear from the sponsors. Many would have attended the Lions University Graduation. With our Virtual Leadership Experience, several of these activities will still be available. On the days of the experience, Lions will be provided a link that will connect to a virtual convention hall. Once there, Lions will be able to click and choose to join a general session or a seminar. There will also be buttons to click to visit the exhibits, check out Lions University and so much more. Sponsors will have several ways to connect to Lions. No worries, if you are not a technology guru. If you are reading this newsletter you have what it takes! Power up your computer! Go to the link! Click on a button! Participate and enjoy! Any Lion can and should register for the USA Canada Lions Virtual Leadership Experience: *Racing into the Future with Kindness and Diversity*.

The USA Canada Lions Virtual Leadership Experience is an OPPORTUNITY! Lions will soon be able to register for this online event to learn from Lions Clubs International Leaders, featured professional speakers and numerous seminars, while still in the safety and convenience of their own homes. Save the date and join the fun! *Racing into the Future with Kindness and Diversity* September 25-27, 2020. Registration form can be found on the USA/Canada Forum website: www.lionsforum.org

JOIN US VIRTUALLY!
SEPTEMBER
25-27

For mail returns see ID statement.

UPCOMING

Events:

SEPTEMBER 2020
 Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

SEPTEMBER 25-27
 USA / Canada VIRTUAL Leadership Forum
Racing into the Future with Kindness and Diversity

OCTOBER 2020
 Michigan Lions Membership Month
 Vision Awareness Month

OCTOBER 2-3
 Council of Gov's Meeting
 Treetops Resort, Gaylord

NOVEMBER 6-8
 Leadership Leadership / Graduate Institute
 UPDATES COMING SOON!

Check our website for updates and additional information

www.lionsofmi.com



> PRIDE NEWS



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S Pride
WENDY BURNS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



WE SERVE.

Check This Out!

In spite of a slower pace these past few months, Lions are ramping up their creativity and taking care of business. Read about these two clubs and more in the Club section of the Lion Pride.

Bedford Township Lions Club served over 2,000 chicken dinners via drive-thru dinner events. The meals were served free of charge to community members.

Metamora Lions/ Lioness Lions Club received playground equipment from the Lapeer School district and have rehabbed it in their local community park, allowing them to replace outdated, worn equipment as a service project, proving one community's trash really is another's treasure!

At the Lions of Michigan State Office, per the Executive Order we continue to work part-time at home and part-time in the office with regular business hours in effect.

The best way to connect is via email.

For Amber Ebright:
lions@lionsofmi.com

For Wendy Burns:
wburns@lionsofmi.com

Check our website for information as well, at:
www.lionsofmi.com

I hope this finds you enjoying summer as much as my granddaughter Eloise!

Yours in Service,
 Lion Wendy Burns,
 Executive Director



SPOTLIGHT FROM DG
DAVID ANDERSON 11B1
20 / 20
AN UNPARALLELED YEAR TO FOCUS ON VISION



The year 20 / 20 began with tremendous promise. The start of a new decade, a booming economy, and a rising stock market made many believe the Roaring Twenties were back.

Unfortunately, life had another plan, which quickly shifted our paradigm from a pleasant dream to an unfathomable nightmare as COVID took hold of the globe. As if that weren't enough, we saw unprecedented flooding in Midland, MI, a 100+ acre forest fire near Grayling, MI, and civil unrest comparable to 1968. I'm sure many, myself included, began thinking what comes next the frogs, locusts, or the river turning red. This is unquestionably an extraordinary year and the aforementioned challenges remain, which begs the question—where does Lionism go from here?

I am an optimist by nature so I believe wholeheartedly that we will come out of this environment stronger. The world, United States, Lions, and all of us have overcome challenges in the past and I believe that while this year's events may be different, they are also very much the same. Mr. Fred Roger said, "When I was a boy and I would see scary things in the news, my mother would say to me, 'Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping.'" What a profound statement and fabulous way to remain engaged in events but to shift focus from the negative to the positive.

As Lions, we are the helpers! Our Moto is WE SERVE for goodness sake. Though we do not wish for tragedy nor despair, we are built upon tremendous time tested principles

and beliefs that make us extraordinarily well equipped to respond during such times. Acute Stress Response aka The-Fight-or-Flight Response is a physiological response to a perceived harmful event, attack, or threat to survival. Please keep that in mind as we move forward.

B1 was fortunate enough to receive a \$10,000 LCIF Grant to fight COVID (shameless plug - PLEASE support our foundation). With our Grant, our three newly chartered Lions clubs Quest South East Jackson, Michigan Center Lioness, and Jackson County Professional Virtual jumped into action the Lions way! Follow the link for pictures and coverage

<https://www.mlive.com/galleries/MK5MINKKXVHY7L3YURJR4WTAJY/>

Have a GREAT Lions month! Stay healthy and safe!

DG David Anderson 11B1

SPOTLIGHT FROM DG DAVID ANDERSON

SPOTLIGHT FROM DG DAVID ANDERSON



FROM THE DESK OF COUNCIL CHAIR JEFF MAYUIERS
LIONS CLUBS OF MICHIGAN
 5D10 and MD11, Lions International



MY FELLOW LIONS,

Meeting safe and the safety of all our Lions members and guests is all of our responsibility. From the State Office to the District Governors all the way down to the club level. To help us all I'd like to provide you with this safety meeting outline. Where ever you might gather these guidelines could save many should the COVID virus come calling. This can be applied to indoor meetings as well as outside meetings. This outline was designed by PIO Jenny Ware and I feel it is very well done.

1. Outside have simple entry area set up. All Lions are asked to use the front door for a single point of entry.
2. Masks are to be worn upon entry where they will sign in and provide a contact number.
3. Masks are to be worn upon entry and at all times during the meeting if able. Masks will be provided if needed.
 - a. For those that are not able to wear masks due to medical conditions, you will not be asked about your health. We honor your privacy.
4. COVID screenings will be completed at the door. Please fill out the screening with either your own pen or a sanitized pen will be available.
 - a. These forms will be placed into an envelope and sealed for protection of confidentiality.

The envelope will be given to the Cabinet Secretary.

5. Your temperature will be taken with a Touchless Thermometer. If your temperature is 100.4 or greater, you will be asked to leave the building and contact your doctor's office for further direction.
6. Physical distancing of 6 feet will be expected. Seating will be arranged to reflect this standard.
7. If food and beverages are being served, contact your local Health Department for guidelines to be followed.

Our State of Michigan Governor has established Regions within our state. The guidelines may differ depending on where you are located. Be sure to research the criteria for your Region, especially right before the event as guidelines can change quickly. For instance here in southwest Michigan, Region 3, we are limited to an indoor meeting of 10 people or less and outdoors of 100 people, with all meetings practicing the things we have outlined and the need to follow social distancing.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Council Chair Jeff Mayuiers 269.254.1936.

Thanks and stay safe!
Council Chair Jeff Mayuiers

COVID SCREENING FORM

Lions Clubs are encouraged to use the Covid Screening Form when holding meetings or hosting events. This form can also be downloaded from our website, at www.lionsofmi.com.

COVID-19 Screening Tool

(Date) _____

Name _____ Date _____ Time _____

1. Do you have any **new or unexplained** of the following potential signs/symptoms of illness? Check all that apply:

a. Fever _____	f. Chills _____
b. Cough _____	g. Muscle Pain _____
c. Sore Throat _____	h. Loss of taste _____
d. Shortness of Breath _____	i. Loss of smell _____
e. Repeated shaking with chills _____	

If yes to any of the above please leave the building after completing this form and signing.
2. Temperature: _____
If temp is 100.4 or higher, please leave the building after completing this form and signing and call your primary medical doctor's office.
3. Have you had close contact with a laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 person in the last 14 days?
 _____ Yes If Yes, When: _____ OR _____ No
If yes, please leave the building after completing this form and signing and continue to quarantine.
4. Have you been tested for COVID-19 in the last 14 days?
 - a. Voluntary Tested, asymptomatic:
 _____ Yes When: _____ Results: _____ OR _____ No
 - b. Testing through order of your doctor or local Health Department for possible contact with COVID positive person:
 _____ Yes When: _____ Results: _____ OR _____ No
For b. only: If yes and the results are pending or positive, please leave the building and continue to quarantine.

I have answered these questions truthfully. If I become ill while in the building with any of the above symptoms, I will leave the facility.

Name _____ Date _____

5730 Executive Drive • Lansing, MI 48911
 phone: 517-887-6640 • fax: 517-887-6642
 email: lions@lionsofmi.com • website: www.lionsofmi.com

TURNING ON THE LIGHTS!

DISTRICT GOVERNORS MESSAGE – DG BOB HOHENDORF, O.D.



Hello Fellow Lions,

I am Lion Bob Hohendorf your new District Governor, MD 11 C1. I have been a Lion for over 40 years. I have never seen you Lions so quiet!

My fellow MI Governors and I are looking forward to turning the lights back on. We think it will be an individual Lion by Lion, club by club process, but we stand prepared and ready to help whatever you need us to help you with. We have not been inactive.

I recently read an interesting article about having 3 types of Lions. Red Light Lions: Sheltering in place until the virus eradicated. Yellow Light Lions: Meeting and serving if safe practices are in place and Green Light Lions: Who are ready to serve, meet and lead as we always have done. I liked the concept.

Personally I am probably a yellow light Lion right now. Whatever color Lion you are is OK. These are not bad or good categories. All Lions are GREAT. Everyone should maintain their level of comfort in the era of COVID-19. In any case there are ways to meet and serve regardless of the glow of your light.

We are hoping your lights have not faded nor your enthusiasm been dampened with inactivity. We have good ideas on how to safely start (Be it after a summer recess or COVID-19) and live up to our "we serve" motto again. Contact us, or answer our text, emails and calls. Communicate; together we are stronger than when we are apart and being so quiet.

Lion Bob Hohendorf OD
DG 11C1



> PRIDE NEWS

LION PRIDE MAGAZINE

The Lion Pride (USPS 978-200) is published monthly for the Lions members of Multiple District 11, Michigan, except for the combined issues of January/February, April/May, July/August and September/October, at Lion Pride Magazine, 5730 Executive Drive, Lansing, MI 48911. Lions receive the publication for annual dues/subscription rate of \$4.50. Advertisements must reach the above address by the 15th of the month for publication in the following month's issue. All clubs must send their own news and pictures to their district editor, allowing ample time for the district editor to forward the copy to meet the deadline stated above. Clubs or individuals must send their information to their district editor, not to the publication.

Periodicals postage paid in Lansing, MI 48911.

POSTMASTER: Send address changes to
Lion Pride Magazine,
5730 Executive Drive, Lansing, MI 48911
Wendy Burns, Editor

FOR YOUR INFORMATION: Please notify your post office and club secretary immediately if you change your address so that your Lion Pride copy can be mailed to your correct address. New labels are prepared by Lions Clubs International and usually require 2-3 months before taking effect. For advertising rates, please contact Lion Pride Magazine, 5730 Executive Drive, Lansing, MI 48911.

For information on state projects or the state office, contact 5730 Executive Drive, Lansing, MI 48911, (517) 887-6640, fax (517) 887-6642.

Edited by: Wendy Burns
5730 Executive Drive • Lansing, MI 48911
(517) 887-6640 • fax (517) 887-6642 www.lionsofmi.com
Layout Editor: Lindy Wineman



2020 LIONS OF MICHIGAN LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

The institute leadership team has had several meetings regarding the Leadership Institute 2020 program. Direct contact was made with the Ralph A. MacMullan Conference Center. We have been told that the conference center is officially closed until September 30 due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Even if the center were to re-open in November, the number of participants would be greatly limited.

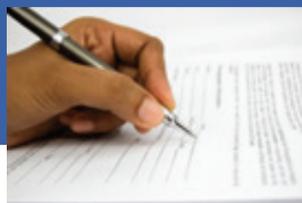
After 21 years of having a very successful institute, we will not be able to have our leadership institute this year.

PID Jenny Ware has viewed many virtual training sessions by Lions throughout the country. She has assembled a team to lead us in developing our virtual training for 2020. This is not going to be a replacement for the institute. It should provide leadership information needed as a tool to develop leadership skills. It will not be titled in the name of the Leadership Institute.

On behalf of our institute leadership team, I want to thank everyone that has supported our very successful Lions of Michigan Leadership Institute for the past 21 years.

Paul M Hemeryck, PCC,
Lions of Michigan Leadership Institute Chair

ANNUAL NONPROFIT CORPORATION REPORT DUE DATE?



October 1st is the deadline for filing your club's annual Nonprofit Corporation Report. The Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs mailed out the report forms in mid-July. You may file online at www.michigan.gov/corpfileonline, but I have found this to be a little complex! It's just as easy to fill in the info boxes and mail it on its' merry way to Licensing and Regulatory Affairs. They are also very helpful on the phone! Contact Corporations Division at (517) 241-6470 or CorpsMail@michigan.gov A \$20.00 filing fee is required.

2020-2021 DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday-Saturday,
September 25-27
USA/Canada VIRTUAL
Leadership Forum
Racing into the Future with
Kindness and Diversity

Saturday,
February 27, 2021
Lions Michigan Forum
Holiday Inn
Gateway Centre, Flint

October 2020
Michigan Lions
Membership Month

Saturday-Sunday,
February 27-28, 2021
4th Council of Governors
Meeting
Holiday Inn
Gateway Centre, Flint

Lions Leadership/
Graduate Institute
WATCH FOR
UPCOMING DETAILS

April 23-May 2, 2021
Michigan Lions
White Cane Week

Friday-Saturday
October 2-3, 2020
2nd Council of Governors
Meeting
TreeTops Resort,
Gaylord, MI

May 21, 2021
5th Council of Governors
Meeting
Holland DoubleTree
Hotel, Holland

Friday-Saturday,
December 4-5
3rd Council of
Governors Meeting
Holiday Inn Express,
Mt. Pleasant

May 20-22, 2021
MD 11 Lions
Convention
Holland DoubleTree
Hotel, Holland

MD11 SEEKS ASSISTANT STATE TREASURER

Multiple District 11 will accept applications for the position of Assistant State Treasurer. This newly created position is designed to assist and mentor with the current State Treasurer and will help to oversee the finances of the following accounts:

- Lions Clubs of Michigan;
- Lions of Michigan All State Band;
- Lions Leadership Institute;
- Lion Pride Publication;
- Defense Against Diabetes.

The person selected for this volunteer position must have experience in providing financial information, researching and analyzing accounting data; preparing reports; knowledge of SAGE accounting software.
Deadline to submit: October 1, 2020. Letters of interest and resume can be emailed to: wburns@lionsofmi.com or mail your information to:

Wendy Burns, Executive Director
Lions Clubs of Michigan
5730 Executive Dr.
Lansing, MI 48911

WHITE CANE AND CANDY DAYS SEPTEMBER 25-27

Due to the restrictions put in place by Governor Gretchen Whitmer's, a proclamation declaring Lions White Cane Week in Michigan was suspended. Clubs may have found opportunities these past few months to hold White Cane sales in a variety of ways while practicing safe protocols. For those who have put sales on hold, you may want to consider September 25-27 as an alternate date, **based upon guidelines set by Governor Whitmer in your local Region.**

The Lions of Michigan Foundation will hold their annual Candy Days sale the last weekend in September. Conducting both Candy Days and White Cane together will give you the chance to use up any pre-ordered White Cane supplies while supporting the **Lions of Michigan** Foundation's Candy Days sale. Please review any Executive Orders prior to all events and continue to be diligent about practicing physical distancing.

LIONS 2020-2021 DISTRICT CONVENTIONS SAVE THE DATE!

Join Us

MAY 20-22, 2021

In Beautiful HOLLAND, MICHIGAN



For the 2021 MD11 Lions Convention



THE GOVERNORS HAVE APPOINTED THE FOLLOWING LIONS TO SERVE AS MD 11 STATE CHAIRPERSONS. THANK YOU TO ALL FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE TO MICHIGAN LIONS!

Constitution & By-Laws	Ed Weessies	eweessies@aol.com
Diabetes	Roger Blackwell	rblackwel@comcast.net
GLT	Michael Scott	ms@michaelwscottjr.com
GMT	Brent Beracy	pdgberacy@gmail.com
GST	Evelyn Cooper	ecooper-lionsclub@sbcglobal.net
Hearing & Speech	Becky Borka	reccaborka@comcast.net
International Convention	TBD	
Information Technology	Ray Robins	rayrobins@sbcglobal.net
LCIF	Connie Shelton	pdgconnie@outlook.com
LEO	Terry Walters	twalters02@comcast.net
Liaison	ID Justin Faber	spcfab@hotmail.com
Lions Quest	Harry Johnson	lionharry1947@gmail.com
MD 11 Convention	David Hacker	dave810hacker@comcast.net
New Voices	Brent Beracy	pdgberacy@gmail.com
Childhood Cancer	Laura Hunt	laurahunt1027@gmail.com
Public Relations	Matthew Tetloff	matthewtetloff@gmail.com
Publication Advisory	Julie Mayuiers	jumayuiers@gmail.com
Reading Action Program	Robert Hohendorf	rhohendorf@gmail.com
Sight Conservation/White Cane	Roger Bosse	rogerbosse@att.net
Eversight	Terry Walters	twalters02@comcast.net
All State Band	VACANT	Vacant
Bear Lake Camp	Jim Pettinato	jamespettinato@att.net
Leader Dog	Frank Cunningham	fcunningham@wowway.com

LCI PRESIDENT CHOI ANNOUNCED AS GUEST SPEAKER



ID Justin Faber with President Choi (and a photo bomber!)

The 2020-2021 Convention Committee is pleased to announce our guest speaker for the May 2021 MD 11 Lions Convention in Holland will be President Choi himself! Plan to attend and hear his inspiring story.

LIONS 2020-2021 DISTRICT CONVENTIONS SAVE THE DATE!

- A1
April 16-17, 2021
Frankenmuth
- A2
April 16-17, 2021
Park Place, Traverse City
- B1
May 7, 2020
C1
May 21, 2021
DoubleTree, Holland
- C2
March 19-21, 2021
Comfort Inn, Mt. Pleasant
- D1
April 9-11, 2021
Comfort Inn, Mt. Pleasant

- D2
March 26-28, 2021
DoubleTree, Grand Rapids
- E1
April 24th-25th
Big Rapids
- E2
April 16-18, 2021
Boyne Mountain, Boyne Falls
- D10
April 23-25, 2021
Harris, MI
- MD11
May 20-22, 2021
Holland DoubleTree, Holland

> LIONS MD 11 - NAMI NEWS

NORTH AMERICAN MEMBERSHIP INITIATIVE



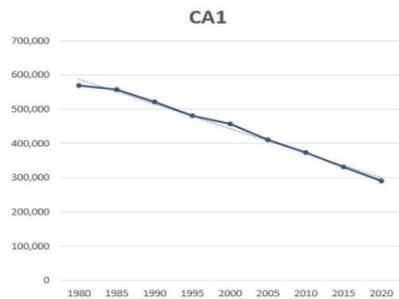
EMAIL
dw@abadata.com
 989-225-3279

WEBSITE
 Check out the future of Lions:
www.lionsclubs.org/nami



As I sit down to write this, the realization is setting in that we are halfway through August and our summer is just about over. Our new district governors are recovering from the shock of the importance of their job and are settling in to their term as governor. For some this is an old and familiar feeling. We understand the panic for what it was and if we were faced with the same situation today, we would breeze through it. It is now a normal. Status quo if you will. Great right?

The words status quo probably tipped everyone off. It is exactly what we have done. Make our life normal. Comfortable as Lions. The question beckons, "Why?" Life as a Lion should be anything but normal. We spend countless hours making our lives normal. For goodness sake, some people are even calling for a "new" normal which literarily makes no sense whatsoever. You see over the past 40 years we have settled into a normal that is



not healthy as an organization at all! Look at Constitutional Area 1 (that's the United States) membership numbers over the past 40 years. We have lost half of our membership! Yikes! That's what normal will get us. By doing the same thing year after year we have moved backwards in membership from nearly 600000 members to just under 300000 members. But, to LCI's credit our organization is working to do something about it. NAMI.

NAMI is new. It is different. It is anything but status quo. Charlie Newland, the MD13 GMT told me that he is confident that Lions are on the right track with NAMI. One of the points that he likes about NAMI is that it is from the bottom up in membership. "We tried the top down approach before and it did not work.", was one of his comments. Another item that Charlie was quick to point out was that it takes a lot of training and

corresponding to get the word out. Too many people think this is just "MERL with a new dress on", was another comment.

With NAMI, LCI has effectively handed over the

new membership reins to the clubs and districts. The role of leadership on the top is to help those who can make the change happen. Who has all those good ideas for change and membership? YOU! Your club, your district and your multiple district should be embracing NAMI and moving forward with membership growth. It is an exciting time for Lions! The public need for Lions is greater than ever. No more sitting on the sidelines. It is first string for every Lion we have.

Most of Michigan's governors have opted into NAMI. Perhaps your district will be the first to start a new club in the state. The official title of first district in the state to start a new club is still at large! We can do this! We must do things a bit different. Goodbye status quo! To start we all have to get involved. We must ask that person next door who we never asked before to become a Lion. That service project that "nobody wants to do"... We do it. That challenge too great to even consider. Overcome it. We overcome it by figuring it out. No blue print for success. Just solid hard work and great attitude! We share those successes with others that have never been given the opportunity to feel good about themselves through serving. We are Lions! We Serve!

At this point your district should have finished the Build A Plan and have started working on Build a Success. Where is your district?

Want to know more about NAMI? Check out the website: www.lionsclubs.org/nami. There you will find out all the info on NAMI.



Report by Dave Wineman
NAMI AREA LEADER

5 WAYS TO STAY READY TO SERVE



All around the world, Lions are stepping up to safely serve their communities as the coronavirus (COVID-19) crisis continues to impact the lives of millions. If there were ever a time that demonstrated how much Lions are needed, that time is now.

You matter. Without Lions, many people would not get the help they need to survive and thrive during this pandemic.

But while you're caring for and serving others, don't neglect your own physical and mental well-being. You won't be able to help your neighbors, or your community, if you don't take care of yourself. So here are five ways for you to practice self-care and stay healthy:

1. Focus on your physical health

You probably know by now that you should wash your hands frequently throughout the day, avoid touching your face and cover your mouth if you sneeze or cough. It's also important to get some exercise, especially since many workout facilities are closed. Slip on your sneakers and take a brisk walk. The fresh air will do you good! Dust off those workout videos and take time to stretch during the day. Exercise is a great way to boost your immune system and energy level.

2. Eat healthy

While you're sheltering at home, it's easy to overeat, especially unhealthy snacks. There are many reasons for this—boredom, stress and the fact that your refrigerator is just a few steps away. Take this time to try out some new, healthy recipes, and keep plenty of fresh fruits and vegetables on hand. Eating nutritiously will go a long way toward maintaining your health.

3. Your mental health is just as important

Because we're social creatures, social distancing can be difficult for many of us, especially for those who live alone. Call a friend you haven't spoken to in a while. Find a pen pal. Set up a video chat with friends online. Stay in touch with neighbors through emails, texts, or phone calls. Social distancing doesn't have to mean social isolation. There are many ways to keep in touch with others.

4. Set a routine and time to recharge

Having everyone home at the same time can be chaotic as we figure out how to work remotely, take classes from home and balance family time. It's important to find and stick to a routine that works for your family. It is also important to take some time out of each day to recharge so you're rested and ready to face the next day's challenges.

5. Take a break from the news

It might help to minimize the time you spend watching, reading or listening to news about COVID-19. A constant barrage of bad news can make you feel anxious or depressed. Try to get information from trusted sources like the World Health Organization (WHO), and take practical steps to protect yourself and your loved ones.

You are vital to your family, to your Lions family, to your community and to this organization. You are the heart and soul of Lions International, and we care about you and your well-being. So take care of yourself, stay healthy, and together, we'll get through the storm.

LCIF



President's Message

My Fellow Lions and Michiganders,

This past year has been one that has changed history for people all over the world. Yet, despite experiencing such an unforeseeable event, such as the COVID-19 Pandemic, the Lions of Michigan and our foundation have continued to stand strong! While many other charities and community service organizations have struggled to continue providing services or ceased operations completely, we have continued to meet the needs of the people we serve and our member Lions Clubs throughout Michigan. This was only possible because of the excellent leadership we have at every level of our Lions of Michigan Foundation. Throughout my life, I have served on many Board of Directors, chaired numerous committees, and held several positions promoting community service, but never have I had the privilege of being surrounded by such a truly caring and more dedicated group of people as I have that has surrounded me as President of the Lions of Michigan Foundation. There are so many names that come to mind to acknowledge, that I truly do not know where to start.

So please, plug in your name and accept my THANKS for a job well done! Being your President was an honor and a privilege I will never forget. Thank you all!

*Jeff Mayuiers, President
Lions of Michigan Foundation*



Treasurer's Message

In spite of the pandemic, the Foundation has had another very successful year. Although our revenues significantly declined, so did many of our expenses, yielding a \$51,388.99 net income. This continues our consecutive annual net income amounts for the past several years and creates another challenge for next fiscal year with all the uncertainty due to the pandemic.

Some of the areas of decreased revenues included the Raffle, which still was within 7% of our budgeted amount, general donations, and Lions Club and Lions District donations. Next year's budget reflects the anticipated decreases again in donations. Expenses also decreased in expected areas as we are continuing to see fewer requests for Emergency Assistance for sight and hearing related medical procedures, but our largest reduction in program costs was in our Affordable Hearing Aid Program, which is primarily due to Medicaid now covering the costs of many more of our low income clients.

Our Balance sheet continued to improve this past year with our Equity portion now exceeding the \$2,000,000 mark. This is a significant milestone to reach, and my hopes is for continued growth in the future. Of note, we did receive a \$26,200 SBA Paycheck Protection Program loan, which we are currently showing as a liability. The loan assured we could pay our employees to continue working through the shutdown, and the loan will revert to a grant in Fiscal Year 2020-21.

As of this writing we are almost back to our pre-pandemic value in our investment account, and we anticipate this growth will continue next fiscal year. In addition, we will be receiving a \$150,000 bequest in Fiscal Year 2020-21, which will continue to improve our financial position. These types of bequests are becoming more frequent for us, and they have been very beneficial to our cause.

All of our accomplishments are due to the hard work and dedicated service of our Staff, Trustees, Committee Members, and Lions throughout our great state. With this continued dedication to fiscal responsibility and focus on partnerships and collaboration, the Foundation looks forward to another successful year.

*Kerry McGinley, Treasurer
Lions of Michigan Foundation*



Lions of Michigan Council Chair and 2019-20 Lions of Michigan Foundation President Jeff Mayuiers passes the gavel to 2020-21 Lions of Michigan Foundation President PDG Pam Schroeder of Onkama at the foundation's Annual Meeting at the Lions of Michigan State Office in Lansing on July 31.

2020 Laingsburg-Ovid Lions Club Golf Outing A Big Success

Once again, the Laingsburg and Ovid Lions Clubs Annual Golf Outing raised thousands of dollars for the Lions of Michigan Foundation and the Lions Bear Lake Camp. Nearly 100 people from across the state traveled to Pine Hills Golf Course in Laingsburg on August 8 to golf, support two of our Lions of Michigan charities and enjoy an awesome steak dinner. Great job and thank you Laingsburg and Ovid Lions!



(L-R) 2020 Long Drive Champion Chris Newman of Perry and Long Putt Champion Wesley Schultheis of Fowlerville



Bretton Woods Lion Dave Grimes comes up just a little short of a hole-in-one to win a new Cadillac SUV



Online Diabetes PATH (Personal Action Toward Health)

Thursdays,
2:00 - 4:00 PM on
September 17 and 24;
October 1, 8, 15 and 22

Held LIVE online via
Zoom

Cost: FREE for
Michigan residents

Registration required:

[https://events.anr.msu.edu/
OnlineDiabetesPATHSept17Oct2
22020/](https://events.anr.msu.edu/OnlineDiabetesPATHSept17Oct222020/)

You will receive the Zoom link and
password after registration.

This workshop series is for
Michigan residents and
funded by a generous grant
from Lions Club International.



"The American Diabetes Association identifies this
program as meeting the Diabetes Support Initiative
criteria for support programming."



Diabetes PATH is a self-management workshop where you learn tools to manage diabetes. Over the course of six weeks, you will learn strategies to help you:

- deal with difficult emotions
- develop a healthy eating and exercise plan
- set goals
- problem solve
- learn about a variety of other tools to manage diabetes

Adults of all ages interested in diabetes and residents of Michigan may attend, including adults with prediabetes, type 2 diabetes, their family members and caregivers.

For more information, or to register over the phone, contact Kris Swartzendruber at 989-245-5903 or e-mail at swartze6@msu.edu

MSU is an affirmative-action, equal-opportunity employer. Michigan State University Extension programs and materials are open to all without regard to race, color, national origin, gender, gender identity, religion, age, height, weight, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, marital status, family status or veteran status.

LIONS INTERNATIONAL GLOBAL CAUSES

Every journey begins with a single step. One act of service, one encouraging word, one gift of generosity is often all it takes to bring hope where it's needed most.

Over the last 100 years, the kindness of Lions and Leos has multiplied across borders, oceans, and continents. With over 1.4 million members, we now have an opportunity to truly change our world.

That's why we're uniting our global service around five areas of need. These Global Causes present significant challenges to humanity, and we believe it's our turn to meet them.

<p>Diabetes</p>  <p>We serve to reduce the prevalence of diabetes and improve quality of life for those diagnosed.</p>	<p>Vision</p>  <p>We serve to prevent avoidable blindness and improve quality of life for people who are blind and visually impaired.</p>	<p>Hunger</p>  <p>We serve to ensure all community members have access to nutritious foods.</p>	<p>Environment</p>  <p>We serve to sustainably protect and restore our environment to improve the well-being of all communities.</p>	<p>Childhood Cancer</p>  <p>We serve to help those affected by childhood cancer survive and thrive.</p>
---	--	---	---	--

MD 11 LIONS STATE PROJECT: LIONS BEAR LAKE CAMP – LION SHELLY O'HENLEY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Lions Bear Lake Camp is located in Lapeer County. Our mission is to provide outdoor recreational and educational experiences year-round to all persons regardless of ability. Our campus includes a universally accessible dock area on our lake, universally accessible low ropes course and climbing tower for team building and leadership development, Art Center, Nature Center, Activity Center, Dining Hall with an outdoor classroom, cabins for sleeping, tenting area, archery, nature trails and so much more!! While we host an array of camps to meet the needs of the population we serve, we are open 365 days a year and encourage schools, employers, non-profits, etc. to utilize our facility and enjoy all that it has to offer.

We serve youth with visual impairments, hearing impairments, juvenile arthritis, autism, cancer, those that are grieving loss, as well as their families. Each group has their own session in which they are given the opportunity to learn skills that allow them to live more independently, learn skills so they can advocate for themselves and their needs, but most importantly they get to feel normal and be around other individuals who are just like them. We enjoy camp songs, games, swimming in the lake, arts and crafts, performing arts, nature and all of its beauty, camping, cooking over campfires, team building on the ropes course, and rock climbing, all while providing a universally accessible outdoor experience and education. This is a place full of lifelong friends and memories.

Due to COVID-19, we offered a very successful three week Visually Impaired and Deaf and Hard of Hearing Virtual Camp. We utilized platforms such as Facebook, Zoom, Google Meet, and YouTube. The goal was to make the schedules as if they were actually at camp and have the campers outside and being active as much as possible. The campers did activities such as arts and craft and created things out of the materials we mailed to them, did nature scavenger hunts, daily challenges for them to build something and take pictures, and they were challenged to do outdoor cooking and other outdoor activities like archery, tenting, goal ball, and fishing with their families. Along with each activity, came a challenge for them to overcome. Please visit our YouTube Channel to see all the excitement, especially the talent show!

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCDjNehaWAQsapX-3HACAjSA>

We are funded through many donations from the Michigan Lions Clubs', grants and individuals. We want to thank you for your continued generous support and will continue to need it now more than ever! If you'd like your club or other entities that you volunteer or work with or for to learn more about Lions Bear Lake Camp or even utilize our facility, please feel free to contact me for more information and/or a presentation.

Executive Director, Lion Shelly O'Henley.

Email: shelly@bearlakecamp.org,
 Cell: 810-837-0119,
 Website: www.bearlakecamp.org



> LIONS PRIDE - GLOBAL SERVICE TEAM NEWS



GLOBAL SERVICE TEAM PDG EVELYN COOPER MD 11 COORDINATOR



It's exciting to be the 2020-2021 Global Service Team Multiple District Coordinator. I'm very thankful for this very humbling opportunity. I'm looking forward to collaborating with our great GAT members, PDG Lion Brent Beracy and IPDG Lion Michael Scott and Council Chair, PDG Lion Jeff Mayuiers. Originally, I had planned to schedule visits to the district cabinet meetings. This would give me the opportunity to meet other Lion members. Also it's helpful to visit districts and clubs that may need special attention and help in accomplishing their goals. I would have had an opportunity to meet the GST District Coordinators and the GST Club Service Chairs. I have attended several Zoom cabinet meetings and will continue to do so until we're able to safely meet in person. Also, I will schedule monthly Zoom meetings for the GST District Coordinators and the GST Club Service Chairpersons. If someone isn't familiar with or wish not to meet with Zoom, I will schedule a telephone conversation with that person(s).

It is important that I work with the Lion and Leo clubs and assist them with their service activity reporting through MyLCI/MyLion. One of my goals is to assist and encourage 75% of the clubs to have reported a minimum of five (5) service projects; 100% of the clubs will have reported at least one (1) service project by June 30, 2021. I'm certain that the District Coordinators will also assist the clubs in reaching these goals. I will assess the progress in December

2020, February and April 2021 to determine the club's progress and to make any needed changes. It's very important that our District Governors and our other GAT members assist our clubs with the planning and development of their service projects

Now more than ever, many of our communities are in dire need of our Lion services. However, due to the pandemic, we must respect the safety of others and ourselves. We have to "think outside of the box" as we consider planning our diabetes, vision, environment, pediatric cancer and hunger projects. Due to our inability to focus on a massive Humanitarian activity, I'm asking each district to make one thousand adults/children and specialty masks. This activity can be worked on individually or in small groups where persons can social distance. Some men and women have been sewing masks at their homes. Each District Coordinator and Club Service Chair will be responsible for donating the masks to their communities. This project should be completed by October 31, 2020. This can be one of the five service projects. I will assist the clubs in getting donated material, elastic, needles and threads. Thanks to our districts, clubs and individuals that have been working on various projects in their communities. One of the clubs in 11B1

has already made 350 masks. One district has joined with a company and our producing a sanitizer. Many members are working in their community passing out food at the various food banks and one district is developing a read to a child program through Zoom, Video Calling, etc. The Fremont Lions Club has submitted their nomination form for International's "Kindness Matters Service Award" for their wonderful work with giving children free eye examinations and glasses. Thanks to the student interns at Ferris State University. There's several other clubs that will be submitting their nominations.

As Lions, we must step out of our comfort zones and continue to Soar. You are gifted, smart, imaginative, curious, enthusiastic, interesting, strong and faithful! So, we can't be afraid to try something new and different. Now, is the time that we must open that "box" and allow all of our creative ideas to flow. We will continue to be the largest and best service organization in the world. Our communities and the world need us NOW!

PDG Evelyn Cooper
MD11 Co-ordinator

LEADER DOGS FOR THE BLIND: FINDING NEW WAYS TO CONNECT DURING THE PANDEMIC



Through the years, it has become apparent that getting people onto our campus was the best way to draw them into our organization and our mission. However, throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, we were forced to keep these connections strong while keeping people off campus. Our staff rose to the challenge and developed new ways to engage our constituents through instruction, meaningful communication and fun.

Keeping Staff Involved

Many staff members enthusiastically volunteered to rehome dogs in training to reduce the population in our canine center. To ensure that the rehomed dogs didn't regress in their training, two of our guide dog mobility instructors (GDIMs), who themselves were quarantined, created training videos using their smartphones, which were emailed to everyone rehoming. In America, many companies host a "Bring Your Child to Work Day" so children can experience where their parent/grandparent works. This year, Leader Dog hosted "Bring Your Family to Work Week." Daily activities related to blindness and dogs were shared so families could participate from home. The week included video instructions on how to make a sandwich while blindfolded, how to draw a dog, practicing giving clear instruction, a video conference with a LDB client and more.

To maintain camaraderie between employees, two staff members have been hosting weekly video conferencing get-togethers where staff can team up to play games including trivia and in-home scavenger hunt.

Preserving Client Connections

We kept our communications flowing with clients through the use of emails and posting information on the LDB Alumni Facebook group. Our extended services department quickly pivoted our Summer Experience Camp into a virtual event. Benefits of going virtual included being able to include a wider age of clients (14-17 years old versus 16-17 years old) and allowing more campers to participate.

Retaining Donor Engagement

Usually, our goal to increase donor engagement is to get donors onto our campus to experience Leader Dog firsthand. As that became prohibited, our philanthropy department moved their focus to online engagement. One method was inviting major donors to participate in a wide variety of video conference sessions. Some sessions were for pure fun, such as trivia games, while others provided access to employees from various departments who could answer in-depth questions posed by the donors. We also sent personalized thank-you videos from our GDIMs to a variety of donors.

Maintaining Volunteer Commitments

Numbering around 700, our volunteers are essential to achieving our mission. We quickly realized that we needed to provide an alternative to in-

person training classes for our 300+ puppy raisers. Our puppy development department began holding virtual training sessions three times a week. To reach as many people as possible, the sessions were scheduled at different times of the day and were recorded and posted online. Prior to the pandemic, we were holding in-person sessions one weekend every other month; we now plan to move forward with one in-person event a year and continuing with online training.

Our breeding department developed a series of trainings for our volunteer breeding hosts that included how to keep your breeding stock dog in condition, exercises you can do with them and caring for young puppies.

Lions

As we were unable to hold any on campus activities, or travel to events and meetings, the Lions team at Leader Dog went virtual. Events like Summer Visits, club and cabinet presentations have gone online. In one day, our team "visited" cabinet meetings in Arizona and Pennsylvania while never leaving Michigan! If your club or district would like a virtual meet-up, let the Lions team know. From client interviews to the Lifecycle of a Leader Dog or a "tour" of the campus, we can be creative with any topic or guest speaker.

If you have any questions about what's happening at Leader Dog or to schedule a virtual event, contact Lion Beth Slade, director of philanthropy for Lions Engagement at Beth.Slade@leaderodg.org. Together we serve!

Pictures:
Summer Experience Camp goes virtual at Leader Dog! Since the campers weren't on site, we could open it to an even greater age range. Instead of 24 campers, we had double the amount from the US and Canada.

Lion Beth Slade, in the crab hat (it was hat night!), presented to the Naples, FL Lions Club virtually.





11 A1

DG Dave Wilbert
MONROE • WAYNE
www.metrodetroitlions.org



Bedford Township Lions Club- Lion Todd Denzil suggested the club fill the void left by Covid 19. Lion Todd Hershberger opened his restaurant doors to the club to assemble chicken dinners to be transported to the Lions Resale Shop in Temperance. Lions worked in shifts over nine weeks to server over 2,000 chicken dinners to the community, proving that even during a health emergency, WE SERVE.

Greater Metro Detroit Lions Club partnered with the Association for the Advancement of Deaf and Hard of Hearing to assemble and deliver "Stay Safe" kits to seniors and families of AADHH. Through club and personal donations, they were able to provide 30 kits.



Livonia Lions Club welcomed new member Caitlyn Jodway. Lion Caitlyn is a 19-year old U of M student ready to SERVE alongside her fellow members. DG David Wilbert also inducted new officers during their meeting.



11 A2

DG Leo Schaefer
MACOMB • OAKLAND
www.lionsdistrict11a2.org



Troy Community Lions White Cane Fundraiser was cancelled due to COVID 19, so club members decided to start a Virtual GoFundMe White Cane Fundraiser. Pictured is Lion Bill Gelement who usually chairs our annual campaign (note: this picture was taken in 2019). Members are sharing the information on their Facebook, Twitter and social media pages. The Troy Community Lions White Cane GoFundMe campaign URL is <https://charity.gofundme.com/o/en/campaign/troy-community-lions-virtual-white-cane-fundraiser>

Lake Orion Lions Club turned to collecting, sorting and recycling bottles and cans as an alternative fundraiser when faced with the cancellation of Jubilee (one of their largest events). Spearheaded by Lion Roger Brodeur and supported by Lions and community members alike, the bottle/can drive netted the club over \$5000!



Royal Oak Lions Club just finished our Installation of Officers for 2020-2021. Normally we would have a dinner to do this. However, this year we met on Zoom. Our Club has been going for 92 years and we are continuing to change with the times. One of our members lives in Brighton, another lives in Troy, another lives in Grosse Pointe Park and they all attended this Installation. Our newly installed President, Lion JoAnne Swan, has, in her acceptance speech, encouraged us to change with the times, with the hope that Zoom may enhance our ability to get new members. Also, for those members who may have difficulty for health reasons, etc. in attending a meeting in person, we are hoping that, even if we have an in-person meeting, they may be able to join the meeting via Zoom.



Preparations are underway for the Third Annual Bear Lake Ultra-Marathon to be held on October 17 and 18 at the Bear Lake Camp.

(L-R) James Boomer, Jim Lykins, Adam Becher, Jesse Walling and Jack Becher.

CLUB

Happenings:



District A1 • District Editor: Linda Tate
 18475 Klinger St., Detroit, MI 48234
tatel50@yahoo.com

District A2 • District Editor: James Boomer
 3250 Stacey Circle, Oxford, MI 48371
jboomer1965@att.net

> REGION NEWS



11 B1

VDG Dave Anderson
 BRANCH • CALHOUN • HILLSDALE
 JACKSON • LENAWEE • WASHTENAW
www.11b1lions.org

Manchester Lions first met Cheyenne when she was selling doggie treats at Christmas in the Village at the KJ House. Since then she has done several fundraisers, mostly recycling pop cans. It takes a lot of doggie treats and pop cans to raise the \$6000 she needed for her service dog. That is when the Manchester Lions Club stepped in and donated \$1000 towards her goal, and Peggy & Barry Allen matched with another \$1000.



District 11 B1 turning the lights back on! After a several month hiatus in south central Michigan, 11 B1's three newly chartered Lions clubs Quest South East Jackson, Michigan Center Lioness, and Jackson County Professional Virtual spearheaded a district service project funded by a \$10,000 LCIF COVID Grant (shameless plug - PLEASE support our foundation). The Lions branded hand sanitizer made at Grand River was distributed to retirement communities and other local organizations in need.



Susanna White, right, President of the Michigan Center Lioness Lions Club, and Louvenia Shack-Seals, President of the Quest South East Jackson Lions Club, work together to bottle hand sanitizer at Grand River Brewery in downtown Jackson.

Kelly Lubbe, President of the Jackson County Professional Virtual Lions Club, boxes bottles of hand sanitizer.



The Grant enabled the Lions of 11 B1 to make over 2,000 bottles of sanitizer, 1,000 masks, and 3,500 buckles to alleviate ear pressure from masks.



11 B2

DG Julie Mayuiers
 BERRIEN • CASS • KALAMAZOO
 ST. JOSEPH • VAN BUREN
www.e-district.org/sites/11b2.org

Approximately 40 Lions from the District gathered on June 27th for the Banner Exchange at the Three River Lions Club. A picnic was served by Lions Brenda, Sheree and Sally to everyone in attendance followed by cake. IPDG John Postelli presented some awards to members of his Cabinet that were absent at the last Cabinet Meeting as well as some special recognition awards. IPP Adam Goff presented President Tom McWatters with the Three Rivers Presidential Gavel. IPP Dave Offord of the St. Joseph Lions Club presented President McWatters with the Governor's Banner which will be proudly on display in the home club of District Governor Julie Mayuiers.



Lion Shirley Kener was presented an International Presidential Certificate of Appreciation from Dr. Jung-Yul Choi for the 2019 – 2020 Lion Year of service. Zone Chair John Kener made the presentation.



The Buchanan-Galien Lions held their Annual Kayak Poker Run on July 18th on the St Joe River. It was a beautiful day and everyone had a really good time on the river. Both kayaks and canoes participated and the Buchanan Township Water Rescue and Sheriff Department teams were on safety patrol also. A cookout and prizes were waiting at the end at Camp Betz for all participants.



Portage Lions Club of Michigan found time to clean up our adopted park, Liberty Park in Portage. Lions Laura, Elvie, Holly, Cub Alaina and Amy participated. It was a beautiful and warm day. We collected plastic bags, soda and beer cans, soda and coffee cups, leaves, and cigarette butts. Our Cub, Alaina, was so excited and eager to get the work done! It took 5 participants 2 hours to get the job done.



CLUB

Happenings:



District B1 • District Editor
 3468 Huron View Ct, Dexter, MI
ms@michaelwscotth.com

District B2 • District Editor: Julie Mayuiers
 23250 Van Resort Dr., Mendon, MI 49072
jumayuiers@gmail.com

Lawrence Lions Club awarded two \$1,000 scholarships to 2020 graduates Adol Bak and Claire Maclemore. The Leo club president was also awarded a \$500 grant.

Paw Paw Lions gathered in person after several months of meeting only on-line. We met outside our building in the shade and it was quite pleasant. Social distancing was the norm and mask wearing was encouraged. It was good to see such a great turnout.

Paw Paw Leos were able to continue to work to save our environment during the pandemic. Partnering with the Portage Lions empty pill vials were collected and cleaned to be reused in other countries.



11 C1

DG Robert Hohendorf
ALLEGAN • BARRY • IONIA • KENT
MUSKEGON • OTTAWA
www.e-district.org/sites/11c1.org



Marne Lions organized and provided 200 gallons of milk, 90 dozen eggs and 96 loaves of bread with a drive-up service to anyone in need of the essentials during quarantine. People pulled up with their vehicles popped their trunk and the volunteers placed the items in the vehicles. Extra milk, eggs and bread were dropped off to Coopersville Cares Food Pantry, and extra milk, and bread were donated to Kenowa Hills Public Schools weekly food delivery program, as well as donating 500 pounds of lunch meat.

Sparta Lions held their chicken dinner as "take out" this year even though the Sparta Town and Country Festival cancelled. They presold 350+ tickets and sold out!

Muskegon Northside Lions held their installation of their 2020-2021 club officers, outside with special guest IPDG Dr. Paul Hodge. Congratulations, to Lion Butch Coulier on receiving a Melvin Jones Fellowship.



Lakewood Lions are hosting another Chicken BBQ Event on Sunday August 23 from 3:30-6 pm at the Lake Odessa Beach Pavilion—TAKE OUT ONLY (drive up service on Virginia Street). There will be extra picnic tables available in the Beach Area adjacent to the Takeout, and picnic tables in the Village Park as usual.

They are expecting another large crowd and have ordered plenty of extra chicken! They also have the Grille Guy coming extra early to avoid any delays. Advance tickets available from Lakewood Lion's members, tickets also available at several Lake Odessa businesses.

Advance tickets by August 22: Adults \$9.00 - Children \$6.00

At the door: Adults \$10.00 - Children \$6.00

Muskegon Northside Lions Ramp Crew has installed three ramps already this year; this one was for Lion Ray Genter. The crew not only installs the aluminum ramps, but they can disassemble them when they are no longer needed.



Grand Rapids Lions - The 33rd Annual Grand Rapids Ophthalmology Drive for Vision Charity Golf Outing is moving to Monday, September 21. With the uncertainties of COVID-19 right now, the Grand Rapids Lions Club is hopeful September will bring the opportunity to continue this essential fundraiser for lifechanging vision services.

A NOTE FROM PDG DOUG SCHNEIDER

After 31+ years in MI and 11-C1, the saga has ended for us.

It was a pleasure to serve as your District Governor for 2013-2014! Cheryl did more in my book for the District than I! Please keep the Lions Youth Exchange active in the District. It only takes one time to be a host family and YOU'RE HOOKED!

Our new life will begin with our permanent move to TX! But since we got nothing to do and a month to get it done...we will be doing some visits with family and sightseeing!

THANKS LIONS OF 11-C1!!!



11 C2

DG Kurt Stromlund
CLINTON • EATON • GRATIOT
INGHAM • LIVINGSTON • SHIAWASSEE
www.lionsdistrict11c2.org

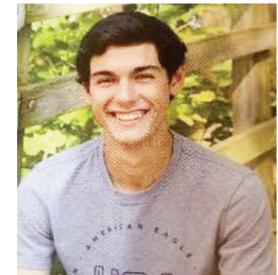
DeWitt Breakfast Lions Club scholarship winners Olivia Schafer and Grant Wilkins were introduced and told us of their future plans for school. Both thanked us for their \$1,000.00 check and trophy. The third winner Ms. Kate Beligowan could not attend tonight.



Grand Ledge Lions Club, one of Lion Don Yuvan's most important official duties as he prepares to end his term as Grand Ledge Lions Club President is the "passing of the gavel", and that happened virtually this year to Lion Brandi Bauer.



Hartland Lions Club awarded Hartland 2020 Scholarship to Senior Alex Burant in the amount of \$500.00 dollars.



Mason Lions Club surprised the outgoing president of the Mason Leo Club, Noah Moore, at their end-of-year ceremony. He received the 2020 Leo of the Year Award from the Lions Multiple District 11 at an outdoor meeting in Mason's Rayner Park. Award winners must have demonstrated outstanding leadership skills, implemented successful service projects, made contributions to the development and growth of the Leo Club Program, and achieved distinction in community and school activities.

Noah Moore's Leo of the Year award presentation was made by Terry Blauvelt, Mason Lions Club president, and Karen Hicks, Mason Middle School teacher and Mason Leo Club adviser. His award came with a framed certificate and special medallion.



DeWitt Breakfast Lions Club installation of the dens 2020-2021 Board members was performed by Lion Becky Hamilton IPDG while practicing COVID-19 restrictions by social distancing and wearing mask.



Grand Ledge Lions Club continues their project of Trash for Cash. This helps keep funds coming into the club even during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Lions Jim Brandt, Riley Spayde and Don Yuvan also helped, as did a good neighbor with his front-end loader



Elsie Lions Club opened our Food Trailer for two days during the Elsie Village Wide Yard Sale. Due to the Elsie Dairy Festival being cancelled we decided to try and sell hamburgers and hot dogs. We had 18 Lions workers for two days, served around 750 people and made a profit. We may do another two-day event again in September.

Lions Glenn Tucker and Ike Hunt. Standing L-R Lions Rick Jones and wife Diane, Richard Easlick, Dr. Robert Peterson, Dennis Long, Robin Wooley, Don Gilbert, and Arden Densmore.

CLUB

Happenings:



District C1 • District Editor: Julie May
 4379 Frietrodge Ave, Grand Rapids, MI 49544
jmay4379@gmail.com

District C2 • District Editor: PDG Bob Tetzlaff
 5308 Sunrose Ave, Lansing, MI 48911
acee44@msn.com

> REGION NEWS

11 D1



DG Harold DeMott
 BAY • GENESEE • SAGINAW • TUSCOLA
www.e-district.org/sites/11d1



Flint Downtown Lions Club installed their new officers and DG Harold DeMott, with assistance from IPDG Steve VanTol. Installation of new members, Robin Darley and David Stewart, was held and the new Lions jumped right in with planning service projects such as a sack lunch give away for the homeless in Flint, and ideas for a Covid safety package to give to elderly/disabled people in the community. A motorcycle show as a fundraiser is tentatively scheduled for September 12.



Flushing Lions Club congratulates Lion Irene Spinney, recipient of the Lion Bob Brooks Award. She is visually impaired and participates in all the activities of the club, including making crafts to sell with proceeds supporting club projects, assisting in the concession trailer and selling raffle tickets. The club also awarded a \$2000 scholarship to Zach Kassuba, a Flushing High School grad.



Mother Nature cannot be stopped, which means puppies (64 to be exact) arriving on campus during the first two months of Michigan's Stay Home, Stay Safe period. New protocols were implemented to ensure no-contact drop-offs from breeding hosts and pick-ups with puppy raisers. For litter drop-offs, volunteers stayed in their vehicle and a LDB team member brought the puppies into the building one at a time. A pick-up station was set up for volunteer raisers coming for their puppies. Raisers signed required paperwork outside and picked their new puppy out of a crate shaded from the sun. While on campus, the puppies relaxed, received vaccinations, played, ate and relaxed some more

St. Charles Lions Club hosted a concert in the park. The St. Charles High School Jazz Band was the featured performance and the Lions sponsored the Kona-Ice truck for the community. There was a band performance and Lions spread the word about our organization.



D1 will host a 4-in-1 event on Sunday, September 13 at the Genesee Outdoor Pavilion in Genesee. Memorial Service, Banner Exchange, Award Recognition and IPDG Steve VanTol's Appreciation Dinner will all take place during this time. Everyone is invited to join! Contact Lion Deb VanTol for registration details.

11 D2



DG Sami Makhoul
 HURON • LAPEER • SANILAC • ST. CLAIR
www.11-d2lions.org



Things are changing at Bear Lake Camp. They have received a building grant from LCIF to add onto the dining facility, replace the roofs with metal, and replace the air exchanger in the main dining facility. This is your donation to LCIF in action! What a great opportunity to enhance an already great Lions facility. Out with the old and in with the new!



Unionville Sebawaing area Lions Club held their 1st very successful Blood Drive on July 7th with Versiti - (formerly Michigan Blood). Twenty five donors attended which means that the products collected will help save 72 lives in the Community.

Marysville Lions Club awarded \$1000 scholarships to two Marysville High School graduates who will be attending St. Clair County Community College this fall. Scholarships were based on community service as well as academic achievement. Congratulations Emma Parker and Sydney Anger!



Memphis and Metamora Lions donated to the central Michigan flood victims in Sanford. Members made personal donations along with the club donation, and worked with other community organizations and businesses with donations and funding. Together, they helped assist the many in need due to the devastating flooding that occurred in the spring.

Metamora Lions/ Lioness Lions Club received playground equipment from the Lapeer School district. Play structure pieces were made available and Lions picked them up and put them to good use. They have been replacing outdated, worn equipment in their community park as a service project, renewing the existing playground.



Metamora Lioness/ Lions Club held a free-will breakfast for the community in June. This drive-through breakfast event was so successful they are planning to hold another one soon. Offering creative ways to continue serving – proving community and Lions go together like bacon and eggs!

CLUB

Happenings:



District D1 • District Editor: Phyllis Pross
 2065 Rich Rd., Mayville, MI 48744
pdpross@charter.net

Auburn Lions Club held an Auto and Motorcycle Show

District D1 distributed over 1,800 pairs of socks donated during the Michigan Forum, held in February at the Flint Holidays Inn Gateway Center. Recipients of your generous donations were: Bay Women's Shelter, Salvation Army, Special Olympics, Good Samaritan Rescue Mission and Grace Your Closet.

Campaign 100 has been extended for another year. LCIF has supported our district and state in many ways through both Covid-19 and Flood Relief donations. PDG Bob Sturgis is willing to meet with clubs to provide further information on Campaign 100. pdgsturgis@aol.com

Great Lakes Bay Area Sports Lions Club will hold a Charity Golf Tournament on August 29 at Twin Oaks Golf Club in

Freeland. Support this new club by becoming a sponsor or entering the event as a team. Contact gblasionsclub@gmail.com

District D2 • District Editor: Bruce Bronson
 10898 Smiths Creek Rd, Riley, MI 48041
bebronson@frontier.com

The D2 Community Diabetes Center was stalled due to restrictions placed upon construction companies, but they fully mobilized once again. Walls have been primed and painted, countertops have been installed, and flooring is going in. The plumber and electrician are standing by ready to finish their work. Computers and other technology will be configured and connected to the internet; furniture and

kitchen cabinets have been ordered. While the renovation is nearing completion, the Community Health Fitness Committee and the Croswell Lions have been creating a worker's policy handbook and several forms that will provide data for fulfilling our target goals as described in the LCIF Grant Application. This has been a very tedious process, but one that was very necessary in order for the center to operate in an

efficient and professional manner. Save the date of Sunday, August 23, for the 15th Annual Lions Bear Lake Camp Golf Classic! www.bearlakecamp.org for complete registration information.



11 E1



DG Bill Koch
 BENZIE • CLARE • GRAND TRAVERSE • ISABELLA
 LAKE • LEELANAU • MANISTEE • MASON • MECOSTA
 MIDLAND • MISSAUKEE • MONTCALM
 NEWAYGO • OCEANA • OSCEOLA • WEXFORD
www.millions11e1.org



Harrison Lions Nancy Blakemore & Teri Clark baked bread, cookies, and pastries to sell at 20 Lakes Antique Engine vendor sale in July. Proceeds from the sale of baked goods will help with expenses for the next Lions District 11 E-1 eye glass mission trip. Harrison Lions also finished up an Onion fundraiser, with proceeds donated to the local community library.



Midland Lions Announce Roger Maier Scholarship Winner, Jesse Birsching.

"You have helped to give me the opportunity to serve so many people with vision needs, and I have had the experience of working with so many grateful visually impaired patients. You have helped me to help them. For that I am very thankful." –Scholarship recipient Jesse Birsching



Midland Lions received a \$10,000 grant from LCIF to assist with flooding recovery in the Village of Sanford. The supplies focused on First Aid Kits, Band-Aids, PPEs, work gloves, solutions for mold and odor control, duct tape, plastic ware, etc. Supplies were purchased from local business ACE Hardware.

White Cloud Lions -International President Dr. Jung-Yul Choi sent a personal letter to PCC Janalee McClure honoring her with the Senior Master Key & Medallion for sponsoring 25 Lions during her Lion career. The award was the first one ever received by any member of the White Cloud Lions Club and all members present helped her celebrate the honor. White Cloud Lions will be celebrating 50 years of Lionism on October 24, 2020 with a party to end all parties – watch for details!

11 E2



DG Rod Leathers
 ALCONA • ALPENA • ANTRIM • ARENAC • CHARLEVOIX
 CHEBOYGAN • CRAWFORD EMMET • GLADWIN • IOSCO
 KALKASKA • MONTMORENCY • OGEMAW • OSCODA
 OTSEGO • PRESQUE ISLE • ROSCOMMON
www.e-district.org/sites/11e2

Boyne Valley Lions held a picnic and meeting in Veterans Park recently to install the new 2020-2021 officers. BVLC followed social distance guidelines during this annual event to show appreciation for the outgoing officers and congratulate the new.



DGE Rod Leathers installs new BV Lions President James Richman.

Central Lake Lions / Lioness: Central Lake Lions Club welcomed new Lion-Brian Graff. Brian and his wife Susan have recently retired and are now happy to be full time residents of Central Lake. Brian is already active in the outdoor activities the club is able to do and is looking forward to serving the community through Lions Club.



New member Becca Jordan, inducted by Past District Governor Gordon Harris and sponsored by Malcom Shore. Lion Becca's experience working with nonprofit organizations will be a great asset to the club.



PDG Gordon Harris installed the 2020-2021 Central Lake Lions Club officers at the Thurston Park pavilion

Governor Rod Leathers is raising money for Central Lake Lions Club Charities to support pediatric cancer programs. Donate to the cause and watch live via Facebook or Zoom video conference to watch it all come off – hair, beard and mustache! The goal is to raise money to send a child to Camp Quality Michigan, a camp for children and their families battling cancer. Additional funds will be donated to Maggie's Wigs for Kids and Kids Kicking Cancer programs. Check it out at LionsDistrict11E2.org.

1st Cabinet meeting will be August 15th at 10:00 am at the St. John Lutheran Church, 710 Spruce St., Grayling, and also available to join through Zoom. Zone Chair training will be held at 9:00 am prior to the cabinet meeting. In addition to the District Cabinet, District Committee Chairs, Club Presidents and Secretaries, all Lions are welcome to attend.



Petoskey Lions Club member, Lion D. Carlson, awarded a scholarship to recent Petoskey High School Grad Tiffany Fettig.

East Jordan Lions provide wood to Tourist Park during the summer months. They cut and split 3 truckloads of it. They bundle it so campers can enjoy campfires at night.



Oscoda Lions masked up, installed officers and recognized members with certificates at an outdoor Installation and Awards Ceremony. The John S. Noel Fellowship was awarded to Lion Robert Tasior; Lion of the Year, Lion McCaffrey, and Ken E. Lautzenheiser Fellowship was awarded to VDG Bill Gaines.



Pictured: Bill Chase, Denny Gocha, Mike Crick, Don Folsom, Adam St. Onge and Bob Noll

CLUB

Happenings:



District E1 • District Editor: Mike and Tina Hoy
 413 Cherry St, Midland, MI 48640
hoym@charter.net

District Eyeglass Mission Trip Update: The coronavirus still has a hold on our activities. We are still looking for volunteers to go with us to Costa Rica next spring. I hope to go to Harrison in a couple of weeks so that our Team can work on more glasses. Contact PDG Harry Johnson for more information: 231-745-4524

Used Hearing Aid Donations: We accept used hearing aids

of any age or condition. All used hearing aids are recycled with one of the hearing aid manufactures. Lions of Michigan Foundation is given credit to be used toward the purchase of new hearing aids. Most Clubs collect hearing aids along with glasses. If you have hearing aids for recycling give them to our Foundation Reps. Lions Pete or Pam, your zone chairs, or Lion Peggy Frank at 616 217-6840 for pick-up.

Congratulations **COLEMAN LIONS CLUB** on your 80-year Anniversary Milestone!

Congratulations **FREMONT LIONS CLUB** on your 60-year Anniversary Milestone!

District E2 • District Editor: David Zimmer
 PO Box 384, Petoskey, MI 49770
dlzim47@gmail.com

Boyne Valley Lions held a picnic and meeting in Veterans Park recently to install the new 2020-2021 officers. BVLC followed social distance guidelines during this annual event to show appreciation for the outgoing officers and congratulate the new.

East Jordan Lions Club cleaned up a 2-mile section of M-66.

Central Lake Lions/Lioness held their installation of new officers with assistance from PDG Gordon Harris. New members were also installed during the event.

A \$500 donation was made to Eversight in memory of Lion Jim Burns. Four Lions donated their time to do spring yard cleanup for a sight impaired member of the community.

GOLF FOR GOOD!

The Eversight 2020 Vision Classic

Golf anywhere, anytime—and support the gift of sight!
August 18–September 8

All ages and skill levels | Foursomes or on your own

The Eversight/Ann Arbor Host Lions Club's long-standing annual golf classic goes national to raise awareness and charitable support for sight-saving transplants and vision research.

- 1. Register by July 27 to receive your welcome package** including instructions, scorecard, golf ball sleeve and exclusive Eversight 2020 gear. Registration is \$50 donation per golfer to benefit Eversight charitable programs and vision research.
- 2. Golf anywhere, anytime between Aug. 18–Sept. 8** and email a photo of your scorecard to philanthropy@eversightvision.org. Golfers are responsible for green fees at their course of choice.
- 3. Log on to the live online awards ceremony Sept. 8** as we honor our partners and announce top scores and Best Dressed Team contest winners for exclusive Eversight gear.

For competitive golfers

Register and golf as a foursome. Foursome golfers do not have to golf at the same time or even the same course.

For non-competitive golfers

Golf at any course, individually or as a foursome.

For everyone—non-golfers, too!

Bid to win during the Golf for Good! Online Silent Auction Sept. 1-8 to support Eversight charitable programs. Or, support Eversight with your tax-deductible gift.

For Lions!

Consider sponsoring a Leo golfer! Or, support the gift of sight through a sponsorship. Sponsorship at the Visionary and Gift of Sight levels covers Eversight's costs providing a donated cornea for sight-saving surgery.

Learn more and register today! Visit EversightGolf.givesmart.com, email philanthropy@eversightvision.org or contact Amanda Frederick at (800) 248-7250 ext. 2616.