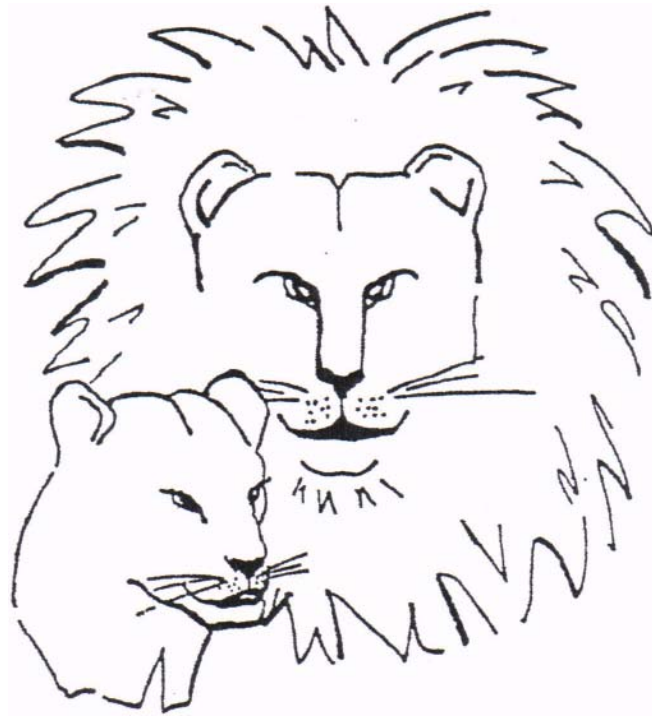


PRIDE OF THE NORTH DISTRICT 11E-2

YOU AND THE DISTRICT !



YOU ARE THE DISTRICT !

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PROUD TO BE A LION!

Lions across Northern Michigan's Lower Peninsula are very proud of the role their local club plays in the local community. Each club is unique and has filled a particular niche in that community. In many cases it is the Lions club that is the glue that bonds the community together.

Lions clubs have built walking trails, pavilions, sports and park facilities, and many other tangible items. They have assisted police and fire departments by purchasing needed equipment. Clubs sponsor community events such as Special Olympics, Christmas parties, Halloween parties, and blood banks. Many clubs purchase eyeglasses for students and needy citizens. Used eyeglasses and hearing aids are collected and recycled. Other activities include sponsoring diabetes clinics, vision screenings, food assistance programs, and senior citizen programs.

Local Lions clubs assist youth in many ways. Each year we have several students participate in the World-renowned Lions of Michigan All Stats Band. Clubs send students to the World Affairs Seminar in Whitewater, Wisconsin. Thousands of dollars in student scholarships are awarded. In addition, clubs sponsor students to Boys State and Girls State leadership programs. Some clubs sponsor a Leo club. Others help fund training for teachers in the Lions Quest program, a Lions Youth Outreach project.

Northern Michigan Lions help to support our state projects such as Welcome Home for the Blind, Leader Dogs for the Blind, Michigan Eye-Bank, and the Lions of Michigan Service Foundation. Many help support our District HE-2 projects. Recently Rear Lake Camp became a state project. -

Many district clubs make additional contributions to the Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF). A Melvin Jones Fellow can be named for each \$1,000 contributed. LCIF distributes grants to support many vision related projects all over the World. These may include cataract surgeries, glaucoma tests and treatment, and vision tests and eyeglass fitting. Michigan presently has received a 3200,000.00 grant to support Lions Quest training for teachers. LCI? Also sent \$10,000 to help with the Comins, Michigan tornado disaster relief.

District HE-2 Lions are involved in many environmental projects such as Adopt-A-Highway, park and river cleanups, and planting projects. Numerous other projects abound. All in all, Lions make a big positive impact on our communities, and we should be PROUD TO BE A LION!

DISTRICT II -E-2
LION of MICHIGAN

YOUR SECOND CLUB!

All Lions in our 17 counties belong to a second club! Many are not aware of this and the reasons are numerous. Please read on and find out more about this club that is called District 11-E2. Remember YOU joined The International Association of Lions Clubs, not just your local club. Over 1,300,000 Lions comprise International. The district is made up of over 1,350 Lions just like you and others in your local club. YOU ARE THE DISTRICT 1

Why do we need a district organization? What does the district do for me? Our club can get along on its own! Such comments are often heard when the district is mentioned. Please read on to find some answers.

The International Association of Lions Clubs is the largest service organization in the World. It deals directly with clubs in some ways, but in many cases it is too remote to supply the complete needs of the local club. That is where Multiple Districts and Sub-Districts come in. As you read on you will get a better picture as to why the district is important to you, as an individual Lion.

MICHIGAN

Michigan is unique in that it is the only state that is not all one Multiple District. The Upper Peninsula of Michigan is Single District 10. Prior to 2001 it was divided into two sub districts. The Lower Peninsula is District 11 and divided into ten sub districts. Our district, District 11-E2 is the largest geographically covering almost 23% of the Lower Peninsula. The U.P. has a lower district number, as it is older. Marquette was the first club chartered in the state.

There was talk in 2000 - 2001 about making Michigan one Multiple District. However, this movement has not progressed since. It still could be a future possibility.

DISTRICT 11-E2

District 11-E2 is very large covering 17 counties and 9,241 square miles in the northern part of Michigan's Lower Peninsula. The district is as large as the entire state of Vermont or New Hampshire Presently the district is divided into three regions with each having two zones. Please refer to the additional data that has been supplied. It will help you understand just where your local club fits in.

WHAT DISTRICTS DO

Here are just some of the important things that Lions districts do for you and your local club.

1. Districts assist Lions International in collecting membership reports and funds owed to International.
2. Districts assist Lions International in seeing that local clubs operate within the scope of the constitution and structure of Lionism. This includes maintaining separate project and administrative accounts.
3. Districts provide training to clubs for presidents, secretaries, treasurers, and other officers. A major training session is held district wide each year. Region and zone chairpersons also provide training at their meetings. When club presidents and secretaries take their oath, they promise to accept all the responsibilities of the office and carry them out to the best of their ability. One of the responsibilities is that THE PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY WILL ATTEND ALL ZONE MEETINGS or provides someone in their place. There are up to three zone meetings per year and they are with neighboring clubs. Therefore, travel time is not great.
4. Districts provide a leadership team to assist local clubs and conduct district business. This includes a governor, vice-governor, secretary/treasurer, region, and zone chairpersons. These are known as the district cabinet, and they are the legislative body of the district. All district officers are members of local Lions clubs like yours.

5. The district has numerous standing committees many of which are part of state committees. Again, ALL committee chairs and members are local Lions from local clubs just like yours. Here are some of the committees that exist to serve you and your club. (*) Denotes those that operate at the state level,

* All State Band	*Sight Conservation
* Bear Lake	*Strategic Planning
*Constitution, By Laws & Rules	*USA/Canada Forum
*District Editor	*Welcome Homes
*District Governors	*White Cane
Advisory	*Youth Exchange
*Extension(new clubs)	*Lions of Michigan Foundation
*Hearing(and Speech)	Budget & Finance
*Information Technology	Credentials
*International Convention	Diabetes & Medical Assistance
*Leader Dog	District Convention
*Leadership Development	District Melvin Jones
*Leadership Institute	Peace Poster
*Leo	Elections
*Liaison	Nominations
*Lions Quest	Environmental
*MD11 Convention	District Pin & Insignia
*Membership	Honorary Committee
*Michigan Eye	Lioness Liaison
Bank	Lions Clubs International
*Michigan Forum	Foundation (LCIF)
*Public	District Raffle
Relations	Sergeant at Arms
*Publications Advisory	
*Retention	

All of these committees are actively working on your behalf to accomplish the work of Lions International, Lions of Michigan, and District 11-E2, Each governor publishes an updated district directory which contains the names and addresses of all those who serve the district. Each club president and secretary receives a district directory. Most of the committee chairs are prepared to offer programs to your local club upon request. Each year district committee members travel thousands of miles to do the work of Lionism on your behalf. This is all at their own expense.

The district hosts a district convention in April of each year. It is sponsored by and hosted by a Lions club or clubs just like yours. The sponsoring club arranges for the facilities, meals, and special events. The district arranges the program that usually features a special guest from Lions International. Forums showcase state projects and committees. This is our DISTRICT FAMILY REUNION and there are many social functions. There are hospitality rooms, raffles, and a semi-formal banquet. Local Lions clubs present bids to host the district convention three years in advance. The cabinet selects the locations and sponsors. District officers are elected at the convention.

7. The district hosts four district cabinet meetings each year. These are usually at a central location near the 1-75 expressway. Meetings are held in July, October, January, and April. The April meeting is in conjunction with the district convention. Cabinet meetings are opportunities to get updated on district business and affairs. Committee chairs and cabinet officers report on their areas of responsibility.
8. The district organizes new Lions clubs. This is the job of the Extension Committee. In fact, your club would not exist if it hadn't been for district help. Extension helps the sponsoring Lions club and designates a Guiding Lion who has the experience and background to help the new club get organized and chartered.
9. The district has a district editor who receives information and produces articles for the Lions Pride state magazine. The editor is a volunteer from one of our district Lions clubs.
10. The district can offer help to local Lions clubs who are having trouble and in danger of going out of existence. The governor will assign a Rebuilding Lion who will work with the club to build it up and make it viable again. Presently we have some clubs receiving this assistance. The Rebuilding Lion is usually a past district governor or Lion with years of experience. It should be noted, however, that a club is like a person. You can not be helped until two things occur. First you must admit that you have a problem. Second you must be willing to accept help.
11. The district can respond to crisis and emergency far beyond what your local club can do. It is the old principle, "In unity there is strength!" On July 3, 1999 a tornado devastated the village of Comins in Oscoda County. The district Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) Chairman applied to LCIF and received a \$10,000 relief grant from LCIF. The district also applied for and received an additional \$3,000 grant from the Lions of Michigan Service Foundation. Then the cabinet (Region and Zone Chairpersons) used our structure to contact all of our local clubs within the district to get over \$7,000 more in relief funds. All total over \$20,000 was pumped into the disaster fund to help Comins rebound from this tragedy. This would not have been accomplished without the DISTRICT. No local club could respond in this way I
12. It is the Lions Districts in Michigan that allow us to all work together to maintain our state projects and district projects.
 - Leader Dogs for the Blind
 - Welcome Home for the Blind
 - Michigan Eye Bank
 - and Transplant Center
 - Lions of Michigan Service Foundation
 - Lions Bear Lake Camp

The agencies themselves could not possibly afford to hire staff to cover the entire state to carry on informational and fund raising programs. Therefore, each district has a chairperson and committee to work with local clubs and foster support. All of these Lions are local Lions from local clubs like yours, and of course they volunteer at their own expense. All are willing to visit your club and to put on programs.

13. Districts provide a way to help achieve balance throughout the

state. Our district governor represents us on the Michigan Council of Governors. This guarantees that our ideas and feelings are heard and that state policy is carried out in a democratic fashion.

14. Every club has Lions with leadership ability, ambition, and talent. The district structure allows local Lions TO SERVE beyond the local club. This can be a very rich experience for both the individual and the club. Broadening contacts through the districts helps clubs share ideas, work together on important projects, learn about better ways to raise funds, and extend our fellowship beyond the local club. As members of Lions Clubs International we share a common vision and purpose. By working together at the district level, our commitment grows and Lionism flourishes.

NOTE: As we begin the new century we see a few strong clubs in District 11-E2 that have little connection to the district other than a visit from the governor, region chair, or zone chair. However, when you look at the clubs that are struggling to exist, nearly all have one thing in common... they do not willingly participate in zone meetings or district affairs. Lions International developed a structural system that is based on the premise "We all should work together 1" It is the way to keep us (all local clubs) strong, and it is the way for us to accomplish more. The motto of a recent International President says it all, "WE SERVE BETTER TOGETHER!"

SUCCESS

All clubs have their ups and downs, but those that remain strong over long periods of time usually exhibit most of the following characteristics:

1. The club meets frequently...usually one board meeting and two general meetings per month.
2. The club has a regular place to meet that has facilities to meet the needs of the club including membership growth.
3. The club has regular programs at regular meetings so they are interesting and informative. Business is mostly reserved for board of directors meetings.
4. The club is active all year with service projects and fund raisers.
5. The club has a public relations program and actively recruits new members.
6. Some club members extend their view of community beyond the local service area to the zone, district, or state levels of Lionism.
7. There is an emphasis on SERVICE and a broad sense of fellowship throughout the club. Cliques do not dominate club activities.
8. Communications are strong between club officers and members. The club communicates with the district and other clubs.

DISTRICT 11E-2
 LIONS OF MICHIGAN
District Demographics

The State of Michigan contains 56,809 square miles according to Rand McNally. District 10 or the Upper Peninsula of Michigan contains 16,421 square miles, and Multiple district 11 or the Lower Peninsula of Michigan contains 40, 388 square miles.

District 11E-2 is made up of 17 counties that contain a total of 9,241 square miles. This is equal to 16.28% of the entire State or about 23% of the lower peninsula (Multiple District 11).

The following list of counties in alphabetical order presents data that was acquired from the Michigan united Conservation Clubs county Map Guide. (Lioness) (Leo) after a club's name indicates that the club sponsors such a club.

County Name	Data	Lions Clubs
ALCONA	674.5 square miles Population: 10,145 Population per square Mile = 15	Glennie (Lioness) Harrisville Hubbard Lake Lincoln
ALPENA	574.2 square miles Population: 30,605 Population per sq. mile= 53.3	Alpena Alpena Evening
ANTRIM	476.9 square miles Population: 18,185 Population per square Mile = 38.1	Bellaire (Lioness) Central Lake (Lioness) Elk Rapids Ellsworth (Lioness)
ARENAC	366.9 square miles Population: 14,931 Population per sq. mile = 40.7	Auges (Lioness) Standish
CHARLEVOIX	416.9 square miles Population: 21,468 Population per sq. mile = 51.5	Boyne Valley Charlevoix East Jordan (Lioness)
CHEBOYGAN	715.6 square miles Population: 21,398 Population per sq. mile = 29.9	Cheboygan (Lioness) Indian River (Leo) Mackinaw City (1/2) Wolverine

COUNTY NAME	DATA	LIONS CLUBS
CRAWFORD	558.2 square mile Population: 12,260 Population per sq. mile= 22	Grayling (Lioness)(Leo)
EMMET	468 square mile Population: 25,040 Population per sq. mile= 53.5	Mackinaw City (1/2_ Petoskey
Gladwin	506.8 square mile Population: 21,896 Population per sq. mile= 43.2	Beaverton
IOSCO	549.1 square mile Population: 30,209 Population per sq. mile= 55	Hale Oscoda (Lioness) (Whittemore)
KALKASKA	561 square mile Population: 13,497 Population per sq. mile= 24.1	Kalkaska
MONTMORENCY	547.6 square mile Population: 8,936 Population per square. Mile = 16.3	Atlanta Hillman Lewiston Lewiston Lioness/Lions
OGEMAW	564.4 square mile Population: 18,681 Population per sq. mile= 33.1	Prescott-Skidway Lake Rose City West Branch
OSCODA	565 square mile Population: 7,842 Population per sq. mile= 13.9	Fairview-Comins Mio
OTSEGO	514.6 square mile Population: 17,957 Population per sq. mile= 34.9	Gaylord
ROSCOMMON	521.4 square mile Population: 19,776 Population per sq. mile= 37.9	Houghton Lake (Lioness) Roscommon/Higgins Lake
PRESQUE ISLE	660.1 square mile Population: 13,743 Population per sq. mile= 20.8	Rogers City

District 11E-2
Lions Of Michigan
Regions and Zones Adopted February 3, 2007
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REGION 1

Zone 1	Zone 2
Boyne valley	Bellaire
Charlevoix	Central LAKE
Cheboygan	East Jordan
Mackinaw City	Elk Rapids
Petoskey	Ellsworth
	Kalkaska

REGION 11

Zone 1	Zone 2
Atlanta	Alpena
Gaylord	Alpena Evening
Hillman	Glennie
Indian River	Harrisville
Lewiston	Hubbard Lake
Lewiston Lioness/Lions	Lincoln
Wolverine	Rogers City

REGION 111

Zone 1	Zone2
Beaverton	AuGues
Grayling	Fairview-Comins
Houghton Lake	Hale
Mio	Oscoda
Roscommon/Higgins Lake	Prescott/Skidway
Rose City	Standish
West Branch	Tawas Area

MULTIPLE DISTRICT 11 (STATE PROJECTS)

District 11E-2 helps to coordinate local club support of five state projects. Each project is briefly described below.



Leader Dogs for the Blind was founded in 1939 by three Detroit members of Lions Clubs International. The school was located in Rochester, Michigan and remains there today. Leader Dogs provide blind individuals with companion dogs free of charges. The cost of training the dog and blind student is nearly \$30,000. Leader Dogs for the blind services about 300 persons annually. www.leaderdog.org



Lions of Michigan Service Foundation

The Foundation is a non-profit and tax exempt 501 (c) 3 charitable organization established to help meet unmet human needs in the State of Michigan. Each district elects two trustees to serve on the Foundations Board of trustees. The Lions of Michigan Foundation is a PARTNER IN SERVICE to support the work of the local clubs. The Lions of Michigan Foundation funds grants for medical purposes, disaster relief, and special projects. All grants are made through local Lions Clubs like yours. www.lmsf.net/



The Michigan Eye Bank is a State Project of the Michigan Lions and also receives support from other organizations, individuals, and memorial gifts. The Eye bank has grown since it's founding by the Lions Of Michigan. They now are known as the MIDWEST EYE BANKS. The MidWest Eye Banks include Michigan, New Jersey, Illinois. The Headquarters is Located in Ann Arbor, Michigan. The Eye Bank prepares donor eyes for corneal transplants and other uses. Each in over 1,600 Michigan residents get the gift of sight by receiving successful corneal transplants. www.midwesteyebanks.org/



WELCOME HOMES-Residential Services for the Visually Impaired operated up until recently as a single facility in Grand Rapids, Michigan. The program has now branched out to serve the blind and extreme visually impaired in multiple facilities. The new model allows Lions to reach far more people and at a much lower cost per person per year. In just a few short years services have been expanded from serving 27 residents to over 80. Welcome Homes stresses that change was coming and the new model has the same mission. The Lions of Michigan should be proud of the service they provided in the past and the expanding service being provided now. www.welcomehomesmichigan.org/



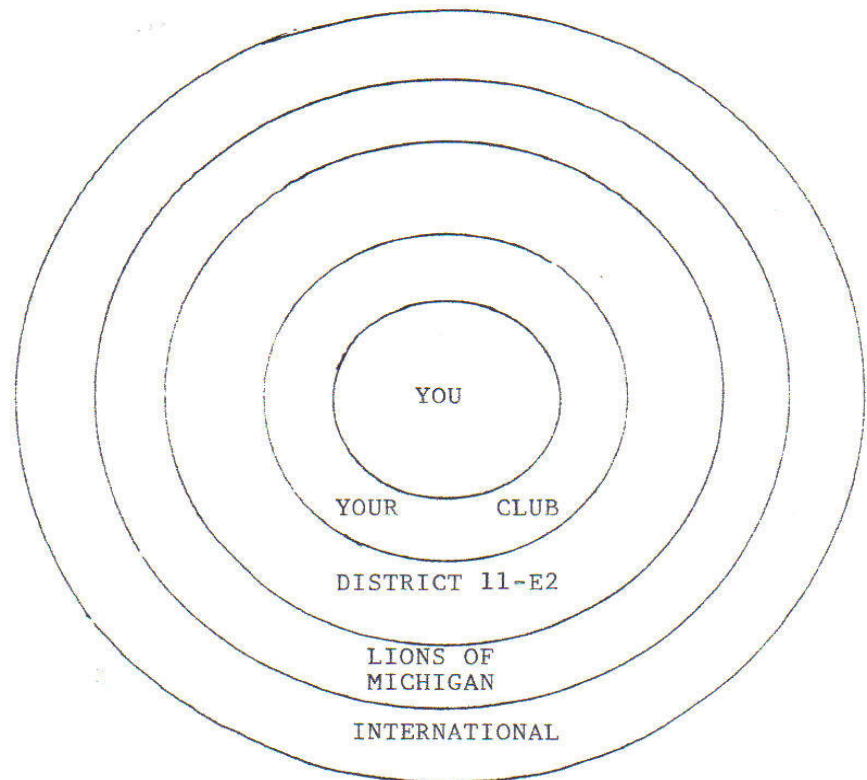
LIONS BEAR LAKE CAMP is owned and operated by Lions Visually Impaired Youth Camp, Inc, a non-profit 501c3 charitable organization. Lions Bear Lake Camp is a state project of the Lions of Michigan. Bear Lake Camp has been serving visually impaired youth for over 20 years. It is located a short distance north of Lapeer, Michigan. There are camping sessions for first time visually impaired youngsters and sessions that are more advanced. Programs are also provided for the hearing impaired youngsters and there is a special for those suffering from arthritis. Family camps and other specialty camps are held at Bear Lake. There is also a youth leadership program. www.bearlakecamp.org/



THE STRUCTURE OF LIONISM

When you joined your Lions club, you also joined...

- District 11E-2
- Multiple District 11 (Lower Peninsula)
- International Associations of Lions Clubs
- The Greatest Service Organization In The World!



MAKE LIONISM A LIVING FORCE FOR A BETTER COMMUNITY!

- ... THE LOCAL COMMUNITY
- ... THE MICHIGAN COMMUNITY
- ... THE WORLD COMMUNITY

