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B2 Beacon

Lions of District 11-B2

"Lean on a Lion"

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March 2020 News



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Dear Lions,

The quote "May you live in interesting times" is actually a Chinese curse. It means it is better to live in uninteresting times. Recently we have not been so blessed! During times of trouble and angst, we can take solace by turning to humor to lighten the darkness. We face a fearful and unprecedented health concern. It is imperative we remain courageous! I have read that those that have been refined and hardened by the fire of hard times have come out of the furnace better than when they entered. It is said that that they have a renewed strength having walked through the fire and now are as hardened steel. We cannot let fear of the unknown paralyze us. We should not be naïve. We must maintain communication. Share ideas. Be prepared. Know we are not alone. In other words, we must now adapt to doing our mission of service in new ways. As Lions, we are a type of first responder. We embrace the axiom- "Where there is a need there is a Lion". Not one of us has faced this type of challenge in our collective lifetimes. Lions must learn new ways to serve without jeopardizing our personal health. We cannot serve others if we cannot serve. The discussion about how we serve in this current environment is just beginning. The needs will soon become evident. Our plans to meet those needs safely will soon be developed. Stay the course. Be confident we can make a difference. In closing, I would like to share with you a quote from an unlikely source- the late Jimmy Dean- yes the Pork Sausage King! Jimmy is quoted as saying "I can't change the direction of the wind, but I can adjust my sails to always reach my destination". Words to live and serve by.

Sharing in Service,

Lion John Postelli

MD 11 B2 District Governor



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Notice of Rescheduled 2020 District Convention

Dear Lions of 11B2:

Due to the pending health crisis, 11 B2 will be holding a "Limited Virtual District Convention" this year. The procedure set forth herein is in compliance with Legal Memorandum of the Lions Club International Senior Corporate Legal Counsel for conducting an Alternate District Convention. Here is what we will be doing:

1. Voting will be conducted electronically;
2. On or before **Thursday, April 30, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. EST**, the Club President or Secretary shall send to the District Governor a list names and email addresses for those Lions from their Club that will serve as Delegates so they can be registered to cast an electronic vote.
3. Any outstanding dues must be paid on or before **Thursday, April 30, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. EST**;
4. Voting will begin on **Sunday, May 17, 2020 at 8:00 a.m. EST** and will continue until **Sunday, May 24, 2020 at 12:00 p.m. EST**. All ballots must be cast by electronic vote by each qualified delegate by the deadline in order to be valid;
5. Voting will be done through the internet electronic voting service "electionrunner.com".
An instruction sheet for Voting will be provided to the Delegates;
6. This Notice when sent to the Clubs will include copies of the proposed Minutes of the March 22-23, 2019 District Convention, the Treasurer's Fund Balance – Expense/Income Reports, the Proposed Bylaw Amendments, and a copy of the Ballot for approving the reports, amendments and for the election of the District Governor and First Vice District Governor for 2020-2021. All Bylaw Amendments on the Ballot were properly noticed. Copies of this Notice and the supporting documents are being served by email mail to all Club Presidents or Secretaries at the last known email address listed with the District. The District Governor will serve the Clubs with the Notice and prepare a Proof of Service evidencing service. This Notice with Supporting Documents as well as the election results shall be maintained by the Cabinet Secretary as the Minutes of the 2020 District Convention and shall be reported to Lions Clubs International as required.

7. The Nominating/Election Committee which was established in compliance with the District's Bylaws consists of Past District Treasurer Lion Dale Kreitner, the Chairman from the Coloma Lions Club, Past District Governor Barb Penny from the Three Rivers Lions Club and Past District Zone Chair Lion Kenneth Mais from the Edwardsburg Lions Club;

8. The Nominating/Election Committee have verified and certified the following individual Lions as qualified to stand for election to the listed offices: First Vice District Governor Lion Julie Mayuiers of the Three Rivers Lions Club for the Office of District Governor and Second Vice District Governor Karol Chopp of the Mattawan Lions Club for the Office of First Vice District Governor. No Lion submitted a nomination for the Office of Second Vice District Governor. Any qualified Lion desiring to serve as Second Vice District Governor may communicate their interest in serving to First Vice District Governor Lion Julie Mayuiers at jumayuiers@gmail.com;

9. A Credentials Committee is hereby established. The Credentials Committee is made up of Past District Governor Lion Al Vredberg of the Benton Harbor Fairplain Lions Club, Past Council Chair Lion Don Brown from the Paw Paw Lions Club and Council Chair Elect Lion Jeff Mayuiers from the Three Rivers Lions Club. The Credentials Committee has approved the form and content of the ballot. The Credentials Committee shall resolve all questions concerning the form and content of the Official Ballot. The Club Delegate Eligibility List as certified by Lions clubs International will be sent to the Clubs. All Clubs must have any outstanding dues paid by the April 30, 2020 deadline in order to have their delegates vote. The Credentials Committee shall ensure that only those Lions eligible to serve as delegates are certified as Delegates.

10. The votes cast by the Delegates at "electionrunner.com" by the deadline set herein shall be certified by the Nomination/Elections Committee and the results announced to the Clubs as soon as reasonably possible following certification of the election results. The candidates standing for office have waived the requirement to have a candidate appointed observer.

Questions regarding the content of this Notice may be directed to my attention at john@postellilaw.com.


Respectfully submitted,

/S/ Lion John Postelli

11 B2 District Governor



Election Ballot



OFFICIAL BALLOT
District 11B2


for the office of
District Governor

1VDG Julie Mayuiers ☐

No endorsement ☐

Check one box only

Election: 5/17-24/2020



OFFICIAL BALLOT
District 11B2


for the office of
1st Vice District Governor

2nd VDG Karol Chopp ☐

No endorsement ☐

Check one box only

Election: 5/17-24/2020




OFFICIAL BALLOT
District 11B2
Constitution & By Laws

Proposal to amend District 11-B2 By-Laws, Article VII, Sections 1, 2 & 3

Yes ☐

No ☐

Election: 5/17-24/2020




OFFICIAL BALLOT
District 11B2
Constitution & By Laws

Proposal to amend the District 11B2 Constitution & By-Laws Article VIII, District Administration Fund, Sections 1, 3 & 7

Yes ☐

No ☐

Election: 5/17-24/2020




OFFICIAL BALLOT
District 11B2
Business Meeting Minutes

Business Meeting District Convention on March 23, 2019

Yes ☐

No ☐

Election: 5/17-24/2020



OFFICIAL BALLOT
District 11B2
Treasurer's Report

Fund Balance, Expense and Income Reports

Yes ☐

No ☐

Election: 5/17-24/2020



For Sale by the District



We had built about a dozen of these stands to hold our banners for our District Convention before it was cancelled. They break down to 5' (the length of a banner) and all pieces come apart for easy storage. We are offering them to the clubs for \$20 each. They are first come first serve. Please contact Lion Jeff Mayuiers if your club would like to purchase one. 269-254-1936. Thanks



Lions Clubs International

Dear Lion,

The Board of Directors has voted to cancel the 2020 Lions International Convention due to concerns about the coronavirus (COVID-19). This means that the next International Convention will be held in 2021 in Montreal, Canada.

After evaluating a variety of different options including moving the convention to a different venue or postponing the convention to a later date, the Board of Directors voted to cancel the 2020 convention. This decision was made with the health and safety of our Lions, staff and vendors in mind.

Canceling the International Convention for 2020 impacts international officer continuity and candidate elections. After review of the International Constitution and By-Laws, this impact is outlined below:

- Executive officers and international directors will continue in their respective positions until the 2021 convention in Montreal. All candidate elections for these positions shall comply with the provisions of the International Constitution and By-Laws for election at the convention in Montreal.
- An international director from the areas of Africa and Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Indonesia and the Islands of the South Pacific is permitted only in even-numbered years. As a result, no director from Africa or Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Indonesia and the Islands of the South Pacific would be eligible for election until the 2022 convention.
- Barring any district election complaints, district governors, first vice district governors and second vice district governors elected during a convention of their respective districts will be accepted by Lions International. The International Board of Directors intends to authorize commencement of the DG terms beginning July 1, 2020.

We are disappointed that we will not be able to move forward with this international event, but we are optimistic that with each new day there is hope, and as Lions we will continue to find new ways to put our kindness in action while safely serving our communities.

Regards,

Dr. Jung-Yul Choi
International President

VDGE Julie Mayuiers

Lions,

I want to start-off by wishing you all good health as we all face this challenging time in our lives that we have never faced before. Next, thank you for all that you do every day as Lions. I know your hearts are as big as mine when we speak about Lions and all the great things we do. You are all amazing and I am so happy to be a part of District 11-B2!

I am saddened to learn that our International Convention has been cancelled but I completely understand and agree with LCI. I look forward to what ideas LCI may have or offer to each Constitutional Area as to how to hold the official ribbon pulling for the incoming District Governors.

I know there has been a lot of talk about elections with our District Convention being cancelled but there is one area that I want to address that we cannot cover well enough and that is club elections. These still need to take place in the same timely manner as it has in past years.

Clubs should still be announcing their slate of officers 3 times to the entire club and then voting at the 3rd time announced. I encourage clubs when looking at filling officers to consider members that have not previously held the same office. If you have held an office for more than a couple of years you should be looking at other members in your club and **encouraging** them to run for an office and offer to **mentor** them. This is the only way we will give new Lions the chance to step up.

Elections need to take place before the deadline of May 15th which is when clubs need to report the information to LCI. Even if your officers have remained the same they still need to be reported to LCI. I've included the form for each club to return to me for the Roster Book for 2020 -2021. I also need this information as soon as possible. Every year the District Governor receives calls and emails after the books are printed and distributed that someone's information is incorrect. If the information is not reported then we have no idea that it is incorrect. If I don't receive the information for the Roster Book by May 30th, I have no choice but to list your club without any officers or contact information. If you have any questions on any of this please don't hesitate to contact me.



VDGE Julie Mayuiers

Here are some guidelines provided by LCI on elections. There is also a software available on electionrunner.com that is fairly simple to use and is either free or very reasonable depending on the number of voters (members) you have.

Club Elections

1.If our club cannot meet, how can we conduct our annual election of club officers?

Unless prohibited under a club's constitution and by-laws, the Standard Club By-Laws permits all Lions clubs to conduct meetings via alternative meeting formats. This allows each Lions club to choose a method of conducting elections that is suitable for those members. This can be via phone, email, a combination of the two, or any other method that is acceptable to all of the Lions club members.

If holding meetings by phone you need to ensure that every member can hear and be heard by other members. All votes during an electronic meetings should be taken by roll call. All members participating electronically will be considered present and in attendance at the meeting.



There are still a few District Offices and Committee Chairs that need filled for next year. We are especially in need for someone to step up for All State Band and Paws With A Cause Chairs.

I have emailed all current chairs/co-chairs and have not heard back from several. If you are a current Committee Chair and would like to continue next year please contact me. Keep in mind that any committee can have just a chair or co-chairs.

I'd be happy to provide the Committee Chair Job Descriptions if you would like to learn more about any of the committees. So please contact me at jumayuiers@gmail.com or 269-254-1938....we especially need everyone to step up and help out at this time.

2020 - 2021 Roster Book Contacts

Please email to Julie Mayuiers - jumayuiers@gmail.com

As soon as possible following elections or NO later than May 20th

Club Name

Meeting Location

Meeting Time & Days

(Ex: 1st & 3rd Wed.)

President

Name

Street Address

City, Zip

Email

Phone (C)

Phone (H)

Secretary

Name

Street Address

City, Zip

Email

Phone (C)

Phone (H)

Treasurer

Name

Street Address

City, Zip

Email

Phone (C)

Phone (H)

2nd DG Karol Chopp

Hello Fellow Lions!

Well, it's been an interesting time not only in our state but around the world! My hope is that you all are well, and that you continue to due your part in social distancing. It is hard to do but we will get through this, just breathe and then **ROAR!!**

We will have many tasks that will need to be done once we are back to our clubs, like officer elections for one, and then making sure to report your new officers to LCI. Rescheduling activities will be another challenge or just trying to get our next event ready in a short notice. Please take the time to keep in touch with your club members and maybe do a zoom meeting so that you are all on the same page when life gets back to normal. We can do this we are **LIONS!!**

Many things have been cancelled, but when this is over, we will be needed as Lions more than ever. We will gather and we will get the needs of our communities taken care of. **WE ARE LIONS here us ROAR!!**



Yours in Service,
2nd VG Lion Karol Chopp





Club Anniversaries



<u>Club</u>	<u>Charter Date</u>	<u>Years Old</u>
Lawrence	4/12/48	71
Vicksburg	4/17/53	66
Sturgis	4/26/04	15
Covert	4/28/86	33
Bangor	4/30/86	51
Kalamazoo Westside	5/15/02	17
South Haven	5/16/96	23
White Pigeon	5/29/45	74

*Happy
Anniversary*



My fellow Lions,

As you read this edition of the B2 Beacon do you realize history is being made worldwide? Humanity itself is looking to its leaders saying "tell us what to do or advise us", and how we respond will greatly affect our lives and the lives of those we love. Lions Club International is also working through uncharted territory.

Our motto "We Serve" has more meaning now than ever in our history as Lions. Our issue is how do we as Lions communicate to help? Face to face meetings are directly against the new Protocol of the times. That leaves us with technology. Internet, Skype, Facebook, Zoom and conference calls. Things so many of us were slow to become involved with or take part in, but now we have no choice. All club meetings, District Conventions, Leo Conventions, State Conventions as well as our International Convention have been cancelled. Yet we as Lions still need to act! If you're wondering how, contact the Portage Lions Club as they are taking action and still doing what they can to serve. I encourage you to take a minute and read their page in the B2 Beacon. You can also be looking for email communications from your District Governor John Postelli, District Governor Elect Julie Mayuiers, 2nd Vice District Governor Karol Chopp as well as your Treasurer Sally Cotton. They all have been working hard to send communications out to you because even though we cancelled the District Convention you still need to be aware of our current District Budget and our current Treasurer's Report. Each club's delegates will still need to vote. To do that everything will be done in a completely new way....all electronically. Preparing this has not been an easy task but no one could have predicted the challenges we currently face today.

As Lions we stand strong with the belief we will get past the trying times of today. We also want to be ready to serve with our new leadership in place from the club level all the way up to the state level. If you have questions as you work through the social distancing or the Governors Order for Shelter in Place as it may pertain to you as a Lion or our fellow Lions, please do not hesitate to reach out to any of us on the GAT Team, your District Governor, District Governor Elect or 2nd Vice District Governor. We are here to serve you.

GLT
Jeff Mayuiers



Fellow Lions we all have to deal with this Pandemic. Lion Carol and I have been keeping all our Lions family in our thoughts and prayers. While we all have to stay at home gives us time to think about how we can grow our clubs. There are many different ways to grow our clubs thru programs that are offered by LCI. These programs can be tailored for your club's needs. They offer downloads such as New Member Recruiting Guide, Blue Print for a Stronger Club. There is also information on member retention. If you need help with finding or help understanding how to tailor these programs to your club you can always contact me by email or you can call my number above. Hope this stay at home order ends soon and we are able to move about once more. Please stay safe and healthy.

Yours in Lionism

GMT Lion Rick Young





We regret to inform you that due to lack of response from the Leo Clubs and Advisors we will be postponing a Leo Convention this year. We need input from all the Leo Clubs in order to organize a Leo Convention that is of interest to the Leos.

As we look to the new year we encourage all Leo Clubs to send their new club officers and advisors contact information to DGE Julie Mayuiers so that this information may be included in the Roster Book for 2020 – 2021. Send this information to jumayuiers@gmail.com no later than June 1. Also remember to submit this information to LCI.

We encourage all Leo Clubs to send articles to be included in the B2 Beacon just the same as our Lions Clubs do. We want to know what service projects you have been up to and what you have coming up so Lions and everyone else can support you by attending. Send flyers for upcoming events at least 6 weeks in advance of event if possible so there is ample time to get in the B2 Beacon, and send articles and photos after the events to jumayuiers@gmail.com.

All Lions, Leos and Advisors can also receive the B2 Beacon electronically if they provide their email to DGE Julie Mayuiers. This may also be an opportunity for Leos to obtain new ideas for service projects or to attend another Leo Clubs events to help out or just support them.

We look forward to hearing what all the Leos have been up to.



LCIF

Where there's a need there's a Lion!

As these trying times more than ever, we need to think of others. What better way to do that than making a contribution to LCIF (Lions Clubs International Foundation). Our Foundation is there when there is a need and they are very much needed now!

As we face an unknown it is an excellent time for us as Lions to step up to help our Foundation (LCIF) secure our goal of Campaign 100. The unknown could require us to be in need of help from LCIF. So what I am asking as your Campaign 100 District Chairman is if you can see your way as an individual or a club to do what you can in these times of uncertainty. I do believe where there is a need...there is a Lion. We are all in this together and we will get through it.

I look forward to visiting with all of you when this passes. If you haven't made a contribution or a pledge please do so as soon as possible. Included is a Pledge Form. Please fill out today and mail to Lions Clubs International Foundation, Department 4547, Carol Stream, IL, USA 60122-4547.

PCC Don Brown

"Together We Can Do More!"



EDGE INFORMATION

I pledge a **total contribution** of US\$_____ to LCIF.

My first payment, US\$_____, will be made by _____.
Month/Day/Year

Pledges of US\$25,000+ are payable over five years; pledges of US\$1,000+ are payable over three years. If no payment frequency is selected, LCIF assumes equal annual installments based on pledge amount.

PAYMENT FREQUENCY (choose one)

All at Once

☐ **Monthly**

*My monthly payment
is to be US\$_____*

☐ **Annually**

*My preferred annual payment
is US\$_____*

PAYMENT METHOD (choose one)

Check ☐ **Wire Transfer** ☐ **Credit Card*/PayPal**

Donate securely at lionsclubs.org/change or provide:

VISA ☐ MC ☐ AMEX ☐ Discover

Card # _____ Exp. Date (mm/yy) _____

Name on Card _____ Security Code _____

PERSONAL INFORMATION

For pledge recognition and recording purposes, please provide the following information:

Name (print clearly) _____

Address _____

City _____ State/Province _____

Zip/Postal Code _____ Country _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Member ID _____

Club Name _____ District Name _____

Please keep my personal and donation information anonymous. I understand my club/district (if applicable) may receive recognition for my donation.

Signature _____ Month/Day/Year _____

Due to the cancellation of the Multiple District 11 Convention, there have been a lot of questions regarding the status of the Sight and Hearing Sweepstakes Drawings scheduled for May 2 and May 16.

Please advise the Lions and Lioness Clubs in your Districts that the drawings will be held as scheduled with the May 2 drawing being held at the Lions of Michigan State Office and the May 16 drawing being held at either the Double Tree by Hilton in Holland or at the Lions of Michigan State Office, if approved by the Michigan Lottery Bureau. Note, if there is a location change for the May 16 drawing, a notification will be sent out at that time.

With everything in Michigan closing down, we realize that March and April ticket sales will be challenging. However, we ask that Lions and Lioness Clubs do whatever they can to continue selling tickets as our fixed costs are already locked in. As many of you are aware, about 75% of the sold tickets for the Sight and Hearing Sweepstakes are returned to our office in April of each year.

Best wishes to you and your families during these challenging times!

Chad A. McCann, Director
Lions of Michigan Foundation
Dr. Robert Mathog Lions Hearing Centers

Jeff Mayuiers, President LMSF

So keep selling those tickets please!!!!!!

Tickets need to be at the State Office by May 2nd!

Lions Youth Exchange Program (LYEP)

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By: Lion Elvie Marfil, District Chair 2020-2021

First Vice District Governor Julie Mayuiers is visiting clubs in our District and working so hard looking for candidates that are best qualified for District Committee Chairs for her upcoming term as District (Leader) Governor 2020-2021.

FVDG Julie visited Portage Lions Club and asked me if I can chair LYEP District 11-B2, I did not blink and I've said YES! LYEP is one of the programs that is so dear to my heart. I hosted total of 48 students in my home since 1995.

What is Lions Youth Exchange Program (LYEP)?

It is one of the programs that Lions Clubs International promote. This cultural experience is open to young adults 16-21 years old that wish to experience and interact with another culture. Will likely cultivate new friendships with individuals that have different backgrounds, beliefs, and customs.

Multiple District 11: How does it work?

The Lions of Michigan invite young adult to be part of this cultural program. The experience promotes and understanding of a foreign culture, an awareness that can only improve international relationship and is fun! The young adult does not need to know or be a LEO/LION in order to participate. A Young adult can access the Lions of Michigan Youth Exchange website and watches the LYEP Promotional Video. What an exciting adventure hosting or staying in a foreign country!

What happens next?

The interested young adult contacts the appropriate Lions District Chair to get additional information about the program. Eleven chairs are located throughout the State of Michigan and are responsible for counties surrounding their home. The District Chair and assigned local Lions Clubs then works closely with the young adult to further supply information, applications, and other pertinent details about the experience.

Unfortunately due to the COVID-19 virus, the program was cancelled for this summer. Lion Elvie was signed up to sponsor two students and this will now have to wait until next summer. Thanks to Lion Elvie for stepping up to chair this program and have students stay with her.

DGE Julie





*KidSight Screening dates
In May*

5/30/2020 (Mon.) Lakeside Academy at 3921 Oakland Dr. in Kalamazoo
49008. 9:15 AM

If you see that KidSight is scheduled in your community please contact KidSight Coordinators to go out and help them and become a certified KidSight Screener. We need every club to have at least one certified screener...but the more the merrier!!!

Tanda Stiffler – TandaStiffler76@gmail.com
Pat McFarland - binkie_1_99@yahoo.com



April 2020

Hello 11B2 Family,

It feels like our world has turned upside down with this horrible coronavirus. Watching the news every day is just heartbreaking. It is our prayers for all of you to be safe and healthy during these trying times.

As you all know there is a great possibility that the schools are closed for the remainder of the school year. It also means that Project KidSight is on a complete halt for some time and totally understandable. Quite possible that we will be on a long break from offering our free vision screening and we will abide by the guidelines that each and everyone of us must adhere too.

On a good note, we have screened 5,662 kids since July 1st. We had 495 referrals which is great that we have detected this many children so parents can get them into see an eye doctor. We were hoping this year would be our record year of screening kids at schools but unfortunately the schools have contacted us and stated it just cannot be done during this remainder of a school year even if they are able to go back in May. But next year we are welcome back which makes us feel good that schools trust what we are doing for their students.

Special thanks to the Colon Elementary, Middle and High School and the Moccasin Elementary School for having us screen their students before the schools shut down due to this horrible outbreak in our country. Unfortunately, cancellations came in from the Marcellus Schools, the YMCA, and Lions events that we were scheduled to attend.

See the next page our wonderful Lion members that helped us at the Colon Schools and Moccasin Elementary. We could not do the screening without their help. It takes at least 7 people to go into a school to get the screening down in a timely manner. Thank you, Lions!

Pictured at the Colon School: Lions Dave & Tanda Stiffler, Lions Rick & Carol Young, Lion Pat McFarland, Lion Geri Frabe, Lion Dennis Yesh, Lion Jack Rudy and Lion Russell Adrianson. Three Lion members seated in the front. Thank you, Colon Lions!



Pictured at the Moccasin Elementary School are Mark Nixon, Jerry Flenar, Lloyd Millen and Bill Beckman. Thad Payne is not in this picture as he came to help after an appointment.



Respectfully submitted, Lion Tanda Stiffler & Lion Pat McFarland

Project KidSight Co-Coordinators

BE SAFE & STAY HEALTHY!

Bangor Lions Club



DG John Postelli inducted new member Sandie Maddux into the Bangor Lions Club during his visit on 2/24/20. Standing next to Lion Sandie is her sponsor Lion James Stalzer.



Lion Sandie!!

SOUTH HAVEN, MI

Sunday, June 14, 2020

BANGOR LIONS GOLF OUTING



Beeches Golf Club
09601 68th St,
South Haven, MI 49090
Phone: 269-637-2600

Sunday, June 14, 2020
Four Person Scramble
Cost: \$65 per player
Registration 7:00 AM
Shotgun Start - 8:00 AM

Enjoy a complete
program of special
events, 18 holes of
golf (including cart),
lunch, door prizes, and
our 50/50 Raffle

Events

Longest Drive
Closest to the Pin
Longest Putt Made

All for just \$65/player

Thanks to you, the
Bangor Lions Club
continues to grow
while supporting
many Bangor causes!

30th ANNUAL BANGOR LIONS CLUB GOLF OUTING AT BEECHES GOLF CLUB



This year's event will be held Sunday, June 14th, 2020
at Beeches Golf Club in South Haven, MI.

Registration begins at 7am, with the shotgun start at 8 am.

The cost for this event is only **\$65**. This price includes entry into all
events, 18 holes of golf, riding cart, lunch, and various awards.

*Proceeds to benefit Project KidSight, College Scholarship
Program and other community events.*

To Register or for More Information:

Dan Thorbjornsen Cell: 269-214-8874
Email: danthorbjornsen@gmail.com

THANK YOU, for your continued support of the Bangor Lions Club.

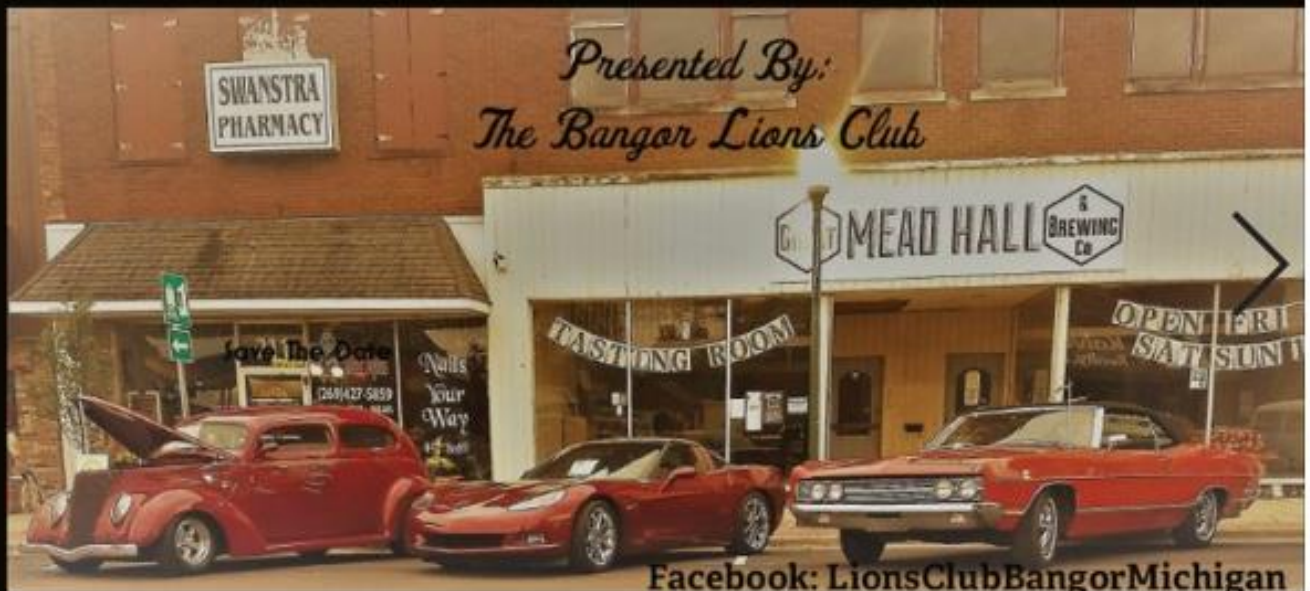


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Save the Date!!!

Bangor Apple Festival Car Show - Save The Date!



Facebook: [LionsClubBangorMichigan](#)

Saturday, October 10th 2020
10AM - 2PM
Downtown Bangor (Monroe St.)

One Trophy
Per Entry!

Contact:
Lion Dick Ely
269.416.0020

Buchanan- Galien

The Lions hosted Buchanan's own Vite Greenhouse family to their 2/27/20 meeting.

Don Vite enlightened the Lions on the history of the family farm and their "growing" flower business.



On March 7th the Buchanan-Galien Lions held their annual Euchre tournament.

A good time and Mexican buffet was enjoyed by all in attendance.

At their March 12th meeting, the Lions heard from Hunter Mishler (Director of Production Science) of Red Bud Roots-a CDB grower and processor with multiple sites in Buchanan- now distributing product all across Michigan.



BUCHANAN-GALIEN LIONS CLUB



Trivia Night

Saturday April 25th

American Legion Post 51

403 E Front Street

\$25 per person/\$190 per team

Max of 8 people per team

Includes dinner

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. with Dinner and Cash Bar

Trivia Starts at 6:30 p.m.

Winning Team gets bragging rights and \$25 in Buchanan Gift Cards for each team member

Must be 18 years old to participate.

Pre-Registration required

Call 269-470-0571 or 269-240-5371

Online reservations at

https://buy.ticketstothecity.com/venue.php?org_id=541



The 11B2 Lions Trivia Challenge-

Any 11B2 Lions Club team that has a higher score at the end of the night than the Buchanan-Galien Lions team will receive a "Hand Delivered- Certificate of Shame" from the Buchanan-Galien Lions Club President.

Get your Lions Club table registered before you miss out on the opportunity!

Covert Township Lions Club

Covert was originally going to distribute Easter Baskets however with the current COVID-19 situation the decided to distribute the baskets sooner. Distributing Food Baskets on March 27 were Lions Pam Baker, Shirley Kener and John Kener helped by Pams daughter and son in-law Joe and Haley Senate.

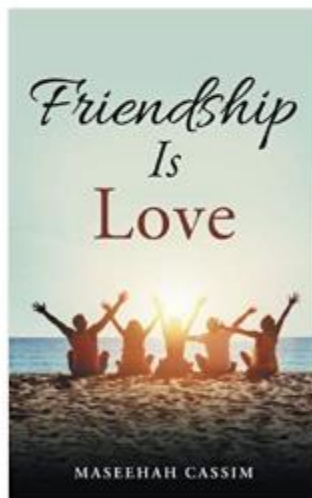


The Edwardsburg Lions Club

The Edwardsburg Club shares with all of you the sadness of our world with this pandemic. Who would have ever guessed a virus could sweep across the world so quickly? Our lives have come to a stop for the time being, but we will prevail and hopefully soon can return to our service work in our communities.

The Edwardsburg Club had to cancel our Annual Pancake & Sausage Breakfast with the Easter Bunny and Lion Mascot. I'm sure many of you have cancelled events as well. We all do our part to make this a better world and holding off on Lion events currently is what we need to do to protect our family, our friends, our community and our world.

Please stay safe and be healthy.



Edwardsburg Leos



Edwardsburg Leo Club

2019-2020

The Edwardsburg Leo Club participated in the Great Eyeglass Challenge this year and with help from the South Haven Lions Club donating eyeglasses to their cause, they collected 2,481 pair of glasses. This did not count the two large bags of lenses. This picture does not show all the glasses as it was just too many to take into the school. Leo Advisors Tanda and Dave Stiffler packed all the glasses in bags of 100 and removed all the glass cases since those are not collected.



Sadly the Leo's may not have another meeting during the remainder of the school year because of the pandemic of coronavirus. Spring sports were starting up, lots of events for the Leos, all had to be cancelled. The students were sad but the Leo Advisors will make sure the Leos receive their Leo pins for first, second and third year. We now have pins for four years that the student are in the Leo Club. Leos are excited!



Leo Advisors, Tanda & Dave Stiffler

Lawton Lions

Every Monday, until Oct 12, 2020

Lawton Lions Club Queen of Hearts Raffle

Barn Brewers Brewery

The Lawton Lions Club will be holding a Queen of Hearts Raffle drawing starting 10/21/19 on Mondays through 10/12/20 at Barn Brewers Brewery in Lawton. Drawing dates excluded are 5/25/20 & 9/7/20. Tickets are \$1 each and will be available at the Barn and with Lions Club Members, at any time. Additionally, Lions Club Members will be at the Barn on Mondays from 5-8pm selling tickets (drawing is at 8pm). This raffle is a unique and fun game full of excitement that builds each week, so grab some tickets, friends and test your luck...the winner could be YOU! Look forward to seeing you at the Barn!



Mattawan Leos

Today marks the 5th anniversary of the Mattawan LEO Club. They celebrated at their business meeting with cake and pizza, but then got busy getting ready for their annual bingo night Saturday, March 14th. The proceeds of this year's event will go to a local family whose son has a rare brain cancer. They have raised over \$3400 in prizes to be given away to some lucky winners.



Currently, the club has 75 members and are under the advisement of Lion Nancy Garman. Over this past year, the Mattawan LEO Club has held their annual food drive in October to benefit the seniors and diabetics in their community. They raised over \$3000 in food and monies to donate to the Mattawan Area Pantry. In November, they furnished the labor to help the Mattawan Lions Club begin construction on a greenhouse for the community garden. For three weeks in December, they rang bells for the Salvation Army outside the local grocery store bringing in \$2,758.55. January was busy transforming 150 adult t-shirts into shopping bags for the local pantry. February found the club making thank you cards for veterans and sending them through the Operation Gratitude program.

In the months to come, they plan on helping the Mattawan Lions Club with the annual community carnival in April, and the White Cane program in May. They have also started a Relay For Life Team called Wright's Wildcats, in honor of their teacher who was just diagnosed with cancer. The team will be raising funds and walking at the Van Buren County Relay For Life on June 27th at Paw Paw Middle School from 10am-10pm. Please join them by visiting this link: https://secure.acsevents.org/site/STR?fr_id=95625&pg=team&team_id=2535746

Here's to many more years of service for our community!

Portage Lions Club

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PORTAGE LIONS CLUB THANK YOU!

Call: Ruth 269-345-4622 or Elvie 818-800-1060

***Matthew 25: Caring for a Needy World with the
Things We Throw Away.***

Portage Lions Club

The State of Michigan declared a lockdown by Governor Gretchen Whitmer due to the Covid 19 pandemic.

Needless to say, the Portage Lions Club of Michigan did not stop doing good deeds. A public service announcement was broadcast via Facebook to the public as well as District 11-B2. And this is what it said:

“The majority of our hospitals, medical clinics, SNF, Nursing homes, etc. are quickly running out of medical supplies. One way we can help is to make face masks and donate them to those in need.”

Phone calls, emails, and all sort of communication poured in. The community of Portage, MI, spearheaded by Vickie C., a purchasing employee of a local hospital, started collecting fabrics, elastics and threads. The Portage Lions Club sprang into action as they cut fabric, wire, and elastic and started sewing. The completed masks were donated to the hospital.

One member made homemade hand sanitizer and another member assisted by sharpening scissors for cutting the fabric.

A shout out to Jessica Lynn of Tekonsha, MI. Upon seeing the need for masks, she stepped in and donated them to her community. Lion Sharon Bennett of Kalamazoo West helped out as well as members of Lions Clubs in Paw Paw, Three Rivers, Bangor and other Clubs in District 11-B2 all helped out!

This only goes to show this pandemic will not stop any Lions to carry its motto “We Serve”.

When there is a need, there is a LION in ACTION!

God bless us all!



Supplies and finished masks that were donated.

Lions Laura and Amy as they cut fabric and wire.



Lion Elvie as she modeled the face masks.



Vickie C. from Bronson Hospital and Lion Amy

Portage Lions Club

Our club had a virtual meeting on March 28. Lion Amy helped box food supplies to students with low income. Lion Holly donates homemade hand sanitizers out of alcohol and aloe Vera gel. Lion Laura is also making masks. Here are more masks to be donated to Bronson Hospital.

God please bless us all.



Donations can be dropped off at the following five locations 1 p.m. to 4 p.m Monday through Friday:

- Kalamazoo: Bronson FastCare®, 6220 W. Main St.
- Portage: Bronson Diagnostics at Woodbridge, 2640 W. Centre St.
- Battle Creek: Bronson Urology Specialists, 4441 Capital Avenue Southwest
- Paw Paw: Bronson LakeView Outpatient Center, 451 Health Parkway
- South Haven: Bronson Family Medicine, 93C Blue Star Highway



Maximum
Capacity



August 2 - 5, 2020
Camp Warner
Grand Junction, Michigan

Camp Leo the Lion

**A residential summer camp for children (10-18 years old)
with disabilities from Berrien, Cass and Van Buren counties**

*Presented by the Lions and Lioness Clubs of Southwestern Michigan
in partnership with Berrien RESA*

Camp applications are available at
Blossomland Learning Center
711 Saint Joseph Avenue, Berrien Springs, Michigan
(269) 473-2600

Scholarships are available!



Three Rivers Lions Club

DHHS contacted the club following the Feb. 22nd fire of their shed with a generous donation of \$1300. The shed stored extra toys for the annual Christmas Food & Toy distribution, turtle derby track, and newly purchased equipment for the annual Ox Roast. DHHS has what they call Friday Jeans Days and employees pay \$2 to wear jeans and then the funds are donated to various local service organizations. The Lions work with DHHS closely to help families in need during the holidays and the staff knows what working together with the Lions does to help many families. Shown accepting the check are Lion Jeff Mayuiers, DHHS employee Malea Jacobs, and Lion Julie Mayuiers. Jeff, Julie and Lion Doug Gross are co-chairs of the project.

Saturday March 21st Lions Tom and Brenda McWatters and Jeff and Julie Mayuiers spent the day tearing down the burnt shed at their club. They filled a large construction dumpster as well as their normal dumpster which had been filled once before.



Upcoming Events to add to your calendar!!



April

- 4: Edwardsburg Easter Pancake Breakfast – **CANCELLED**
- 11: Buchanan-Galien Leo Easter Egg Hunt - **CANCELLED**
- 11: Bangor Easter Egg Hunt — **CANCELLED**
- 18: Great Eye Glass Challenge – Galien - **POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**
- 18: Watervliet Hog Roast – Flyer in Beacon – **POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**
- 25: Lions Worldwide Induction Day
- 25: Buchanan-Galien Trivia Night – flyer in Beacon

May

15: Deadline for filing Officer Reporting Form (PU101)

21 – 22: State Convention – Holland Doubletree (Thursday night there will be a visit to Paws With A Cause) **CANCELLED**

June

- 1: Helen Keller Day
- 5: World Environment Day
- 6: Cabinet Meeting & Cabinet Picnic at Postelli's 10:00 am
- 7: Lions Clubs International Birthday
- 14: Bangor Golf Outing – flyer in Beacon
- 17: Culpepper & Merriweather Circus hosted by Schoolcraft Lions – details coming soon
- 26-30: 103rd International Convention – Singapore - **CANCELLED**

August

2 – 5: Camp Leo, at Camp Warner, Grand Junction, MI

September

17 – 19: USA/Canada Leadership Forum – Louisville, KY – registration forms coming soon

October

10: Bangor Car Show – Save the Date!!

Don't see your event listed here....email flyers and details at least one month in advance to jumayuier@gmail.com to have it included.



District 11 B2 has a new Facebook page (11 B2 Lions). Like and follow this page for all new of 11 B2. If you want items posted on the Facebook page, please send them to Lion Tammie Grabowski at cheftammie@gmail.com

Please note that the Cabinet Secretary is Natalie Postelli. Please send all obituaries to her for distribution to the District. natalie@Postelliandpostelli.com

Please click on the following links to access further information on these topics.

Lions of Michigan <http://lionsofmi.com/>

Lions Pride <http://lionsofmi.com/lion-pride/>

Lions of Michigan Service Foundation

<https://www.lmsf.net/>

Asking for your help...

Let everyone know if you have a club member needing support with a Get Well Wish, Condolence or Congratulations.

Please email me jumayuiers@gmail.com with members name, address, phone, hospital, reason, whatever you'd like to provide and I will publish in the B2 Beacon for the District to support them with well wishes, prayers, condolences or whatever.



Prayer

*How to do nothing
and still think you're helping*



Please keep these Lions in your prayers as they are not feeling quite up to par lately. If you'd like to drop them a card I've included their addresses.

Lion Jim Oestrike (had foot/ankle surgery)
907 Pine Street
Three Rivers, MI 49093

It's a time for Family and Friends!

I think in these times it is family and friends that we should be in touch with. That is why I would like to share something that I heard the other day. When I was the Governor of this great District 11-B2, my motto was "Together We Can Do More". I would like you to take a deep breath, draw on your experience, strength, hope and faith, and know that as we stand together we will get through this. We are STRONG!

Everyone be smart and be safe!
Wash your hands and give someone a call or email and cheer them up.

PCC Don Brown





I recently wondered where some of the photos and stories were coming from that were published in the Lions Pride from our district so I reached out to the State Office only to be told that if they don't have enough submissions they have to go searching on FB and websites for things to fill the pages with. I have heard numerous times "why doesn't our club ever appear in the Lions Pride". Well the answer is quite simple. **Just ask your PR person to send me the information for the B2 Beacon so I can submit to the Lions Pride.**

So.....Club Presidents

PLEASE have your PR person email me so I have their contact information and we can keep in touch to share your club happenings, both past month and future. This is especially important with upcoming events so we can include on the next few months calendar and hopefully encourage Lions from other clubs to attend your events also. Attending other clubs events also provides your clubs with new ideas.

The more eyes that see your events the better attendance you will have!!!

Flyers for future events need to be to me the sooner the better. It's always good to post at least a month in advance **but no later than the 15th of the month for next months publication.**

Julie Mayuiers
jumayuiers@gmail.com

B2 Beacon Editor

Be sure to email me everyone in your club that would like to receive the electronic B2 Beacon and I will be happy to add them to the list. If your email changes be sure to let me know also.

We want to know what your club has been up to so please send articles in Word (.doc or .docx are best) and photos as .jpgs separately whenever possible.

Deadline is the 28th of the month to receive information for publishing in the next month's newsletter. If you know you will have something to submit on an event happening between the 28th and end of the month please let me know by the 28th and I will hold off finalizing until I receive your information. I would like to have the final edition published by the end of the first week of every month.

All flyers for events that you'd like included in the B2 Beacon must be sent to me at minimum 45 days prior to event and especially important if event is happening in first 10 days of the month. There will no longer be separate emails with flyers and event information being sent out.

NOTE: Submissions for Lions Pride Magazine are also now to be submitted to Julie Mayuiers who will then submit articles to Lions Pride Magazine. Please do not send anything directly to the magazine.

Julie Mayuiers
B2Beacon & Lions Pride District Editor

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P: 269-254-1938

District Web Page

www.e-district.org/sites/11b2

Webmaster – Julie Mayuiers

When events are posted on the District Calendar, a flyer for that event can be linked to that posting. When your club has an event to post on the calendar, just send the flyer to jumayuiers@gmail.com. Julie will use the information for the calendar and put up the link to the flyer....it is that simple. **The catch is that the flyer can only be accepted as a .pdf, no other format will work.**

Recycle your Lions Pride and Lions Magazine by cutting out your mailing label or covering it with a white label with your clubs contact information. Then place them in your local library, doctors offices, etc. and try and recruit new members this way. Also place a label on a copy of the B2 Beacon and leave in the same locations to encourage others to see what Lions are all about and how WE SERVE!!!