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## **B2 Beacon**

### **Lions of District 11-B2**

*"Together We Serve"*

*Julie Mayuiers, Editor 2021  
August News*



### **From the desk of the Governor**

Welcome to a new year of Lions!

I am so excited to start out this new lion's year with all my fellow lions. The year is starting out busy already.

Recently I was on a club visit to install incoming officers and I realized how lucky I was to be able to do such a fun and important part of a club. The travel to the club was beautiful and so was the return trip.

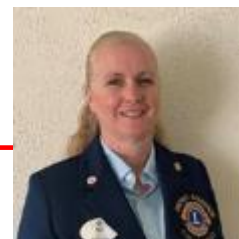
One of my goals for the year are to improve our reporting to LCI through MyLion. The importance of reporting is all about the numbers. What I mean by that is when we go for a grant that is one thing they look at. Reporting is something that all our clubs need to work on. We need to get our new members and our established members to start helping to do the reporting of events. We have many people on the cabinet that would be willing to come to your club and show them the process or you can go to LCI and do a search of how to report on MyLion. The secretary of the club is the one who will put in the actual number of lions and lions hours but other club members can help out. Let's all have a purpose in our clubs!

Another goal it to promote Leo to Lion. We have so many Leos that do such tremendous work in our communities and in our clubs. When they get old enough to graduate, they can join your clubs. The benefits are they can get a cheaper rate for dues, their services hours transfer with them, and they receive a special pin and certificate. If anyone would like more information on this, please contact me.

I look forward to serving all the wonderful clubs in our District 11 B2.

"Together We Serve!"

DG Karol



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# Governor Karol's Calendar & Dates to Remember

**2021**

**August**

6 & 7: Council of Governors – Comfort Inn, Mt. Pleasant  
7: LMSF Hall of Fame  
21: Cabinet meeting – Paw Paw Lions @ 9:00 am

**September**

9 – 11: USA/Canada Des Moines, IA  
25: New Member Orientation – 10:00 am – Antwerp Township Hall – 1st Year in District



**October**

1 – 3: Council of Governors – Tree Tops Resort, Gaylord  
9: Cabinet Meeting – TBA

**November**

5-7: Leadership Institute – Higgins Lake  
15: Peace Poster postmark deadline – send to DG  
29: Projects Night – Antwerp Township Activity Center – 6:00 – 8:30 pm

**December**

3-4: Council of Governors – TBA  
12: Holiday Cabinet Dinner - TBA

**2022**

**January**

31: All Zone Meeting – TBA

**February**

25 – 27: Council of Governors – Holiday Inn, Grand Blanc  
26: Michigan Forum – Holiday Inn, Grand Blanc

**April**

22 – 23: District Convention – Four Points by Sheraton – Kalamazoo  
24: Cabinet Meeting – Four Points by Sheraton – Kalamazoo

**May**

20 – 22: Council of Governors and MD-11 Convention – DoubleTree by Hilton – Holland

**June**

4: Cabinet Meeting TBA @ 9:00 am  
24 – 28: International Convention - Montreal





# Club Anniversaries



<u>Club</u>	<u>Charter Date</u>	<u>Years Old</u>
Bloomington-Gobles Kal-Haven Trail	6/6/94	27
Dowagiac	7/2/52	69
Kalamazoo Downtown	7/11/21	100
Centreville	7/20/45	76



## First Vice District Governor Julie Mayuiers

Fellow Lions,

As we reflect back on the previous year of challenges, I want to commend everyone in every club for keeping things going whether your club was able to meet in person or via Zoom or had to take a little break until you felt safe enough to re-engage in Lions. It was a unique year for all to say the least.

Going forward in DG Karol's year I hope that we can all "turn the lights back on" and return to some what of a normalcy...whatever that may be going forward. Everyone has missed the social gatherings, projects and fundraisers we are all used to participating in, but I do see hope on the horizon.

I see there are so many fundraisers already being planned and clubs are starting to meet again in person and these are all great to see. I know that we have missed seeing each other this past year so I suggest that you take a look at the upcoming events and get out and show your support to fellow clubs and attend their events. This is a way to show how much "Together We Serve" by meeting new Lions, reconnecting with Lions from the past, enjoying great food, and supporting each other's clubs.

I look forward to seeing everyone at future events.

First Vice District Governor Julie



# District Convention Highlights



Our Speical Guests  
Past International  
Director Steve  
Thornton & Lion Becky  
Thornton



PDG Julie receives  
Governor Plaque

GMT Rick Young receives  
Governor's GMT  
Certificate of Appreciation



GST Amy Thackston  
receives Governor's GST  
Certificate of Appreciation



GAT Team  
receives  
Governor's  
Certificates of  
Appreciation



GLT Jeff Mayuiers  
receives Governor's GLT  
Certificate of Appreciation



2021 - 2022 Cabinet



Potage Lions Club  
receives Don & Marsha  
Brown Club of the Year



Edwardsburg Lion Buddy  
Davis receives John C.  
Johnson New Lion of the  
Year

DG Julie receives Roger  
LaMothe Award for best District  
newsletter in the State





# District Convention Highlights



Buchanan Galien Lion & Leo Advisor Alice Kring accepts Jef & Julie Mayuiers Leo Club of the Year on behalf of Buchanan Galien Leo Club (missing Lion & Leo Advisor Brian Fisher)



Portage Lion PDG Bill Phillips receives a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow



Past Council Chair Lion Jeff Mayuiers receives a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow



Portage Lion Elvie receives a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow



Lion Elvie receives an International Leadership Medal



22 of our 35 Clubs received 100% Participation Banner Patches for supporting all our Projects at Projects Night with their donations



St. Joseph Lion Vern Brueker receives Shorty Flora for best club newsletter for 2019-2020 & 2020 – 2021 from DG Julie & IPDG John Postelli



Heart of a Lion Certificates presented to Heather Oestrike Schripsema, Major Gift Officer Bronson Health Foundation & Dr. Gregory Tiongson, MD of Bronson Children's Hospital



Heart of a Lion Certificate presented to Joey Hamilton of Superior Receipt & Printing



Lions of 11-B2



Portage Lion PDG Bill Phillips receives special recognition for 50 Years of Perfect Attendance and also a Centennial Circle Lion

## District Convention Highlights



DG Julie receives hug from PID Steve for all her efforts during the year



PID Steve spoke to Lions and also assisted with presentations



Master of Ceremonies Jeff and DG Julie welcome everyone



Special thanks to Lion Elvie Marfil for making the beautiful centerpieces carrying out the theme for the year "Sprinkle Kindness"



PID Steve & Lion Becky



Shining Star Certificates presented to  
Edwardsburg Lion Buddy Davis, Kalamazoo Westside Lion Lisa Geipel and Portage Lion Noemi Kudzia



New Portage Lions Daylen Brewer & Shelly VanKrimpen with sponsor Lion Ruth Phillips



New Mattawan Lion Kathy Sills with sponsor Lion Nancy Garman



Buchanan Galien Lion Mark Tumbleson was presented a Governor's Certificate of Appreciation for co-chairing the Great Eyeglass Challenge (not pictured was co-chair Lewis Lambert)



Cabinet breakfast  
mmmmm 😊



Three Rivers Lions Tom & Brenda McWatters catered the meals and assisted by Twin County Probation resident Jordan Hartzell. Thanks!!!



## District Convention Highlights



PID Steve presented International Presidential Certificates on behalf of Past International President Choi to GST Amy Thackston, FVDG Karol Chopp and Lion Elvie Marfil. Congratulations to all 3 of these for an outstanding job!!



PID Steve  
presented PCC Jeff  
Mayuiers with the  
S.A. Dodge Award



Past Council Chairs  
Don Brown and Jeff  
Mayuiers & PID Steve  
presented DG Julie  
with a Melvin Jones  
Fellowship

Photographer,  
Edwardsburg Lion and  
close friend Tanda  
Stiffler presented DG  
Julie with a Lion statue  
for her year as District  
Governor. Thanks to  
Lion Dave Stiffler also.



Congratulations to everyone who received awards and acknowledgements! Everyone in District 11-B2 deserves a huge thank you for ALL that you do every day as Lions!! Without you there wouldn't be as many smiling faces as there are throughout not only our District and State but the entire world!!!

I hope everyone enjoyed the convention and I can't thank you enough for all your kind words and support this past year. And SPECIAL thanks to Jeff and my new personal friends Steve & Becky...see you soon in Des Moines!!

Congratulations to our new District Governor Karol Chopp!!!!

Continue to "Sprinkle Kindness".....Past District Governor Julie Mayuiers



## GST – Lion Amy Thackston

Fellow Lions,

July starts a new Lion year of service, lets make it the best yet! We have been through a lot with this pandemic over the past year and I say let's show our communities Lions get stronger over time and nothing will stop us. International President Douglas Alexanders motto is "Service from the heart". When I think of serving from the heart I think of what kind gestures I can do to bring smiles to the faces of those who need it the most. Start out with a simple idea like helping a family in need get groceries and grow that idea into food drives to help more people in your community. It's almost time for kids to head back to school, maybe your club could sponsor a teach, classroom, or have a back to school event to hand out supplies to local children. Call your local school and ask how you can help if you don't already have a contact.

As usual don't forget to report your service! Shout out to the following clubs for July reporting as of 7/24/21: Portage, St. Joseph, Richland Gull Lake, and Edwardsburg. I can't wait to see what service is reported next month and throughout the Lion year to come. No service is too small to report. Be proud of what your clubs do and share it with Lions around the world by reporting.

If your club needs some service inspiration check out this link [Service Stories | Lions Clubs International](#) . As always I'm here to support your club with ideas, reporting, and anything else service related. I would love to hear from each club at some point this year.

Kind Regards,  
GST Lion Amy





## GMT – Lion Elvie Marfil



Our District started the term 2021-2022 with 35 clubs and 861 members. Per the LCI report, we added 17 new members. Sad to say we lost 6. Furthermore, to close the month of July, we gained 11, a total of 874 members.

We held our first Club Membership Chairs Orientation last July 24, 2021. It was a well attended training. Remarks from fellow Lions were "I am excited, encouraged, energized, motivated, and when is the next orientation?"

Couple of clubs expressed to sponsor a community base LEO club and Specialty Club.

GMT emphasized the need to create a plan and implement the club mentor program.

So far, we delivered the Global Membership Approach Objectives:

Rejuvenate --- Revitalized --- Re-motivate

We also discussed the 4 step process of Global Membership Approach:

Build A Team --- Build A Vision ----- Build A Plan ----- Build Success

Congratulations to new members from the follow clubs:

Bangor	3	Lawrence	3
Baroda	1		
Colon	3	Richland	3
Lakeshore	1	Sister Lake	3



Per popular demand our next training will be new member orientation, scheduled for September 25, 2021 @10:00 am-noon @ Antwerp Township Hall, 24821 Front Street, Mattawan, MI.

Yours in Lionism, "We Serve"

*Lion Elvie Marfil*



# New Member Orientation

**Date: 09-25-2021**

**Time: 10:00am**

**Antwerp Township  
Hall  
24821 Front Street  
Mattawan, MI 49071**



**Sponsored by:**

**Global Action Team**

**PCC Jeff Mayuiers, Lion Amy Thackston and**

**Lion Elvie Marfil**

**District 11-B2**

**RSVP: 818-800-1060 or email: epmarfil5@gmail.com**

## **Together We Can**

- .....achieve greater results
- .....break down barriers
- ..promote positive reinforcement
- ..discover the perfect solution
- ...bring excitement to every day
- ...make an impact in the community
- ...educate one another
- ...help those in need
- ...make a difference.

**Through teamwork all things  
are possible.**



## LMSF – Trustees PDG Julie Mayuiers & Lion Tanda Stiffler

Your District has elected Lion Tanda Stiffler or FVDG Julie Mayuiers to serve as your Trustees for this year. We ask that if you need assistance with hearing aids, eyeglasses or Emergency Grants to contact one of these two Lions. They have the forms and will be happy to assist. Please do not contact LMSF/Chad McCann directly, this is what your Trustees are elected to do....assist the clubs.

Lion Tanda Stiffler 574-350-9215 [TandaStiffler75@gmail.com](mailto:TandaStiffler75@gmail.com)

FVDG Julie Mayuiers 269-254-1938 [jumayuiers@gmail.com](mailto:jumayuiers@gmail.com)



**Reduced prices!!**

**LMSF**

**LIONS OF MICHIGAN FOUNDATION—2022 GROUP CRUISE**  
**ROYAL CARIBBEAN - JEWEL OF THE SEAS**  
**8-Night Eastern Caribbean Cruise: March 12 - March 20, 2022**  
**Miami, FL - Labadee, Haiti - San Juan, Puerto Rico,**  
**Philipsburg, St. Maarten - St. Johns, Antigua - Miami, FL**

**PRICING: 2 PEOPLE, INCLUDING TAXES AND FEES**

**4V - Inside (Interior) Stateroom: \$1,477.48 + \$116 Per Person Gratuity**

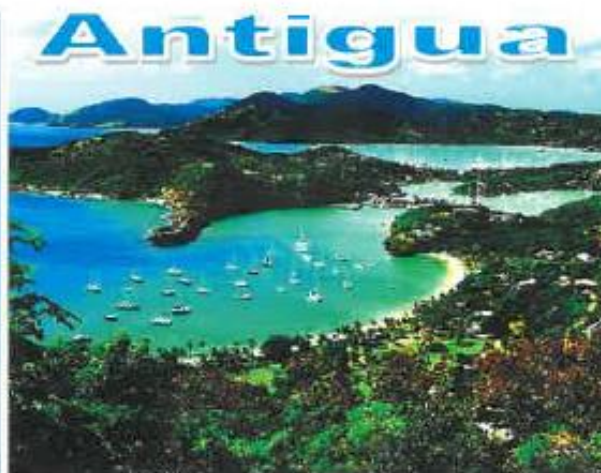
Stateroom Size: 146 square feet - occupancy up to 4 guests - two Twin Beds that convert to a Royal King and up to two Pullman Beds

**4N - Oceanview Stateroom: \$1,579.48 + \$116 Per Person Gratuity**

Size Stateroom: 154 square feet - occupancy up to 4 guests - two Twin Beds that convert to a Royal King and up to two Pullman Beds

**4D - Balcony Stateroom: \$1,923.48 + \$116 Per Person Gratuity**

Stateroom size: 195 square feet - occupancy up to 4 guests - two Twin Beds that convert to a Royal King, one Double Sofa Bed, and up to two Pullman Beds



- ☐ I would like an Interior Stateroom for \_\_\_\_ Adults and \_\_\_\_ Children (Age 12 or under).
- ☐ I would like an Oceanview Stateroom for \_\_\_\_ Adults and \_\_\_\_ Children (Age 12 or under).
- ☐ I would like a Balcony Stateroom for \_\_\_\_ Adults and \_\_\_\_ Children (Age 12 or Under).

Stateroom Deposit - \$250 Per Person: \_\_\_\_ Check \_\_\_\_ Credit/Debit Card \_\_\_\_ Pay Pal (info@lmsf.net)

Credit/Debit Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_ CVV Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Legal Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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# Lions of Michigan Foundation Dr. Robert Mathog Lions Hearing Centers

## Cookbook Fundraiser



Lions Clubs are well known throughout the world for the services we provide to help people with hearing and vision loss. Nearly a century ago, Helen Keller challenged Lions Clubs to be "Knights of the Blind," and she declared that "the problems of deafness are deeper and more complex, if not more important, than those of blindness. Deafness is a much worse misfortune, for it means the loss of the most vital stimulus — the sound of the voice that brings language, sets thoughts astir and keeps us in the intellectual company of man."

Our new Lions Hearing Centers Cookbook was developed to create awareness for the treatment of hearing loss and to provide funding for our Michigan Lions Affordable Hearing Aid and Hearing Screening Programs, which offer affordable hearing care options for Michigan residents.

With your help, we can continue to change the lives of thousands of Michigan residents who need and depend on the Lions Clubs of Michigan and our partners, sponsors and friends for the treatment of the their hearing loss. As a Public Charity, all contributions to the Lions of Michigan Foundation are tax deductible to the full extent allowed by law. We appreciate your support!

### Order and Recipe Submission Form

- ☐ I would like to purchase \_\_\_\_\_ cookbook(s) for \$20 each for a total of \$\_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ I have enclosed/attached a copy of my personal or family recipe that you may use in the cookbook.
- ☐ I would like to make a donation to the Lions Hearing Centers in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_.

Payment Method: \_\_\_ Check \_\_\_ Credit Card \_\_\_ Pay Pal (info@lmsf.net)

Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_ CVV Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_



# PEACE

LIONS INTERNATIONAL  
PEACE POSTER CONTEST



2021-2022

ORDER NOW

## We Are All Connected

### How the Contest Works

Lions clubs can sponsor the contest in a local school or organized youth group. The contest is open to students ages 11 to 13 on November 15, 2021. Participating students are asked to create posters that visually depict the contest theme, "We Are All Connected." Visit [lionsclubs.org/peaceposter](https://lionsclubs.org/peaceposter) for more information, deadlines, to download a video and view past finalists' posters.

To get started, purchase your club's Peace Poster Kit (PPK-1) from the Member Service Center at International Headquarters. The kit is sold in English and in all 12 official languages. Each kit contains everything your club needs to sponsor one\* school or organized youth group.

- Official Club Contest Guide & Rules (PPC-1)
- Official School or Youth Group Contest Guide & Rules\* (PPC-2)
- Participant Flyer\* (PPC-3) that your club can fill in the blanks, duplicate and give to each participating student to take home
- Winner Sticker (PPC-4) for your club to place on back of winning poster
- Achievement Award (PPC-5) and Certificate of Appreciation (PPC-6) for contest winner and sponsored school or youth group

*\*Clubs can sponsor more than one contest in either the same or multiple school(s) and/or youth group(s) by purchasing more than one kit. Clubs will send one poster per each contest sponsored to the next level of judging.*

The Lions International Essay Contest Entry Form (PPE-4) is also included in the Peace Poster Kit and available on the Lions International website.

Kits are available January 15 to October 1, 2021

Purchase your kit early to allow adequate time for shipping and contest planning.

Visit the LCI Store at [shop.lionsclubs.org](https://shop.lionsclubs.org) and Search "Peace Poster Kit." Price is \$11.95 USD each. Kits are available from January 15 to October 1.

Peace Poster Contest Kit (PPK-1) Quantity \_\_\_\_\_ at US\$11.95 each Total\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Language Required (Available in all official languages) \_\_\_\_\_

### Method of payment

Club/District Account # \_\_\_\_\_ Lions Club Name \_\_\_\_\_

Officer's Signature (Required) \_\_\_\_\_

The protection of your payment data is important to us. Your credit card purchases of Lions merchandise must be made directly online at [shop.lionsclubs.org](https://shop.lionsclubs.org). Please do not include your credit card number in any written communications or correspondence. Visa, MasterCard, Discover

### Ship order to:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address (No P.O. Boxes) \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone # (Required) \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

**Note:** Postage, handling and taxes (if applicable) will be added at time of order. Duty/taxes may be required upon receipt of your order. Lions Clubs International is not responsible for payment of these duties or taxes.

## Peace Poster Contest 2021-2022

Theme: "We are All Connected"

Contributed by: Lion Elvie Marfil, District Chair

While overcoming new challenges brought on by an unprecedented global pandemic, we're celebrating the things that keep us connected to each other, to our communities, all together around the world. This year, we invite young people to envision, explore and visually express these connections.

Lions Clubs International sponsor's Peace Poster Contest in a **local schools** or **organized youth groups**. The contest is open to **students** ages 11, 12, and 13 by November 15, 2021.

Participating students are asked to draw, sketch or paint their interpretation of the contest theme "**We Are All Connected.**" The contest is a wonderful opportunity for clubs to work with youth in their community to stress the importance of peace, tolerance and international understanding.

### Peace Poster Contest Judging

Each poster is judged on originality, artistic merit and expression of the theme.

Posters advance through several judging levels: club, district, multiple district and international. At the international level, judges from the art, peace, youth, education and media communities select one grand prize winner and 23 merit award winners.

### Peace Poster Contest Awards

International winners will be notified on or before February 1

- One international grand prize winner will receive US \$5,000 and a trip to a special award ceremony.
- Each of the 23 merit award winners will receive a cash award of US \$500 and a certificate of achievement.

For more information please call Lion Elvie Marfil, District Chair at 818-800-1060 or your Zone Chair.

# Project KidSight

## Is Back in ACTION!!

The Project KidSight Team is proud to say, we are "Back in Action"! We have had four events so far and more on our August calendar.

PKS Screenings so far:

1. Volinia Outcome School – 16 kids, 1 referral
2. Bangor Elementary School – 17 kids, 4 referrals (only checked kids that the school was concerned about before school end).
3. Touch-A-Truck in Kalamazoo – 55 kids, 8 referrals.
4. LECO Company Picnic in Berrien Springs – 18 kids, 0 referrals

Here are some pictures from the Leco Picnic. We are invited every year to this picnic which is awesome!



Notice the QR Code?!? PKS is now paperless! Parents come to our table and scan the QR code to their phone and complete the consent form. So much easier and no paperwork unless the child is a referral. 11B2 is the first to give the new process a try and it is amazing how much this helps the team. We have several more screenings coming up in August. If anyone would like to help and be a part of our team, please contact



# Bangor Lions Club

## BANGOR LIONS AWARDS DINNER

The Bangor Lions Club held its annual Awards Dinner on 7/27/21. Guests included DG Karol Chopp and her husband Lion Dan Chopp, ZC Carol Young and her husband Lion Rick Young, and GMT Elvie Marfil.

DG Karol installed 3 new members into the Bangor Lions Club-Lions Misty Kovell, David Aldag and A.C. Aldag.

DG Karol also presented the following awards: the Shining Star Award to Lion Carrie Jones, the 2019-2020 Lion of the Year Award to Lion Irene Troutman, and the 2020-2021 Lion of the Year Award to Lion Carrie Jones. The final award of the evening went to former Lion Richard Ely for his 40+ years of service to the Bangor Lions Club and the Bangor community. He served as our Sight Chairman for many years and was instrumental in running our car show fundraiser.

We welcome our newest members and we're proud to honor those Lions who have gone over and above in serving our Club and their community.



A.C. and Dave  
Aldag, Misty  
Kovell.



2019-2020  
Lion of the  
Year Award  
to Lion  
Irene  
Troutman  
by GST  
Amy  
Thackston



Carrie Jones received the  
shining star for 2019-2020  
and she was the 2020-2021  
Lion of the Year.



## Buchanan- Galien Lions

The Buchanan-Galien Lions were represented at the 11B2 District Convention in Three Rivers on July 17<sup>th</sup> by Lions Alice Kring, Mark Skene, and Mark Tumbleson. (picture attached) Leo Advisor and Lion Alice received the Julie and Jeff Mayuiers Leo Club of the Year Award (see attached picture)

The Buchanan-Galien Lions Club also received recognition and a patch as a 100% participant on 2021 Projects Day.

And Lions Lewis Lambert and Mark Tumbleson each received recognition and certificates for hosting the Annual Eyeglass Challenge.



SATURDAY, AUGUST 28, 2021 AT 10 AM EDT – 6...

**Kickball & Corn and sausage  
roast**

# **Buchanan-Galien Lions Club Fourth Annual Corn & Sausage Roast**



**\$10.00 a person**

**Saturday, August 28<sup>th</sup>**

**Noon to 6:00 p.m.**

**McCoy Creek Recreation Area  
Centennial Park Picnic Shelter**

**More information call 269-470-0571**





## Buchanan- Galien Lions

The Buchanan-Galien Lions held their Annual Kayak Poker Run on Sunday July 18<sup>th</sup> on the St Joe River.

It was a beautiful day and everyone had a really good time on the river from the Buchanan boat launch to the Lake Chapin Camp Betz facility.

The 43 kayaks/participants were joined by the Buchanan Township Water Rescue and Sheriff Department safety patrol units.

A cookout, 50/50 raffle, and poker hand prizes were waiting at Camp Betz for all participants.

Lion Jerry Flenar presented a State of Michigan flag (previously flown over the state capital building) to Camp Betz as a token of appreciation.

No report was given on how many fish Travis actually caught from his float during the journey



## Buchanan- Galien Lions

On Saturday, July 31 from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. the Lions participated in the Community Olympic Watch Party at the Buchanan Common to cheer on Buchanan's own Olympian Hannah Roberts in Women's BMX.

Hannah earned a Silver Medal as the crowd of approximately 750 supporters watched on the jumbo screen. This was the largest watch party crowd recorded to date for the 2021 Olympics.

The Lions gave out free Freeze Pops and also handed out information on the club and it's up-coming events. (see attached pictures)

On Tuesday, August 3 members of the club will attend Camp Leo. Our club will take carnival games and prizes and hand out Freeze Pops to all participants.

Saturday, August 28 at 10:30 a.m. the Club will host our second annual Kick-ball Tournament.

Also on Saturday, August 28, the Lions will host their Fourth Annual Corn & Sausage Roast.

On Sunday, August 29 the Lions will also participate in Buchanan's Faith and Family Day from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. We will hand out Freeze Pops and are also hosting the Project Kid-Sight.



## Buchanan- Galien Lions

**Are you ready for some kickball?**

Get a team together and let's kick it!

**Help us raise funds while having fun!**

Costumes and team shirts welcome!

**Winner gets bragging rights!**



- Buchanan-Galien Lions Club 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Kickball Tournament
- \$25 a person (Cash or Checks made payable to Buchanan-Galien Lions Club)
- Maximum of 12 players on roster (co-ed 18yrs/older)
- Games scheduled Saturday, August 28th 10:30am - ?
- Questions – call Michelle at 269-591-2961

McCoy Creek Recreational Fields

Buchanan, MI

Registration link:







**Faith and**  
**Family Day**

**Sunday, August 29th, 2021**

**2:00 p. m. - 4:00 p.m.**

**Buchanan Common**

**Feeding America Mobile Trailer**

**Free Hotdogs and water provided by the  
Salvation Army**

**Christian Concerts**

**\*\*Backpack Giveaway 2-4 p.m.**

**General Information  
about event call**

**695-1091**



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## Centreville Lions Club



Centreville Lions celebrated their 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on July 10<sup>th</sup> (delayed from 2020) with a Pancake Breakfast and Ox Roast lunch. The Lions had the assistance of the Centreville High School Football Team with serving the meals. The football team won the State Championship last Fall and the proceeds from both events went to the football team to help purchase new uniforms. Congratulations to the Lions for another great year and outstanding support of your community!

Past District Governor Julie Mayuiers presented the Lions with a Proclamation for their Anniversary also.

## Edwardsburg Lions



## EDWARDSBURG LIONS CLUB CELEBRATES 75 YEARS OF SERVING THE COMMUNITY

(LEADER PHOTO/SARAH CULTON)

Below is the article also written by  
Sarah Culton of Leader Publication

(Typed out so readable for the Beacon)

EDWARDSBURG – One local club is celebrating 75 years of service in the Edwardsburg community.

The Edwardsburg Lions Club will celebrate its 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary in August. With three-fourths of a century under the clubs' belt, members said they believe the club's future will be as strong as the past.

"This is an honor and quite an accomplishment," said Lion Tanda Stiffler. "We've done a lot to help this community, and we are here when-ever they need us."

The Edwardsburg Lions Club was chartered on Aug. 21, 1946, with President Harry Vanferson. Originally, the club was sponsored by the Niles Lions Club.

Since chartering, the club purchased the first ambulance for the village of Edwardsburg, bought the lights for the former football field at Edwardsburg High School, placed welcome signs in the village, built ramps for those in need, donated and helped build a pavilion at the Edwardsburg Sports Complex, built a pavilion that was moved to Krause Park, operated Project KidSight, hosted road clean ups, organized a Leo Club and for many years hosted a local circus. According to Lion members, those are just a sampling of the many projects the club has supported over the last 75 years.

In addition to its projects, the club also donates annually to several programs and nonprofits, such as the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, Lions Club International

## Edwardsburg Lions

Foundation, Lions Club Michigan Service Foundation, Bear Lake Camp, Camp Leo and more.

The Edwardsburg Lions Club's longest serving member is Lion John Braniff, who last week was recognized for 65 years of service. For many years, he ended each Lions meeting with a joke, but he said he has now been a Lion for so long that he has run out of jokes to tell.

Just 22 years old when he joined, Braniff said he does not remember exactly why he decided to join the club. However, he knows why he stayed, which is the same reason he believes the club has been able to last as-long as it has. "It's the service," Braniff said, "We do a lot in the community."

The club would like to host a community celebration to mark the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary, but President Meryl Christensen said it is unlikely that an event would be hosted in August, as planning was postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"It's been tough planning, because we'd hoped to have a big celebration, but everything has only just opened back up," she said. "We would still like to have a celebration because it's 75 years."

No matter what the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration looks like, members have high hopes for the club's future.

"We hope we can get more people interested." Stiffler said. "We want to have a good time together and then get down to business and do what we need to do to help the community."

Braniff's hopes for the club's future are simple. "We want to be here for a long time," he said.

CONGRATUALATIONS FOR  
75 YEARS OF A JOB  
WELL DONE  
EDWARDSBURG  
LIONS!!!



Edwardsburg Leos

*Edwardsburg Leos*

2021-2022

The Edwardsburg Leos are looking forward to this fall being able to **sign up** for the Leo Club again. School Principal Ryan Markle told Advisors Tanda & Dave Stiffler that the students are excited that the school will be open for the Leo Club to operate again in the school. It was a tough year with the pandemic. The club could not meet because of its' size as there were 66 Leos that were meeting in the library which was not a safe environment. The advisor's will be at the Open House to meet students and their parents with applications and information on what the Leo Club is all about. We will also attend a day of lunch hours for students to get the opportunity to sign up and get all the information they need along with t-shirt orders.

The student's look forward to the many events that the club does as it gives them community service hours which they really need to join the National Honor Society, and they can list the hours on college applications, job applications, etc.

The previous year before the pandemic, Leos had the opportunity to get service hours as 22 events were held during that year that they could sign up for. Clipboards were displayed at each meeting and its' a first come, first available to sign up, and some events have a limit on how many can participate. The Leo meetings are the first and third Tuesday of the month after school and the Leos run to the meeting to check out the clipboards and sign up for events, that they wish to participate in.

Our hope is to get the students motivated to do service work in their community so one day they will consider joining a Lions Club to continue to help in the community that they live in.

Leo Advisors Tanda & Dave Stiffler

Edwardsburg



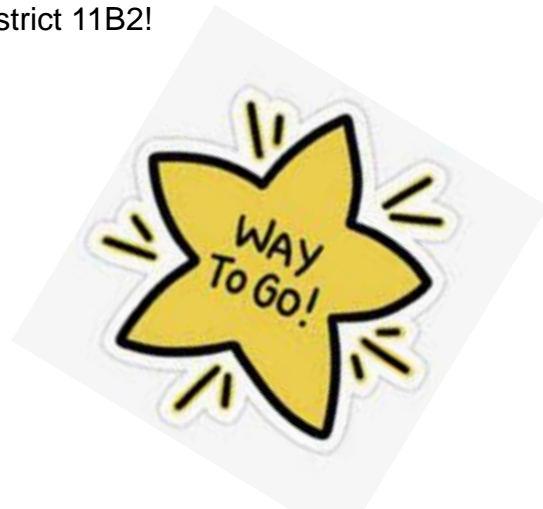
## Mattawan Lions Club

The Mattawan Lions Club welcomed the District Governors Banner at a Banner Exchange on Monday, August 26 at Antwerp Activity Center.

The club provided desserts and beverages and enjoyed learning about when and how the banner should be used.

DG Karol is the first District Governor that Mattawan Lions Club has had in it's 63 years as a club.

We are also very proud to have our own Lion Dan Chopp as Zone Chair 2 and Lion Carol Patridge as the Cabinet Treasure. Lion Spencer Streeter as the new Pediatric Cancer Chair, Lion Kim Copenhaver as the new Diabetes chair, and Lion Sophie Paquin as the Environmental chair for District 11B2!



Pictured L-R: DG Karol, Mattawan Lions & "HOG" (Husband of Governor) Dan Chopp, Three Rivers Lions President Tom McWatters, FVDG (PDG) Julie Mayuiers



Newmans Field - 4NO and  
The Mattawan Lions Club present:

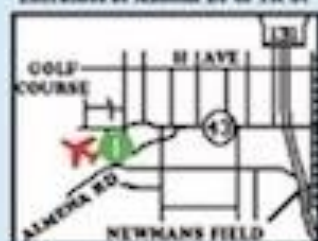
**Down Patrol Fly In / Drive In  
Breakfast**



Saturday, August 28th  
7am - 11am

2021

Located at Skyview Dr Kalamazoo 49009  
Entrances at Alameda Dr or 1st St



There will be airplanes and helicopters.  
Join us for a great time, that serves a great cause.

*The Mattawan Lions Club is  
serving a delicious breakfast!*

FULL MEAL: \$8.00 (12 & up) \$5.00 (6 - 11) FREE (5 & younger)



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## Portage Lions Club

Portage Lions article in the Lions Magazine...  
check it out!!!!

Congrats to Portage Lions!!!





# Portage Lions Club

## Pill Bottle Collection

On behalf of the Portage Lions Club, we would like to extend our thanks to Clubs from District 11-B2 for helping to save our landfills.

On July 24, 2021, Lion Amy Blankshain dropped off these pill bottles to Matthew 25: Ministries in Cincinnati, Ohio.



Lion Sheree Sorenson, Three Rivers



PDG Donna Romanak, Bangor



Lion Dave Reynolds, Richland Gull Lake



Cub Alaina Marfil sorted bottles from Paw Paw Lions and other clubs from the District.



Portage Lions Club members.



Lion Amy Blankshain at Matthew25:Ministries.



# Richland Gull Lake Club



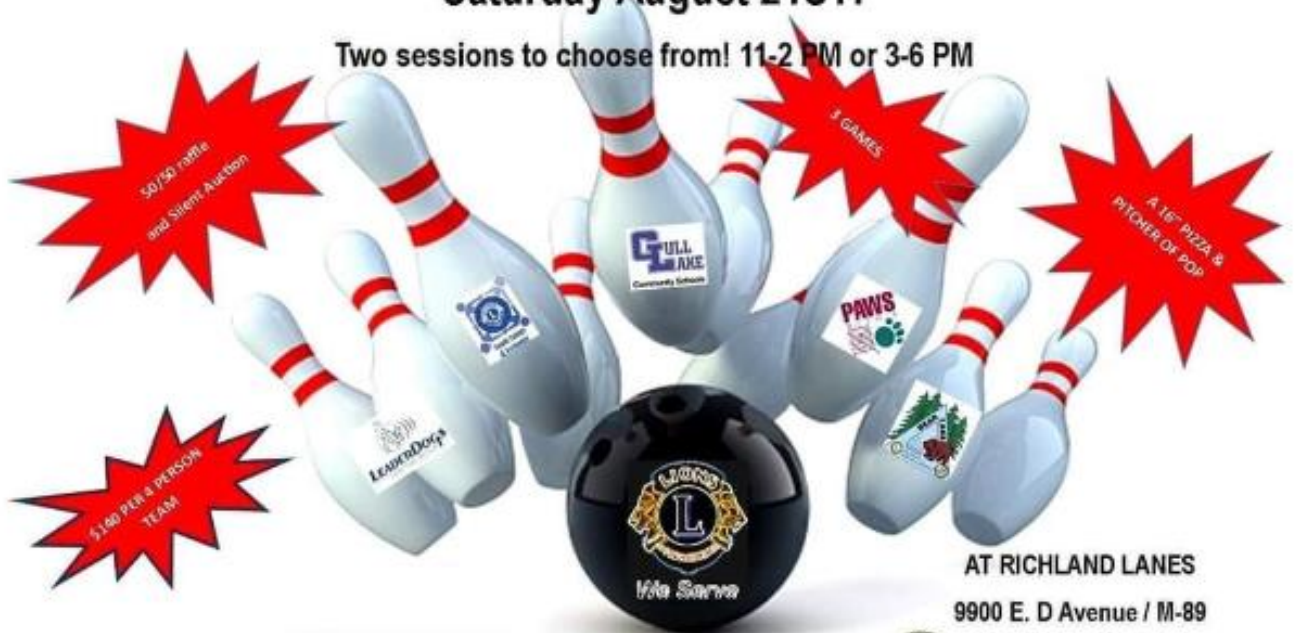
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# Richland Gull Lake Club

## The Richland/Gull Lake area Lions Club annual BOWLING TO BENEFIT THE BLIND FUNDRAISER!

**Saturday August 21ST!**

Two sessions to choose from! 11-2 PM or 3-6 PM



AT RICHLAND LANES  
9900 E. D Avenue / M-89



Lions Clubs International  
FOUNDATION

**SIGN UP OR CALL TODAY at: Michigan Lawn Services, 9820 M-89 Richland, MI 629-1500 All Major Credit Cards Accepted!**

## Sturgis Lions Club

At our June 16th meeting, Sturgis Lions awarded a total of \$2500 in scholarships to three Sturgis High School seniors. The awards were presented to Sophia Merchant, Amy Leon, and Madison Owen by our incoming President Frank Iannarelli.



Sophie Merchant with Frank Iannarelli



Madison Owen with Frank Iannarelli



Amy Leon with Frank Iannarelli



Our July 18 meeting was held at Wings Restaurant in Sturgis. District Governor Karol Chopp came from Mattawan to install our new officers: President Frank Iannarelli, Vice-president Harlan Blood, Secretary Diane Warnement. And Treasurer Nancy Iannarelli. We very much enjoyed our visit with Karol!

We are praying for nice weather August 1, as that is the date of our Frisbee Golf Outing with the Centreville Lions Club at the Nottawa golf course. Hole sponsorships and prizes for participants are coming along well.



## Three Rivers Lions Club



Three Rivers Lions held their annual "Thank You" picnic to their members and community volunteers that helped out at the Annual Ox Roast in June. 25 Lions and guests enjoyed grilled burgers and brats along with all the other fixings. The Ox Roast is held in conjunction with the Three Rivers Water Festival every June, where the Lions serve their secret Ox Roast sandwich and Ham & Bean Soup. The Lions also served pie that was purchased from fellow Bangor Lions as one of their fundraisers.

The Lions are assisted by residents of Twin County Probation Center with all aspects of the fundraiser as the residents need community service as part of their probation requirements.

Pictured L-R: are PDG Jeff Mayuiers, 4 volunteers from Twin County Probation Center, Lion President Tom McWatters



PDG and Three Rivers Lion Julie Mayuiers installed officers for the club. Lion Julie is shown installing President Tom McWatters.





## Medical Equipment Items to Loan

Contact Lion Judy Pullins, Sister Lakes Lions for wheelchairs, canes and crutches.

269-277-8821 or [pullins1852@gmail.com](mailto:pullins1852@gmail.com)



Three Rivers has a wheelchair to loan.

269-273-2424

Mattawan has 2 walkers and other mobility aids. Contact Kim Copenaver

[partylikeabanker@yahoo.com](mailto:partylikeabanker@yahoo.com) or 269-251-6553



# Upcoming Events to add to your calendar!!



## 2021

### August

- 21: Cabinet meeting – Paw Paw Lions @ 9:00 am
- 21: Richland Gull Lake Bowling to Benefit the Blind Fundraiser – flyer in Beacon
- 28: Buchanan Galien Kick Ball Tournament & Corn & Sausage Roast – flyer in Beacon
- 28: Buchanan Galien Faith and Family Day – flyer in Beacon
- 28: Mattawan Lions Down Patrol Fly In & Drive In Breakfast – flyer in Beacon

### September

- 9 – 11: USA/Canada Des Moines, IA
- 25: New Member Orientation – 10:00 am – Antwerp Township Hall – flyer in Beacon

### October

- 1 – 3: Council of Governors – Tree Tops Resort, Gaylord
- 9: Cabinet Meeting – TBA

### November

- 5-7: Leadership Institute – Higgins Lake
- 15: Peace Poster postmark deadline – send to DG
- 29: Projects Night – Antwerp Township Activity Center – 6:00 – 8:30 pm

### December

- 3-4: Council of Governors – TBA
- 12: Holiday Cabinet Dinner - TBA

## 2022

### January

- 31: All Zone Meeting – TBA

Don't see your event listed here....email flyers and details at least one month in advance to [jumayuiers@gmail.com](mailto:jumayuiers@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](mailto:cheftammie@gmail.com)

Please note that the **Cabinet Secretary is Tammie Grabowski**. Please send all obituaries to her for distribution to the District. [cheftammie@gmail.com](mailto:cheftammie@gmail.com)

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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 or family member needing support with a Get Well Wish, Condolence or Congratulations.

*Please email me [jumayuiers@gmail.com](mailto: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 and/or family members who have recently lost loved ones in your prayers. If you'd like to drop them a note I've included their addresses.

Lion John Kener (spouse of Lion Shirley Kener who passed away)  
22922 76<sup>th</sup> St.  
South Haven, MI 49090

Sherri Polashak (spouse of PDG Jim Polashak who passed away)  
225 Wilson St.  
Coloma, MI 49039.9009

**Just spread a little sunshine and kindness and call a fellow Lion just to check on them and see if they need anything.**





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.** If they are sending photos they must also include the text to accompany the photos. I will not be contacting the clubs/members to ask about text.

### **So.....Club Presidents**

PLEASE have your PR person email me [jumayuiers@gmail.com](mailto:jumayuiers@gmail.com) 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 20<sup>th</sup> of the month for next months publication.**

Julie Mayuiers  
[jumayuiers@gmail.com](mailto: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 28<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> and end of the month, please let me know by the 28<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](mailto: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, doctor's 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!!!**