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B2 Beacon Lions of District 11-B2 "Together We Serve"

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November News

From the desk of the Governor





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Z2 Chair Dan Chopp 269.998.2042 takeahike161@yahoo.com WOW! I am so amazed by all of you lions!!

We had 22 clubs represented last night at Projects Night, 61 people attended and we raised over \$39,000.

I am so proud of all the clubs. You all are working hard to do service even with all that is going on in the world. Visiting the clubs is proving what type of people Lion are. You all serve with your hearts, and it shows.

Keep up the good work and make sure you are reporting your service on MyLion. This is so important; it is one of the things that I had a goal of improving.

Another goal is membership increasing. Lions International has waived the \$35 fee until June 30m 2022 so no is the time to get out there and ask people to join your clubs. We need more lions to serve!

Last goal of mine is to get more people to step up onto leadership roles. We are lacking in this department. We must get someone to step up into the 2nd Vice District Governor position so that they can be trained properly to become a District Governor. I know many people who are qualified and as the saying goes, "If I can do it, so can you!" so, give me or 1st VDG Julie a call and we will answer any question you may have on this. Now onto the fact that we also need people to step up to be Zone Chairs. Being a Zone Chair is fun, you get to meet new lions from other clubs as well as take back ideas to help your club.

Onto fun things! Many of you will be doing Christmas projects for your communities and I look forward to seeing what you will be doing. Please remember to report when you are done!

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Z6 Chair – Vacant
Vacant Zone Chair interest
contact DG Karol Chopp

District Governor Karol Chopp Cont'd.

Please put on your calendars April 22 & 23 as the convention date. We will be holding the Great Eye Glass Challenge on Saturday morning. Next month we will put in the criteria for this event.

May you all have a blessed and happy holiday season!

Yours in service, Karol Chopp District Governor



Governor Karol's Calendar 2021

December

3-4: Council of Governors - Holiday Inn, Mt. Pleasant

5: Bangor Toys for Tots collection - flyer in Beacon

5: International Leo Day

12: Holiday Cabinet Dinner - TBA

2022

January

Hunger Awareness Month

31: All Zone Meeting – Antwerp Township Hall – details to follow

February

Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

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>	Charter	Years
	<u>Date</u>	<u>Old</u>
Paw Paw	12/5/1968	53
Three Rivers	12/6/1948	73
Buchanan-Galien	12/13/1933	88
Lakeshore	12/14/1961	60
Coloma	12/29/1952	69



Project Night Recap

Lions District 11B2 - Project Night 11/29/21 Updated: 11/29/21

Project Name	Project Night Donation s	Additional Donations	Total Donations
All State Band	\$2,700.00	\$0.00	\$2,700.00
Bear Lake Camp	\$2,305.00	\$0.00	\$2,305.00
Camp Leo	\$4,055.00	\$0.00	\$4,055.00
Eversight	\$4,855.00	\$0.00	\$4,855.00
Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF)	\$360.00	\$0.00	\$360.00
11-B2 Diabeties Program	\$2,383.00	\$0.00	\$2,383.00
Leader Dogs	\$4,655.00	\$0.00	\$4,655.00
Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF)	\$6,012.00	\$0.00	\$6,012.00
Lions of Michigan Service Foundation (LMSF)	\$4,110.00	\$0.00	\$4,110.00
Paws With A Cause	\$3,595.00	\$0.00	\$3,595.00
Project KidSight	\$2,655.00	\$0.00	\$2,655.00
Youth Exchange	\$1,795.00	\$0.00	\$1,795.00
Childhood Cancer	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
Total Tally	\$39,530.00	\$0.00	\$39,530.00

To be updated as additional donations are received by the Cabinet Treasurer from clubs that could not attend.



Mattawan President Dan Chopp and Portage President Laura Berry receive Club Excellence Awards



Portage Club President Laura Berry receives a GST Mask Patch from GST Amy Thackston







Dear Lion Leader,

The coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic continues to impact the work of Lions and communities around the world, creating challenges for our clubs and the people we care for. Throughout this global crisis, Lions have continued to safely serve because the needs have been so great.

To help ensure that clubs are able to meet the growing needs in our communities, the International Board of Directors passed another resolution to make it easier to invite new members to serve with us.

Here is an overview of the new resolution approved by the Board of Directors:

 Charter and entrance fees waiver – We have waived all charter and entrance fees from January 1 through June 30, 2022.
 Charter and entrance fees are also currently waived through December 31, 2021.

Please note that clubs should pay any outstanding balances right away to stay in good standing and avoid being placed on financial suspension on November 15

GLT – PCC Jeff Mayuiers







GLT & Past Council Chair Jeff Mayuiers had the honor of presenting Immediate Past District Governor/First Vice District Governor Julie Mayuiers a Presidential Award at the Three Rivers Lions Club November 9th meeting. This award is given out by Immediate Past International President Dr. Jung-Yul Choi for outstanding service to Lions Clubs International. The award is an expression of appreciation for dedicated service to those in need. Hard work and compassion serve as an example to the Lions, your community and the world around you. Together we can serve United in Kindness and Diversity. This is the second highest award given by Lions Clubs International. Mayuiers previously received the third highest award which is a Leadership Medal in 2020. The highest award that can be given is the Ambassador of Goodwill award and is only given out to International Directors.

GST – Lion Amy Thackston

Fellow Lions,

I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving!

The holidays are among us and that means a time many in need, need us more than ever. So many families were already doing their best to get by and now they will do their best to give their loved ones something special. I encourage each club to do even the smallest service project to bring a little light to someone in need. As usual I remind you service does not have to cost money, even a smile goes a long way. Send Christmas cards to retirement or medical facilities, answer Santa letters to local kids, hand out candy canes with kind messages on them at a local grocer, etc. There are so many small kind gestures that go a long way and get your club's name out there.

Please remember to report your service! Shout out to the following clubs for reporting and the services they completed. Maybe their activity will be the inspiration your club needed.

Portage- Holiday Tree Walk, Peace Poster, Monster Mash
Mattawan- Drive thru Chili/Soup Supper
PawPaw- Drive thru trunk or treat, donation to athletic booster,
South Haven Black River- Stamp donation to a local woman who has been answering
Santa Letters for local children for over 30 years. She also joined the club!

I know there are so many more clubs out there doing great things that have not been reported. Any club member can go in and enter an upcoming activity and the club secretary just has to go back in and report it once completed. Did you also know that club secretaries can assign members as club administrators giving them the necessary access to do the final activity reporting as well? Maybe this is something each club should consider to help with timely reporting.

If you are short on members consider joining up with another local Lions Club or another service organization. It doesn't matter who you serve with, just that we continue to serve!

Please don't hesitate to reach out to me if you need help reporting service, service ideas, or would like me to stop by your club to help motivate members to serve. Remember that we all joined to serve and new members will not stick around if clubs are not doing anything.

I look forward to seeing what everyone does to serve for the upcoming holiday season.

Kind Regards, Lion GST Amy Thackston

GMT – Lion Elvie Marfil





Report from MD 11 GMT Zoom Meeting Contributed by: Lion Elvie Marfil and PDG Brent Beracy

Per LCI report, we ended the month of November with a total of 883 Lion members.

Congratulations to our newly inducted members and sponsors from the following clubs.

Centreville 2 Lakeshore 1 PawPaw 1 Portage 1 Sturgis 1

Roar Roar Roar!

Sadly we lost members. Please accept our sincere condolences to the clubs and families.

On November 9th and 10th, GMT/PCC Jeff Mayuiers, PDG/VFDG Julie Mayuiers and yours truly presented a New Member Orientation at the Three Rivers Lions Club and the Centreville Lions Club, repectively. PDG/VFDG Julie Mayuiers inducted two new members in the Centreville Lions Club. On November 20th, a New Member Orientation was held at the Portage Lions Club after inducting new member Joey Hamilton, sponsored by PDG/FVDG Julie Mayuiers.

RETENTION:

Brainstorming about membership retention included the following:

- Lead with service; get new members involved in projects first
- Old timers, let your new members do things. Teach them how
- All clubs should start a new project. Projects are different than fundraisers
- Let new members' voices be heard and get them involved right away
- Understand that traditions can be a roadblock. "Traditions are peer pressure from dead people", author unknown
- Younger members don't join just to come to meetings. Clubs would benefit by having at least one event every month
- Some clubs are stagnant and will fail. Honor their past service; consider forming a branch club to continue service to the community.
- Personality conflicts are a part of any organization including Lions. Remember, #KindnessMatters and don't criticize a volunteer for a job they do.
- Create a district Cyber Lions Club for members who don't find that they "fit" into their local club
- Remember, the Covid pandemic has left many Lions feeling isolated, consider hybrid meetings for those not yet comfortable to attend in person. And don't forget to call members you haven't seen at a meeting in a while, sometimes just "checking in" means a lot.

GMT – Lion Elvie Marfil





- Reacquaint your clubs with our fantastic State Projects. How long has it been since you've had a representative speak at your meeting?
- Ask yourself and members "Are you excited to bring guests to your Lions Meetings?" It is noted that the contents of our brainstorming session needs to be shared with and expanded upon within each of our districts. Share these ideas with our region & zone chairs and our membership chairs, maybe even include in the district newsletter and get a conversation started to keep our Lions Pride engaged, excited and coming back.

LMSF





Suggested Account Locations

Airports
Bus Stations
Beauty Salons
Nail Salons
Barber Shops
Insurance Offices
Visitor Centers
Telephone Stores
Dry Cleaners
Golf Pro Shops
Car Dealerships
Chiropractors

Banks & Credit Unions Travel Agencies Government Offices Courthouses City Offices Flower Shops Eye Doctors Chamber of Commerce Funeral Homes Hardware Stores Car Waiting Rooms Medical/Dental Offices

Restaurants (especially fast food places-try to place a double tray because of volume)

Any retail business that has a good volume of walk-ins such as card shops, shoe stores,



With restaurants opening back up it's time to restock the mints they sell.

LMSF Trustee Julie Mayuiers is your mint connection. Call her at 269.254.1938 to save on shipping costs. Arrangements can be made to pick the mints up from PDG Julie.





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	The Lions of Michigan Foundation is proud to recognize the brave men and women serving our nation in the United States military. We have Lion Mints Care Packages ready for distribution,
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LIONS OF MICHIGAN FOUNDATION 36th Annual Sight & Hearing Sweepstakes

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Your Lions Club can earn easy money for your local projects and help the Lions of Michigan Foundation by selling tickets for the Sight and Hearing Sweepstakes. The more tickets you sell, the more money your club earns - up to more than 1/2 of your total ticket sales. The Oscoda and Alpena Lions Clubs earn more than \$2,500 annually from their participation in the Sight and Hearing Sweepstakes. YOUR CLUB CAN DO THE SAME!

Each year, our foundation partners with Lions Clubs throughout Michigan to help people with sight and hearing disorders, and the Sight and Hearing Sweepstakes provides the bulk of the necessary funding for that help. There are no risks for your club to participate in the Sight and Hearing Sweepstakes – only benefits. And, REMEMBER, you might also win one of the many cash prizes available, including the \$5,000 Grand Prize!

30 - 99 TICKETS SOLD = \$3.50 PER TICKET FOR PARTICIPATING CLUB 100 - 249 TICKETS SOLD = \$5.00 PER TICKET FOR PARTICIPATING CLUB 250+ TICKETS SOLD = \$5.50 PER TICKET FOR PARTICIPATING CLUB

Try these marketing ideas, and you will be surprised at how easy it is to sell tickets for the Sight & Hearing Sweepstakes. YOUR CLUB CAN'T LOSE.

- Ask all of your members to buy and sell one ticket each. This will double ticket sales statewide, and it
 would provide tens of thousands of dollars for eye care and hearing aids in Michigan.
- Obtain Board approval to buy Sight & Hearing Sweepstakes tickets in the club's name, or encourage each club member to donate \$10 to buy tickets in the club's name. Every year, some of the top prizes are won by Lions and Lioness Clubs.
- 3. Encourage your club members to buy tickets for their friends and family members. The tickets make great gifts for Christmas (stocking stuffers), birthdays, anniversaries or any special occasion, especially for that person who seems to have everything. Wouldn't it be great if a family member won the \$5,000 Grand Prize? Send the tickets to friends and family members with a letter that explains what Lions are doing to help people in need and why we are doing it.
- Invite community groups (band boosters, scout troops, etcetera) that your club supports to help sell tickets. Give the group their share of the proceeds.
- 5. Plan to sell Sight & Hearing Sweepstakes tickets for a weekend or two at a local super market or other high volume location or event. Set up a table to display Lions information and your Sight and Hearing Sweepstakes tickets. Make up posters and signs, and pass out pamphlets that explain what Lions do and how the money collected helps people in your community.
- Nearly all Lions and Lioness Clubs hold 50/50 raffles for our administrative fund. Try changing the format during the months of the Sight & Hearing Sweepstakes, December-April. Give the 50/50 raffle winner a \$10 Sight & Hearing Sweepstakes ticket for each \$10 of 50/50 raffle winnings.
- Consider organizing a spaghetti dinner, auction or another special fundraiser to raise money to purchase tickets for the Sight & Hearing Sweepstakes in your club's name - that is a winning idea for your club and our foundation.

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30 tickets will be mailed to all Club Presidents around the second week of November.

Tips on selling LMSF Sweepstakes tickets



- Give each club member a set number of tickets to sell. If you club has 30 members and you receive 30 tickets it's not hard for each member to sell 1 ticket.
- Remember this can be an easy fundraiser for your club because the club can earn money for tickets sold.
- Send a letter to friends and family members sharing how proud you are to be a Lion and what our motto "We Serve" means to you and how much Lions give back to communities both locally and globally.
- ❖ We are able to provide eyeglasses and hearing aids through some of the proceeds of the ticket sales as well as other services individuals may need assistance with.
- ❖ Tickets make great gifts for birthdays, Christmas...any holiday. Just think that if you give or receive a \$5 ticket and you win any of the prizes it is well worth the \$5 investment.
- Hand out requests to other groups such as Library Boards and Book Clubs.
- Take the sale one step further if you want and send a "thank you" card to everyone that purchased a ticket(s) and especially if that someone is a lucky winner.

The breakdown for your club to raise funds is as follows:

- For 30-99 tickets sold, we will earn \$3.50 per ticket.
- For 100-249 tickets sold, we will earn \$5.00 per ticket.
- For 250+ tickets sold, we will earn \$5.50 per ticket.



LIONS OF MICHIGAN HALL OF FAME OFFICIAL NOMINATION FORM

The LIONS OF MICHIGAN HALL OF FAME is a project of the Lions of Michigan Foundation. The purpose of the Hall of Fame is to recognize and honor those individuals who have had a significant impact on Lionism in Michigan and to preserve a memory and record of their service.

SELECTION

A maximum of seven individuals may be selected annually for enshrinement into the Lions of Michigan Hall of Fame. The inductees shall include up to four living and two deceased individuals. Past International Directors will automatically be inducted at the end of their two year term as International Director, and each year, one Hall of Fame inductee will be selected by a special committee consisting of the current members of the Lions of Michigan Hall of Fame.

SELECTION COMMITTEE

The primary Hall of Fame Selection Committee will be comprised of the members of the Lions of Michigan Foundation's Fund Development and Marketing Committee.

NOMINATIONS

Nominations will be received annually, no later than March 1. All nominations must be made using the Nominating Forms provided by the Lions of Michigan Foundation. All portions of the Nomination Form must be completed in order for a nomination to be considered. A detailed Narrative for each Nominee should accompany the Nomination Form to provide the Selection Committee with additional information about the nominee. However, the Narrative shall have no numerical score.

Nominations may be initiated by an individual or individuals, a Lions Club or a District. Nominations must have the endorsement of the District Cabinet (**one nominee per category**) before they are submitted to the Foundation office. Individuals nominated and not selected, in any given year, may be nominated in a subsequent year through the endorsement of a current District Cabinet.

INDUCTEES

Inductees and their spouse/guest will be invited guests of the Lions of Michigan Foundation at their scheduled induction ceremony. The time and location of the induction ceremony will coincide with the Foundation's Annual Meeting.

RECORDS

The Lions of Michigan Foundation will be the official repository of records of the LIONS OF MICHIGAN HALL OF FAME. All records will be retained at the Lions of Michigan State Office.

NOMINEE:		
DISTRICT:DATE:_		
POINTS WILL <u>NOT</u> BE AWARDED FOR MULTIPLE TERMS IN	A SPECIFIC OFF	ICE.
SECTION 1: LIONS MEMBERSHIP & EXTENSION	POINTS	POINTS GIVEN
YEARS OF SERVICE ()	1 PT. EACH YEAR	
NEW MEMBERS SPONSORED		
1 - 25 MEMBERS	10 POINTS	
26 - 50 MEMBERS	25 POINTS	
51+ MEMBERS	50 POINTS	
EXTENSION AWARD	25 POINTS	
GUIDING LION AWARD	25 POINTS	
TOTAL POINTS FOR SECTION 1		
SECTION 2: LIONS CLUB SERVICE	POINTS	POINTS GIVEN
PRESIDENT	15 POINTS	
VICE PRESIDENT	10 POINTS	
SECRETARY	10 POINTS	
TREASURER	10 POINTS	
MEMBERSHIP CHAIR	10 POINTS	
BOARD MEMBER (OTHER THAN ABOVE)	5 POINTS	
TOTAL POINTS FOR SECTION 2		
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SECTION 3: DISTRICT LIONS SERVICE	POINTS	POINTS GIVEN
DISTRICT GOVERNOR	30 POINTS	
VICE, LIEUTENANT OR DEPUTY DISTRICT GOVERNOR	15 POINTS	
CABINET SECRETARY	15 POINTS	
CABINET TREASURER	15 POINTS	
REGION CHAIR	10 POINTS	
ZONE CHAIR	5 POINTS	
COMMITTEE CHAIR	5 POINTS	
ATTENDED A CONVENTION	5 POINTS	

TOTAL POINTS FOR SECTION 3

SECTION 4: MULTIPLE DISTRICT LIONS SERVICE	POINTS	POINTS GIVEN
COUNCIL CHAIR	35 POINTS	
VICE COUNCIL CHAIR	20 POINTS	
TREASURER	20 POINTS	
COMMITTEE CHAIR	15 POINTS	
COMMITTEE MEMBER	10 POINTS	
ATTENDED A CONVENTION OR FORUM	10 POINTS	
PRESENTED AT A CONVENTION OR FORUM	10 POINTS	
TOTAL POINTS FOR SECTION 4		

SECTION 5: INTERNATIONAL LIONS SERVICE	POINTS	POINTS GIVEN
COMMITTEE CHAIR (Convention, USA/Canada Forum, Sight First, Etcetera)	25 POINTS	
COMMITTEE MEMBER	15 POINTS	
ATTENDED AN INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION	15 POINTS	
ATTENDED A USA/CANADA FORUM	10 POINTS	
PRESENTED AT A CONVENTION OR FORUM	10 POINTS	
TOTAL POINTS FOR SECTION 5		

SECTION 6: MD 11 & SD 10 LIONS PROJECT SERVICE	POINTS	POINTS GIVEN
PRESIDENT	25 POINTS	
VICE PRESIDENT	15 POINTS	
SECRETARY	15 POINTS	
TREASURER	10 POINTS	
BOARD MEMBER	10 POINTS	
COMMITTEE CHAIR	10 POINTS	
COMMITTEE MEMBER	5 POINTS	
TOTAL POINTS FOR SECTION 6		

SECTION 7: AWARDS & HONORS RECEIVED	POINTS	POINTS GIVEN
INTERNATIONAL AMBASSADOR OF GOODWILL	150 POINTS	
INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENTIAL AWARD	75 POINTS	
INTERNATIONAL LEADERSHIP AWARD	50 POINTS	
INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT'S CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION	25 POINTS	

INTERNATIONAL 100% DISTRICT GOVERNOR	25 POINTS	
LCIF - MELVIN JONES FELLOWSHIP	25 POINTS	
MD 11 - S.A. DODGE AWARD	50 POINTS	
LIONS OF MICHIGAN FOUNDATION - FELLOWSHIP - AWARD	50 POINTS	
LEADER DOGS FOR THE BLIND – FELLOWSHIP – AWARD	50 POINTS	
LIONS BEAR LAKE CAMP - FELLOWSHIP - AWARD	50 POINTS	
EVERSIGHT – FELLOWSHIP – AWARD	50 POINTS	
WELCOME HOMES FOR THE BLIND - FELLOWSHIP - AWARD	50 POINTS	
NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL AWARD RECEIVED	25 POINTS	
STATE/LOCAL GOVERNMENT AWARD	25 POINTS	
TOP LIONS SINGLE DISTRICT AWARD (Ralph Sheehan Award, Other)	20 POINTS	
TOTAL POINTS FOR SECTION 7		
SECTION 8: NON-LIONS SERVICE	POINTS	POINTS GIVEN
STATE/LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD OFFICER (Mayor, City Council Chair, County Commissioner, School Board, Other)	25 POINTS	
STATE/LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD MEMBER	15 POINTS	
COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION – CHURCH – YOUTH ORGANIZATION LEADER (Scouting, 4-H, School, Church, Other)	10 POINTS	
COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION – CHURCH – YOUTH ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE MEMBER	5 POINTS	
TOTAL POINTS FOR SECTION 8		
POINTS AWARDED: Section 1: Section 2: Section 5: Section 6: Section	etion 3: etion 7:	Section 4: Section 8:
TOTAL POINTS AWARDED:		
Signature – Hall of Fame Member Date		

NARRATIVE

Please list the reasons why your nominee should be considered for membership in the Lions of Michigan Hall of Fame? Explain how your nominee has had a significant impact on Lionism in Michigan. Utilize additional pages as necessary.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT LEGIBLY		

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!

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Recipes are no longer being accepted.

MICHIGAN LIONS FORUM



2022: Service from the Heart of a Lion February 25-26, 2022

REGISTRATION FORM

Holiday Inn Gateway Centre –Flint 810-232-5300 -\$99

Please complete the registration form and send it along with
a check to Michigan Lions Forum,
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Telephone 571-887-6640 or Fax 517-887-6642

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# Registrants at \$40.00/person* \$ \$ *Registration fee is \$40.00 and includes lunch, forum proceedings booklet. \$40.00 price is for reservations no later than February 7, 2022. After 2/7/2022 \$50.0 PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Lions of Michigan	n and received
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List food allergies or dietary requirements:	
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Check here for the forum book on CD	
(For visually impaired only)	

REGISTER EARLY!

To guarantee lunch and materials!

Mark the sessions you plan to attend

☐ F	DAY NIGHT SESSION 7:00 p.m. Resale Fashion Show— Service Project Hospitality Suite — The Fillmore — 9:30 p.m.
SATURDAY SESSIONS: 7:00 a.m. – Registration 8:10 a.m. – Welcome	
	ion 1 Breakout Session - 8:30 a.m. (Check One) Public Speaking LCIF Grants Fundraising Global Action Team
	Lion 2 Breakout Session - 9:30 a.m. (Check One) Lions Learning Opportunities: Alli, Elli, FDI and more Diabetes Becoming a Social Media Super-User Marketing your Club
	ion 3 Breakout Session - 10:30 a.m. (Check One, Ice Breakers Lions 101 What We're All About Childhood Cancer Membership – The Power of Re-Gifting
_ _ _ (ion 4 Breakout Session - 11:30 a.m. (Check One, MyLCI/MyLion De-Mystified Lions of Michigan Foundation Hunger – Gardening for Good Passion to Serve!
Keyno	Dp.m. - Lunch, White Cane Scholarships; ote Speaker Sandy Pearson, Habitat for Humanity; ongs, Dismissal

The Michigan Forum Committee is pleased to announce Sandra Pearson, President and CEO of Habitat for Humanity of Michigan as the keynote speaker for the 2022 Michigan Forum.

Sandra Pearson is the President and Chief Executive Officer of Habitat for Humanity of Michigan, which supports a network of 50+ affiliates and ReStores. A graduate of Michigan State University's Eli Broad College of Business, Sandy began her career in housing with the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) where she spent 16 years working in Civil Rights, Fair Housing, and all federally funded housing programs. In addition, Sandy co-wrote the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher "Key to Own" Homeownership program to transition people from renting to realizing their dream of owning a home.

In the years she has been with Habitat for Humanity of Michigan, she has provided leadership with housing advocacy both in Michigan and nationally, having served on Habitat International's U.S. Council, Finance and Resource Development council, and National Public Policy committee. She has also served on Michigan coalitions including the Homeownership Study Task Force, Sense of Place Council, Community Development Advisory committee, and was at the table when the Michigan Housing and Community Development Fund was established.



Bangor Lions Club





QUARTER AUCTION/RAFFLE

A fundraiser benefitting

Toys for Tots

Contact Chris - 269-365-5231

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5th

@ Bangor Fire Station

Doors open at 1:30 p.m. for snacks and paddle purchase Event starts promptly at 2:00 p.m.

BRING:

- > 1 unwrapped toy to receive 1 paddle - 2 toys = 2 paddles, etc...
- Money for raffle tickets
- Quarters for bidding
- > Friends, Family, Neighbors
- DESIRE TO HAVE FUN!!

Paddles are \$5.00 each or a new unwrapped toy for Toys for Tots

50/50 raffle tickets - \$1.00/each

Cash only

Great time to start your holiday shopping and support a great cause. Fun for all ages, and lots of great items to bid on.

Buchanan- Galien Leos

The Buchanan - Galien Leo club has already been very busy this fall!

We had 12 new member applications at the high school's open house, and three new officers were installed!

Leos volunteered in the Lions Club candy packing night, started a women and infant donation drive, and handed out candy at Buchanan's McCoy Creek Trail TREK or Treat event!

We still have some really special volunteer opportunities to take us through the fall, and winter!







Edwardsburg Lions



CHRISTMAS TREES ARE HERE!

THE EDWARSBURG LIONS CLUB HAS BEAUTIFUL LIVE CHRISTMAS TREES IN MANY SIZES TO CHOOSE FROM.

FRASER FIRS 6 TO 12 FOOT SCOTCH PINE 6 TO 8 FOOT

THE EDWARDSBURG CLUB PROUDLY HAS BEEN SELLING CHRISTMAS TREES FOR "56" YEARS!

COME TO H&R BLOCK LOCATED AT 26091 US12, EDWARDSBURG, MI 49112

HOURS OF OPERATION:

MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY 3 TO 7 PM

FRIDAY 1 TO 7 PM

SATURDAY 9 AM TO 7 PM

SUNDAY NOON TO 7 PM

Edwardsburg Leos



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November 2021

~ 5 Leo Events ~

The Edwardsburg Leos have impressed our Edwardsburg Community with their volunteering of time with events happening in our "little town of Edwardsburg!"

First Event - Leos helped at Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church with their Annual Holiday Craft Bazaar. The Leos served lunch to the craft vendors and to the public. The Leos were offered time shifts to help and a couple Leos were having so much fun they pulled a double shift!

Second Event - Leos helped the Knights of Columbus with their Annual Fall Harvest Dinner (Thanksgiving dinner). With the Covid variant the dinner was a drive thru event. The Leos were keeping up with taking orders and serving the boxed dinners to community members driving thru. The best part of this event is the Leos were able to partake in the delicious Thanksgiving dinner!



Third Event - Leos were able to get out of school the morning of Monday, November 22nd to help setup the parking lot for the Thanksgiving food basket drive thru. The Leos put cones up in the parking lot to direct

the Edwardsburg community members to come in the parking lot to pick up their holiday food basket and were directed another direction out again. The Leos carried boxes of food out to the parking lot to give to

Edwardsburg Leos

each family that came. It was a cold day, and the Leos were seen by many as they were doing jumping jacks to keep warm!



Fourth Event - This event was a "working meeting" event. The Leos meet on the 2^{nd} & 4^{th} Tuesday of the month in the High School Library. At this meeting, Leos were writing

out Thanksgiving cards to residents at West Woods Nursing Home in Niles, MI. The Thanksgiving cards were blank inside, so the Leos needed to come up with thoughts of thankfulness or inspirational to write to someone they have never met. Also, at this meeting each Leo was given a large sparkly felt snowflake that they wrote words of inspiration all over the snowflake to be put on the resident's door for the holidays. Lots of GLITTER EVERYWHERE!

Fifth Event - This event is coming up the day after Thanksgiving. The Edwardsburg Lions Club each year has their Annual Live Christmas Tree Sales. This makes their 56th year for this fundraiser. The semi will deliver over 300 Christmas trees and Leos will be helping to unload the trees and help set up the Christmas tree lot which is on US12 in Edwardsburg at the H & R Block property. Tree sales will start on Friday as well. The Lions always appreciate each year the help they get from the Leo Club.



Have a Safe and Happy Holiday!

Leo Advisors, Tanda & Dave Stiffler

Paw Paw Lions

District Governor Karol makes official visit



Rick Zuiderveen, Paw Paw's Shining Star, and Governor Karol Chopp.

Our neighbor and good friend, District Governor Karol Chopp and Zone Chair Dan made their official visit Nov. on Governor Karol encouraged us to work together with others. We are already planning a Veteran's Dinner in partnership with the Kiwanis and Rotary DG Karol presented Clubs. Lion Rick Zuiderveen with his well-deserved Shining Star Award and Lion Burt Ogden with LCI President Alexander's pin for all his hard work.

Drive-thru Halloween a big success!





Even though it was a tad chilly and damp, we had lots of fun presenting our first Drive-thru Halloween in the parking lot of our club. The event was Covid free but it tested positive for lots of delighted kids...and parents!

Paw Paw Lions

Rick Slauter inducted into Paw Paw Lions Club!



With his sponsor, Lion Teresa Dunham, looking on, Ric Slauter is inducted by Membership Chair/Past President Tom Shoemaker into membership in the Paw Paw Lions Club. Lion Ric showed up at our clubhouse to work Bingo even before he had been voted on and accepted into membership by the Board! Welcome to the largest club in District 11-B2!

Portage Lions Club

Holiday trees decorated by local businesses and organizations add to the festive atmosphere of the Celery Flats Historical Area in Portage. The tree sponsored by the Portage Lions Club showcased the Lions Projects and this year's International theme, "Service from the Heart." Lions Laura Berry, Amy Blankshain, Joey Hamilton (newly inducted member), and Elvie Marfil had some fun decorating the club's tree for this annual community event that allows them to share the good works that Lions do.





Welcome, Lion Joey Hamilton, proud mother of three and the newest member of the Portage Lions Club! Lion Joey, sponsored by PDG/FVDG Julie Mayuiers, was inducted into the Portage Lions Club by MD-11GLT Chair/PDG Ron Gibson on 20 November 2021. Lion Joey was eager to become a Lion and informed that she wanted "to serve those in need and to serve my community".



Sturgis Lions Club

Sturgis Lions Club welcomed three new members at our November 17th meeting!

Frank and Nancy Iannarelli and Diane Warnement will attend the District Project Night on November 29.

We are developing plans for a Legacy Project whereby we can provide service and visibility to our local community.



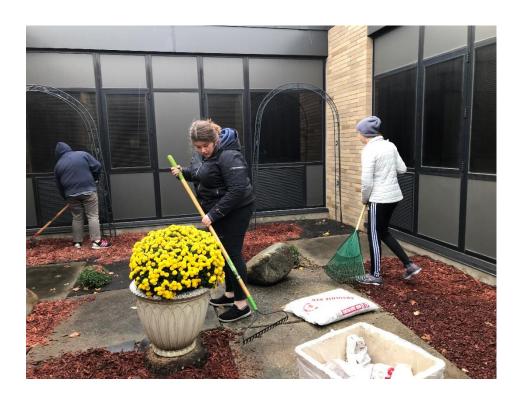
L – R: Lion Nancy Innarrelli (sponsor), new club members Vince LaPorte, Tracie Pueschel, and Tyson Dilts, Lion Frank Innarelli (sponsor).

Sturgis Leos Club

Our Sturgis High School Leo Club is continuing their landscaping project for the school's courtyard by planting bulbs which will bloom in the spring and spreading mulch. They also hope to add a bench.

Shown participating are Lily Brown, Arisbet Garcia, and Charissa Diersing.

Since there is a real need for winter coats throughout all levels of the Sturgis school system, the Leo's are conducting a coat drive. We Leo's have voted to support them in this project.



Vicksburg Lions Club



Vicksburg Lions donated this country flag display to the District.

It will be house by the seated District Governor.

Thank you Vicksburg Lions!

Medical Equipment Items to Loan

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

269-277-8821 or pullins1852@gmail.com

Three Rivers has a couple of wheelchairs, walkers, and crutches to loan. 269-273-2424

Mattawan have a couple of walkers and other mobility aids. Contact Kim Copenaver partylikeabanker@yahoo.com or 269-251-6553





Lion Request...

I am PCC Jeff Mayuiers from the Three Rivers Lions Club and your current District GLT. Some of you may know that I work at Twin County Probation Center which serves every county in our District. These individuals always need community service and my club helps them with that by having them help out at our club functions and assisting with building maintenance projects. I started a bicycle program because most parolees are not allowed to drive vehicles yet and are required to have a job to pay for their room and board while in the probation center. I have been taking in bicycles and repairing them with tires, tubes, gearshifts, and brakes and then providing them to the parolees to ride to work and back. My problem is I have no more bikes, but many males and females still need a bike. My request is, if you have a bike that you'd be willing to donate to this program I sure could use your help. I can be reached at 269-254-1936 or wijmayuiers@gmail.com.



Upcoming Events to add to your calendar!!



2021

December

3-4: Council of Governors – Holiday Inn, Mt. Pleasant

5: Bangor Toys for Tots Collection – see flyer in Beacon

12: Holiday Cabinet Dinner - TBA

2022

January

8: Mattawan Soup Supper – see flyer in Beacon

31: All Zone Meeting - Antwerp Township Hall - details to follow

February

12: Mattawan Soup Supper - see flyer in Beacon

March

12: Mattawan Soup Supper – see flyer in Beacon





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 Tammie Grabowski.** Please send all obituaries to her for distribution to the District. cheftammie@gmail.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 or family member needing support with a Get Well Wish, Condolence or Congratulations.

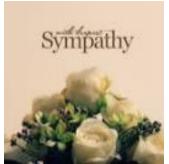


Please email me <u>jumayuiers@gmail.com</u> with members name, address, phone, hospital, reason, whatever you'd like to provide and I will publish in the B2 Beacon for the District to support them with well wishes, prayers, condolences or whatever.



Please keep all our Lions undergoing health issues as well as their caregivers in your thoughts and prayers.

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 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 25**th 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 25th 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 25th and end of the month, please let me know by the 23rd 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 if 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 Editor

jumayuiers@gmail.com

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, 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!!!