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B2 Beacon Lions of District 11-B2 "Sprinkle Kindness"

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From the desk of the Governor

As we start the holiday season I want to ask one thing of each of you whether you are a Lion or not.....***Sprinkle Kindness!***

The last eleven months have taken a toll on everyone around the world in one way or another whether it be directly on you, a family member or a friend, from the loss of employment to the loss of lives. We need to reach out and see if there is anything you can do to offer assistance to our families and friends. You may have a neighbor with no family in the area or they may not have a vehicle to get to the grocery store or be at a great risk of becoming ill with COVID-19 for any number of reasons. All I'm asking you to do is to **check in on each other**. Maybe it's a phone call or an email or a text...any method is better than none.

Your Lions hearts have allowed you to give so much over the years. You've helped by providing eyeglasses, hearing aids, food, toys, and fire and flood aid to name just a few. In my mind these are all act of *Sprinkling Kindness* in one way or another and I can't thank you enough.

As I look to 2021 I am hoping for good health for all of you and your families. Safe travels if you are able to travel this holiday season. I'm looking forward to being able to visit your clubs in person if I have not already done so and if not in person via virtual visit. Please keep me in the loop of your club happenings and if I am able I'd like to join you.

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District Governor Julie Mayuiers Cont'd.

In closing I'm asking you to dig a little deeper in your Lions hearts and reach out to a fellow club member just to check in on them and see if they need anything at all. But most important of all, remember the true meaning of Christmas and the reason we celebrate this holiday because without that one person none of us would be here to serve others.

I want to say a *special thank you* to the Cabinet of District 11B2 for all you do and continue to do for all the clubs and members in this great district!!

To you and your families from Lion Jeff and I, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!!

Stay safe!

DG Julie



Here is the link to the Virtual Leadership Seminar held November 7th. Great information was shared so please take the time to watch the video. I'm sure you will learn at least one new help item. <http://lionsofmi.tv/>

Governor's Calendar

2020

December

- 17: Three Rivers sort toys
19: Three Rivers Christmas basket and toy distribution



2021

January

- 9: Cabinet Meeting and Post Holiday Party – location TBD

February

- 25 – 26: Council of Governor's – Holiday Inn, Mt. Pleasant
26 – 27: Michigan Forum - Virtual



April

- 23 & 24: B2 District Convention – Four Points by Sheraton in Kalamazoo
25: District Cabinet meeting @ 9:00 am Four Points by Sheraton



May

- 20 & 21: Council of Governor's – DoubleTree by Hilton, Holland
21 & 22: State Convention – DoubleTree by Hilton, Holland



Please remind everyone in your club to sign up to receive the Beacon directly in their email through Mailchimp. All they have to do is



Club Anniversaries



<u>Club</u>	<u>Charter Date</u>	<u>Years Old</u>
Paw Paw	12/5/68	52
Three Rivers	12/6/48	72
Buchanan-Galien	12/13/33	87
Lakeshore	12/14/61	59
Coloma	12/29/52	68
Portage	1/23/61	60

*Happy
Anniversary*



The Lion in the Corner by CC Jeff Mayuiers for PID Bill Hanson

Lions are like flowers
Some in full bloom, some yet to bloom.
But I encourage us all to pay attention
To the Lion in the corner of the room.

Those that sit back; oh so quite
With their thoughts held in reserve
Yet come leaping from their corner
Always willing and ready to serve.

These Lions, they seek no recognition
But are our projects main supporters.
So don't forget to recognize
The Lion in the Corner!

1st VDG Karol Chopp



Hello Fellow Lions,

This month my focus is on how I can meet with other lions in these trying times. My first thought is that I need to find a way to get with all the clubs so that I can see people and they can get to know me. Since I cannot physically do that, I would love for you to send me your zoom link so I can jump on and say hi and get to know you. I will not take over your meeting I promise!!

I would like to wish you all a joyous holiday season. Focus on the good in our lives and not the negative. Try and think outside the box and come up with innovative ways to serve. Keep the members in your club in your thoughts and call, email, facetime or whatever it takes to keep you all safe but in touch with one another. Being a part of a caring group can go along way for someone's mental health and wellbeing.

Stay safe and keep serving!

Karol Chopp
1st VDG 11B-2





A Few Days Before Christmas 2020

Twas a few days before Christmas
And all through our towns
People wore masks
That covered their faces.

The frown had begun
Way back in the Spring
When a global pandemic
Seemed to change everything.

They called it "Corona"
But unlike the beer
It didn't bring good times
It brought panic and fear.

Airplanes were grounded
Travel was banned
Borders were closed
As was travel by land.

The States entered lockdown
Lions Clubs couldn't meet
So we took to the internet
Refusing defeat.

We changed how we gather
We stopped face to face
We went virtual Utube
Or meeting online took place.

As Lions we've been challenged
By a world not so well
To provide service to others
Yet stay safe ourselves.

Lions were resourceful
We've stepped up to the plate
We know serving others
Is a thing that can't wait.

So as we end this year
None like any ever seen
Remember Lions are serving
Even through COVID-19.

By Council Chair Jeff Mayuiers

The previous message as well as this one should inspire everyone. So similar in wording yet from opposite ends of our state the thoughts mirror each other. This is from fellow DG Rod Leathers from District E-12.

DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

*'Twas the night before Christmas
And all through the land
Not a creature was stirring
'Cause covid shut us down again.*

*But the Lions said
"We refuse defeat
We will serve with pride
We cannot be beat"*

*They took away our meetings
In our grand meeting rooms
But that didn't stop us
Because we have Zoom!*

*We're still serving our communities
As best as we can
Wearing our masks
And sanitizing our hands.*

*Thanks to LCIF grants
We've gotten money to help out
To make hand sanitizer
Which was needed, no doubt!*

*Handicap ramps
Are still being constructed,
We're sewing face masks
So our school kids can still be instructed.*

*We cleaned up the roads
We provided eyeglasses
We helped the food pantries
And provided online diabetes classes.*

*To raise money we sell raffle tickets
And calendars too
We ring bells for The Salvation Army
Just to name a few.*

*Now the needs in our community
Are felt even more
And that's why the Lions
Continue to ROAR.*

*As we continue our mission
To help mankind
Let's do it with a smile
And keep service in mind*

*Our district is still active
We continue to serve
We won't let Covid
Throw us a curve*

*Let's go forth with kindness
Never let that out of our sight
Merry Christmas to all
And to all a goodnight*

*Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, and remain safe
and keep a smile upon your face.*

DG Rod

Here are the topics discussed and ideas shared from this meeting. I hope your club finds this helpful. *Special thanks to Lion Tammie Grabowski for compiling this list.*

We also discussed having maybe monthly Zoom meetings with different topics in 2021....stay tuned for further details on this.

Surviving COVID Virtual Zone Meeting Nov. 16, 2020 (Zoom)

GST: Ideas for serving during difficult times
We can't stop serving. Now is when we are needed most.

Safest:

- Write letters or cards to residents in nursing homes.
- Write letters or cards to retail workers/stores in your community.
- Write letters or cards to health care workers.
- Make masks to donate
- Plan a virtual community event. Invite community groups to talk together about needs and what you can do to help.
- Dress as Santa and do virtual meet and greets on a live Facebook event/make Facebook appts with kids
- Offer a Write a Letter to Santa address and then **have members personally answer the letters as if the members are Santa. This will get the members recharged and re-involved with Lions.**
- Christmas Tree Virtual Walk (Portage)
- Drop off "thank you" cards to local retailers i.e. Meijers, Wal-Mart, etc.

A Little Less Safe:

- Do a food, clothing, hat/glove, personal care drive for local shelters or food banks
- Help another club at their event.
- Help your neighbors (rake leaves, shovel snow, grocery shop for people)

Even a Little Less Safe:

- Volunteer to hand out food to school kids or those in need
- Do a drive through free meal for thanksgiving or a soup meal anytime.

How do we know what the needs in our community are? Ask the schools, DHS, fire department, food pantry, city council, etc.

Virtual Fundraisers:

- Drive Through Meals
- Online Fundraising (GoFundMe, Square online store, Paypal online store)
- Online Auction
- Virtual Vendor Show

Cont'd. Surviving COVID Virtual Zone Meeting Nov. 16, 2020 (Zoom)

GMT:

- Send letters to companies to let them know we are still around, what we do and how they can join us.
- Put a flyer in your food baskets
- Use social media to share what we do
- “Tell Me Your Story” video snip-its on your social media formats and website
- Hang flyers around town, when do you meet, what can you do
- Invite others to participate in your service activities. Service breeds membership.
- Larger clubs divide into smaller groups for now and hold meetings in accordance with Governors guidelines (when applicable) then a spokes person from each group get together and share club ideas
- Articles in newspaper, radio station, Chamber of Commerce

Some things other clubs are doing:

- Trunk or Treating, invite area businesses to participate (may lead to membership)
- Restaurant Give Back Nights, people order take out, buy gift cards, eat in (If possible) % of sales go to your club
- Make pencil bags/school supplies. Even online kids need supplies

GLT:

- Use a phone tree, email tree to make contact with club members who are not involved.
- Lots of ideas from Virtual Higgins Lake, Nov. 7. Recordings can be sent out
- Monthly Zoom meets for presidents to talk about issues. Maybe other groups would benefit from sounding board meetings as well.
- We’ve done some Zoom trainings. Those are always available.



GST

Fellow Lions,

I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday. Things sure are different this year for holidays. It may be easy to decide it's a good time to bunker down and just wait it out, but our communities need us now more than ever!

I'm not saying that you should go out and put yourselves and your health at risk. There are many levels of service options for clubs with different comfort levels. DG Julie sent a similar list out to all Club Presidents via email, but I want to make sure each Lion has the chance to see the list. These items can be done by large clubs, small clubs, and even individuals. Please find some way to serve your community during this time. There is no service too small!

No Risk: No contact

- Letters or cards to nursing homes, health care works, or even retail workers. These people are in need of a little something special to keep them going through these hard days.
- Make masks or donate supplies to those who are.
- Plan a virtual event. Santa on facebook live, phone calls from the north pole, etc. Find a way to bring some cheer to the community virtually.
- Offer local children a place to send Santa letters and respond to them. Include something special from the north pole like stickers or an activity book in your reply.

Medium Risk: Minimal contact

- Drive up collections for toys, food, warm clothing, or personal care items for those in need.
- Help another club. Bangor is collecting for Lakeshore Toys for Tots and PawPaw provides amazing food baskets. Offer help with their collections, putting baskets together, fundraising efforts, etc.
- Adopt a family, angel tree, meal donations, etc.

High Risk: more possible contact

- Help hand out meals to kids for the schools.
- Volunteer at a food pantry.
- Prepare a free meal for pickup.

Remember no service is too small! If something puts a smile on someone's face or helps them when help was needed it's a job well done.

Please don't hesitate to reach out for more ideas or service planning at any time. Stay healthy and have a wonderful holiday season.

GST Amy Thackston





Fellow Lions this month, we will be looking at ways to help get the lights back on in your club. The best ways are the ways we have always did it. Call them on the phone, e-mail inviting them to a meeting, snail mail, meeting them in common places and invite them to a meeting. Make it personal and keep it on the same ground and be inviting. Face to face contact is always the best and a phone call is better than an e-mail. The more personal the contact and in common ground the better the chance they will come. Face to face virtually is better than just audio. For certain types of individual's texting can be a good tool. When meeting in the virtual world you always have to show the value of the group because it is easier to lose them. Remember the more personal invitations and the closer the better. Cold e-mailing or other media cold invitations will surely end in defeat. Share your club's story and how it is making a difference in your community. Zoom and Facebook are the most common platforms. What ever tool you choose to use make sure it is the best fit for your club.

Yours in Lionism
GMT Rick Young



Peace Poster Winner

Congratulations to Carolyn Young submitted by the Buchanan-Galien Lions Club and chosen as the B2 Peace Poster Winner. Carolyn's poster went on to the December 5th Council of Governor's meeting where the state winner was chosen. Carolyn will be recognized at our District Convention in April.



The District Governor's of MD 11 chose the poster of Kaushani Mukherjee as the winner to represent MD11 Internationally. She is 11 years old, in 6th grade at Hillside Middle school in Northville, Michigan. The sponsoring club is the Northville Lions out of District 11 A1.

**Congratulations to
all that
participated!!**





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SELLER INCENTIVES

1st-\$750 - 2nd-\$500 - 3rd-\$250 - 4th-\$100

EASY MONEY

30-99 Tickets Sold = \$3.50 Per Ticket For Club
100 - 249 Tickets Sold = \$5.00 Per Ticket For Club
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DRAWINGS

TICKET SELLERS DRAWING

May 1, 2021

Lions of Michigan State Office
Lansing, Michigan

FINAL DRAWING

May 22, 2021

MD 11 Convention - Holland, MI

The PRICE is RIGHT
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Attention Holiday Shoppers

Do you have someone on your gift list who has everything?

What better gift could you give than one that helps those in need? For a gift of \$10, you can buy a Sight & Hearing Sweepstakes ticket for a friend or family member, providing them with a chance to win several cash prizes, including the grand prize of \$5,000.

Upon receipt of your gift, we will mail a sweepstakes ticket stub and sweepstakes information to your honoree with a card acknowledging your gift.



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Donor's Name(s): _____

Donor's Email Address: _____

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Honoree's Email Address: _____

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City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____



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December 1, 2020

Dear Michigan Lion:

On June 28, 2018, Governor Rick Snyder signed Public Act 255, creating a Lions of Michigan Foundation Fund within the Michigan Department of Treasury to assist our foundation in collecting donations to help improve the quality of life of people in our state with unmet needs. Public Act 255 of 2018 added our Lions of Michigan Foundation to the list of only nine Michigan charities eligible to receive donations directly from Michigan tax payers when they file their annual state income tax return.

As each qualified charity is required to collect \$50,000 in donations annually through this special program to guarantee eligibility for the future, we are asking for any help that you can provide to ensure that we remain eligible. Just a donation of \$5 to \$10 to our foundation from each Michigan Lions member or a family member or friend on the Michigan Voluntary Contribution Schedule (MI Form 4642) would ensure that we cannot be removed from the list of qualified charities.

Since 1984, our Lions of Michigan Foundation has operated programs that address serious human needs in our state. By working in partnership with our Michigan Lions Clubs and other community service organizations and charities, we provide disadvantaged Michigan families with access to affordable eye care, hearing aids and services aimed at helping people succeed academically and socially, gain and retain employment, maintain independence and prosper in life. We support our member Lions Clubs and their communities to help make them stronger and more viable.

Our foundation provides funding for equipment, supplies and program expenses for Project KidSight and the resources necessary for our Michigan Lions to help children suffering from vision loss. Through our Emergency Individual Assistance Program, our foundation helps military families and veterans who have emergency needs, and we help people who suffer from severe vision and hearing disorders that can only be corrected through surgical intervention or costly medical procedures. Through our Lions Affordable Hearing Aid Program, our foundation helps low-income people who suffer from hearing loss maintain self-sufficiency. And, through our Emergency Disaster Relief Program, we help families affected by natural disasters, including severe storms, flooding, fires and tornados.

We greatly appreciate any support that you and your family members and friends can provide to assist us in raising the \$50,000 required to remain as one of the charities eligible to receive donations through Michigan income tax return filings. With your help, we can continue to play a significant role in solving the social, economic and health care issues facing our state.

Sincerely yours,

Pam Schroeder
President

Chad McCann
Executive Director

Enclosures

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2020 MICHIGAN Voluntary Contributions Schedule

INSTRUCTIONS: Use this schedule to make a donation from your refund to any of the organizations listed below. If you are not receiving a refund, your donation will increase your tax due. Check the box associated with the dollar amount you wish to contribute in columns A or B or enter a specific dollar amount greater than \$10 in the space provided in column C. Enter the total of your contribution for each line in column D. For detailed descriptions of each fund, see the reverse side of this form. Include with Form MI-1040.

Type or print in blue or black ink.

Attachment 18

Filer's First Name	M.I.	Last Name	Filer's Full Social Security No. (Example: 123-45-6789) _____
If a Joint Return, Spouse's First Name	M.I.	Last Name	Spouse's Full Social Security No. (Example: 123-45-6789) _____

	A.	B.	C. Other Amount (greater than \$10)	D. Total Contribution
1. American Red Cross Michigan Fund.....	<input type="checkbox"/> \$5	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10	\$ 00	1. 00
2. Animal Welfare Fund.....	<input type="checkbox"/> \$5	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10	\$ 00	2. 00
3. Children's Trust Fund - Prevent Child Abuse Michigan.....	<input type="checkbox"/> \$5	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10	\$ 00	3. 00
4. Fostering Futures Scholarship Trust Fund ..	<input type="checkbox"/> \$5	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10	\$ 00	4. 00
5. Kiwanis Fund.....	<input type="checkbox"/> \$5	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10	\$ 00	5. 00
6. Lions of Michigan Foundation Fund	<input type="checkbox"/> \$5	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10	\$ 00	6. 00
7. Michigan World War II Legacy Memorial Fund	<input type="checkbox"/> \$5	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10	\$ 00	7. 00
8. Military Family Relief Fund.....	<input type="checkbox"/> \$5	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10	\$ 00	8. 00
9. United Way Fund.....	<input type="checkbox"/> \$5	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10	\$ 00	9. 00
10. Add column D, lines 1 through 9. Enter total of column D here and carry amount to your MI-1040, line 22.....				10. 00

This form must be included with your MI-1040 to ensure your contributions are properly credited to the designated fund(s).

Instructions for Form 4642, Voluntary Contributions Schedule

Michigan taxpayers can contribute \$5, \$10, or more to any of the following funds on the *Voluntary Contributions Schedule* (Form 4642). **Contributions to these funds will increase your tax liability or reduce your refund.**

American Red Cross Michigan Fund

The American Red Cross is always there for you and your community, helping to alleviate suffering caused by disasters big and small. The Red Cross shelters, and provides emotional support to Michigan residents and beyond; supplies about 40 percent of the nation's blood; teaches skills that save lives; provides international humanitarian aid; and supports military members and their families. By mobilizing the power of volunteers and the generosity of donors, the Red Cross responds to more than 60,000 disasters annually. In Michigan, last year more than 6,000 volunteers logged more than 200,000 hours assisting others. On average 91 cents of every dollar the Red Cross spends is invested in humanitarian services.

Animal Welfare Fund

The outside world can be a harsh, scary place for homeless pets. And throughout Michigan, small towns and big cities alike struggle to find the resources they need to provide medical care to the animals they rescue. Through the Animal Welfare Fund, the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) offers grants to Michigan's registered animal shelters to help support spaying and neutering programs for shelter dogs and cats up for adoption. Grants also help support many anti-cruelty and proper care programs around the state. Shelters also use grant monies from your generous donations to help care for animals that are seized as part of animal cruelty cases.

Children's Trust Fund - Prevent Child Abuse Michigan

The Children's Trust Fund (CTF) supports services throughout Michigan to prevent child abuse and neglect. CTF funds home visitation services; respite care; services for families with incarcerated family members; and parenting education and support. CTF supports a statewide network of local Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Councils. Examples of local Council work are teaching professionals about mandated reporting; teaching parents and caregivers about infant head trauma prevention and infant safe sleep practices; and establishing baby pantries to provide diapers, formula, and clothing. In the coming year, CTF and its local Councils will lead statewide efforts to build local responses to the opioid crisis.

Fostering Futures Scholarship Trust Fund

Fostering Futures Scholarship provides scholarships to young adults who have experienced foster care to help them achieve a college education. Approximately 13,500 students are in the Michigan foster care system and many students do not have family support after they age out of the system. Nationally, about 75 percent of students express a desire to attend college, less than 10 percent enroll in college and less than three percent graduate college. Scholarships are awarded via an application process and paid directly to the students' college or university to assist with tuition, fees, room, board, books and supplies. For more information visit www.fosteringfutures-mi.com.

Kiwanis Fund

Kids need Kiwanis! Kiwanis clubs around the world, work to impact the lives of the children and families within their communities through leadership programs, hunger prevention, scholarships, reading programs, grants and so much more. Every Kiwanis club is unique because we cater our programs to the unique needs of the kids in our local communities. Your donation will be given to a club in your area and used entirely for our programs, keeping your contribution and its impact local. For more information about Kiwanis, go to www.MiKiwanis.org

Lions of Michigan Foundation Fund

The Lions of Michigan Foundation is a Public Charity that was created in the early 1980's to help Lions Clubs provide services in Michigan communities. The organization is dedicated to the improvement of the quality of life of people in Michigan with unmet needs. The Lions of Michigan Foundation works together with Michigan Lions Clubs and other charities to deliver services aimed at helping children and adults with sight and hearing deficiencies excel in school, retain employment and maintain self-sufficiency. For more information, visit www.lmsf.net or write info@lmsf.net.

The Michigan WWII Legacy Memorial Fund

Honor Michigan residents who served in World War II. Officially recognized as the state's tribute to its contributions during the war, the memorial will span three quarters of an acre and provide a year-round destination to tell Michigan's unique story and educate future generations. More than 600,000 Michigan residents served on the war front while countless others served on the home front producing necessary planes, tanks Jeeps and K-rations. Help us pay tribute to the legacy of Michigan's Greatest Generation who sacrificed so all are inspired by the values, ideals and deeds that ensured our freedom today. The goal for dedication is 2020. The time to support is now. Don't let our heroes fade away. www.michiganww2memorial.org

Military Family Relief Fund

The Military Family Relief Fund provides grants to qualifying families of military members in either the Michigan National Guard or Reserves who are called to active duty as a result of the national response to the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.

United Way Fund

Contributions to the United Way Fund (of America) will be used to improve the lives of Michigan residents by mobilizing the caring power of communities to provide for basic needs, including, but not limited to, food, clothing, and shelter.



Lions, here is a great opportunity to help some children that need glasses yet this year.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have about 100 VSP Global Eyes of Hope – Sight for Students Gift Certificates that expire on 12/25/2020. Rather than letting these gift certificates go unused, I would like to issue these to some Michigan children with eye care needs. We only have a couple weeks to issue the certificates and present them to an eye care provider, **so time is a major factor.**

Please reach to your Lions contacts and contacts at other community service organizations to see if there is a need. To issue a gift certificate for a child, we need:

Child's Name
Child's Birthdate
Child's Phone Number
Child's Home Mailing Address

I wish you and your family a safe and happy holiday season!

Best regards!

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(See next page for example of Certificate)

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Client Number:	30090575	Div: 2375	Class: 2375
Partner Contact: LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL(630)468-6705			
Covered Services: ELEMENTS-C		Exam: YES	Lens: YES
		Frame: YES	

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- Please distribute a unique certificate for each individual, even if members of the same family.
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 - Under Frame Brands, select **Otis & Piper®**.
2. Call the VSP network doctor and make an appointment. Let them know you have a VSP gift certificate for an exam, lenses, and Otis & Piper frame.
3. Bring the gift certificate with you to the appointment.

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- You may use one gift certificate every 12 months.
- This gift certificate must be redeemed before the expiration date above.
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LMSF Trustee Jeff Mayuiers is your mint connection. Call him at 269.254.1936 to save on shipping costs as he has mints available locally.

Winter Camp for the Blind and Visually Impaired

District 11-B1 Winter Camp for the Blind and Visually Impaired will be going "virtual" for 2021, due to the Coronavirus Pandemic and our concern for the health and safety of our campers.

The Virtual Winter Camp will be held on Zoom on February 6, 2021 from 1 pm to around 5:30-6 pm.

We have communicated to our regular campers, and are receiving sign-ups, both by electronic, paper and phone registration. Many of our campers come from your districts, and we are always interested in more participation. This year we are not space limited and can accommodate up to 300 participants thanks to Eversight Michigan, who have given us permission to use their Zoom account. There is no cost to the campers.

The letter sent to our camper mailing list is attached and may be passed along to folks who might be interested in attending. The registration link included below can be used by anyone who wishes to participate as well.

Camp Registration

Link: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1QnWtDUnocDo7pvd99WcPNTRt16CZpLUAsE4DzKnekjQ/>

Participants may use their computer, I-pad, Smart phone, or traditional house phone to participate. We will be sending a zoom link and phone number, schedule and instructions for Zoom to all registered participants. Participants will be able to participate in a bible discussion, bird study/nature session, a craft activity (we need to know by mid-January if a craft kit is desired). There will be a talent show and camp memory session. While we aren't offering Bingo, we will be doing raffles through the session. There will be an open time at the end for general discussion and fellowship

How Can You Help? Normally we extend an invitation for Lions to come out to the Outdoor Education Center to help the campers with a variety of activities. This year, you might offer to help a camper in your area either to register, access the zoom event on the device of choice or participate in the craft. This is a very inexpensive way to help one or more of our campers enjoy the day more fully and without frustration.

You or your club can also help the effort by donating a \$20 gift card(s) from any major retailer, such as Meijer, Walmart, Target, or restaurant establishments, such as McDonalds, Panera, Starbucks, etc. We will be using these as raffle prizes throughout the day.

Gift cards may be sent to my attention at

Lion Roger Bosse
20349 White Pine Blvd
Battle Creek, MI. 49017

The Winter Camp team thanks you in advance for your help and support of our District 11-B1 Virtual Winter Camp for 2021 and wish you a safe and healthy holiday season, If you have questions, please contact us.

Yours in SERVICE,

Lion Roger Bosse
cell phone: 269 578-3684
email: rogerbosse@att.net

Lion Bea Furman
phone: 517-789-6061
email: healingsongcmt@gmail.com



KidSight Screenings have been cancelled. Will be reviewed March 1, 2021 to see if conditions have changed/improved enough to resume the program.

Buchanan- Galien Lions

On November 12th District Governor Julie Mayuiers and husband GLT/PDG Jeff were guests of the Buchanan-Galien Lions Club. DG Julie gave an update of what is happening in the district, spoke of her unusual year as District Governor with all of the COVID challenges, and provided info on some upcoming Lions events.

GLT/PDG Jeff spoke briefly on Lions Worldwide activities, his Lions of Michigan State Council position and the Lions of Michigan Service Foundation and other resources available to assist our local Lions Clubs.

The club also announced and displayed this year's top three Buchanan Middle School Peace Posters and contest winners (shown L to R) 1st place Carolyn Young, 2nd place Bella Sherwood, and 3rd place Jack Sherwood.

The winners and their families will be hosted for dinner at a later time once COVID risk levels have lowered in our community.



GLT/PDG Jeff and
DG Julie Mayuiers



District Governor Julie addressing the club



GLT/PDG Jeff sharing
Lions information



Lion Brian Fisher holding 1st Place poster by Carolyn Young, Lion Alice Kring holding 2nd place poster by Bella Sherwood, Lion Penny Correa holding 3rd place poster by Jack Sherwood

Buchanan- Galien Lions



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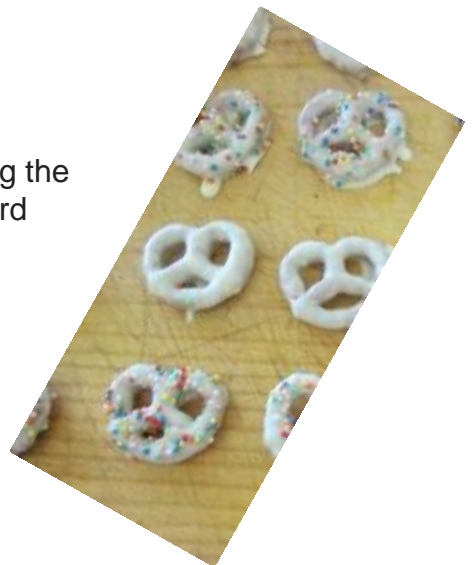
DG Julie inducts new Lion
Denise Peters as her sponsor
Lion Michelle looks on

And the evening ended with DG Julie being presented a Lions “Priceless Traveling Beverage” and a bag of the clubs annual Holiday Christmas Tree pretzels by Lion Mark Tumbleson.

Thank you to all the Buchanan Galien Lions for their hospitality to CC Jeff and I. DG Julie



DG Julie receiving the
Traveling Award





Centreville Lions Holiday Nut Sale

This year the Nut Sale has moved Online!

Please visit our website at

www.CentrevilleMiLionsClub.com

to place your order today! or Visit our Facebook Page

@LionsCentrevilleMI to click through to the website. Or Scan the QR code below with your phone's camera.

You can have your favorites or any of the many items available in the Online catalog shipped directly to your door!



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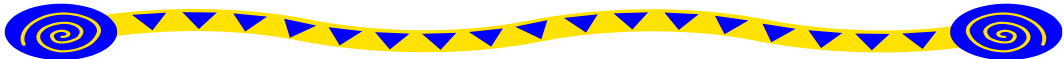
ALL
PROCEEDS
GO TO OUR
COMMUNITY
PROJECTS!



Kalamazoo Westside Lions



Lion Elvie Marfil, Zone 3 chair was asked by Kalamazoo West Lions Club to induct their new member Lion Tamara "Tami" Withers last November 12, 2020, sponsored by Lion Donnie Dill.



My name is Tamara Lynn Withers. I am a God Fearing person. I am a proud Mom of 3 sons, Best friend to my "GrandSONshine", And wife to a wonderful man. I enjoy helping out in the community. I get instant gratification whenever I can help anyone. Even if its putting a smile on their face or a song in their heart. My family Motto is "Everybody Love Everybody"!!! I strongly believe in this. I don't have to know you in order to love you, that is what makes it so special. I am proud to be a part of the Lions Club. I hope to make my zone2/ district 11-B2 (DG Julie Mayuiers/ Lion Donnie Dill) and community "Proud " because "We Serve"!!!!



Lakeshore Lions

Thank you to Lion Bonnie Korican for thinking of me after she saw this at a park they were visiting and sent this image to me.

DG Julie



Portage Lions Club



Lion Ruth Phillips as she stuff the ornaments with snowballs.



PDG Bill Phillips helped stuff the ornaments with snowballs.



How the ornaments look.



Lion Amy B. and DG Julie M. cut out strings to put on the ornaments.



Lion Noemi K. laminated pictures and logos.



Logos to be hung on the tree as ornaments.

Ornaments Decorating Get Together By: Lion Naomi Kudzia

Members of the Portage Lions Club spent Saturday, November 14, making Christmas ornaments to be displayed at Celery Flats Park. This First Annual Tree Walk event was put together by Portage Parks and Recreation. The theme is to showcase what the organization is all about! We printed and cut out logos of International Global Service projects such as Vision, Diabetes, Childhood Cancer, Hunger, Environment, Disaster Relief, Humanitarian, and Youth. Same with Multiple District, District and Club levels and we individually glued them in clear ornaments and stuffed snow balls. We also printed and laminated 2 x 4 pictures of all the club activities, logos of Global Service projects to add as ornaments. We used our current District Governor's theme: "Sprinkle Kindness" and " We Serve".

Portage Lions Club

Lions Christmas Tree
By Lion Emily Joven



"Sprinkle Kindness"
"We Serve"

Portage Lions Club participated this year to its First Annual Tree Walk. We decorated our tree with a Lions Logo as tree topper; a Lion with dove on each side that signifies peace. We used the District Governor Julie Mayuiers theme "Sprinkle Kindness" and the Lions Motto "We Serve". Our ornaments show case our Global services such as: Vision, Diabetes, Childhood Cancer, Hunger, Youth, Disaster Relief, Environmental and Humanitarian services. We also partner and volunteers with First Day Shoe Fund, Portage Community Center and our local Ophthalmologist/optometrist and refer patients in need of examination and eyeglasses. Come out to Celery Flats Park all season long and make some new memories with friends and family.

Portage Lions Club



Lions Logo as
Christmas Topper

Lions Christmas Tree
By Lion Emily Joven



Members pose for
a photo.

Portage Lions Club

Portage, MI resident, Tina Fagerman, presented the club members a community project called "Bags of Love."

"Because children are fragile, especially when removed from their normal lives, a Bag of Love provides a sense of security and hope. The child has something that is his or her very own to hang onto as a "security blanket," while simultaneously providing them with age appropriate necessities such as clothing, toiletries, and toys."

Tina gave a list of items needed according to age group (Birth to age 3, 3 to age 10, and 10 to age 18).

Lion Amy Blankshain collected items from Portage Public Schools such as socks, toys, sanitizers, crayons, notebooks etc., while Lion Elvie Marfil collected items from Trestlewood Pediatrics such as bar soaps, body washes and body lotions. Lion Elvie also purchased and donated "Cinch Sac" back packs in the name of the Portage Lions Club.

"Helping children in crisis one Bag of Love at a time."



Induction of New Member

By: Lion Elvie Marfil,
Membership Chair



Induction of new member Lion
Emily Joven sponsored by Lion
Amy Blankshain, inducted by
DG Julie Mayuiers.

Portage Lions Club

Thanksgiving Dinner Gift Boxes By Lion Jarrod Permenter



On November 21, 2020, Portage Lions: Amy Blankshain, Emily Joven, Noemi Kudzia, Elvie Marfil, Jarrod Permenter, and Cub, Alaina Marfil, helped 107 families in the Portage community to have a happy Thanksgiving this year. The Portage Lions, working in cooperation with student volunteers from Portage Northern High School, assisted the staff of the Portage Community Center to distribute and deliver, as needed, boxes of food for small-, medium-, and large-sized families in the community. Thanksgiving dinner packages consisted of turkey, mashed potatoes with gravy, stuffing, assorted vegetables, and a dessert. During the distribution, masks were worn and social distancing was practiced. On a personal note, this was a very fulfilling experience for me. I felt that we were not only providing an important service to our neighbors in need, but we were also providing them a bit of hope for a brighter future. (Total 6 members at 2 hours each total 12 man hours).

MASK *fundraiser*

Adjustable



Adult Size



Actual Mask Logo Design



For more information:

Call Lion Elvie Marfil

818-800-1060

email: epmarfil@gmail.com

LC contact information:

Lilian Albert

616-856-0123

legendarcreationsllc@gmail.com

Payment Methods:

Paypal: legendarycreationsllc@gmail.com

Venmo: @LegendaryCreations

CashApp: \$LegendaryCreationsLC

Checks payable:

Legendary Creations LLC

4305 Walnut Hills Dr SE

Grand Rapids, MI

49512

Pricing:

1 Mask	_____	\$12
2 Masks	_____	\$20
5 Masks	_____	\$47
10 Masks	_____	\$90
20 Masks	_____	\$175
50 Masks	_____	\$425
100 Masks	_____	\$800

Shipping:

- Free shipping over \$35

- No returns or refunds

MASK fundraiser

MASK ORDER FORM

Contact Name _____
Phone _____
Email _____
Address _____
City/State/Zip _____

Club Name	Adjustable Quantity	Adult Size Quantity

St. Joseph Township Lions Club



December 5, 2020

St. Joseph Township Lion elves load the “sleigh” for the annual Toys for Tots delivery by head elf Keith Stevens.

Happy Holidays from St. Joseph Township Lions to everyone!!



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 wheelchair to loan.

269-273-2424

Upcoming Events to add to your calendar!!



2021

January

9: Cabinet Meeting and Post Holiday Party – location TBD

February

25 – 26: Council of Governor's – Holiday Inn, Mt. Pleasant

26 – 27: Michigan Forum – Virtual

April

23 & 24: B2 District Convention – Four Points by Sheraton in Kalamazoo

25: District Cabinet meeting @ 9:00 am Four Points by Sheraton

May

20-21: Council of Governor's – DoubleTree by Hilton, Holland

21-22: MD 11 State Convention – DoubleTree by Hilton, Holland



Please note that all events are subject to change/cancellation due to COVID-19. We encourage you to check with the events hosts before driving to an event.

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 Sheree Sorensen**. Please send all obituaries to her for distribution to the District. Sheree5354@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/>



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

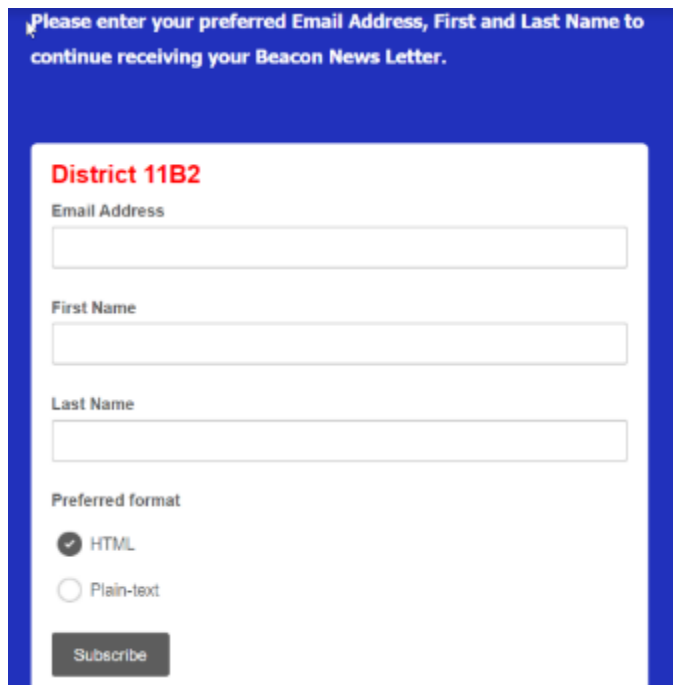
IMPORTANT Please read



Previously there were over 300 Lions receiving the B2 Beacon in our District. Since having to switch to a Mailchimp account to be able to send the B2 Beacon out only 126 Lions have signed up with Mailchimp. It is very easy to do and we want to get the newsletter in the hands of as many Lions as possible to keep them up to date on club happenings and also what clubs have been doing.

Please share this information with everyone in your club so that they can receive the Beacon direct in their email.

Go the following website <http://eepurl.com/hb2Gcf> . You will see this screen .

The image shows a web form for subscribing to the B2 Beacon newsletter. The form has a blue header with the text "Please enter your preferred Email Address, First and Last Name to continue receiving your Beacon News Letter." Below the header, the form is titled "District 11B2" in red. It contains three input fields: "Email Address", "First Name", and "Last Name". Below these fields is a section for "Preferred format" with two radio buttons: "HTML" (which is selected) and "Plain-text". At the bottom of the form is a "Subscribe" button.

Fill in the required information and press subscribe.
This will allow Mailchimp to add you to the database and me to send you the Beacon.

Thanks Julie Mayuiers, B2 Beacon Editor

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

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 club's 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!!!