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

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December News

From the desk of the Governor



Hello fellow Lions!

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Vacant Zone Chair interest
contact DG Karol Chopp

We are now halfway through our lion's year. It has been great so far, with a positive membership growth. Many clubs are adding new members and that is exciting. New members coming in is how we keep are club alive. Congratulations to all the clubs who have added new members! Keep up the good work and remember that Lions Club International has waived their entry fee until the end of June 2022, so take advantage of that and spread the word to potential new members.

We have exciting news; we have a 2nd VDG! GST Amy Thackston has been appointed to the position. We are very excited for GST Lion Amy and know that she will do a wonderful job.

I will keep this short since it is Christmas time and there is much to be done. I would like to wish you all Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and may you enjoy time with family and friends. Thanks to the clubs who invited me to their Christmas celebrations, and I wished I could have made it to all of them. Keep inviting me! If I haven't been to your club, please reach out to me in the new year and schedule a time for a visit. I promise not to take over your meeting!

Yours in service,
DG Karol

May your new year be blessed with
peace, love and joy. Sending you my
heartfelt wishes with joy that never ends.
Wishing you a very happy new year.



District Governor Karol Chopp Cont'd.

Our 11B2 Peace Poster contest winner for 2021!
Congratulation to Nova Panczak submitted by the
Buchanan-Galien Lions Club.



Governor Karol's Calendar

2022

January

Hunger Awareness Month

31: All Zone Meeting – Paw Paw Lions Club– flyer in Beacon



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



June

4: Cabinet Meeting TBA @ 9:00 am

24 – 28: International Convention - Montreal





DISTRICT ZONE MEETING



January 31, 2022 (6 – 8 pm)



Paw Paw Lions Club



227 Country Road 665
Paw Paw, MI 49079
(Face masks required)



All club presidents, vice presidents, secretaries, and service chairpersons are invited to attend:



- (1) To support the Bronson Children's Hospital by preparing 108 valentine art kits and
- (2) To learn how to report service hours to LCI



Please bring donations of the following items needed for the kits:

- Quart sized zip lock bags
- 4 pack crayons (see Amazon)
- Stickers to decorate
- Colored string to hang their hearts
- Construction paper



Pizza & salad dinner will be provided

Cost: \$5/ea or a Little Golden Book per meal



Please R.S.V.P. by Monday, January 24, 2022, to Cabinet Secretary, Lion Tammie Grabowski, at 269-303-0731 or cheftammie@gmail.com





Club Anniversaries



<u>Club</u>	<u>Charter Date</u>	<u>Years Old</u>
Portage	1/23/61	60
Marcellus	2/2/70	51



Project Night Recap

Lions District 11B2 - Project Night 11/29/21		Updated: 12/9/21	
Project Name	Project Night Donations	Additional Donations	Total Donations
All State Band	\$2,700.00	\$300.00	\$3,000.00
Bear Lake Camp	\$2,305.00	\$300.00	\$2,605.00
Camp Leo	\$4,055.00	\$450.00	\$4,505.00
Eversight	\$4,855.00	\$500.00	\$5,355.00
Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF)	\$360.00	\$0.00	\$360.00
11-B2 Diabetes Program	\$2,383.00	\$450.00	\$2,833.00
Leader Dogs	\$4,655.00	\$400.00	\$5,055.00
Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF)	\$6,012.00	\$400.00	\$6,412.00
Lions of Michigan Service Foundation (LMSF)	\$4,110.00	\$450.00	\$4,560.00
KidSight	\$3,595.00	\$550.00	\$4,145.00
Paws With A Cause	\$2,655.00	\$250.00	\$2,905.00
Youth Exchange	\$1,795.00	\$205.00	\$2,000.00
Childhood Cancer	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
Total Tally	\$39,530.00	\$4,255.00	\$43,785.00

First Vice District Governor Julie Mayuiers



Stepping up....

As the last of my 3-part series I wanted to touch on Club President. Now is the time that all clubs should be thinking about 2022 Club Officers.

The club president is the chief executive officer of the club. He/she presides over meetings and calls the club to action to fulfill its program of service works; coordinating the efforts of board members and chairpersons to implement all activities of the club in both fellowship and service. Club First Vice President –

The club first vice president not only serves as a leader ready to step in for the president, but as a catalyst to annually assess club activities and then implement new goals in the next fiscal year as club president. Club Second Vice President –

The club second vice president also stands ready to be in succession and serves as requested by the club president to lead specific committees or projects.

As with other offices there is an “E-book for Club President and First Vice Presidents that is full of information. I encourage you to go to lionsclubs.org and in the search bar type “Club President” and you will have a multitude of resources. Here are just a few pieces of information you will find there.

Club First Vice President

Prepare to Lead as Club First Vice President; Prepare to Succeed as Club President

While serving as a first vice president, you will complete training and prepare to lead your club as president. As club president, you will implement the plan of your club leaders. You will help execute their plans for service, membership growth and communicating your club’s service to your community.

As the club vice president, your tasks are two-fold. One of your top priorities is to stand ready to fulfill the duties of the club president if the president is unable to do so for any reason. Most likely, you will also have other duties as assigned by the president and may be asked to lead one or more committees during the year.

In addition to those duties, you should dedicate time preparing to serve as club president. It is important to understand the role of club president and all of its responsibilities well before you begin to serve.

First Vice District Governor Julie Mayuiers



Stepping up....

Self-study Training for Club President

If you have not served as a club vice president or president, it is good to spend some time in the self-study online training module.

Log in to the Lions Learning Center to access online club officer courses which review key aspects of your role and responsibilities.

Club President Responsibilities – This module provides basic information and resources necessary to prepare for the club president position:

- Appointing chairpersons.
- Planning and conducting meetings.
- Preparing to actively participate in zone meetings (District Governor's Advisory Committee).
- Managing club elections and leadership succession.
- A module on Robert's Rules of Order.

Not encouraging other Lions to step up and hold an office and the keeping the same offices over and over does not allow the club to grow in knowledge. Every club needs to rotate officers at least every couple of years. Some clubs think it is just easier to keep the remaining officers and not encourage other Lions to give holding an office a try.



Lions Clubs International

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.

This does not include international and club dues

GST – Lion Amy Thackston

Fellow Lions,

I'm so excited to announce a new service I'm able to offer every club in our district! I am now set up to report service for all clubs. That means if you are having trouble, tired of fighting the system, having computer issues, don't have time, whatever is keeping your club from reporting.. I am happy to report for you! We want everyone to see the great things you are doing!

You can call, text, or email your service, meetings, or fundraiser information and I will report it.

My Phone number is 616-307-0027 and my email is thackstona@gmail.com.

Please include the following information to help me report your activity.

- Activity Name
- Type of Activity
- Activity Description
- Date and time of the activity
- How many volunteers
- How many service hours
- Pictures if you have any you want me to share

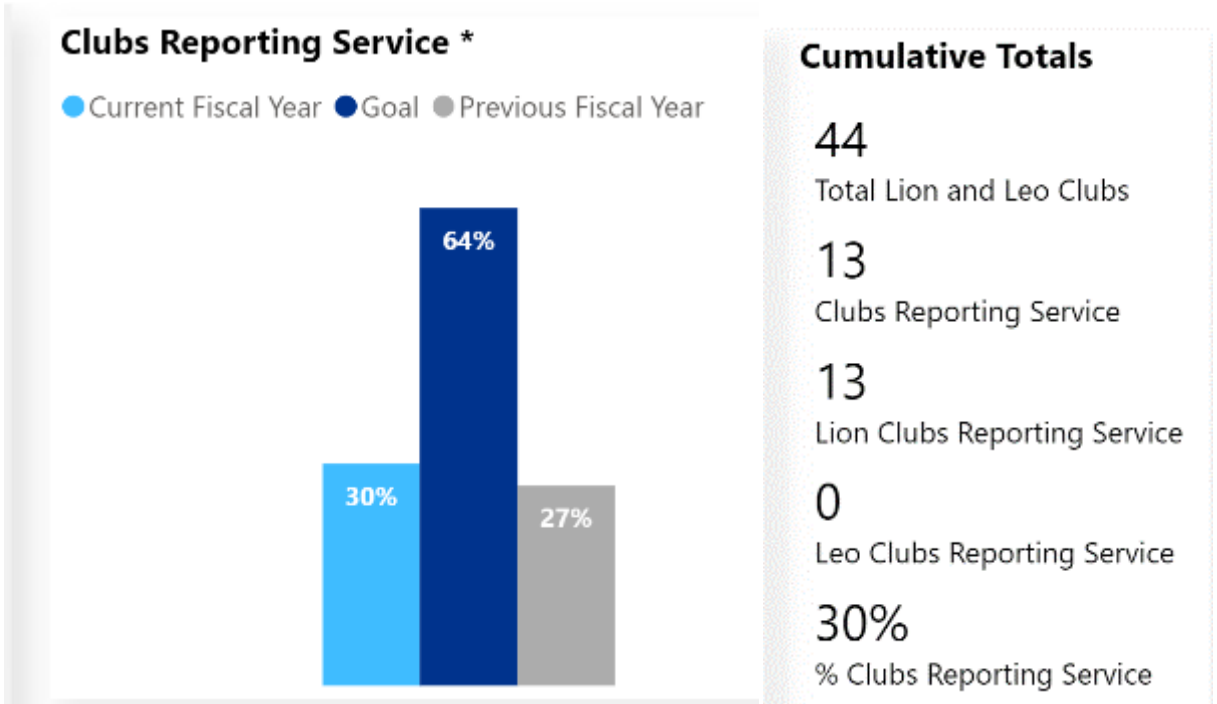
I can't wait to start hearing from all of the clubs to help you report. Don't forget that service from Spring you never got around to reporting. Nothing is too old to reach out for help to report.

Great job to the following clubs for reporting December service!:

- Paw Paw donated to the High School Athletic Booster and, handed out their annual Christmas Baskets, and had a blood drive.
- Mattawan participated in the area pantry Christmas distribution and had their annual stocking give away.
- South Haven Black River Lions filled out Christmas cards for a local Nursing & Rehab facility.
- Bangor filled out Christmas cards to send to Veterans overseas.
- Richland Gull Lake had a Wassailing event.

GST – Lion Amy Thackston

This month I want to share a little glimpse of our activity reporting goals and year comparison. Help us blow our goal of 75% of clubs reporting out of the water!



2022 is our year for reporting!!

Kind Regards,
GST Amy Thackston

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 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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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: _____

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Cookbooks are now available. Contact the LMSF office to place your orders.

LION MINT ROLLS



Wintergreen
Fizzy Fruit
Peppermint
12 Pieces/Roll
576 Rolls/Case
48 Boxes/Case

LION MINT DROPS

Peppermint



Size: 1" X 1 1/2"
Individually Wrapped
4,500 Pieces/Case
6 Boxes/Case
750 Pieces/Box

Wintergreen



**Acrylic Tray
Mint Drops**

Piggyback Rack



Red Display Tray



**Acrylic Tray
Mint Rolls**

ORIGINAL



◆ Big Mints!
◆ Big Taste!
◆ Big Profits!

Suggested Account Locations

- | | |
|-------------------|------------------------|
| Airports | Banks & Credit Unions |
| Bus Stations | Travel Agencies |
| Beauty Salons | Government Offices |
| Nail Salons | Courthouses |
| Barber Shops | City Offices |
| Insurance Offices | Flower Shops |
| Visitor Centers | Eye Doctors |
| Telephone Stores | Chamber of Commerce |
| Dry Cleaners | Funeral Homes |
| Golf Pro Shops | Hardware Stores |
| Car Dealerships | Car Waiting Rooms |
| Chiropractors | 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, etcetera.

LionMints.net

5730 Executive Drive,
Lansing, Michigan 48911
Toll Free: 866-220-0213
Voice: 517-887-7258
Fax: 517-887-6642

Web Site:
www.lionmints.net



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.

THE LION MINTS PROGRAM

How To Approach Merchants

- ◆ Ask if the merchant is familiar with the Lions mission.
- ◆ Request Counter space for Lions Mints, and be sure to say it will only take a small space.
- ◆ Look around—find a desirable spot which has visibility and accessibility.
- ◆ Assume a humble attitude, don't be pushy or demanding.

How To Service Accounts

- ◆ Always keep your candy displays filled with candy. Some will only need monthly service, while others will need service every 3–4 days in high volume places.
- ◆ It is not a good policy to leave too many extra mints at a site for employees to fill trays with as too much money will accumulate.
- ◆ If theft is suspected, seal the bottom of the tray with a sticker that would have to be broken if the tray is tampered with. This tends to deter such activity.
- ◆ Keep your display clean, signs should be clean and have supplier's name and phone number on the back. Collection trays and containers should be clean, if not, switch for a clean one. Boxes sometimes collect debris—be sure dust hasn't collected, and remember, empty trays are lost sales.

How To Build Public Support

- ◆ Form a relationship with business owners and their employees. Tell them about Lions and the things your Club does for the community – glasses, hearing aids, youth programs (baseball teams, swim teams and band camps). People will be more inclined to monitor the mint displays for you, and it is a great way to recruit new members for your Lions Club.

Qty.	Item	Unit Price	Total
	Peppermint - 576 Rolls (Shipping Not Included)	\$ 110.00	
	Wintergreen - 576 Rolls (Shipping Not Included)	\$ 110.00	
	Fizzy Fruit Candy - 576 Rolls (Shipping Not Included)	\$ 110.00	
	Peppermint DROPS - 4,500 Mints (Shipping Not Included)	\$ 110.00	
	Wintergreen DROPS - 4,500 Mints (Shipping Not Included)	\$ 110.00	
	Red Plastic Display Tray: Hold 24 Lion Mint Rolls (Shipping Not Included)	\$ 3.00	
	Piggyback Rack: Stack Two Plastic Display Trays (Shipping Not Included)	\$ 4.50	
	Price Sign: Tray Backer Card - 50¢ Imprint (Shipping Not Included)	\$ 0.75	
	Acrylic Display Tray 1: Hold 1,500 Lion Mint Drops (Shipping Not Included)	\$ 40.00	
	Acrylic Display Tray 2: Hold 4 Boxes Lion Mint Rolls (Shipping Not Included)	\$ 40.00	
	Lion Mints Program - Starter Kit	FREE	
	Shipping Charges: FedEx Ground	FedEx.com	
TOTAL			

Date: _____ Club Name: _____

Ship To: _____

Street Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Daytime Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Bill To: _____

Street Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Office Use Only

Shipped: _____



Mints For MILITARY

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, but we need the names and addresses of more service men and women to recognize. Please help us by displaying and distributing this flyer in your community.



LIONS OF MICHIGAN FOUNDATION

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PLEASE SEND A LION MINTS CARE PACKAGE TO:

Military Member's Name: _____

Rank: _____ **Unit:** _____

APO: _____ **FPO:** _____ **AE:** _____ **AA:** _____ **AP:** _____ **Zip Code:** _____

LIONS OF MICHIGAN FOUNDATION

36th Annual Sight & Hearing Sweepstakes

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.**

1. 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.
2. 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.
4. 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.
6. 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.
7. 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 your 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.**



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,

5730 Executive Drive • Lansing, MI 48911

Telephone 571-887-6640 or Fax 517-887-6642

Name _____

Address _____

Club Name _____

District _____

Contact Phone _____

Email _____

Names of Registrants

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

_____ Registrants at \$40.00/person* = \$ _____

*Registration fee is \$40.00 and includes lunch, forum and proceedings booklet. \$40.00 price is for reservations received no later than February 7, 2022. **After 2/7/2022 \$50.00**

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:

Lions of Michigan

List food allergies or dietary requirements:

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

FRIDAY 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

Session 1 Breakout Session - 8:30 a.m. (Check One)

- Public Speaking
- LCIF Grants
- Fundraising
- Global Action Team

Session 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

Session 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

Session 4 Breakout Session - 11:30 a.m. (Check One)

- MyLCI/MyLion De-Mystified
- Lions of Michigan Foundation
- Hunger – Gardening for Good
- Passion to Serve!

12:30 p.m. - Lunch, White Cane Scholarships;

Keynote Speaker Sandy Pearson, Habitat for Humanity;

Drawings, 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.



Buchanan- Galien Lions

On November 18th District Governor Karol Chopp visited the Buchanan-Galien Lions Club and spoke of her goals for the year and upcoming District events. The club also hosted the annual Peace Poster contest top three finalists, their families and the BMS Art teacher and guests to a wonderful Thanksgiving style dinner.



District Governor Karol Chopp



Left to Right- 1st place winner Nova Panczk, 3rd place winner Bella Sherwood, 2nd place winner Madeline Overmyer and DG Karol Chopp



L-R Peace Poster Chairman Lion Alice Krings and BMS Art Teacher Sarah Castelluccio

Buchanan- Galien Lions

On December 6th the Lions held a Hacienda Giveback Fundraiser Night. About 25 Lions and spouses gathered for dinner while others ordered take out and bought gift cards of which Hacienda returned a portion of total purchases to the club.



Buchanan- Galien Leos

The Buchanan-Galien Leo's Club had a very busy December!

The Leo club started the month by participating in the Buchanan-Galien Lions club nut & candy packing event- the biggest annual fundraiser for the Lions club.

Then they had their second annual "Adopt a Family for Christmas" campaign where the Leo's donated presents, handmade wreaths, cards, and ornaments for a family that needed a little help this year.

They also volunteered at Fernwood Botanical Gardens for the annual Lights at Fernwood event!

One of the favorite Leo club events is always wrapping presents for Redbud Area Ministries. These presents were given away free for families in the Buchanan area community.

And two days before Christmas, some of the Leo's went caroling around a Senior Living area, spreading cheer to all!



Kal Haven Trail Lions

Kal Haven president John Stassek presents a donation to one of the 11 District projects at Projects Night. Our District collected \$38,400 at the event held on November 29th

Lion John Stassek was an attentive Santa while Lions Patsy Richardson, Marianne Abbott and Kathy Richardson arrange presents.

About 90 children and their families endured cold, windy, snowy weather to attend. Because of Covid, only one family at a time was allowed to go inside to choose a gift and snack after visiting Santa. Toys were donated by generous local residents and Lions members. All left over toys were donated to a Toys For Tots collection at the Gobles Dollar General store. Leftover snacks were donated to the local food bank,



Kal Haven Trail Lions Dave Mead, John Stassek, Marianne Abbott and Jan Westcott participated in Bloomingdale's Parade of Lights



Lakeshore Lions

The Lakeshore Lions presented a check in the amount of \$500 to Feeding America West Michigan on December 1, 2021. From left to right Rich Murphy, Mobile Food Pantry Coordinator; Kritina Tunstill, Volunteer Coordinator; and Cindy Thomsom, Branch Manager and Lakeshore Lions Char and Greg Cook. Feeding America West Michigan serves food pantries in Berrien, Cass and Van Buren Counties.



Mattawan Lions Club



The Mattawan Lions Club had a busy December!

Santa drive thru stocking give a way. Santa Lion Spencer and his helpers Lion Wes and Bonnie gave away 50 stockings on December 4th.



We had our annual Christmas Party at Big T's in Lawton on December 8th. Lions Wes and Lion Nancy social distanced so we could get there smiling faces!!



The same night Zone Chair Lion Dan and DG Karol inducted one of our new members to our club and Lion Dan was feeling festive!



Our next event was the Mattawa Area Pantry Christmas Distribution where we run the toy department.

This year we gave out toys to over 400 kids. This was our biggest year yet!

Some of our Leo kids helping!



Paw Paw Lions

NEW MEMBER INDUCTION



The Paw Paw Lions Club continues to grow! At our December 1st meeting, we inducted new Lion Jackie Scantlen. Her sponsor is Lion Theresa Dunham. As shown, Lion Theresa is affixing the LCI pin on Lion Jackie. Welcome to the world's largest service organization!

LIONS COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS BASKET PROGRAM



The Paw Paw Lions community Christmas Basket Program had another successful year of providing families in need with enough food to last the two weeks of Christmas vacation...and gifts for all the kids. This year we also provided one family with two sets of bunk beds for the kids by passing the hat one of our November meetings. Food was collected by the schools, the Boy Scouts, members and even the bingo players. We served 82 families consisting of 110 adults and 147 kids. There were a total of over 13,000 items given away. A total of 692.5 Lion hours were reported in MyLion!

Portage Lions Club

Christmas With the Portage Lions Club

For Christmas 2021, the Portage Lions Club answered the request of a local grandmother to help her daughter's family of four have a brighter holiday. The Portage Lions adopted the family and spent approximately \$600 of club funds and personal donations to provide a food gift card, clothes, toys and gifts for the daughter, her husband, two small boys, and the grandmother. Lions Laura Berry, Jarrod Permenter, and Joey Hamilton purchased the gifts for the club. On Saturday, December 18, 2021, Lions Amy Blankshain, Noemi and Ed Kudzia, Ron Gibson, Laura Berry, Joey Hamilton, and guest, Laurie, friend of Amy, wrapped the gifts at the last Portage Lions meeting of the year at Michelle's on Romence Drive. The gifts were delivered to the family on December 22, 2021, by Lions Elvie Marfil, Amy Blankshain, Noemi Kudzia, and Joey Hamilton.



Laurie (guest), Amy Blankshain, Joey Hamilton, Laura Berry, Noemi & Ed Kudzia ready to wrap gifts



Amy Blankshain, Laurie (guest), Laura Berry, Noemi & Ed Kudzia, and Ron Gibson after gifts are wrapped

St. Joseph City Lions Club

On December 2 our Club inducted four new members. The attached photo shows Lion Dan Fortenbacher (far right), Membership and Attendance Chairman, performing the induction. From the left is inductee Tony Balbo, his sponsor Lion Vern Breuker, inductee Mark Metelko (also sponsored by Lion Breuker), Lion President Ren Baldwin sponsor of inductee Jenny Fee, inductee Chris Groenendal, and his sponsor Lion Morgan Brunsting.



St. Joseph City Lions Club



Jerry's Obituary

Jerry Farwell, 88, of Stevensville, went to his heavenly home on Tuesday, November 30, 2021.

Jerry was born on October 17, 1933, to Claude and Catherine Farwell in Benton Harbor. Jerry graduated from St. John's Catholic School and served in the Air Force from 1952 to 1956. He was part of the Twelfth Radio Squadron Mobile Security Force stationed in Landsberg, Germany. After serving, he earned a degree in accounting from Western Michigan University. Years later he received a Master's Degree in Education from WMU and an Educational Certification from Grand Valley University. Jerry taught Special Education in Berrien Springs, Grand Haven and Benton Harbor where he became Special Education Director and Elementary Principal. He retired from Blossomland Learning Center as Assistant Principal in 1994.

Jerry loved to make people laugh. He had lots of "sayings" known as "Jerryisms" that, at the very least, would bring a smile! He was an accomplished stained-glass artist, loved to golf and travel. He was a member and past president of St. Joseph Lion's Club, a lifelong member of Lest We Forget, and a member of the VFW.

Jerry is survived by his wife Harriet Farwell, his four children: Michelle (Don) Carll, Erin (Michael) Farwell Knotts, Dianna Lydiard, John (Janie) Farwell and his step-children Dawn Rene, Christopher (Jamie) Brummel and step son-in-law Joseph Rathbun, plus 12 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his sister Maryann Puchinsky and his children's mother Roberta Farwell. Jerry was preceded in death by his parents Claude and Catherine Farwell, his granddaughter Lindsay Carll, his brothers George and Don Farwell and step-daughter Dianna Brummel-Rathbun.

A Celebration of Life services was held on December 14.

Memorials can be made to Caring Circle, 4025 Health Park Lane., St. Joseph, Special Olympics: Attn Web Gifts, 1133 19th Street NW 12th Floor, Washington DC, 20036-3604 or a charity of your choice. Arrangements have been entrusted to Starks & Menchinger Chapel.

Three Rivers Lions Club




Three Rivers Lions were busy on December 18, distributing food and toys to nearly 100 families. By 6 am the cars were already lining the Lions Club parking lot and side streets awaiting the gates to open for distribution from 8 – 11 am. Many Lions and volunteers are on hand to load the food boxes into the vehicles as they pull up to the door.

Over 2,500 toys, books, stuffed animals, games, puzzles, lotions, hats, gloves, and socks were collected by the Marine Corp. League #1401 of St. Joseph County. The Marine Corp. set out boxes at local businesses in Three Rivers and the community generously fills those boxes. 9 years ago, the Marines contacted Lion Jeff Mayuiers to see if they could work with the Three Rivers Lions in distributing the toys along with the food baskets the Lions were already distributing. Michigan Department of Health and Human Services sends out letters to residents in St. Joseph County who have requested assistance and then coordinates the requests they receive and sends out letters that are brought to the Lions on distribution day. The children receiving toys and personal care items range from newborn to 12 years of age usually. Sometimes there are some older children, and the Lions have hats, gloves, and body cologne items on hand for those over 12 years old. The Marines are on hand on distribution day to assist in passing out the bags of toys to the cars as they pull up with their letters from MDHHS indicating how many children and what the ages and genders are. The Three Rivers Lady Wildcats and their coaches have been involved with helping to select the toys to match to the letters for the last 6 – 7 years. These young ladies really enjoy the community service and selecting the toys. Then in turn the Lions attend one of their home basketball games and cheer the Lady Wildcats on to victory to show their support for them. Toys were also donated to the Domestic Assault Shelter and Bronson Hospital Pediatric Cancer Patients.

The Three Rivers Middle School collects the food that is distributed and donates to the Lions Club. The club members sort and package the food boxes and also receive donations of bags of potatoes, apples, and bagged cereal from local merchants. In the past the Lions have also given out either turkeys or hams with the boxes. However, this year the Lions did something different as not everyone likes turkey or ham and the Lions worked with one their local Harding's grocery store and gave out a voucher that could be used towards the purchase of meat at the local grocery store. This allowed the recipient to choose whatever type of meat their family would like. Many recipients liked this option much better and it gave back to the community by allowing them to shop local.

Three Rivers Lions Club



 **Bronson Methodist Hospital** 
10 hrs · 

"Ho, Ho, Ho," Mr. and Mrs. Clause stopped by to wish a merry Christmas to the children and staff at Bronson Children's Hospital this week. We join them in wishing all Bronson patients, families and our communities a happy holiday!



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 wjmayuiers@gmail.com.



Upcoming Events to add to your calendar!!



2022

January

- 8: Mattawan Soup Supper – see flyer in Beacon
- 31: All Zone Meeting – Paw Paw Lions Club – flyer in Beacon

February

- 12: Mattawan Soup Supper – see flyer in Beacon
- 25 – 27: Council of Governors – Holiday Inn, Grand Blanc
- 36: Michigan Forum – Holiday Inn, Grand Blanc

March

- 12: Mattawan Soup Supper – see flyer in Beacon

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

June

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

Happy Valentine's Day



Don't see your event listed here....email flyers and details at least one month in advance to 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

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 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*

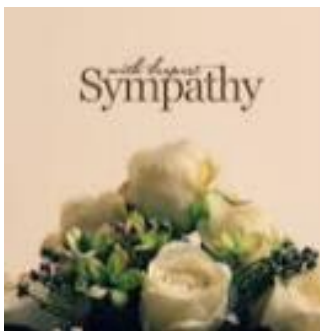


Please keep all our Lions undergoing health issues as well as their caregivers in your thoughts and prayers.

PCC Jeff Mayuiers
23250 Van Resort Drive
Mendon, MI 49072

In addition, our prayers are with the families and Lions of the Paw Paw Lions Club and St. Joseph Lions Clubs for the recent losses of members of their clubs.

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 jumayuier@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 25th of the month for next months publication.**

Julie Mayuiers
jumayuier@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 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 Editor

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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!!!