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

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January 2021 News



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From the desk of the Governor

Happy New Year everyone!!!

I'm hoping everyone had a Merry Christmas with your families. It was definitely a Christmas to remember with many families not gathering. Jeff and I had a quite Christmas as we stayed home and cancelled getting all our kids and grandkids together this year. To us It just wasn't worth the risk of one of us possibly passing something on to the rest of our family. So now we are in the process of delivering the last two of our family's gifts.

I know this is a very busy time of year for many with our clubs distributing food and toys to many families in need. That need was much greater this year due to the many that lost their jobs or have had their hours cut back due to the pandemic. I want to thank each and every one of you for giving of your time and efforts to make the holidays a little brighter for all those that we helped. I know personally the smiles that Jeff and I see on those faces receiving the items is priceless.

Every club has faced the same challenges in 2020 with not being able to meet in person and serve like we are used to but I want us all to look forward to 2021 and think positive that things will change. We have the vaccine that is now being distributed, and need I say that we should be extremely proud that one of our own



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businesses in our district, Pfizer, was able to come up with that vaccine to start things off. Many hats off to those workers at Pfizer for their efforts. We need to get back to serving our communities the best that we can. I encourage your clubs to meet virtually until we can meet in person again. By doing this it does a couple of things. It keeps us in touch with each other and allows us to brainstorm on how we can still serve. For some this might be the only communication with others that they have.

I have emailed and snail mailed every club president and emailed club secretaries asking them to let me know what your club is doing, if you are meeting in person (following orders of course) or meeting virtually, when, where and how you are meeting. I'd like to join in on the virtual meetings if possible.

Many have asked what the district is going to do to support our projects since we didn't have the usual Fall Projects Night. That will be a discussion topic for our Cabinet Meeting on January 9th so stay tuned for details. I've been in contact with International Director Steve Thornton who I asked to be our guest at our District Convention in April and he has encouraged me to continue planning as it's easier to cancel and switch to virtual than it is to try and start from scratch later. So the Cabinet will be busy with that as well.

First Vice District Governor Karol is looking for Lions to step up and fill the many Cabinet positions that will be open for next year. We need new Lions to step up as LCI has changed some rules and not allowing Lions to serve in the same capacity on Cabinets as in the past. We especially need Lions to serve as future District Governors. I ask that you please consider helping the district and contact Lion Karol to answer any questions you may have on any of the Cabinet positions she has open.



In closing please know that I am available to join your clubs meetings as well as any of our Cabinet members....all you have to do is ask. We are all here to answer any questions you may have.

Have a safe and Happy New Year and most of all THANK YOU for all you have done and continue to do!!

Governor's Calendar

2021

January

9: Cabinet Meeting – via Zoom @ 8:00 am

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





Club Anniversaries



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

*Happy
Anniversary*



1st VDG Karol Chopp

Happy New year! Let us get started out right, now is the time to evaluate your community needs and see where you are needed the most.

We can serve during a pandemic; many clubs are finding ways to do this by either virtual events and fundraising or wearing their masks and limiting the numbers.

So, with that serving goes reporting. Please report on MyLion, they have changed it to make it easier to report. You need to remember to report monthly. No changes in what you are doing, or new members, you still need to record this. Anyone in the club can put in projects but only the President, Secretary and the LCI representative for your club can report. If you need help reporting, you can contact DG Julie or myself.

Club president and secretaries, PLEASE, let me know when you are having meeting virtual or in person. I need to get into clubs, I want you all to get to know me on a more personal level.

As always, feel free to contact me if there is anything, I can do for you!

Yours in service,

VDG Karol Chopp



Dear Lions,

We all have heard the quote of Theologian Thomas Fuller: *"It is always the darkest before the dawn"*. The quote relies on the idea that *"The sun will rise"*. The question for us as Lions is - *"What will we do with the new day?"*

"Opportunity knocks". Will we answer its call? **It is time to plan what we will be!** Time to fine tune our service to meet the ever-changing post COVID 19 needs in our community. *Our neighbors need us now more than ever.* Our service goals are still the same- feed the hungry, help the blind, care for the young and seniors, eradicate disease, clean our environment, showing our compassion and love.

Lion leaders- it is time to take action. Begin the discussion. **Ask "How do we move forward from here?"**. Plan safely. Be ready to hit the ground running.

No army ever won a battle without a careful battle plan. What is the battle plan for your Lions Club? I urge you to develop one as the dawn will soon be upon us!

Sharing in Service,

Lion John Postelli

Immediate Past District Governor





Let's Play a Game?

Let's Play Lionopoly.....Oh sorry we can't, no one want to be the banker, and no one wants to be the property deeder.

Let's Play Cards.....O sorry we can't, no one want to shuffle or deal the cards.

Let's Play Checkers, or chess or backgammon.....Oh sorry, we can't, no one wants to set up the pieces on the board.

Let's run a relay.....Oh sorry we can't, no one wants to hand the baton off to.

Let's be Lions.....We can't? Why not? No one wants to be Club President, Club Treasurer, Club Secretary, or a Zone Chair or a member of the GAT Team or a Vice District Governor or District Governor.

The New Year 2021 is here.....It's time we all look ahead to the future. In doing that my fellow Lions members, we as Lion's need your Leadership now!! It's hard to shape the Leaders of tomorrow if no one's molding the clay today. Won't you consider stepping up?

Your Global Leadership Chair, District GLT and MD11 Council Chair
Jeff Mayuiers



LIONOPOLY

GST

Happy New Year Everyone!

It's hard to believe 2020 is over! It has been a frustrating year for our clubs, but many have found a way to serve and continue to make a difference in our communities. In 2021 challenge yourself further to serve more and continue to adjust to serving during covid. Find a way to continue your usual yearly service projects adjusted to the new covid lifestyle.

My clubs (Bangor) first service project of 2020 when all of this first started was our drive by Easter Bunny visits. If your club usually provides an Easter Egg Hunt or Baskets to the children in your community find a way to make it happen in 2021. Many clubs are offering drive up meals so offer drive up Easter Baskets or treat bags from the bunny. Most projects can still happen we just have to think outside of the box.

Not sure of what you can do to start off 2021? I just learned about an amazing opportunity at my December GST meeting! The Magic Yarn Project is an organization that provides yarn wigs to kids fighting cancer. Your club can decide in what way they are able to help whether it be a monetary donation, supplies, or completed wigs. The website provides information on yarn needed and if able you can send it to them cut to the size required for specific wigs. They even have information about hosting a yarn drive! Do you have members with crochet skills? All of the wig patterns are available on their website so members can even help make wigs and beanies.

Check out the website for more information <https://themagic yarnproject.com/>.



As usual if your club is struggling please don't hesitate to call me for help with ideas.

Kind Regards,
GST Lion Amy Thackston





Fellow Lions,

I hope you were able to enjoy the holiday season. With the New Year comes the second half of the Lions year. Historically the second half of the Lions year is when LCI adds new members and new clubs. This year we have been at a disadvantage with the Pandemic. Our district added new members, but we have also dropped members during the same time. We had many deceased members, transferred/moved; these are out of our control. We have lost many members to nonpayment/attendance which some these might have been in our control. We had many lost to resigned in good standing. Now at this point, dropped members are out pacing new members. We now have vaccines for COVID-19 which will help slow down and end this virus. We can now see some light at the end of the tunnel. We can turn these numbers around in this second half. We are a team and that is how we can turn things around. I will be attending webinars in the near future and will be sharing the information with you in the Beacon. I'm available for questions or just to bounce ideas off. Please if there is anything I can help you with please contact me.

Yours in Lionism

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Lion Rick Young

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D.A.D

DEFENSE AGAINST DIABETES



HOORAY!

We received a grant from the
D.A.D. Program for
\$10,521.40 to Bronson
Pediatric Diabetes Program.
*See next month's Beacon for
pictures and details.*

*P.D.G Marsha Brown
D.A.D District Program
Coordinator*



35th ANNUAL Sight & Hearing Sweepstakes A GUARANTEED Fundraiser

GREAT PRIZES

1st-\$5,000 - 2nd-\$2,500 - 3rd-\$2,000
4th- \$1,500 - 5th-\$1,000 - 6th-\$500
7th-\$400 - 8th-\$300 - 9th-\$200 - 10th-\$100

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
250+ Tickets = \$5.50 Per Ticket For Club

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**
\$10.00 Per Ticket

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.



Lions of Michigan Foundation - Holiday Shoppers Gift
35th Annual Sight & Hearing Sweepstakes

Donation Amount: \$ _____

Donor's Name(s): _____

Donor's Email Address: _____

Donor's Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Honoree's Name: _____

Honoree's Email Address: _____

Honoree's Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

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There's still plenty of time to purchase tickets for birthdays or other holidays.



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December 1, 2020

Tax time is coming.....

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

A Public Charity

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LMSF

Michigan Department of Treasury
4642 (Rev. 03-19)

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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)
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If a Joint Return, Spouse's First Name	M.I.	Last Name	Spouse's Full Social Security No. (Example: 123-45-6789)
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	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	\$ <input type="text"/> 00	1. <input type="text"/> 00
2. Animal Welfare Fund.....	<input type="checkbox"/> \$5	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10	\$ <input type="text"/> 00	2. <input type="text"/> 00
3. Children's Trust Fund - Prevent Child Abuse Michigan.....	<input type="checkbox"/> \$5	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10	\$ <input type="text"/> 00	3. <input type="text"/> 00
4. Fostering Futures Scholarship Trust Fund ..	<input type="checkbox"/> \$5	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10	\$ <input type="text"/> 00	4. <input type="text"/> 00
5. Kiwanis Fund.....	<input type="checkbox"/> \$5	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10	\$ <input type="text"/> 00	5. <input type="text"/> 00
6. Lions of Michigan Foundation Fund	<input type="checkbox"/> \$5	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10	\$ <input type="text"/> 00	6. <input type="text"/> 00
7. Michigan World War II Legacy Memorial Fund	<input type="checkbox"/> \$5	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10	\$ <input type="text"/> 00	7. <input type="text"/> 00
8. Military Family Relief Fund.....	<input type="checkbox"/> \$5	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10	\$ <input type="text"/> 00	8. <input type="text"/> 00
9. United Way Fund.....	<input type="checkbox"/> \$5	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10	\$ <input type="text"/> 00	9. <input type="text"/> 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. <input type="text"/> 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.

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L.C.I.F

Yes, times are tough.

But, if your club can find a way
to make a contribution to
L.C.I.F, no matter what the
amount, it will help our
foundation during the most
troubling of times.

Thank you for supporting L.C.I.F

PCC Don Brown
District Chair
Campaign 100
L.C.I.F



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 & Leos

In spite of COVID and having no regular club meetings - December was a very busy month for the Buchanan-Galien Lions and Leos.

The Lions are wrapping up our 26th annual Holiday Nut and Candy sale and also sponsored a "Hacienda Give Back" Fundraiser night on December 7th.

The club also donated 20 bags of Bridge Mix from the Nut and Candy sale to be distributed as part of the Buchanan Meals on Wheels program.

Financial support was also made to the Galien area "Christmas for Less Fortunate" that provided Christmas for 39 families and 66 children thanks to Lion VP Lewis Lambert and his Galien helpers.

Since the club decided not to have a Christmas gathering- many Lions made in kind donations to the Buchanan Lions Endowment Fund, Toys for Tots, and Redbud Area Ministries programs instead.

We were truly saddened by the loss of our friend and long-time Treasurer Lion Russ Stephens. He was a servant like no other- and will be missed by our entire community- not just the Lions.

On a lighter note December 13th marked the 87th anniversary of our club that was chartered on 12/13/33 and sponsored by the St Joseph Lions club.

As Lions we are honored to serve and for the many memories of the " GREAT LIONS " who served before us.

We take great pride in knowing that today we are a strong club thanks to their dedication & hard work.

The Buchanan Leo's have been equally busy.

With financial support from the Buchanan Lions, Buchanan Scarecrow Ladies, and the Fisher, Skene, Kring, Roberts and Flowers families- the Leo's adopted four families in the Buchanan area for Christmas.

Each family received Christmas cards, gift certificates and gifts for the whole family and will also receive a warm meal delivered to them on Christmas eve.

The Leo's are hoping to make this "Operation: Christmas Drop" an ongoing annual event. Also, on December 20th the Leo's went Christmas caroling much to the delight of several area families.

Happy New Year all!

Buchanan- Galien Lions & Leos



Coloma Lions

Coloma Lions Club presented a \$500.00 donation to Coloma's Hope Resources, our local food bank. Coloma Lions President Lion John "Buzz" Sternaman is presenting the check to Carol Sternaman who is Director of Hope Resources.



Kalamazoo Westside Lions

Season of Giving

Lion Sharon Bennett of Kalamazoo West Lions Club together with Lions Elvie Marfil, Noemi and Ed Kudzia and Emily Joven of Portage Lions Club in collaboration with Philippine American Association of Southern California collected blankets, winter coats, toiletries, gloves, scarves, and among other things to be donated to Ministry for Humanity in Kalamazoo.



Blankets and scarves donated by Lion Elvie



Blankets and coats donated by Lions Ed, Noemi Kudzia and Emily Joven.



Donated by Lion Sharon Bennett



Donated by Lion Elvie Marfil

Mattawan Lions Club

Mattawan Lions Club-

The Mattawan Lions Club helped serve around 200 families this year for their annual teaming up with the Mattawan Area Food Pantry.

The lion spent the week beforehand sorting toys into age groups and setting up the room for shopping. There were two days of shopping because we had to limit the number of people in the building, but the lions worked hard to get it done!

We had a drive thru dinner to raise money to pay for some of the items and many of the community members donated as well as toys for tots. After the event is over one of the lion's members takes the toys to their garage and lets case workers for "New Hope" an entity of the DHS as well as case workers for the court systems for people getting out of jail and the Domestic Violence Coalition group come and pick out items for those kids. It is a long but wonderful few week!



Paw Paw Lions

The Paw Paw Community Christmas Basket Program is our signature project. For more than 3 decades, we have provided enough food for two weeks for families in Paw Paw. We partner with other charitable groups and churches to make sure no one is forgotten at Christmas. Although we use the term “basket” in the name, multiple boxes, and gifts for the kids, are included! This year we took care of 94 families comprised of 193 adults and 230 children. A total of **423**! That’s a lot of SERVICE.



With no Bingo due to Covid-19, we were able to use our spacious clubhouse for the entire project. It really worked out great!

We had to deal with challenges like a limited number of workers in our building at a time along with mask-wearing and social distancing.

Sorting and packing (pictured left and below) were a little bit tricky to pull off while staying 6 feet away from others. But, we pulled it off in record time.





All the prep time paid off when “pick up” day arrived. The cars lined up at 7 a.m. looked like the final scene from Field of Dreams. All 94 families got their Christmas Baskets by 10.



This is for one family!



MASK *fundraiser*

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Actual Mask Logo Design



For more information:
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1 Mask	_____	\$12
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5 Masks	_____	\$47
10 Masks	_____	\$90
20 Masks	_____	\$175
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City/State/Zip _____

Club Name	Adjustable Quantity	Adult Size Quantity

Richland Gull Lake Club

Richland Gull Lake Lions Club conducted a Food Drive. Lion President Dave Reynold set up a table out side of his shop for members to drop off can and dry goods to be distributed to those in need. Lion Elvie Marfil of Portage and Lion Tamara Withers of Kalamazoo West organized and collected said goods and Lion Ray Lasich picked them up.



A Christmas 'miracle'

60-year-old wedding ring lost,
found in food box, returned to owner

By Robert Tomlinson
Staff Writer

THREE RIVERS — Usually, the only boxes of food that contain a prize or item of some sort are cereal boxes, and usually they're plastic toys or something similar.

However, it's not often you find a lost wedding ring in a food box given out during a food distribution event.

That's what happened to Tom McLeroy of Constantine and his family Saturday, when they found

a wedding ring in a food box they received during Saturday's Three Rivers Lions Club food distribution event.

"My wife and I came through to pick up some food and some toys for our kids, and we got

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Three Rivers Lions Club member Doug Gross (right) shows off the wedding band he seemingly lost, a memory of his late wife of 58 years, which was returned during Saturday's Three Rivers Lions Club food distribution by Tom McLeroy of Constantine (left). The ring was found in the food box that was handed out to McLeroy and his family during the event.

Three Rivers Lions Club Cont'd

everything home, and unpacked the box, and my wife says, hey, there's a ring in the bottom of the box," McLeroy said. "I was like, 'What?' and she said there was a wedding ring in the bottom of this box. I was like, wait a minute, we need to call and find out who it belongs to."

McLeroy said his wife then called the Lions Club, who told them it belonged to "an elderly gentleman" that turned out to be Doug Gross, a club member and the chairperson of the food distribution event. Once they found out who it belonged to, McLeroy said they knew what they needed to do next.

"We said we had to take it back up there," McLeroy said. "We wanted to make sure it got back to the rightful owner."

It turns out the ring Gross lost wasn't just any wedding ring – it was a symbol of his wife of 59 years, Lola, who passed away two

years ago, in December 2018. Lola, Gross said, gave him the ring 60 years ago, about a year after they got married.

"This is what I have as a remembrance of her," Gross said. "I felt when I saw that I didn't have it, that I really lost a large part of the last 60 years."

Gross said he lost the ring, which he said had been loose, while he was packing the food boxes for the food distribution days before Saturday's distribution, and only found out it was gone when he got home and looked down while washing his hands. He thought when he lost it, it was gone for good.

"I had to assume that it fell into one of the boxes I was packing. I thought there's nothing I can do about it now, you're not going to unpack 140 boxes to look for a ring," Gross said. "I thought there's no way anyone's going to find it."

When he heard that McLeroy and his family

called to let them know they found the ring, he was surprised – from a scale of 1 to 10, he said his surprise was a "10" – but also grateful that someone returned it.

"It restored my faith in humankind," Gross said. "These people, Tom for instance, I'm sure is in difficult times, and yet they took the time to make the phone call to come up here and bring it back. It just restores my faith."

McLeroy, for his part, said it was good to do this for someone helping out the community with the food distribution.

"It felt really good to do this," McLeroy said. "He's an elderly gentleman, and he's out supporting the community and helping out with everything. It feels good to bring the ring back to its rightful owner."

Gross said he has some plans for how he'll keep the ring on his finger from now on.

"I'm going to get

some tape and tape one side of it so it's tighter on the finger," Gross said. "I don't want to go through this again."

A couple of his family members that helped out during the food distribution suggested he take it to a jeweler to have it re-sized and made a playful suggestion he use duct tape to keep the ring on. While he seemed amenable to the duct tape option, Gross said he "doesn't want to take [the ring] off again."

Overall, though, Gross summed up the kind gesture with a simple phrase.

"It's the miracle of Christmas, right?" Gross said. "It was to me."

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It just goes to show how much people really appreciate receiving the assistance the clubs provide to their families.

Three Rivers Lions Club

The club along with the Marine Corps. League #1401 put food on the tables for over 100 families and smiles on the faces of over 150 children during their annual Christmas basket and toy distribution. This is a 60+ year tradition for the club. The Marines collect the toys at local businesses and then donate them to the club to help families in the Three Rivers, Colon, Constantine, White Pigeon, Centreville and Sturgis areas. Meijer also donated funds to purchase toys. Menard's donates the shopping bags and the employees went shopping this year and donated toys as well.

The Three Rivers schools have collected the non-perishable food in the past however with schools shut down the club went through the Food Bank of Battle Creek and purchased food and meat to distribute. Corey Lake Orchard donated bags of apples, Walthers Potato Farm donated bags of potatoes and a local church donated cash from their members. In addition some of the Marines also purchased food and donated. Many other items are donated by local merchants.

Lions and their family members and friends along with the TR Girls Basketball coach and some high school girls helped distribute all the items. The Marines take part in handing out the bags of toys.

The club helps support this project with a Christmas newspaper that when printed is inserted in the local paper for distribution. The club can't thank all the local business for their support over the years enough.



Three Rivers Lions Club

The club received a donation of several dozen slippers from a local florist and donated them to the Bronson Children's Hospital over the Christmas holidays. Club Past President and District Governor Julie Mayuiers dropped off the boxes from her home club.



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

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

partylikeabanker@yahoo.com or 269-251-6553



Upcoming Events to add to your calendar!!



2021

January

9: Cabinet Meeting via Zoom – 8:00 am

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/>

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*

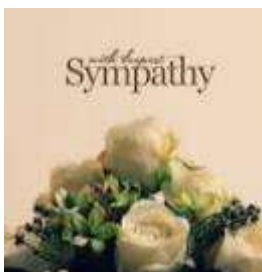


Please keep these Lions and/or family members who have recently lost loved ones in your prayers. If you'd like to drop them a note I've included their addresses.

Coloma Lion John Whisler. Cards may be sent to the Club.

Paw Paw Lion Herb Grassow passed away on December 18th. You may remember Lion Herb and his dog Baxter. Cards may be sent to his wife Donice and daughter Amy who is staying with her mother right now. The address is 308 East Michigan Ave., Paw Paw, MI 49079.

Paw Paw Lion Jim Yarbrough joined the Paw Paw Lions when the club was two years old. He was a lifetime member since 2005. Cards may be sent to his widow Norma Yarbrough at 35612 Bellware Paw Paw, 49079





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

Mailchimp server



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 screenshot shows a web form with a blue header. The header text reads: "Please enter your preferred Email Address, First and Last Name to continue receiving your Beacon News Letter." Below the header is a white box containing the form fields. The title "District 11B2" is in red. The form includes three text input fields labeled "Email Address", "First Name", and "Last Name". Below these is a "Preferred format" section with two radio buttons: "HTML" (which is selected) and "Plain-text". At the bottom of the form is a dark grey "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.

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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!!!