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MESSAGE FROM IMMEDIATE PAST DISTRICT GOVERNOR LION JOHN POSTELLI



We have a NEW District Governor - Lion Julie Mayuiers from the Three Rivers Lions Club. DG Julie is a borne leader and has the "Heart of a Lion". I am excited about her governorship and pledge my support and assistance!



This is my last letter to the District as the outgoing District Governor. I will always look back at my governorship with warm memories of the many moments of shared service with our Lions and Leos in 11 B2. The level of talent and dedication of our Lions and Leos is top notch! I am not retiring from service, I am merely changing hats. I still play on the same team! I look forward to supporting District Governor Lion Julie as together WE SERVE the Lions of District 11 B2.



We face significant challenges. By working together, I am certain we will overcome the obstacles that are placed before us. We must be flexible, willing to find new paths to travel. We must learn new ways to serve those in need. We must discover creative methods to raise the funds needed to provide service. Lions, stay focused on the mission. Our neighbors need our help! Let's show them how to **Lean on a Lion!**

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I want to publicly thank my Cabinet for their dedicated service. All displayed a heartfelt desire to serve. I am proud they were a part of my team! Now I know it is risky to start naming people as it is really easy to forget someone. I will therefore apologize in advance if I forgot you in my list. I want to thank the St. Joseph Lions for their support! They never failed to step up! Thank you to all the Clubs and Lions that agreed to help the District with events. Additionally, I cannot sign off without giving special thanks to all who shared the oral history of our District with me. This helped me understand why things spin in a certain direction in our District. The mentoring and support I received from PCC Don Brown, CC Jeff Mayuiers, PDG Marsha Brown, PDG Jim Farrell, PDG Al Vredberg, PDG Nancy Dings, PDG Barb Penny, PDG Bill Dill and PDG Jim Polashak will never be forgotten. A special thank you to my “Gumba” Lion Frank Giglio and my frequent traveling companion “Pretty Boy” Lion Dave Clark! All are true friends and mentors that made my service as Governor easier.



Finally, I will never be able to express my love and gratitude to my “Madam Secretary”- First Lady Lion Natalie. She was always by my side, ever supportive, lifting me up! I am truly blessed!

Thank you all!

Ciao,

LION JOHN



Cabinet Meeting highlights

District Governor John held his final Cabinet meeting on June 27th at the Three Rivers Lions Club. Social distancing practices were carried out.

DG John presented several awards to cabinet members. All cabinet members received a special DG Appreciation medal. In addition District Governor Elect Julie Mayuiers received an International Leadership medal. This is the third highest award and may only be received once per individual. DG John also presented DGE Julie with a hand blown glass award for her past 7 years of great work as the Beacon editor. DG John also wanted to show thanks to the many clubs that participated 100% in last years Projects Night. Council Chair Elect Jeff Mayuiers Installed the 2020 – 2021 Cabinet members.



CCE Jeff installing 1st
Vice District Governor
Karol Chopp



Governor's
appreciation
medal



International
Leadership
medal



DG John presented DGE
Julie with the
International Leadership
medal



CCE Jeff installing
DGE Julie as District
Governor with a
special ribbon pulling
ceremony. The ribbon
pulling is normally
done at the
International
Convention.
Congratulations DG
Julie!





For Sale by the District



We had built about 10 of these stands to hold our banners for our District Convention before it was cancelled. They break down to 5' (the length of a banner) and all pieces come apart for easy storage. We are offering them to the clubs for \$20 each. They are first come first serve. Please contact Lion Jeff Mayuiers if your club would like to purchase one. 269-254-1936. Thanks

District Governor Julie Mayuiers

Meet the new cabinet

It's hard to believe it's July 1 already and the Oath as the District Governor of 11B2 was taken on June 30th via virtual meeting. I don't know where the time has gone this past year.

I wanted to take a minute and introduce the 2020 – 2021 District Cabinet. These Lions are all standing by ready to assist you with whatever you may need.

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Zone 4 Chair Carol Young - 269-906-5297, bluefolfin_64@yahoo.com

Zone 5 Chair – Vacant, please contact Julie Mayuiers to learn more about what this position entails.

Zone 6 Chair Cathy Hopkins - 269-503-0530, transitcathy@gmail.com



As we move forward and need to keep social distancing in mind RSVP's are required for all of the following events. Should things change with the Governor's social distancing guidelines due to COVID-19 we ask that you provide your email and phone when RSVPing in case we need to reschedule/cancel an event.

Club Officer Training for President/Treasurer/Secretary will be held July 16th from 6:00 – 7:30 pm at the Elks Lodge #514 located at 601 Riverview Drive, Benton Harbor, MI. This training is highly recommended for new officers. **RSVP's are due no later than July 13th** so that social distancing may be observed in room set up. No refreshments will be provided due to COVID-19 guidelines. You are welcome to bring your own beverage.

A **President's dinner** will be held on July 21st at the Three Rivers Lions Club, 420 6th Avenue, Three Rivers (across from school on M-60) at 6:00 pm. If Club President cannot attend they may send a representative. This will be a meet and greet with the DG and the rest of the cabinet and hear about the goals the DG has set for the year. Discussions on the new NAMI program, service project ideas, and how we move forward this coming year in Lions with all the challenges we are faced with this year. **RSVP's are due no later than July 14th** so there is enough food and social distancing is observed.

Banner Exchange where the home club of the St. Joe Lions and Immediate Past District Governor John present the District banner to the home club of the Three Rivers Lions and District Governor Julie Mayuiers. This event will be a burgers/hot dog picnic with all the trimmings. Please **RSVP no later than July 22nd** so there is enough food and social distancing is observed.

Club Officer Training for President/Treasurer/Secretary will be held July 25th from 9:30 – 11 am at the Three Rivers Lions Club located at 420 6th Avenue (across from school on M-60). This training is highly recommended for new officers. **RSVP's are due no later than July 22nd** so that social distancing may be observed in room set up. No refreshments will be provided due to COVID-19 guidelines. You are welcome to bring your own beverage.

RSVP to Sheree Sorensen Sheree5354@gmail.com 269-506-1744

Thank you District Governor Julie
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* The health and safety of our Lions, employees and communities is our top priority.
Read about our response to COVID-19.



We Serve



SERVING SAFELY TOGETHER

**A message to all Lions
from International President,
Dr. Jung-Yul Choi**

Dear Lion,

This year has truly been unlike any other in our history. Your incredible innovation and commitment to serving safely in our world's greatest time of need has helped your community to stay strong. We have faced great challenges, but we have also achieved great things together.

I'm so proud to announce that this year we've accomplished our LCI Forward goal of serving more than 200 million people per year around the world. From preventing diabetes to preserving sight, each person we served is a life we've changed. So let us celebrate this very special moment.

And let us remember that the world needs Lions now more than ever. Your community needs you more than ever. I am so proud of you, and what we've achieved this year. I look forward to the incredible things we will accomplish together as Lions in the years to come.

Regards,

Dr. Jung-Yul Choi
International President

Here are a couple of tips from LCI. This is a Press Release template from LCI to connect with your local media. Copy and paste into a Word doc to customize for your club.

Here is a link to outstanding media contacts

https://lionsclubs.org/en/blog/Five-Tips-for-Landing-Your-Pitch-in-the-Hands-of-Reporters-and-Not-in-the-Trash?utm_source=Eloqua&utm_campaign=MTG_EN_June%20All%20Lion%20IP%20Message_2020&utm_medium=email&elqTrackId=FB8044EDE6E8F33517D17B987F79E4DD&elq=8a4dfa07863e49cba44b1f73e59db5b7&elqaid=14847&elqat=1&elqCampaignId=2080

Contact: [NAME]
[TITLE]
[PHONE]
[EMAIL]

For Immediate Release

[CLUB NAME] Supports the [CITY NAME] Community during COVID-19 through Kindness and Service

Now more than ever, the world needs our support, which is why the [CLUB NAME] in [CLUB LOCATION/CITY] is uniting in kindness to do its part to help our community get through this global pandemic. We remain committed to safely serving our friends and neighbors and call upon the residents of [CITY] to join us in providing support to those in need.

During this coronavirus (COVID-19) crisis, the [CLUB NAME] has helped address the needs of our local community by [PROVIDE THE DETAILS OF SERVICES PERFORMED. DON'T FORGET TO INCLUDE IMPORTANT DATA LIKE THE NUMBER OF DONATED ITEMS OR HOW MANY PEOPLE YOU HELPED].

Lions know that it takes the biggest service club organization in the world to take on the biggest challenges facing the world. Right now, that biggest challenge is keeping our communities safe during the COVID-19 pandemic. Lions also understand that when everyone works together, we can accomplish so much more than we can alone.

We at the [CLUB NAME] encourage those who are looking to help to contact us at [INSERT PHONE NUMBER, EMAIL ADDRESS AND/OR SOCIAL MEDIA LINK]. Lions Clubs International Foundation is also accepting donations to support communities dealing with extreme rates of COVID-19 by providing needed supplies and equipment to hospitals, medical clinics and emergency management systems, including front-line health care workers and first responders. Visit lionsclubs.org to learn more.

We know you depend on our volunteers, so our Lions will be there, supporting and strengthening our community just as we always have since [CLUB START DATE]. Where there is a need, there is a Lion.

About Lions Clubs International



Lions Clubs International

Dear Club Leader,

The coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic has impacted the work of Lions around the world. In many cases, it has also created financial hardships for our Lions and the people for whom we care.

To support the incredible men and women serving with us, the International Board of Directors has passed a resolution to help our clubs.

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

- Flexible payments** – No clubs will be suspended or cancelled through December 31, 2020 for late payment of dues.
- Charter and entrance fees waiver** – We have waived all charter and entrance fees from July 1 – December 31, 2020.

These measures will help Lions facing financial hardships, and give our clubs hope, encouragement, and an opportunity to start the new Lion year with renewed energy and optimism.

This may be a time of great need, but we will overcome this together. For more than a century, Lions have taken on the greatest challenges facing humanity. That is who we are, and what we do.

So let us stand together. And let us remember just how important we are to our communities and the world.

Regards,

Dr. Jung-Yul Choi
International President

1st VDG Karol Chopp



Hello Fellow Lions,

Well welcome to summer! Make sure to enjoy the sun but keep in the back of your mind that there are still many things you can do for your community! Start thinking now about how you can do fundraising in a different way than you did before. Try something virtual. Don't get the mindset that because we can't meet or hold big events that your clubs are not able to do things. Get your mind thinking outside the box!

I am looking forward to serving under our new District Governor Julie and look forward to the possibilities that Lions International have given us to grow our clubs with the waiving of the entrance fee until December 31, 2020.

Looking forward to visiting with clubs and getting to know more lions in the 11B2 District!

Enjoy the rest of your summer and see you all soon,

Karol Chopp
1st VDG 11B-2



Club Anniversaries



<u>Club</u>	<u>Charter Date</u>	<u>Years Old</u>
Dowagiac	7/2/52	67
Kalamazoo Downtown	7/11/21	98
Centreville	7/20/65	74
Watervliet	8/5/53	66
Niles	8/19/26	93
Edwardsburg	8/21/46	73
Lawton	8/25/53	66

*Happy
Anniversary*



“Paralyzed”

Think back in your life to a time when you were really scared. So scared you couldn't move! You couldn't yell or speak. I was about 10 and I was told to sleep in the basement. That didn't bother me, but when you turned out the lights it was totally dark. I agreed to sleep down there if I could leave a small lamp on. All was fine until about 3 am when the power went out. I can still remember to this day how scared I was. I was paralyzed and couldn't move.

And here we are year's later feeling just as frightened and for many of us just as afraid to move. Many of us as Lions are not sure how to turn the lights back on. We pride ourselves as Lions! As Lions we are looked upon as Service Leaders...understand many people are looking at us to take the lead.

To do that, keep in mind a good leader keeps themselves informed, and leads by example. Being informed helps us present the facts to others and allows everyone involved an opportunity to proceed in whatever way they feel the safest and most secure! Currently the questions are do we continue to meet via Zoom Conference for those that know how? I realize we have several clubs that have never attempted a Zoom meeting or conference call. Believe me they are easy to do. By doing a Zoom meeting members can participate from the comfort of their own home. Really all they need is a computer or cell phone. As your District GLT we can assist any club with this style of turning your clubs lights back on.

Other options are meeting at a set location outside. Practicing good social distancing with each member wearing a mask. This has been done at a park, a school playground, restaurant, Legion or you can make it fun exploring outside places to meet. Allow everyone to bring their own beverage and food/dessert if eating is customary when you meet.

So what is important to take away from this article is deciding what you'd like to do and get busy doing it. Get the lights back on Lions! Let's brighten somebody's day!

GLT Jeff



District Global Leadership Team - PDG Jeff Mayuiers 269-254-1938

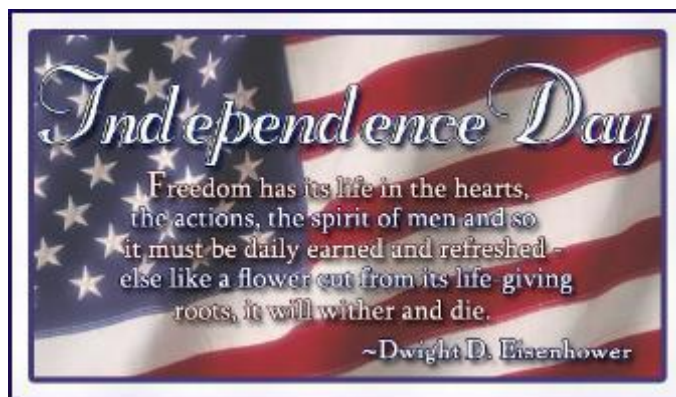
District Global Membership Team – Lion Rick Young 616-796-4621

District Global Service Team – Lion PDG Masha Brown 269-657-4789

Fellow Lions by the time you get this article we will be starting our 2020-2021 Lion year. This Lion year our district will be participating in the North America Membership Initiative. In the coming months there will be more information on NAMI. This month's article will be just an introduction to NAMI. NAMI is a focused program designed to address and reverse the decline in Lions membership in Constitutional Areas 1 and 2 (CA1 and CA2). NAMI is a bottom to top type program. NAMI uses a team approach to solving issues that keep us from growth. NAMI has three objective 1) Rejuvenate districts with new clubs, 2) Revitalize clubs with new members, 3) Re-motivate members with new fellowships and exciting service. Clubs are the foundation of NAMI success. Club members will participate in NAMI projects throughout the year, including leadership development, club marketing and welcoming new members into their clubs. This going to be a challenge, but the Lions of 11B2 has had challenges before and has risen to meet those challenges.

Yours in Lionism

GMT Lion Rick Young



Eversight

Greetings to all,

I hope everyone is well and safe at this time. We at Eversight have weathered these last few months in pretty good shape. Most employees have been working from home and did have their salaries cut for awhile.

The biggest challenge is fundraising. I believe we have come up with a way ALL Lions can take part. We have had to cancel or postpone our fundraising. So we came up with a new way to hold our golf outing. I encourage everyone who can to participate. If you can't play, I encourage you to sponsor a youth to golf in your place. And that would only be a \$50 donation to do so. I am enclosing a flyer and hope you will find it in your hearts to play, sponsor, or donate because we will soon be bombarded with cornea transplants. I can't thank you enough for all you do.

PCC Don Brown

Chairman

"Where there's a need, there's a Lion"



GOLF FOR GOOD!

The Eversight 2020 Vision Classic

Golf anywhere, anytime—and support the gift of sight!

August 18–September 8

All ages and skill levels | Foursomes or on your own

The Eversight/Ann Arbor Host Lions Club's long-standing annual golf classic goes national to raise awareness and charitable support for sight-saving transplants and vision research. Eversight is the nation's largest non-profit community-based eye bank network, working to restore sight and prevent blindness through the healing power of donation, transplantation and research.

How to Golf for Good!

1. Register by July 27 to receive your welcome package including instructions, scorecard, golf ball sleeve and exclusive Eversight 2020 gear. Mail your registration or register online at eversightgolf.givesmart.com.

Registration: \$50 donation per golfer to benefit Eversight charitable programs and vision research.

2. Golf anywhere, anytime between Aug. 18–Sept. 8 and email a photo of your scorecard to philanthropy@eversightvision.org. Golfers are responsible for course fees at their course of choice.
3. Log on to the live online awards ceremony Sept. 8 as we honor our partners and announce top scores and Best Dressed Team contest winners, for exclusive Eversight gear.



Donations are tax-deductible as provided by law (Tax ID# 38-2117115).



For competitive golfers

The outing will be best ball. To allow us to accurately award top score, please:

- Golf at an 18-hole course with course rating of 70.0 or higher and slope rating of 120 or greater. Ratings are typically available on the golf course website or scorecard.
- Register and golf as a foursome. Foursome golfers do not have to golf at the same time or even the same course.



For non-competitive golfers

- Golf at any course, individually or as a foursome.
- Complete 9 or 18 holes.



For everyone—non-golfers, too!

- Bid to win during the Golf for Good! Online Silent Auction Sept. 1–8 to support Eversight charitable programs.
- Or, support Eversight with your tax-deductible gift at eversightgolf.givesmart.com.



Be a sponsor!

Confirm your sponsorships no later than Aug. 1 for benefits (see next page). Sponsorship at the Visionary and Gift of Sight levels covers Eversight's costs providing a donated cornea for sight-saving surgery!

Eversight

SPONSORSHIPS

Course fee not included with sponsorships

☐ Visionary Sponsor (\$5,000)

8 paid registrants to Golf for Good!
Logo placement on welcome letter
Listing on event website
Recognition on Eversight social media
Recognition listing at awards ceremony
*\$4,888 tax deductible

☐ Gift of Sight Sponsor (\$4,000)

4 paid registrants to Golf for Good!
Logo placement on welcome letter
Listing on event website
Recognition on Eversight social media
Recognition listing at awards ceremony
*\$3,944 tax deductible

☐ Scorecard Sponsor (\$2,500)

4 paid registrants to Golf for Good!
Logo on scorecard
Listing on event website
Recognition listing at awards ceremony
*\$2,444 tax deductible

☐ 20/20 Sponsor (\$1,000)

4 paid registrants to Golf for Good!
Listing on event website
Recognition listing at awards ceremony
*\$944 tax deductible

☐ Online Auction Sponsor (\$500)

Logo on the auction website
Listing on event website
Recognition listing at awards ceremony
*\$500 tax deductible

☐ Awards Sponsor (\$150)

Special recognition at the awards ceremony
Listing on event website
Recognition listing at awards ceremony
*\$150 tax deductible

Questions?

Contact afrederick@eversightvision.org
or (800) 248-7250 ext. 2616

PARTICIPATE

Register by July 27 using the form below or register online at eversightgolf.givesmart.com for your welcome package including instructions, scorecard, golf ball sleeve and exclusive Eversight 2020 gear.

All gifts to Eversight are tax-deductible to the full extent of the law (Tax ID# 38-2117115). The portion of your contribution that may be tax-deductible is limited to the excess of the fair market value of goods or services received associated with the Golf for Good! event. Due to the charitable purpose of this event, there are no refunds.

I want to Golf for Good! My information, including \$50 registration for each golfer who will participate, is below.

☐ I am golfing on a competitive foursome

☐ I am golfing individually/not taking part in the competition

1. Name _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Mailing address _____

2. Name _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Mailing address _____

3. Name _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Mailing address _____

4. Name _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Mailing address _____

☐ Team Name _____

☐ Registration fee/s enclosed (# of golfers listed above x \$50) \$ _____

☐ I would like to make a donation of \$ _____

I want to sponsor! My information is below.

Sponsor name as it should appear in event publicity _____

Sponsorship level _____ Primary contact name _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Payment

☐ Check amount enclosed (Please make check payable to Eversight) \$ _____

☐ Charge my credit card: \$ _____ ☐ VISA ☐ MasterCard ☐ Amex ☐ Discover

Name on card _____ Card number _____

Exp. date _____ Signature _____

Return this form to philanthropy@eversightvision.org or by mail to Eversight:
Eversight, Attention: Amanda Frederick, 3985 Research Park Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48108

Lions Bear Lake Camp Golf Classic

Sunday, August 23, 2020

At

Metamora Golf & Country Club



Please join us for the 15th Annual Lions Bear Lake Camp Golf Classic

Metamora CC offers 18 holes of championship golf. The course's scenic layout features rolling terrain, tree lined fairways, and strategically placed bunkers that will make for a fun and challenging event.

Proceeds from this event will support blind and visually impaired Children at Bear Lake Camp. Together, we can make this a great event for such a wonderful cause.

ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS

Use of Driving Range
18 Holes of Golf with Cart
Course Contests
Buffet-Style Awards Dinner
Door Prizes & Raffles

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Registration 11:30 am
Shotgun Start 1:00 pm
Awards Dinner 6:00 pm

EVENT FEES

Registration- \$100 per golfer/
\$400 per foursome
Dinner-Only Guest- \$30

If you'd like to learn more about Bear Lake Camp, visit www.bearlakecamp.org
To learn more about Metamora Golf & Country Club, visit www.metamoragolf.com
For additional information, please contact: Rick Fleming 248.342.1702

Event Sponsorship Opportunities

A great way for your group or business to do a bit more!

Event Sponsorship \$2,000

Sponsor's name will be part of the official title of the golf event and all aspects of the event's activities, such as course signage and recognition on event materials.

Includes golf for eight players and awards dinner.

Dinner Sponsorship \$1,500

Sponsor's name will be featured at the awards dinner, on course signage, and on event materials. Includes golf for four players and awards dinner.

Platinum Sponsorship \$1,000

Sponsor's name will be featured on event materials and hole signage. Includes golf for four players and awards dinner.

Beverage Cart or Special Event Sponsorship \$500

Sponsor's name will be featured on multiple beverage carts or special event hole signage throughout the day.

Hole Sponsorship \$100

Sponsor's name will be featured on signage at one hole.

Donations Welcome!!!

Donated raffle and prize items are appreciated.

Donors will be acknowledged at the awards ceremony.

Registration Information

Captain _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Player 2 _____

Player 3 _____

Player 4 _____

Sponsorship Level _____

Total \$ _____

Method of Payment: _____

Cash Check Credit Card

Number _____ Exp. _____

Please make checks payable to: Bear Lake Camp

Mail registrations and payments to:

Metamora Golf & Country Club

C/O Rick Fleming

1600 Club Drive Metamora, MI 48455

Lions Bear Lake Camp is a licensed 501(c)(3)



Lions Bear Lake Camp - Virtual Camps for Visually Impaired and Deaf and Hard of Hearing - REGISTER NOW ... Happening soon!!

1.Deaf and Hard of Hearing Session:

Monday, July 13th - Friday, July 17th

Registration will be open the week of the event as well.

Once you register, you will be notified of more details.

<https://forms.gle/xmXEMGiiKcEztbL59>

2.Leadership Development Registration - DHH

<https://forms.gle/wppGa3otodXhaA557>

3.Here are the links for the Visually Impaired and Blind Session:

Session 1: Monday, July 6th - Friday, July 10th

Session 2: Monday, July 20th - Friday, July 24th

Registration will be open the week of the event as well.

Once you register, you will be notified of more details.

<https://forms.gle/N6b3qo3v69gvojIp6>

4.Leadership Development Registration - VI

<https://forms.gle/rCc2Vc2zGBPGZKkt>

Lions Youth Exchange Program (LYEP)

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Contributed: Lion Elvie Marfil, District Chair 2020-2021

Part 2 from March issue

Initial details include:

- Students do not need to know the language, except in a few countries; however, some level of competency is helpful.
- Lions of Michigan has a relationship with picks the countries he/she would like to visit. Some include Japan, Austria, Germany, France, Spain, Sweden, Finland, Australia, and New Zealand.
- The young adult stays at a camp for 1-3 weeks where the culture of the country is experienced in a group setting and/or lives with a host family for 3-6 weeks. The cultural experience is during the American summer. School is generally not experienced in the foreign country. American students usually in June or July.
- The young adult may be responsible for his/her airline fees and fees associated with the cultural experience. However, many Lions clubs help support the young adult financially after the young adult is linked with a club. Connections with clubs are made through the District Chair. Once a connection is made, the young ambassador should visit a club meeting and could participate in an activity or two with the host club. Often then the club will give the young adult a check towards the trip. Initiative pays off. The more the young adult works and participates with a club or clubs, the more is given to the young adult ambassador. Many times, the trip is totally financed by numerous clubs.

*If you have any additional questions, please contact LYEP State Chair, Eileen Delaney at lioneileen53@gmail.com

Summer Program Dates

Students arrive in June, July, or August depending on the country.

- Finland arrives in late June or July for 4-6 weeks
- France, Italy, Sweden, and Turkey arrive in July for 4 weeks
- Austria arrives in mid-July for 4 weeks
- Japan arrives in August for 3 to 3 ½ weeks

Winter Program Dates

- Australia and New Zealand arrive in early December for 4 to 5 weeks
- Peru arrives in mid-January for 6 weeks



Each month in the Beacon, we will highlight the projects that District 11-B2 clubs support.

Remember
Eversight
on Projects
Night this
Fall.



Eversight
making vision a reality

As Knights of the Blind since 1925, Lions Clubs established the foundation for modern eye banking, including what is today Eversight. We proudly partner with Lions to change lives through restoring vision and preventing blindness.

Eversight proudly partners with *Gift of Life Michigan*, *Lions Clubs*, surgeons, businesses and philanthropists throughout Michigan to advance our mission.

“We restore sight and prevent blindness through the healing power of donation, transplantation and research.”

We are honored to have worked with the families of 1,617 Michigan residents who gave the gift of sight for transplantation, research and education as cornea donors in 2019.

Michigan Lions Fellowship Program

Honor your members with these prestigious recognition opportunities!

- \$1000 William “Doc” Barr Knights for Vision Fellowship
- \$500 A. Charles Weir Sight Conservation Fellowship

→ Sight Leaders



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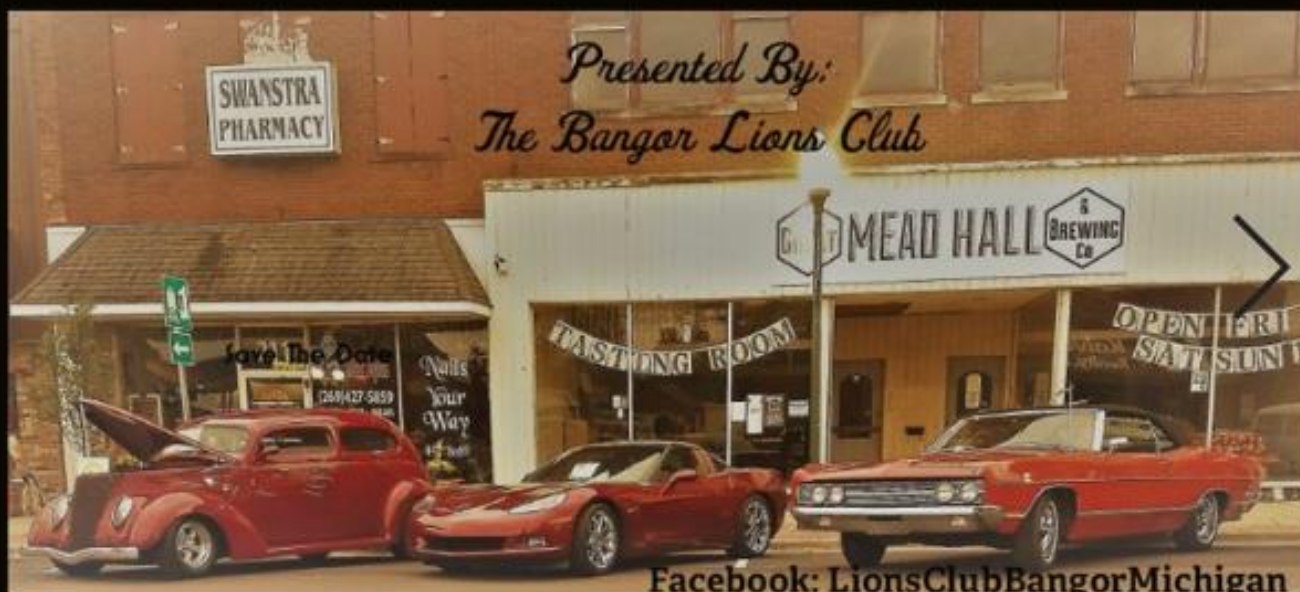
Click here! <https://e.givesmart.com/events/g8/#>

Special thank you to Lion Tammie Grabowski for offering to provide these monthly articles.

Save the Date!!!

Bangor Apple Festival Car Show - Save The Date!

*Presented By:
The Bangor Lions Club*



Facebook: LionsClubBangorMichigan

**Saturday, October 10th 2020
10AM - 2PM
Downtown Bangor (Monroe St.)**

**One Trophy
Per Entry!**

**Contact:
Lion Dick Ely
269.416.0020**

Buchanan- Galien Lions



BUCHANAN-GALIEN LIONS CLUB
3rd Annual Kayak/Canoe Poker Run
On the St. Joe River

Saturday, July 18th

9:30-1:00pm

\$25 per person Entry Fee

NEW THIS YEAR: Raffle \$10/10 tickets—Prizes at each Dock!
Raffle tickets purchased at registration.

Prizes for Top 3 Best 5-Card Hands

Launch 9:30-10:00am at Buchanan Public Boat Ramp

15437 N. Red Bud Trail

Finish at Camp Betz for lunch, prizes and raffles!

Registration form on Buchanan-Galien Lions Facebook Page or register online:

https://buy.ticketstothecity.com/venue.php?org_id=541



Questions?

Call Brian Fisher
773-504-8373

Buchanan- Galien Lions



BUCHANAN-GALIEN LIONS Annual Dinner 2020

The Buchanan-Galien Lions, spouses, and guests celebrated “86+ years of Lionism and community service to the Buchanan - Galien area” on June 25th at the home of Lion Tom and Grace Gordon. Approximately 40 members and guests attended the annual fiscal year end dinner and awards program.

Lion President Mark Skene welcomed everyone and served as master of ceremonies for the evening. Lion Mark Nixon lead the Pledge of Allegiance and Lion Lewis Lambert offered the invocation before an outstanding buffet dinner prepared by John Byrdak was enjoyed by all. And all sang Happy Birthday to Lion Secretary Alice Kring for her 59th and holding her celebration with the Lions.

District 11B2 Vice District Governor Elect Julie Mayuiers and Past District Governor Jeff were on hand for the evening and after dinner and birthday cake Julie presented the following awards:

A 2019-2020 International President’s medal for outstanding service to Lions Club was presented to Lion Mark Tumbleson. This high-level recognition award is awarded only by District level recommendation, Lions International approval and then International Presidential signature.

Emma Karpinski was recognized and presented an award as the District 11B2 Peace Poster winner. Emma is a 7th Grader at Buchanan Middle School and her parents are Jacob and Deanna Karpinski.

Centennial Awards were presented to Lion Dick Swem (64 years), posthumously to Lion Sarah Gault for her father Lion Dick Gault (60 years) and Lion Connie Larson (54 years).

The Buchanan-Galien Lions Shining Star award was presented to Lion Penny Correa. This award is presented annually to one member of each Lions club who has truly been a shining star by exemplifying what the Lions “We Serve” motto is all about.

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A 100% participation award for Projects Night badge was also presented by VDGE Julie.

President Skene next presented the following Lions Service Milestone awards: Chuck Falkenstein- 45 years; Jerry Flenar- 40 years; John Colip- 30 years; Tom Gordon- 20 years; Rhonda Harrington- 5 years

Lions and Leo Advisors Brian Fisher and Alice Kring then recognized graduating Leo's Lucy Arbanas, Abigail Hickok, Lauren Hogue and Jade Smith who each recently received scholarships from the Buchanan-Galien Lions Endowment Fund.

Skene also presented Presidential Awards to Lions Jerry Flenar and Mark Tumbleson for their outstanding and above and beyond the call of duty support of him, the club and the communities.

Lion Sarah Gault received a Key Award for having recently brought two new members into the Buchanan-Galien club.

Arniece Wagner was inducted as a new Lions club member and her sponsor Penny Correa presented her with her club membership pin.

The annual Buchanan-Galien Lion of the Year Award was presented by President Skene to Lion Brian Fisher. Skene shared these words:

"This award goes to a very special Lion who always goes above and beyond, no matter what the job. With his kindness, concern and excellent people skills, he has a great knack for instilling cooperation and getting things done. He truly walks the walk when it comes to being a Lion, has a passion of serving others, is genuine, good hearted, fun-loving and people enjoy being around him. To top it off, he always has a smile on his face to help brighten your day. This Lion has worked very hard on a marketing video for the Leos and our Lions Club. He has attended most meetings and club activities. He has refreshed and brought back our Leos Program, and worked very hard to make these young people feel very special. He purchased t-shirts on his own and designed a logo for the Leos. This Lion has worked tirelessly by organizing and running the kayak and canoe run. He has done an excellent job of keeping the Lions Club FB page up-to-date. He has also done a lot of work for the Buchanan Scarecrow charities. It is my honor to present the 2020 Lion of the Year award to Lion Brian Fisher.

The 19th annual Bob Koenigshof award was then presented to Lion Alice Kring. This award is presented annually to a resident of the Buchanan area who has demonstrated a personal commitment to improving life within our community through contributions and service to others. Lion Mark Skene shared the following during the award presentation:

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“It is my honor to present tonight’s annual Bob Koenigshof award. In memory of Lion Bob and his 60+ years of Lionism and community service- we present this annual award to an outstanding individual who- like Lion Bob- has made a real difference in our community. Our 2020 recipient is a very dedicated Lion and has served our community in many many different capacities. She is well respected by her fellow Lions and has personalized the Lion motto to “I Serve”- and has pretty much been involved in all things Buchanan. She has been a Lion for over 16 years- where she has served as a 3 term Past President and Leo Club leader/sponsor. She is also very involved in her church- the College Club, the Tin Shop, DDA, Chamber of Commerce, Fine Arts Council, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Meals on Wheels, organizes the annual Community Easter Egg Hunt and Faith and Family Day, and in her spare time directs a play or two at the Tin Shop Theatre each year. Our recipient has far exceeded the call of duty in Lions and community service. She truly lives by our motto and is a walking model of Lionism. I am sure Bob K would agree that she is a most deserving recipient. It is truly an honor for me to have served beside her in Lions, and to have this opportunity to announce the winner of the 19th annual Bob Koenigshof award- Lion Alice Kring.

The following clubs officers and board members were inducted by VDGE Julie Mayuiers:

President- Mark Skene	Treasurer- Russ Stephens
1 st VP- Lewis Lambert	Secretary- Alice Kring
2 nd VP- Rhonda Harrington	Tail Twisters- Mark Nixon, Jerry Flenar
3 rd VP- Mark Nixon	Lion Tamers- Lewis Lambert, Ralph McDonald

Board of Directors- Ralph McDonald, Brian Fisher, Cindy Roberts,
Jerry Flenar, Lloyd Miller, Michelle Holloway

PDG Jim Farrell was recognized and thanked for his service to the Galien and Buchanan clubs as he will be moving and transferring his membership to the Wyoming club.

Lion Tom Gordon announced that he just received notice during dinner that his son Andrew was being deployed to Afghanistan and asked for the club’s prayer for his safety.

President Skene then made some closing remarks and announcements and thanked the Lions for their support of both the club and their communities.

Lions- serving the communities of Buchanan-Galien for over 86 years!

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District Governor Elect Julie read the accomplishments of Lion Mark Tumbleson as he was presented with an International Presidents medal. Standing by to assist was Council Chair Elect Jeff Mayuiers



Lion Tom Gordon recognized Lion Alice Krings birthday



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Lion Penny Correa was presented the Shining Star award



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Lion Mark receiving the Presidential award

Lawrence Lions Club

Awarded two \$1,000 scholarships to 2020 graduates Adol Bak and Claire Maclemore. The Leo club president was also awarded a \$500 grant.



Paw Paw Leos



Even during the pandemic, the Paw Paw Lions were able to continue to work to save our environment. Partnering with the Portage Lions, empty pill vials were collected and cleaned to be reused in other countries.

We're back...sort of....

After several months of meeting only on-line, the Paw Paw Lions gathered in person on June 17th. We met outside our building in the shade and it was quite pleasant. Social distancing was the norm and mask-wearing was encouraged. It was good to see such a great turnout.



Paw Paw Lions

Paw Paw Lions install officer for 2020 – 2021

IPDG Fran Grabowski, PDG Marsha Brown and PCC Don Brown installed the following officers to guide the Paw Paw Lions in these strange times: Lion Tamer: Marsha Brown; Tail Twister: Fran Grabowski; Directors: (2 year) Jack Wyatt, Theresa Dunham, Ginger Smietana, (1 year) Kurt Dunham, Vickie Lietzau, Tom Shoemaker; Membership Chair: Don Brown; Treasurer: Mike Seymoure; Secretary: Tammie Grabowski; Vice Presidents: 1st Ben Brousseau, 2nd Dale Avery, 3rd Alan Wartman; President: Rob Courter; Immediate Past President: Dave Rife, Sr.



Our new club president, Rob Courter, has his new gavel in hand. It is proportional in size to our new chief executive. Lion Rob worked quite a few years on our signature project, the Community Christmas Baskets, before even joining our club. The new president spoke to the club about the challenges and opportunities facing us post-pandemic. When we will continue our weekly Bingo is quite the topic of discussion in our area. As the prez says, we will follow state guidelines to the tee! It's safety first!

Portage Lions Club

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Things We Throw Away.***

Portage Lions Club

Portage Michigan Lions Club Action Plan 2020-2021

Goals and Objectives:

To promote and uphold the spirit of friendship amongst fellow Lions. To provide and administer the humanitarian needs of our community by means of voluntary services. To maintain the club status in the District, thereby to continue our involvement in the District programs as well as the International level and lastly, to abide by the Lions Code of Ethics.

Club Level:

1. Increase membership and hold seminars regarding Lionism.
2. Encourage interclub participation to all members.
3. Conduct orientation for New and Old members.
4. Submit the Membership and Activities Report on time.
5. To encourage more fundraising projects (White Cane Day, Mint Dale, Etc.)
6. To encourage more community projects (Thanksgiving and Christmas Gift boxes, First Day Shoe Fund, KidSight, Eye Exam and Glasses collection, donate used eyeglass, donate used pill bottle, Etc.)
7. To have regular media coverage.
8. Continue the traditional club social activities. (Memorial, Thanksgiving and Christmas)

Multiple and District Level:

1. Attend Multiple/Forum and District Convention and functions, and Zone meetings.
2. Participate in other District Programs and Projects.

International Level:

1. Continue to support LCIF.
2. Continue to participate in White Cane Day and Peace Poster Contest.
3. Sponsor Youth Exchange (if the District will have Youth Exchange Students)

Lion Laura Berry
President 2020.-2021

Cancelled this year ☹️



August 2 - 5, 2020
Camp Warner
Grand Junction, Michigan

Camp Leo the Lion

A residential summer camp for children (10-18 years old)
with disabilities from Berrien, Cass and Van Buren counties

*Presented by the Lions and Lioness Clubs of Southwestern Michigan
in partnership with Berrien RESA*

Camp applications are available at
Blossomland Learning Center
711 Saint Joseph Avenue, Berrien Springs, Michigan
(269) 473-2600
Scholarships are available!



Upcoming Events to add to your calendar!!



July

- 16: Club Officer Training – St. Joe Elks 6:00 pm
- 18: Buchanan-Galien Kayak/Canoe Poker Run – flyer in Beacon
- 21: Club President dinner at Three Rivers Lions Club 6:00 pm
- 25: Club Officer Training – Three Rivers Lions Club 9:30 am
- 25: Eversight Virtual Training – flyer in Beacon
- 28: Banner Exchange & cook out – Three Rivers Lions Club 6:00 pm
- 31 – Aug. 1: Council of Governor's – Comfort Inn & Suites Mt. Pleasant

August

- 8: Cabinet Meeting at Rick & Carol Youngs in South Haven 10:00 am
- 23: Bear Lake Golf outing – flyer in Beacon

August 18 thru September 8: Eversight Virtual Golf outing – flyer in Beacon

September

- 28: Projects Night – TBD

October

- 2-3: Council of Governor's – Tree Tops Resort Gaylord
- 10: Bangor Car Show – Save the Date!!
- 17: Cabinet Meeting – TBD



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 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 in your prayers as they are not feeling quite up to par lately. If you'd like to drop them a card I've included their addresses.





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

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!!!