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Dear Friends:

SHARING IDEAS

We have all heard it said- **"If life gives you lemons, make lemonade"**! Several good friends and lions recently said to me- **"It is unfortunate your governorship had to endure the Virus"**. My most certain reply to them has been- **"God put me here in this place and at this time with my special skill set to serve- I am grateful to have been able to serve at such a critical time"**. In case you missed it- **"I prefer to make and serve lemonade"**! I am now more than ever convinced that we as a group of servants united under the one banner that is Lion Clubs International can and are ready to adapt to new models of service. It starts with the sharing of ideas. **I would ask each of our club Presidents to email to me ideas for service in the current environment.** Also, the reality is our service is limited by our ability to raise funds. White Cane was cancelled by the Governor's Executive Order. Mass assembly and personal contacts, all traditional methods for supporting our service, are not advisable at this time. So, what can we do to raise funds by alternative methods? **Please email to me ideas on what your club is doing to raise money to fund its service.** We will publish your ideas in a future Beacon article. Send your ideas to John@PostelliLaw.com

MODELING CHANGE

We were forced to cancel our District Convention which necessitated the need to adapt to change by designing and holding an Electronic Election which provided for the succession of officers and achieved basic approvals of the necessary Business of the District. The goals for the "Electronic Convention" were transparency, fairness, inclusiveness and adherence to the Constitution and Bylaws that govern us. I believe we achieved those goals



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I want to thank the Elections Committee- PCT Dale Kreitner- Chairperson (Coloma Lions), PZC Ken Mais (Edwardsburg Lions) and PDG Barb Penny (Three Rivers Lions) and the Credentials Committee – PDG Al Vredberg – Chairperson (Benton Harbor-Fairplain Lions) CCE Jeff Mayuiers (Three Rivers Lions) and PCC Don Brown (Paw Paw Lions) for their professionalism and service with the election.

EXCITED ABOUT THE FUTURE

Moving forward, 11B2 will hold our next District Cabinet Meeting on Saturday, June 27th via Zoom. I asked DGE Julie Mayuiers to create a Zoom account for the District so we could handle the District's business until we can once again safely assemble in person. I am looking forward to electronically meeting with the cabinet and I thank them for their hard work this year. We lean on each other while serving. I have leaned on them and they have been a solid support! I will be forever grateful. Together, we look forward to hearing DGE Julie Mayuiers outline the plans for the District in the next Lion year. Congratulations to District Governor Elect Julie Mayuiers and First Vice District Governor Elect Karol Chopp on their elections. Both of these talented Lions have been of great service to the District and I cannot personally thank them enough for their help through the last year. They are assembling a talented team of Lions as we continue our work to make 11B2 a leader in the state in serving our neighbors! I am excited to see what is next!

*Sharing in Service,
Lion John*



Note: Awards, certificates, etc. that would have been given at our District Convention will be distributed when we can meet again in person and pass out when possible.

A couple of special awards that were awarded this year by the State and LMSF but could not be presented until next year due to the cancellation of the MD11 State Convention and the LMSF Hall of Fame Banquet. **Past District Governor Nancy Dings** of the Covert Lions Club is the recipient of the **LMSF Hall of Fame Award** and **Council Chair Elect Jeff Mayuiers** of the Three Rivers Lions Club is the recipient of the **S.A. Dodge** awarded by the Lions of the State of Michigan. Congratulations to both these outstanding Lions for their many years of dedication and service to Lions.

The June Cabinet meeting previously scheduled for June 6th has been postponed to June 27, 2020. The meeting will now be held in person at the Three Rivers Lions Club starting at 10:00 a.m. with social distancing taking place.



For Sale by the District



We had built about a dozen 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

DGE Julie Mayuiers

Hello Lions,

Hard to believe it's June already. I hope everyone has been staying healthy and enduring the stay at home order. And even harder to believe that things can change in a heartbeat and now come June 8th we will again be able to leave our homes more freely. I just told PDG Jeff a couple of weeks ago that I'd give anything not to have to cook dinner just one night. Harder yet was not being able to see our family and grandkids that we have missed so much.

But things will be changing in the very near future however I believe we still must be cautious and not completely forget about being conscious about our safety in public places and covering our mouths when we sneeze and washing and sanitizing our hands and still watching our public gatherings to keep things under control as best we can.

With that being said, clubs can consider getting back to holding face to face meetings but still should keep in mind the options of Zoom meetings and conference calls in case we have members that cannot participate in person for whatever reason. Some members still have health concerns that may keep them from attending meetings in person and we still want to try and include them in as much as possible.

I want to say a huge thank you for your confidence in electing me as your District Governor for 2020 – 2021. I am both humbled and honored and will do my best for everyone and the good of the District. I know I have some pretty big shoes to try and fill but I also know I can lean on the Past District Governor's for their support and guidance. I am also counting on the entire District to pull together this next year and help each other out as we try and live up to our motto of "We Serve" especially during these times ahead of all of us. I know there will be many challenges that we will all need to overcome but I believe we can do anything we put out minds to and make everyone of us proud to be Lions in District 11B2!!! I look forward to visiting your Lions and Leo clubs next year!

Congratulations to 1st Vice District Governor Elect Karol Chopp on her election. I look forward to working closely with her and our District.

I will be sharing more details on our District's next year's goals (yes, District goals, not personal goals) in the next edition of the Beacon as many things changed just today (June 1) with plans I had outlined.

I would like to remind Clubs that have not held your club officer elections for 2020 – 2021 to please do so as soon as possible and report the results to LCI as soon as possible AND also to me on form on the next page so that the Roster Book can be prepared and printed and distributed as soon as possible. If you don't send these details to me then the correct information won't be correct in the Roster Book and then the phone will start ringing of comments that our officers aren't correct, or my phone number or meeting dates/times/locations isn't correct.

St. Joseph Lions Club President and Immediate Past District Governor John Postelli will be coming to Three Rivers Lions Club on Tuesday, July 28th to present the District Governor Banner to Three Rivers President Tom McWatters. This is a tradition that the outgoing District Governor's home club President presents the banner to the incoming District Governor's home club President in what is referred to as the Banner Exchange. More details will be coming in the next Beacon.

The next few pages are some items that I have received on new and exciting things coming in the next weeks/months for all Lions that I wanted to share with everyone.

Thanks again and I look forward to seeing everyone soon.....continue to stay safe and healthy. Just because the stay at home will be lifted next week, is no need to stop everything that we have been doing for the past few months so wear your mask until advised not to, so as to be considerate of others as well as yourself.

Most important.....THANKS for what you all do so well "WE SERVE"!!

District Governor Elect
Julie Mayuiers



2020 - 2021 Roster Book Contacts

Please email to Julie Mayuiers - jumayuiers@gmail.com

As soon as possible following elections or NO later than June 20th

Club Name _____

Meeting Location _____

Meeting Time & Days
(Ex: 1st & 3rd Wed.) _____

President

Name _____

Street Address _____

City, Zip _____

Email _____

Phone (C) _____

Phone (H) _____

Secretary

Name _____

Street Address _____

City, Zip _____

Email _____

Phone (C) _____

Phone (H) _____

Treasurer

Name _____

Street Address _____

City, Zip _____

Email _____

Phone (C) _____

Phone (H) _____

Membership Chair

Name _____

Email & Phone _____

Sight Chair

Name _____

Email & Phone _____



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



JUMP START JUNE

Lions,

As a Lion, we all have been sitting on idle for the past 90+ days. Within our membership, we find a variety of opinions concerning meeting and serving. I received this information and wanted to pass it along to every Lion in our district, to use a stop light analogy to describe our situation.

Within every club, zone, and district, we have three types of Lions.

Red Light Lions - We are sheltering in place until the virus is eradicated from the face of the earth. Each of these Lions want to stay engaged and help as they can. As a Lion, we need to be mindful that we are all important to our organization. We must be respectful of everyone's thoughts.

Yellow Light Lions – We will meet and serve if safe practices are in place. Each of us want to begin to adjust to a new normal and move past the self-imposed quarantine. As a Lion, we must capture this excitement and enthusiasm, or risk Lions leaving our clubs.

Green Light Lions – We are ready to serve and meet as we have always done. Each of us Lions want everything to be just like it was for the past decade. We must also build upon Lions willingness to take action.

I challenge you as a Lion to guide your clubs toward finding a way to embrace and empower each valuable Lion.

May I suggest that your club consider the following:

1. Redefine “Service” to include serving our members during this time of need.

Our **Red-Light Lions** can be charged with serving by checking on all members and communicating events to members and the community.

Our **Yellow-Light Lions** can be charged with find new ways to safely serve or to find safe ways to continue the traditional service projects.

Our **Green-Light Lions** can take on the responsibility of interacting with the community and continuing to provide exemplary service, in accordance with guidelines published by the local governments.

2. Redefine meetings to include the use of a digital format

While for over 100 years most Lions Clubs have meet in person, we must now find a way to blend the needs of these three groups of Lions. Many clubs have used a virtual platform to host their meetings. Your Global Action Team and LCI Staff have utilized a virtual platform to host numerous webinars.

When we consider the needs of all three groups, our meetings may need to be simulcast to those who feel safer at home.

As we move into a new normal, we may need to add the word “Flexible” to describe Lions Club. **The Lions club is Fun, Family-oriented, Flexible and provides Fellowship.**

Thank you for continuing to support our motto “We Serve”!! Our association is better because you have taken the time to be a Lion. Further, we are stronger today because our District has taken the time to **Build a Team, Build a Vision, Build a Plan and Begin to Build success.**

Webinar Opportunities

opportunities for all Lions

June 8 New Club Development Webinar Series: General Overview

Copy and paste into your browser to register for June 8 Webinar

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/506482741925985295>

Please join us for part one of our four-part New Club Development Webinar Series, hosted by VP's Douglas Alexander, Brian Sheehan, Patti Hill.

June 15 New Club Development Webinar Series: Getting Started

Copy and paste into your browser to register for June 15 Webinar

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/4727315466423521295>

Part two of our four-part New Club Development Webinar Series, moderated by PID Jerome Thompson and PDG Rob Hill. Presented by New Club Consultants.

June 22 New Club Development Webinar Series: Promotion and Recruitment

Copy and paste into your browser to register for June 22 Webinar

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/1153208884314402063>

Part three of our four-part New Club Development Webinar Series, moderated by PID Jerome Thompson and PDG Rob Hill. Presented by New Club Consultants.

June 29 New Club Development Webinar Series: Final Push to Charter

Copy and paste into your browser to register for June 29 Webinar

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/3707151194777620751>

Part four of our four-part New Club Development Webinar Series, moderated by PID Jerome Thompson and PDG Rob Hill. Presented by New Club Consultants.

1st VDGE Karol Chopp

Happy June everyone!

Summer is almost here, and sunny days are ahead of us. May we all take the time to work on plans for what we will do when the Stay at Home is lifted in our state.

Many events have been cancelled but what will we do when we can start gathering again. Has your club started a plan? Now is the time to put together a plan for the future and how we will do things for our community. Think outside the box. Maybe fundraising dinners will be moved to drive thru take out? Start brainstorming!!

Many of you have had to cancel the end of the year programs for your club. What about trying something fun- drive by award night where the officers have picked someone for a recognition, and you do a live Facebook feed and drop off (using masks and social distancing) an award. Post is on your club Facebook page. Honking and waving for the rest of the club to see.

How about a Zoom meeting where the club officers are installed? You can invite one of the Cabinet to attend the Zoom and install!

Again, think outside the box!! Have a safe summer!!

1st Vice DG Elect Karol





Club Anniversaries



<u>Club</u>	<u>Charter Date</u>	<u>Years Old</u>
Kalamazoo Westside	5/15/02	17
South Haven	5/16/96	23
White Pigeon	5/29/45	74
Bloomington Gobles		
Kal Haven	6/6/94	25
Comstock	6/11/70	49
St. Joseph	6/15/28	91
St. Joseph Twp.	6/19/81	38
Baroda	6/19/84	35

*Happy
Anniversary*



Okay fellow Lions...it's decision making time. Maybe the world we live in is now forever changed. Whether it is or isn't, we as Lions need to come to grips with what our Lions Club members, our Club Officers and our District Leaders feel is the best way to proceed. Governor Whitmore now allows us to gather in groups of 100 or less outdoors. So that means every club in the District can resume holding club meetings if you hold them outdoors. Are you ready? It's still important every Lions member feels safe. Do you have a plan? A seating chart or social distancing plan? Although we still can't meet at a restaurant or public building, but maybe soon that too will change. Or have you held a Zoom Club Meeting which allows every club member to take part in your club meeting from the comfort of their own home. The District has recently purchased our own Zoom Account. As your District GLT if you need help with how to move forward, let's talk about it. Let's help us all continue to take part in "WE SERVE"!

Trainings now scheduled are:

June 13th 9am – Noon - Zone Chair Training at Three Rivers Lions Club

July (exact date tbd, hoping the Executive Order is lifted and we can meet inside) will be Club Officer Training held at Three Rivers Lions Club.





Fellow Lions, as we go through this pandemic, we will need to adjust to the new normal. We have to find different ways to reach out to the community. We will be counting on more multimedia. This brings its own challenges and rules. We will find that the old ways of conducting business will have to be modified. Change is constant and we must constantly change. LCI supports clubs journey into the cyber world. Facebook, Snap chat and Linked In are good ways to entice new members. While going public with your club, there are rules that have to be maintained. Below you will find how LCI has addressed multimedia.

Yours in Lionism

GMT Lion Rick Young

Recommended Social Media Guidelines for Clubs

Lions Clubs International Perspective on Social Media

Lions International is enthusiastic about social media because it can help clubs connect with people who share their desire to serve and who care about causes they support. Moreover, social media can quickly and effectively connect with club members and their communities.

Guidelines for the Public

We strive to nurture a vibrant and robust community, and we are enthusiastic about using social media to open new channels of communication and collaboration. Social media can help us to communicate better about things we care about, so we can work together to make a bigger impact. Please consider the following guidelines when creating a public social media community (Facebook page or group, Instagram account, Twitter account, LinkedIn group, etc.) for your club:

- We invite all individuals' participation, but people's thoughts are their own; they don't represent the view of this Lions club. We want people with all passions, ideas and goals to be able to express themselves as they wish and to be free to comment on each other's thoughts.
- Your behavior will affect how people perceive you and create your reputation, so be courteous and respect others as you would like to be respected. It is okay to disagree and have vigorous debates without insulting anyone. State your opinions and make your case without cutting people down.

Strive to be helpful to people and the group, which will improve your reputation. Tie your comments to the topic that people are discussing. If you want to talk about something else,

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- feel free to start another topic. In general, this community is not the place to talk about potentially divisive topics like politics or religion because Lions serve people irrespective of either.

Don't pick up the gauntlet. If someone makes negative comments about something you hold dear, resist the urge to write something negative in return. Rise above. Most negative comments are really frustrations or requests for help, so try being helpful rather than negative. Your behavior in these situations goes a long way in defining your reputation.

- Understand that anything you share digitally can be distributed on the Internet, and most content is searchable. Even if you share a comment, picture or video in a site that you believe is "private," anyone can take it and share outside, so keep in mind that all content is explicitly or potentially public. Although it's often best to use your real name on social media sites, it's probably not a good idea to share personal details such as physical address, phone numbers, work schedules, ID numbers, etc.
- Keep it clean. We reserve the right to remove any content at any time that does not adhere to this policy or federal, state or local law. This includes any text, picture, audio or video content or link that promotes illegal activity, discrimination, profanity, sexual material, uninvited selling or spamming, promotion of unsafe behavior, viruses or malware or that violates copyright or confidentiality. People who repeatedly share forbidden content may be barred from [this site name].
- Please understand that this club cannot be responsible for links and thoughts that people share here. Links and opinions do not imply endorsement of our club. We are very interested in your thoughts and questions about this site and policy, so we invite you to post questions or comments publicly or contact the administrator to give your feedback or voice your concerns privately.

Guidelines for Club Members

Club members, in addition to the above, please consider these guidelines:

- When you interact on social media sites, including your club's, please represent yourself, not your club or Lions Clubs International, unless you are a club officer authorized to speak publicly for your club. Clubs should never represent LCI.
- The Lions Clubs International Board Policy applies on social media sites, too. Consideration, confidence and trust are the basis of healthy communities, so it's generally not a good idea to discuss confidential topics or share internal documents on social media sites.
- Be transparent. When you are discussing Lions clubs or causes, whether on one of your club's presences or another site, disclose that you are a Lion, so people know where you're coming from.
- Each platform has features that let you "flag" false or spam posts, so you can help the club administrator(s) by flagging spam posts. Usually only administrators can remove spam, but you can alert them. Note that "spam" doesn't mean posts you don't like or disagree with, it is blatant, impersonal selling on your site.
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Guidelines for Club Social Media Coordinators

In addition to the above guidelines, club social media coordinators are administrators of club social media presences and have special considerations:

- Just like physical "meeting rooms," social media sites are most welcoming when people feel that the host is present and truly interested in what guests have to say. So yours is a fine balancing act between encouraging people to share, permitting a wide range of behavior and intervening only if things are getting out of hand.

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- It is very important to uphold your policy consistently, so everyone knows the rules are real. Along with this, plan on adjusting your policy when some part doesn't make sense, so it works for your club, and it's easy to uphold.
- If someone posts a comment that you or club members feel is critical or "negative" to your club or cause, read it several times before you react. Is it constructive? If so, don't be afraid to dialog with the person - great things can come out of it. On the other hand, if you feel that it violates this policy, you can remove it.
- By far, the most common offense is people spamming your presence; for example, housewives getting rich "working from home." Immediately remove those posts, and report them to the platform (i.e. Facebook, Twitter) as spam. If you don't remove them, they can signal to your members that your space isn't well tended.
- Practice good password management. Assign each administrator his/her own account rather than managing from one account.
- Make sure an administrator understands and agrees to your club's guidelines before you put him/her into the role.

Lions of Michigan and the Zoom Boom!



For Your Information the Lions of Michigan isn't just now jumping on the Video Conferencing craze going on during the Covid19 crisis.

The various restrictions put in place on meeting size, travel and Social Distancing have forced people all around the world to come up with ways to keep in touch and conduct business without everyone actually being there.

The news media is full of reporters and TV hosts working from home and their production staffs not in the office but still able to function. Thanks to many different technologies a lot of things can be done even if everyone involved is far apart.

The MD11 IT (Information Technology) Committee during the 2018-2019 Lions year received the approval of the Council of Governors to investigate and finally adopt a Video Conferencing service for use by the Lions of Michigan. The recommendation for adopting the Zoom Video Conferencing platform as the standard for all Lions of Michigan was approved and money was budgeted to implement that service.

Since then the MD11 IT Committee has been working on setting up the equipment where it is needed and the methods on how to use it. With an increase in the IT Committee's budget approved by the 2019-2020 Council of Governors the IT Committee has done additional work on getting better equipment for the Lions State office and getting other equipment for doing conferences and meetings.



**MD11
Zoom Video
Conference Call
at Lions State Office
on July 20, 2019 Training of
MD11 Committee Chairs
Eight Lions in State office,
six Lions on video connection
and five on telephone only**

MD11 IT Committee Zoom Video Conferencing has been used by:

Council of Governors to conduct interviews for MD11 position's of candidates that could not be physically present at the COG meetings. Most recently they conducted their last regular Council of Governors meeting with three Lions in the State Office and up to 46 other Lions joining them on Zoom.

Many MD11 Committees, District Committees and District Cabinet meetings have conducted their meetings with Zoom. Some were where some of the group met in a central location and those that could not attend physically joined in the meeting via the Zoom platform.

Many meetings of Lions have been conducted where everyone is on a computer, iPad, tablet or smart cell phone or even a regular phone call.

We got off to a good start last year however we can do more and do better now. We want all Lions, Districts, Clubs their Committees and Board of Directors that need to conduct Lions business to try using the Zoom Video Conferencing service we offer. You may want to try a virtual Club meeting, many Clubs already have. This is not just a temporary offer, we need it now more than ever and it was a useful tool before the current crisis and it will be after.

The MD11 IT Committee Zoom Pro Account allows us to set up and conduct as many meetings as we want. The restrictions are that we can only do one group call at a time. We can have up to one hundred (100) callers, the host and 99 callers and call duration of up to twenty-four hours. Because we have had such a high demand for Zoom calls we have had some scheduling conflicts. That is being resolved and several Districts in the State have set up their own Zoom Pro Accounts so they can schedule calls in their District as needed.

A Free Zoom Account that everyone can set up is a great option for Lions that want to have short meetings. A Free account lets you do video conference calls with up to 100 callers but has a forty (40) minute time limit. Every person with a Free account can set up meetings and easily join other meetings as needed.

For those Lions or individuals that don't have a smart phone, mobile device, desktop or laptop device you can still participate in the conference calls as an audio only, telephone caller. Zoom provides dial in connections for the phone calls. However the numbers are not Toll Free and are not local numbers. So the caller should have a land line or cell phone with a good or unlimited long distance calling plan.

Remember the Zoom service is not limited to Lions business. With a personal free account you can stay in touch with friends and family. There are now countless

examples of people using Video Conferencing for everything from weddings, church services, classroom learning, hosting late night TV shows and news programs of all kinds. Just watch TV live and you'll see the countless examples.

We recommend that if you don't already have a Free Zoom Account you start one as soon as you can. You only have to have one personal Zoom account. You can use that same User Name and Password on any of your devices. Setting up a Zoom account is easy, go to the Zoom download link <https://zoom.us/download> then select the **Sign Up It's Free** button. You will need to download the Zoom software for each of your electronic devices that you want to connect with. If you have a home desktop computer you may need to get a Webcam that you can plug into it to make Zoom work. Most laptops, tablets, iPads and smart phones have a camera and microphone in them and are ready for use. The Zoom website helps you download computer software, but you must download the correct App for your mobile device. For iPads and iPhones go to the Apple Store, for Android devices go to the Play Store, find the **Zoom Cloud Meeting** app and download it.

For those of you that think you're "technologically challenged", the MD11 IT Committee is available to help you set up your account and start using the Zoom platform. A list of the MD11 IT Committee members is at the bottom of the article.

If you want to schedule a Zoom Video Conferencing meeting the Lions of Michigan State Office will soon be set up to take reservations and schedule them in the MD11 Zoom Video Conferencing service. Consult with your District Governor or District IT Committee Chair to see if your District has its own Zoom Pro Account. Once the State Office is open, contact the Lions State Office at lions@lionsofmi.com and they will schedule the call and you will host and conduct the call. Until then contact MD11 IT Chairperson Ray Robins at rayrobins@sbcglobal.net and he will schedule it for you.

We are currently all in the COVID-19 crisis together, but apart. Let's use this tool to help bring us together as Lions so we can continue to practice our motto of **"We Serve"**.

One piece of advice, Practice, **Practice** and more **Practice**, set up calls, join calls and play with all the features it's easy to use once you have practiced. You need to use Zoom to get used to it. You'll have fun.



Your Zoom screen in the Gallery View

Members of the 2019-2020 MD11 IT Committee members are:

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LIONS OF MICHIGAN FOUNDATION**WWW.LMSF.NET****34TH ANNUAL SIGHT & HEARING SWEEPSTAKES****MAY 2, 2020 – TICKET SELLERS DRAWING**

Prize	Winners Name	City/State	Ticket No./Club Seller
1 st Prize - \$750.00	Bill Chase	East Jordan, MI	6944 – East Jordan Lions
2 nd Prize - \$500.00	Bill Walter	Ortonville, MI	3398 – Ortonville Lions
3 rd Prize - \$250.00	Coleman Lions Club	Coleman, MI	9950
4 th Prize - \$100.00	Millington Lions Club	Millington, MI	14754

MAY 16, 2020 – SWEEPSTAKES DRAWING

Prize	Winners Name	City/State	Ticket No./Seller
1 st Prize - \$5,000.00	Debbie Baker	Frankenmuth, MI	2965 – Frankenmuth Lions
2 nd Prize - \$2,500.00	Crystal Lions Club	Crystal, MI	10111
3 rd Prize - \$2,000.00	Sandy Van Tol	Bay City, MI	4613 – Auburn-Williams Lions
4 th Prize - \$1,500.00	Lennon Lions Club	Lennon, MI	13745
5 th Prize - \$1,000.00	P-G Inc.	Oscoda, MI	1200 – Oscoda Lions
6 th Prize - \$500.00	Kal Haven Trail Lions Club	Bloomington, MI	8700
7 th Prize - \$400.00	Sally Zoyiopoulos	Marion, MI	19018 – Ewart Lions
8 th Prize - \$300.00	P-G Inc.	Oscoda, MI	1192 – Oscoda Lions
9 th Prize - \$200.00	Wayne Willis	Ortonville, MI	3307 – Ortonville Lions
10 th Prize - \$100.00	Madeline Hiller	Houghton Lake, MI	798 – Oscoda Lions

**Congratulations to the Kal Haven Trail Lions
Club for winning \$600!!**



Louisville
Kentucky

September 17-19, 2020

AS WE ANTICIPATE THE EXCITEMENT OF HOLDING THE SEPTEMBER 17-19, 2020 USA/CANADA LIONS LEADERSHIP FORUM IN LOUISVILLE, THE FORUM PLANNING COMMITTEE IS EVALUATING THE SITUATION ON A CONTINUOUS BASIS. THE COMMITTEE WILL ISSUE A DECISION IN MID-JUNE 2020 AS TO THE FEASIBILITY OF HOLDING THE FORUM. SHOULD THE DECISION BE MADE TO CANCEL THE FORUM, ALL WHO HAVE ALREADY REGISTERED WILL BE GIVEN THE OPTION OF A FULL REFUND OR ROLLING OVER THEIR REGISTRATION TO THE 2021 DES MOINES FORUM. WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING ALL OF YOU IN LOUISVILLE.

EVENT INFORMATION:

The 44th Annual USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Louisville will offer a unique style as we move forward in our endeavor to create better leaders and educate you on building leadership within your multiple, district and club membership.

We will feature over 70 seminars in 2 and 1/2 days that will give you insight and guidelines to develop your growth as a leader.

Winning Ways... You will be educated with leadership tips that will personally make you a great leader. And you will be given insight on how to create new members for your clubs in the art of speaking the right language to any age group.

SPEAKERS



THURSDAY EVENING OPENING BANQUET

IT'S A FUN TIME WELCOME TO LOUISVILLE FEATURING "HAT NIGHT" AND A LIVE ROCK BAND FOR DANCING INCLUDING A DANCE FLOOR!

IT'S HIGH ENERGY AND CLASSIC ENTERTAINMENT FOR GREAT LEADERS LIKE YOU



SATURDAY LUNCH

1ST INTERNATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT DOUG ALEXANDER

PRESENTATION TITLE: TBD

SATURDAY EVENING

STRIKER CORBIN

AS A MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKER, CERTIFIED HYPNOTIST*, AND SUCCESS COACH, STRIKER CORBIN FOCUSES ON PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT. OPTIMISTIC, PASSIONATE, MOTIVATED INDIVIDUALS ENJOY EACH DAY AND CONTRIBUTE TO THE DIRECTION, SUCCESS, AND ULTIMATELY THE PROSPERITY OF THEIR FAMILY AND/OR BUSINESS. MR. CORBIN STIMULATES SELF-IMPROVEMENTS THROUGH THE USE OF HUMOR, PRESENTATIONS, LIFE COACHING, AND HYPNOSIS.

STRIKER HAS APPEARED ON NEWS12 LONG ISLAND AND THE WBLI MORNING SHOW. AS THE CHOSEN EXPERT FOR LONGISLAND.COM AND THE AUTHOR OF THE CODE: 49 RULES FOR LIVING A HAPPY LIFE, STRIKER CONVEYS THE STRATEGIES FOR SUCCESS AND THE METHODOLOGY TO TURN SUCCESS INTO A HABIT.



FRIDAY LUNCH

KATHERINE GREENLAND

KATHERINE GREENLAND IS FOUNDER AND PRINCIPAL AT GREENLAND CONSULTING LLC, A CONSULTING AGENCY DEDICATED TO SYNERGISTIC SOLUTIONS FOR A WORLD IN TRANSITION. SHE SPEAKS INTERNATIONALLY ON TOPICS OF INCLUSION & DIVERSITY, MILLENNIAL MINDSET, WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT AND TRANSFORMATIONAL LEADERSHIP. A CULTURAL INNOVATOR AND INCLUSION STRATEGIST, KATHERINE ACTIVATES ORGANIZATIONS AND EMPOWERS COMMUNITIES.

You won't get much closer to Michigan to attend a USA/CANADA Forum than Louisville! Great seminars....you will have a difficult time selecting which to attend. Meet Lions from all over the US and Canada and make new friends and meet old friends!!! We hope to see many of you there!!!!

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



LMSF stands for Lions of Michigan Service Foundation.

The Lions of Michigan Service Foundation is a Public Charity that was created in the early 1980's to help Lions Clubs provide services in Michigan communities. They are dedicated to the improvement of the quality of life of people in Michigan with unmet needs.

They work together with Michigan Lions Clubs and other charities to provide emergency assistance and deliver services aimed at helping children and adults with sight and hearing deficiencies excel in school, retain employment and maintain self-sufficiency.

Some of the programs that LMSF funds are:

- Project KidSight
- Sight Restoration Program
- Robert H. Mathog Lions Hearing Centers
- Emergency Disaster Relief Program
- Donor Advised & Restricted Funds
- The Barbara Perrin Glaucoma Fund
- Mikey's Eye Care Fund
- Mints for Military Program
- Grant Yager Military Family & Veterans Relief Fund

Should a need arise in your community that your club needs help with, contact our LMSF representatives: PDG & LMSF President Jeff Mayuiers or Lion Dave Stiffler. They will help walk you through whatever you need.

For more information and links to the above programs, visit <https://www.lmsf.net/>.

Please remember LMSF on Projects Night.



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Remember
Project
Kidsight on
Projects
Night this
Fall.



Project Kidsight is a service provided through the Lions of Michigan Service Foundation.

Michigan Project KidSight Program is designed to identify treatable and preventable causes of vision loss in preschool children (ages 6 months to 5 years). We use a hi-tech mobile vision screener that is programmed to quickly and accurately identify vision disorders such as myopia (nearsightedness), hyperopia (farsightedness), anisometropia (unequal refraction power), astigmatism (optical defect), anisocoria (unequal pupil size) and strabismus (gaze deviations) through non-invasive testing.

District 11-B2 leads the state in screenings. Our Lions Pat McFarland and Dave and Tanda Stiffler work very hard to make sure that we are screening all the kids who need it. The team received lots of help from area clubs.

When Team Kidsight schedules a screening event in a town, they notify the local Lions club to ask for help if needed. When they go into a school to screen, they need 9 or 10 people to help!

2019-2020 Lion year stats: (Last screening 3/16 due to COVID-19 shutdown)

Number of locations: 62
Children Screened: 5,662
Children Referred: 495
Number of Cameras: 4
Screening Trailers: 1

The 11-B2 Kidsight team had to cancel the screening of more than 3,600 kids due to the COVID-19 shutdown.

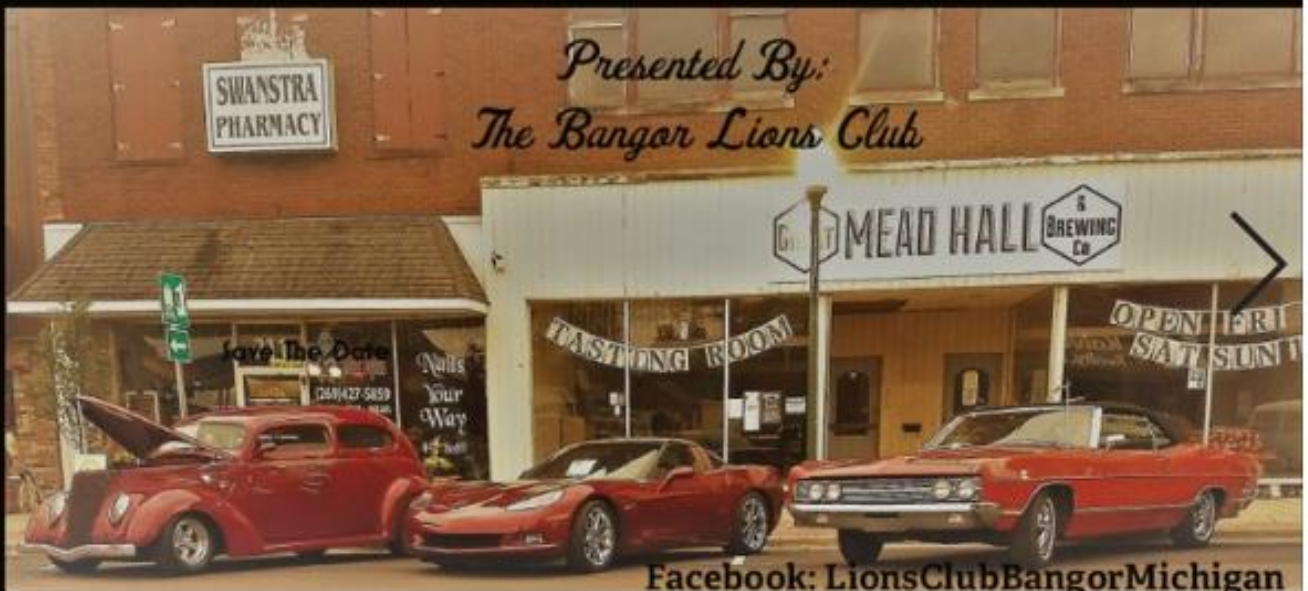
Please contact Lions Pat, Dave or Tanda to schedule a Kidsight screening in your town.



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



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



Paw Paw Lions

What does the largest club in 11-B2 do during a pandemic? Simple, WE SERVE! Maybe not in the usual way, but the needs of the community didn't go away with the spread of the novel coronavirus. We just had to be a bit creative....



Aside from having all of our board meetings on-line via Zoom, we have used the platform for "cocktail parties" on Wednesdays. Through this constant communication we can identify community needs and share how we are meeting those needs. A prime example is the sewing of top-notch cloth masks by Lion Vickie Lietzau, Lion Herb Grassow, and his Leader Dog, Baxter, are raising money for Fighting Blindness, Beacon of Light with a virtual walk. Our entire club has been taking our recyclable cans and bottles to the local Ace Hardware to raise money for ear surgery for a local youth.

Through our on-line video chats and meetings we discovered that one of our own club members needed help shopping. Then we expanded to helping others in the community. We are constantly checking with our local food bank to ensure they have what they need. Several club members have been helping with the school's food distribution.

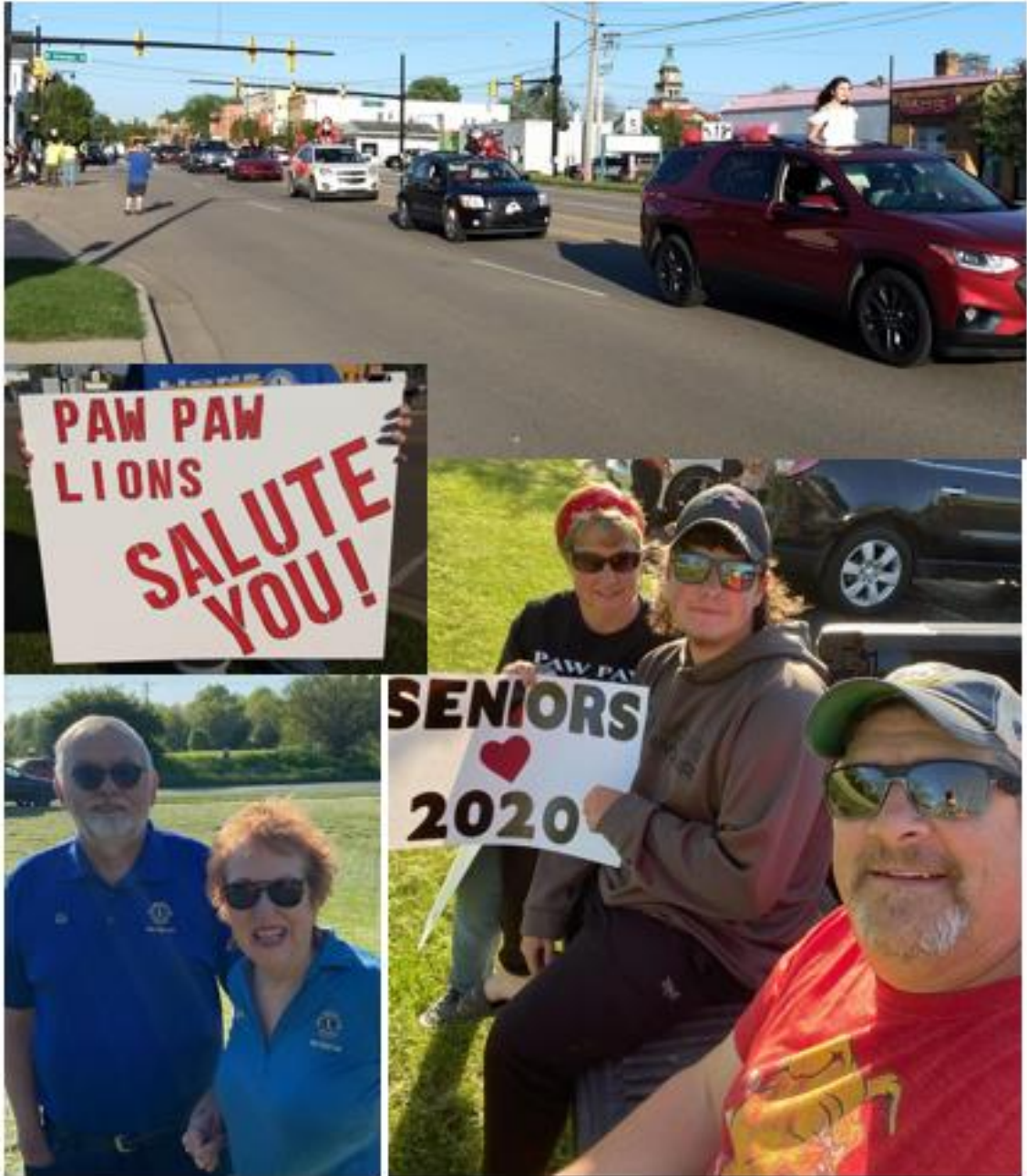


Our building remains closed as we are strictly following government edicts regarding Covid-19. We are currently waiting new directives. Discussions in board meetings make it clear that public safety is, and always will be, our primary concern.

Paw Paw Leos

Paw Paw Grad Parade

The community came together to have a parade for the Paw Paw High School graduating class of 2020. Actually, the graduates were the participants of the parade in decorated cars, most standing in moon roofs and waving to the well-wishers. It was a lot of fun and perhaps it's something that should be done every year to honor the achievements of those future Lions.



Portage Lions Club

Save our Landfills

Collecting

**CLEAN, EMPTY, UNLABELED
MEDICATION BOTTLES WITH CAPS**



PORTAGE LIONS CLUB THANK YOU!

Call: Ruth 269-345-4622 or Elvie 818-800-1060

***Matthew 25: Caring for a Needy World with the
Things We Throw Away.***



Maximum
Capacity



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!!



June

- 1: Helen Keller Day
- 5: World Environment Day
- 7: Lions Clubs International Birthday
- 14: Flag Day
- 21: Father's Day
- 27: Cabinet Meeting at Three Rivers Lions Club 10 - Noon



July

- Tbd: Club Officer Training – Three Rivers Lions Club
- 18: Buchanan-Galien Kayak/Canoe Poker Run – flyer in Beacon

August

- 2 – 5: Camp Leo, at Camp Warner, Grand Junction, MI

September

- 17 – 19: USA/Canada Leadership Forum – Louisville, KY – registration forms coming soon

October

- 10: Bangor Car Show – Save the Date!!



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 Natalie Postelli. Please send all obituaries to her for distribution to the District. natalie@Postelliandpostelli.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.

Lion Jim Oestrike (had foot/ankle surgery)
907 Pine Street
Three Rivers, MI 49093

Lion Lowell Dill (brother of PDG Bill Dill) passed away. He was a member of Kalamazoo Westside for the past 11 years. Being blind himself he knew how blind people needed all the help they could get.





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 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!!!