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

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### From the desk of the Governor

Well it sure feels like Spring is in the air!!! The river is open water and the snow is pretty well gone and this coming weeks temperatures sound wonderful!!! I'm sure we will see another snowflake before we finally call winter as being over. But get out and enjoy this nice weather.

I've been participating in club Zoom meetings...Great to see everyone. Clubs are starting to open back up and meet in person following guidelines...I'm anxious to come to your club so please contact me with your meeting details so I can get you on my schedule.

I mailed out the new Tri-fold brochures along with some membership chevrons and 100% Projects Night Participation banner patches that I have not been able to present on behalf of Immediate Past District Governor John from last year.

It's time again to start working on your slate of officers for 2021 – 2022. LCI requires all clubs to upload their new slate of officers even if you are keeping the same officers by May 15<sup>th</sup> every year. First Vice District Governor Karol Chopp will also be requesting this information in the near future for the Roster Book next year.

If you haven't paid your District dues yet, please get those paid up as soon as possible.

**The District is working on a combined Projects Night and Great Eye Glass Challenge (no charge to participate this year) in May. Further details will be sent out as soon as finalized to all Presidents and Secretaries to share with their clubs. In the meantime, start getting your eyeglasses ready and discussing how your club can be a 100% participate in the Projects Nights donations.**

**Z4 Chair Carol Young**  
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**Z5 Chair – Vacant  
Z6 Chair – Vacant**





# COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS

# RELAXED

*Effective Friday, March 5*

## Restaurant and Bars

50% indoor capacity | 100 person max

## Retail Shopping

50% capacity

## Entertainment Venues

(movie theaters, bowling alleys, etc.)

50% capacity | 300 person max

## Athletic Stadiums and Arenas

<10,000 seats: 375 person max

>10,000 seats: 750 person max

## Private Residential Gatherings

Indoor: 15 person max from 3 households

Outdoor: 50 person max

## Non-Residential Gatherings

Indoor: 25 person max

Outdoor: 300 person max

## Gym/Fitness Centers

30% capacity

(workout stations must remain at least 6' apart)

## Casinos

30% capacity



# Some ideas for gifts of kindness

- Pay the toll for the car behind you, or the fare for the person behind you on public transit
- Put coins in someone's parking meter
- Write a coworker a recommendation on their LinkedIn account
- Offer to child-sit or dog-walk for a busy friend or neighbor
- Observe a family or couple taking selfies at an event? Offer to take the pic for them.
- Leave unused grocery coupons at the checkout for someone else to use
- Leave a finished book on an airport or waiting room chair for the next person to read
- Received great customer service from someone? Pass on positive feedback to their supervisor
- Direct someone to your vacating parking space as you are leaving
- See someone struggling with groceries? Offer to help load them in their car.
- Purposely leave change in the laundromat or snack machines
- Offer to clear snow from your neighbor's walkway or rake their leaves
- Take your neighbor's newspaper from their driveway and leave it at their door
- Let someone get in front of you in line
- Entertain the rambunctious toddler in the seat next to you on a flight
- If your flight is overbooked, agree to take the next one to help someone out (plus you may get your own flight free!)
- Other ideas to spread kindness on flights: share your snack with nearby seat mates, help someone with their luggage, offer to change seats so friends or family can sit next to each other

Don't forget that acts of kindness aren't just reserved for other people, or even humans. You can donate your time at an animal shelter, for instance, or make a backyard bird or squirrel feeder to help wildlife stay well-fed in colder weather.

To invite a little kindness into your own life and banish negativity, start a gratitude journal, writing down three things each day for which you are thankful. Or, put a daily sticky note containing a positive, uplifting message on your mirror.

## **Be kind and improve your health!**

You may already know that expressing kindness makes you feel good and boosts your self-esteem. However, it can also directly lower your blood pressure and cortisol, the stress hormone—and even help you be healthier and live longer. Here are a few suggestions for offering simple kindnesses (safely) to help lift someone else's—as well as your own—spirits...something especially needed during these challenging times!

- Place a sticky note on someone's mirror, dashboard, front door or inside their lunch bag to tell them how much you appreciate them
- At the grocery store, leave your extra/unwanted coupons by the checkout for someone else to use
- Let someone in line in front of you; on public transit, give your seat to someone standing
- Pick up the tab for the next car in line at a coffee or restaurant drive-through
- Offer to walk your neighbor's dog or rake their leaves
- Give someone a sincere compliment—including a store clerk, server, delivery person, service agent – and consider sending a note complimenting them to their supervisor
- Send a note to your fire department or nurses at your local hospital thanking them for their service
- Offer to take a project off an overloaded coworker's hands
- If applicable, ask your grocery store if they can donate your free turkey to a local charitable organization or family in need
- Donate blood to the Red Cross, canned goods to a food pantry, blankets to an animal shelter, etc.
- Volunteer to read to children or help with schoolwork virtually (check with your local library or school district)

## How to help others during the COVID-19 pandemic

During the ongoing pandemic, it is natural to feel stressed and overwhelmed. In normal circumstances, helping others is a great way to channel those feelings, and it benefits all involved. Yet for those who are not working in healthcare or other essential fields, what options are there to help from home during this crisis? There are a number of things you can do today, many from the comfort of your couch, to help others through this challenging time. Here are a few ideas:

**Donate.** Understandably, many people are facing financial hardships at the moment. If you have the means, consider donating or making purchases that can benefit others.

•**Funds:** Donating to organizations helping to feed others right now is especially important, like [No Kid Hungry](#) or [Meals on Wheels](#). With people out of school and work at the moment, many could use extra help to feed their families.

•**Supplies:** Do you have any extra masks or other types of personal protective equipment from past projects? If so, many hospitals are gratefully accepting donations at this time to help protect both their employees and patients through the epidemic. Check the website of your local hospital for details.

•**Support:** Consider purchasing gift certificates from your favorite local businesses, like hair salons, boutiques or restaurants. This will help them stay afloat during the shutdown while you can enjoy their services later on.

•**Blood:** Due to the ongoing pandemic, not only have many blood drives been cancelled, but the pool of potential donors has decreased. However, the need is just as great as ever. The American Red Cross is taking every precaution necessary to protect donors and staff.

•**Connect.** Being at home for an extended period can feel isolating for many people, especially if they are on their own without family or roommates. Use this time to reach out to friends and family, especially those who may be especially impacted by this, and set up time for a phone call or video chat. It can make a world of difference to them and help both of you feel less alone during an uncertain and sometimes scary time.

**Show gratitude.** Even while home, you can offer support and appreciation to those out there keeping us safe and healthy. If you live near a hospital, put up signs on your windows or in your yard expressing your thanks. Put a thank-you note out for those delivering mail, packages or food to your home. These people continue to be out and about every day, putting themselves at risk to support us, so it's important to support them and make sure they know we are grateful.

**Stay home.** This is the simplest, yet most important thing most of us can do right now. It may be boring at times, and you may be itching to go out and see friends or family, but the only way to slow the progression of the pandemic is for everyone to remain isolated as directed by experts and authorities. Following these guidelines and rules will help the healthcare providers be able to do their job and keep more people healthy.

*By everyone coming together to do their part, even if we're all separated at the moment, we can make a difference during this difficult time. Stay well.*



# Governor's Calendar

## March

13: Daylight Savings Time Ends

27: Mattawan Drive thru Easter Bunny 1 – 5 pm



## April

3: Bangor Drive-thru Easter Bunny 10 – 11 am

24 – 25: District Elections via Election Runner

23 – 25: D10 Convention – Island Resort & Casino, Harris, MI



## May

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

21 & 22: State Convention – DoubleTree by Hilton, Holland



## June

17 – 19: Three Rivers Lions Ox Roast & Turtle Derby

25 – 29: LCIcon – Montreal – Virtual only





# Club Anniversaries



<u>Club</u>	<u>Charter Date</u>	<u>Years Old</u>
Richland/Gull Lake	3/3/54	67
New Buffalo	3/6/42	79
Schoolcraft	3/25/85	36
Sister Lakes	3/30/66	55
Lawrence	4/12/28	73
Vicksburg	4/17/53	68
Sturgis	4/26/04	17
Covert	4/28/86	35
Bangor	4/30/68	53

*Happy  
Anniversary*



## Notice of Rescheduled 2021 District Convention

Dear Lions of 11B2:

Due to the pending health crisis, 11 B2 will be holding a “Limited Virtual District Convention” this year. The procedure set forth herein is in compliance with Legal Memorandum of the Lions Club International Senior Corporate Legal Counsel for conducting an Alternate District Convention. Here is what we will be doing:

1. Voting will be conducted electronically;
2. On or before Thursday, **April 10, 2021** at 5:00 p.m. EST, the Club President or Secretary shall send to the District Governor a list names and email addresses for those Lions from their Club that will serve as Delegates so they can be registered to cast an electronic vote. *Delegates must be a member for a year and a day (366 days) from the first day of elections (April 24) in order to vote.;*
3. Any **outstanding dues** must be paid on or before Thursday, **April 15, 2021** at 5:00 p.m. EST in order to participate in elections;
4. Voting will begin on Saturday, **April 24 at 8:00 a.m. EST and will continue until Sunday, April 25, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. EST.** All ballots must be cast by electronic vote by each qualified delegate by the deadline in order to be valid;
5. Voting will be done through the internet electronic voting service “electionrunner.com”. An instruction sheet for voting will be provided to the Delegates before April 22nd;
6. This Notice when sent to the Clubs after **April 10th**, will include copies of the Minutes of the Treasurer’s Fund Balance – Expense/Income Reports from 2020 - 2021, and a copy of the Ballot for approving the reports, elections of the District Governor, First Vice District Governor, and Second Vice District Governor for 2021-2022, and LMSF Trustee for 2021-2023. Copies of this Notice and the supporting documents will be served by email to all Club Presidents and/or Secretaries at the last known email address listed with the District. The District Governor will serve the Clubs with the Notice and prepare a Proof of Service evidencing service. This Notice with Supporting Documents as well as the election results shall be maintained by the Cabinet Secretary as the Minutes of the 2021 District Convention and shall be reported to Lions Clubs International as required.
7. The Nominating/Election Committee which was established in compliance with the District’s Bylaws consists of President Lion Jenny Koski from the Centreville Lions Club, Past District Governor Lion Al Vredberg from the Benton Harbor Fairplain Lions Club, and District Zone Chair Lion Kenneth Mais from the Edwardsburg Lions Club;



8. A Credentials Committee is hereby established. The Credentials Committee is made up of Past District Governor Lion Barb Penny from the Three Rivers Lions Club, Past District Governor Nancy Dings from the Covert Lions Club, and Past District Governor Donna Romanak from the Bangor Lions Club. The Credentials Committee shall resolve all questions concerning the form and content of the Official Ballot. The Club Delegate Eligibility List as certified by Lions clubs International will be sent to the Clubs. **All Clubs must have any outstanding dues paid by the April 15, 2021 deadline in order to have their delegates vote.** The Credentials Committee shall ensure that only those Lions eligible to serve as delegates are certified as Delegates.

9. The votes cast by the Delegates at “electionrunner.com” by the deadline set herein shall be certified by the Nomination/Elections Committee and the results announced to the Clubs as soon as reasonably possible following certification of the election results. The candidates standing for office have waived the requirement to have a candidate appointed observer.

Questions regarding the content of this Notice may be directed to my attention at jumayuiers@gmail.com.

Respectfully submitted,

Lion Julie Mayuiers  
11 B2 District Governor





# Lions Clubs International

Dear Lion Leader,

Due to the continuing concerns about the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, the board of directors voted to transition the 2021 Montreal Lions Clubs International Convention to a virtual event that will be delivered totally online. This decision was made with the health and safety of our Lions, staff and vendors in mind as limiting international travel and large gatherings is key to global containment strategies.

Although we are disappointed that we won't be able to host this event in person, we are excited about hosting our first virtual international convention that can safely connect Lions from around the world. We are still finalizing the details of your new convention experience, and will share those with you as soon as they are ready.

Here are some important details about the 2021 virtual convention we'd like to share with you:

- Everyone's invited** – Our 2021 convention will be a virtual event that's open to all Lions and Leos around the world.
- Registration fees** – The registration fee will be US\$50 until March 31, then US\$75 beginning April 1. The registration fee for Leos will be US\$30 regardless of date. Convention is currently scheduled for June 25-29. Additional event and registration details will be provided soon.
- Current registrants** – Lions who are currently registered for convention will receive an email soon with more information about their registration options.
- Elections** – Executive officer and international director elections will be conducted electronically, and voting procedures will be forthcoming.
- Convention updates** – Check our convention website LCIcon for convention updates and details as they become available.

This global health pandemic has forced us all to make decisions and changes that place health and safety first. However, we are optimistic that with each new day there is hope, and as Lions, we continue to find new ways to stay connected, safely serve our communities and continue our global mission of service.

We appreciate your understanding during this challenging time for our organization and the world, and thank you for your incredible service as a Lion.

Regards,  
Dr. Jung-Yul Choi  
International President



# Lions Clubs International

Dear Lion Leader,

The coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic is continuing to impact the work of Lions around the world. As you know, 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 unanimously passed another resolution to help our clubs.

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

•**Charter and entrance fees waiver** – We have waived all charter and entrance fees from January 1 through June 30, 2021.

•**Flexible payments** – No clubs in good standing on December 31, 2020 will be suspended or canceled through June 30, 2021 for late payment of dues. Full payment is required to be received before June 30, 2021 to avoid suspension or cancellation.

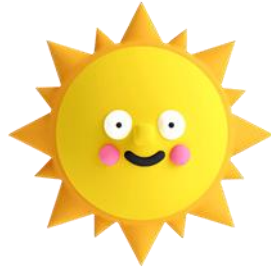
- ***Please note that clubs placed on financial suspension on December 31, 2020 will remain on suspension until the full balance is paid.*** Those clubs will still need to address their outstanding dues or make arrangements for repayment with the Accounts Receivable Department at Lions Clubs International to avoid cancellation scheduled for March 1, 2021.

These additional measures will help Lions facing financial hardships and give our clubs the support and encouragement they need during these challenging times. For more than a century, Lions have taken on the greatest challenges facing humanity, and together, we will overcome this.

The world needs Lions now more than ever, so thank you for your outstanding service and commitment to our communities and the world.

Regards,  
Dr. Jung-Yul Choi  
International President

## 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Karol Chopp



Hello fellow lion!

As the weather is getting nicer it is bringing hope! Hope that we all can get out and do things soon. My hope is that in the near future, we will be doing lions work like normal!

I am still looking for some people who would like to be Zone Chairs for next year. If you think you may be interested and would like to talk about what the position entails, please feel free to contact me or DG Julie. When I was Zone Chair, I learned so much about how other clubs do things and it was nice to see how much we are all alike.

It's that time of year to be getting ready for club election. Even though your club may have not been able to get together in person, you should still be working on making sure you have people in place for the next lion's year that starts July 1. If you are not meeting in person there are ways to do the voting! You can do it on a zoom and have people cast their vote in the chat box or you can vote by email or by snail mail. If you have questions on this, please contact me or DG Julie.

Currently, I am doing my DG leadership training via Zoom. This is not an ideal thing, I would much rather be with my fellow lions from all over the world but, it is still nice to see their faces and so I am thankful for the technology that provides that. I will be spending the next 4 weeks doing those trainings bright and early in the morning so that we can accommodate everyone and their different time zones!

Yours in service,

Karol Chopp  
1st VDG 11B-2





On February 17<sup>th</sup> we held our first all District Happy Hour. If you missed it, everyone enjoyed it so much that we offered to keep doing it once a month. The idea was a way we could all begin to re-engage by sharing some positive things we have done despite our COVID restrictions. We made it a true Happy Hour and toasted our successes and shared together some ideas on what we all are doing to turn the lights back on and step up our service in our communities.

We shared some great ideas and we decided to repeat this event on March 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:pm. So we said sure! It was also suggested we hold a meeting just for Club Presidents and Club Secretaries. If you are thinking about holding one of these offices and have questions this would be the perfect opportunity to join and ask.

I encourage you all to join our next Happy Hour as well as the others we have scheduled below. We'd love to hear your ideas as well. So put March 18<sup>th</sup> on your calendar, pour yourself a drink of your choice and logon. Look forward to seeing you!! The Zoom information will be the same for all the meetings listed below so save this information someplace.

GLT Jeff



### District Happy Hour's

**Upcoming Happy Hours @ 7:00 pm**  
**March 18 – Everyone welcome**  
**March 29 – Focused on Club Secretaries**  
**April 8 – Focused on Club Presidents**  
**May 6 – Everyone welcome**  
**May 20 – Zone Chair Training**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89174035236?pwd=NEdhU0R5TEdpTXNPb0c4Ty9ycUNUQT09>

Meeting ID: 891 7403 5236

Passcode: 597936

P: 301-715-8592

## GST

Fellow Lions,

Can you believe we have been living with this Pandemic for a full year now? It has been a hard year with a real learning curve for all Lions to learn how we can safely serve during COVID-19. I urge all of you to continue finding way to meet and serve as times continue to change with the Pandemics ups and downs.

I want to start with a shout out to the clubs I see using MyLion to report meetings, service, and fundraisers. I promise you it really is easy to log activity on MyLion. I would love for you to reach out to me if you are having any trouble at all so I can help your club get the recognition you deserve. Please call me anytime 616-307-0027 or email me at [thackstona@gmail.com](mailto:thackstona@gmail.com) .

DATE	ACTIVITY NAME	CLUB
Feb 13, 2021	drive thru soup supper	Mattawan
Feb 10, 2021	Red Cross Blood Drive	Paw Paw
Jan 31, 2021	First Day Shoe Fund	Portage
Jan 31, 2021	Lion Face Mask Fundraiser	Portage
Dec 24, 2020	Act of Kindness	Portage
Dec 19, 2020	Christmas food and toy distribution	Three Rivers
Dec 19, 2020	Letters to Santa	Paw Paw
Dec 17, 2020	Christmas Food Pantry	Portage
Dec 14, 2020	Holiday Gift Giving	Portage
Dec 11, 2020	Mattawan Area Pantry Christmas distribution	Mattawan
Dec 9, 2020	Red Cross Blood Drive	Paw Paw
Dec 7, 2020	Christmas Basket Food Distribution	Paw Paw
Nov 21, 2020	Lions Christmas Tree	Portage
Nov 21, 2020	Thanksgiving Dinner Boxes	Portage
Nov 19, 2020	Veterans Flags	St Joseph
Nov 18, 2020	Diabetes Month	Portage



Service



## **GST Cont'd.**

With that being said we need to have meetings, service, and fundraising to have something to report and I'm here to help you with that as well.

With fewer meetings happening and lower member participation it can be hard to plan events. Consider reaching out to another local Lions Club or organization and work together on an event. More community involvement in your events could also lead to more people interested in joining your club to help with future events.

Easter is coming and it's a great opportunity to do something for the Children in your community that have not had any fun events to look forward to. Think outside the box to come up with new ways to have an Easter Egg Hunt with social distancing and other safety precautions. Last year my club did a Drive By Easter Bunny visit. We had parents sign up for a visit from the Easter Bunny who waved from a sunroof from my car and the Bunny's helpers dropped a goodie bag in the grass for the children to get when we drove off. Many children also took pictures near the car for their 2020 COVID19 style Easter Picture. This event was a huge success and we even gained a new member. We spent 8hrs driving around to each home and that was a lot of work, so this year we are changing it up a bit. Our 2021 Easter Bunny Hop will be a drive thru trunk or treat style celebration. We have invited individuals, businesses, and other community organizations to join us in making this special for the children. We even welcome your clubs to join us!

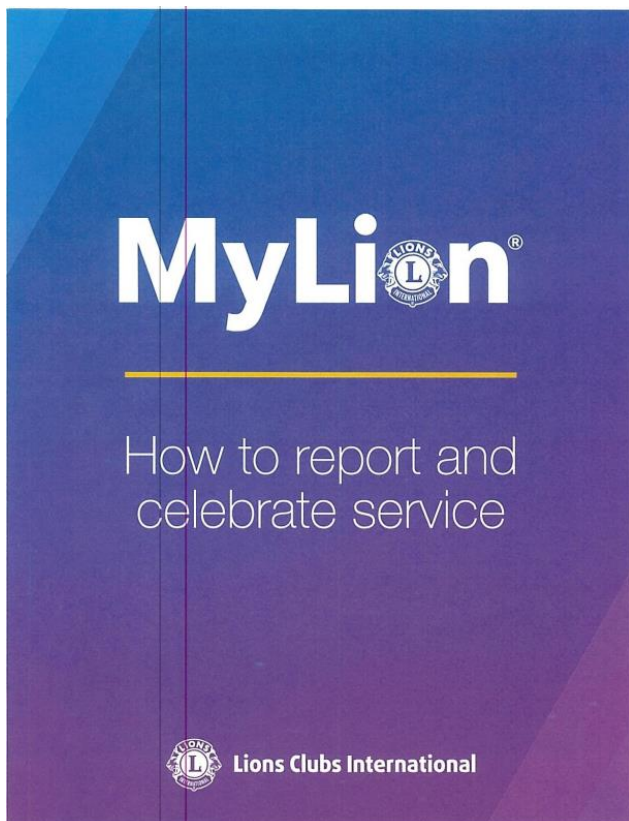
If your club needs help with service ideas, reporting, or recruiting other clubs to help with an event don't hesitate to reach out. As your District 11-B2 GST I want to hear from as many clubs as possible no matter how big or small your clubs needs are.

Regards,  
Lion GST Amy Thackston



In reviewing the February Club Health Assessment 25 of the 36 clubs in the district have not submitted any reporting thru the MyLion website in more than 12 months. The club secretary or any member of your club can submit the information by following the instructions on the next 2 pages.

PLEASE, have someone from your club go in and update your clubs records ASAP. If you have any problems or need assistance contact GST Lion Amy Thackston to walk you through it...it's very easy.



1. On lionsclubs.org, select "Member Login"



2. Log in to your Lion Account



3. Select the MyLion icon



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4. Select "Report Past Activity"



5. Click "Report +"

*Only reporting officers will see this button*



6. (A) Complete the form

(B) Select "Report"

**A.**

1. Activity Level

Activity Level: C&B

2. Activity Details

Activity Location: [Dropdown]

Activity Date: [Date Picker]

Activity Type: [Dropdown]

Signature Activity: [Dropdown]

Project Type: [Dropdown]

3. Chain

Who was with you? [Dropdown]

4. Story

Description: [Text Area]

**B.**

Save Report

7. Select "OK"



Learn more at [lionsclubs.org/service-reporting](https://lionsclubs.org/service-reporting)






Fellow Lions this month I would recap from prior months. We started this Lion year dropping membership. Well it looks like it has slowed way down. We have learned different ways of increase membership. We talked about putting up flyers to bring in members. We talked about radio and Newspaper ads. Now would be a great time to be making contact list of probable new members. So when we can start having in person meetings we will have our list waiting. I believe we can get back on track real soon.

Yours in Lionism  
11B2 GMT  
Lion Rick Young  
rickyoung.1961@gmail.com



## LMSF

All clubs should have received 30 of these tickets to sell or purchase. The drawing will be May 22. See the list of items that the proceeds help fund below.

 <p><a href="http://www.lmsf.net">www.lmsf.net</a></p> <p>5730 Executive Drive Lansing, MI 48911 517-887-6640 <a href="mailto:info@lmsf.net">info@lmsf.net</a></p> <p><b>LIONS OF MICHIGAN SERVICE FOUNDATION, INC.</b></p> <p><b>35<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SIGHT &amp; HEARING SWEEPSTAKES</b></p> <p>Project KidSight Emergency Vision &amp; Hearing Care R. Mathog Lions Hearing Centers Emergency Disaster Relief Military Family &amp; Veterans' Relief</p>	<p><b>Lions of Michigan Service Foundation, Inc. SIGHT &amp; HEARING SWEEPSTAKES</b></p> <p><b>LICENSE NO. R59289</b></p> <p><b>\$10.00 Per Ticket</b></p> <p><b>Grand Prize – \$5,000.00</b></p> <table border="0"><tr><td>2 Prize - \$2,500</td><td>5 Prize - \$1,000</td><td>8 Prize - \$300</td></tr><tr><td>3 Prize - \$2,000</td><td>6 Prize - \$500</td><td>9 Prize - \$200</td></tr><tr><td>4 Prize - \$1,500</td><td>7 Prize - \$400</td><td>10 Prize - \$100</td></tr></table> <p><b>Drawing: May 22, 2021 – 10:00 AM-2:00 PM</b></p> <p><b>DOUBLE TREE BY HILTON</b> 650 E. 24<sup>th</sup> St. – Holland, Michigan</p> <p><b>TICKET NO. 10592</b></p> <p><b>RETURN THIS STUB ONLY</b> YOU NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN</p> <p>Purchaser: _____</p> <p>Address: _____</p> <p>City/State/Zip: _____</p> <p>Phone/Email: _____</p> <p>Ticket Seller: _____</p> <p>Phone/Email: _____</p> <p><b>TI</b></p> <p><b>Lions of Michigan Service Foundation, Inc. S&amp;H SWEEPSTAKES – TICKET SELLERS</b></p> <p><b>LICENSE NO. R59288</b></p> <table border="0"><tr><td>1 Prize - \$750</td><td>3 Prize - \$250</td></tr><tr><td>2 Prize - \$500</td><td>4 Prize - \$100</td></tr></table> <p><b>Drawing: May 1, 2021 – 10:00 AM-2:00 PM</b></p> <p><b>LIONS OF MICHIGAN STATE OFFICE</b> 5730 Executive Dr. - Lansing, Michigan</p> <p><b>TICKET NO. 10592</b></p>	2 Prize - \$2,500	5 Prize - \$1,000	8 Prize - \$300	3 Prize - \$2,000	6 Prize - \$500	9 Prize - \$200	4 Prize - \$1,500	7 Prize - \$400	10 Prize - \$100	1 Prize - \$750	3 Prize - \$250	2 Prize - \$500	4 Prize - \$100
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## Lion Mints Products

### LION MINTS ROLLS



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## **MD 11 LIONS CONVENTION, MAY 20-21**

The MD 11 Lions Convention planning committee is hard at work planning the details of the 2021 convention, to be held in Holland at the DoubleTree Hotel May 20-21. For those of you who have never attended the MD 11 Lions Convention in the past, you are encouraged to attend!

LCI President Choi is our invited guest speaker, and we are optimistic about his travel to Michigan. We are in constant contact with the hotel staff in the planning of this year's convention. At this time, the committee is planning for an in-person event with the option to move to a virtual event if warranted.

Paws for a Cause will be our host for the pre-convention picnic on Thursday, May 19. We are excited to partner with Paws for a Cause and tour their facility. The picnic is a great opportunity to meet with Lion friends from around the state and affords everyone in attendance the chance to meet with President Choi in a relaxed environment.

Reservations at the hotel can be made by calling 616-394-0111. Mention Lions of Michigan when making your arrangements.

Watch for future updates and announcements!





# LIONS CONVENTION PICNIC

Paws With A Cause National Headquarters  
4646 South Division, Wayland, MI 49348  
25 miles east of the Doubletree Hotel in Holland  
Come visit our campus, tour our facilities, learn about  
Assistance Dog training and meet some PAWS® clients!



Thursday  
May 20, 2021  
6:00 p.m.

Enjoy a picnic dinner, facility tour and demonstrations and an evening with Lion friends.

**Special guest LCI President Choi** will be joining us at this event for a special ceremony!

Cost: \$10 per person - please make checks payable to Lions of Michigan/mail with form below.

Round-trip transportation via bus will be available from the hotel to PAWS for \$5 per person -

***The bus will leave the hotel at 5:30 p.m.***

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ #of attendees: \_\_\_\_\_ Total: \_\_\_\_\_

RSVP your attendance, or include with your convention registration form, to:

Lions of Michigan, 5730 Executive Drive, Lansing MI 48911

***We look forward to a doggone good time with our Lions of Michigan friends!***



## Mattawan Lions Club

The District 11B2 purchased 50 ball cap style hats and 50 knit hats for Bronson's Children's Hospitals oncology floor. We had asked them what they needed and that was the request. We also purchased new pillow cases and donated them. Each child is able to have a new pillow case of their own to make it seem more like home. With Covid restrictions on what can be donated, they have been very limited with what they receive. We can't wait to see pictures of the kids in the hats.

We have also been sending out letters to local hair dressers asking them to participate in Maggie's Wigs for kids!

Karol Chopp  
1st VDG 11B-2  
11B2 Pediatric Cancer Chair



# Bangor Lions Club

## The Easter Bunny Needs your help!!!

We are looking for local businesses, organizations, individuals, etc. who want to help the Easter Bunny make a fun new event for the kids! Please email Lion Amy at [thackstona@gmail.com](mailto:thackstona@gmail.com) if you are interested.



**Bangor Lions Club Bunny Hop!**

**April 3<sup>rd</sup> 10AM-11AM**

**Bangor High School Parking Lot**

Instead of our annual Easter Egg Hunt we are going to have a Bunny Hop. Kids can come out and get easter goodies **DRIVE THRU** trunk or treat style. For children ages 0-10 years old.





## Buchanan- Galien Lions

The Buchanan-Galien Lions Club resumed their dinner meetings on Thursday 2/25/21.

The club also hosted a “Virtual” Trivia Night on Saturday 2/27/21.

We are having a St Patrick’s Day Corned Beef and Cabbage “Drive-Thru” dinner March 17<sup>th</sup> at the Buchanan Senior Center .



**Buchanan-Galien Lions Club**  
**Corned Beef and Cabbage**  
**St. Patrick's Dinner**



**\$10.00 a person**

**Wednesday, March 17th**

**3:00 to 7:00 p.m.**

**Buchanan Area Senior Center**

**Drive Thru Only**

**810 Rynearson Street, Buchanan**

**Please pick up presale dinners by 6:30 p.m.**

**Please see any Lions Club Member for tickets or stop by the**

**Buchanan Library or Redbud Insurance**

**More information call 269-470-0571**





**Buchanan- Galien Leos**

The Buchanan Leo Club has a Pet Supply Drive in works for the Berrien County Humane Society. The Lions brought pet donation items to our 2/25/21 meeting in support of the Leo project.



# Edwardsburg Lions

The Edwardsburg Lions Club met for the first time on **Zoom** as the pandemic is keeping us from meeting in person each month. One of the Chairpersons of our Christmas Trees Committee | reported our Christmas tree sales went extremely well considering what our country is going through with the pandemic. The Edwardsburg Club has been selling live Christmas trees for 55 years as our major fundraiser. Everyone was incredibly pleased as 302 Christmas trees were sold.



Another outstanding moment for our club was to

## **“Honor and Congratulate”**

several of our Lion Members with milestone memberships!

- **Lion John Braniff a long-time member celebrates his 65<sup>th</sup> year as he joined the club in 1956! Congratulations Lion John!**
- **Lion Jerry Tavernier another long-time member celebrates his 50<sup>th</sup> year as he joined the club in 1971! Congratulations Lion Jerry!**
- **Lion Jim (Ronald) Devenney, yet another long-time member, celebrates his 40<sup>th</sup> year as he joined the club in 1981! Congratulations Lion Jim!**

Our club is lucky to have such dedicated members to share in Lionism. They bring to the table much knowledge and commitment and are role models to the newer members. **Again, Congratulations!**

The Club decided to purchase a case of mints to be taken to the Veterans in Battle Creek as the **Lansing office has reported they have LOTS of mints in the warehouse.** Hopefully, our donation will bring some smiles on Veterans knowing the Edwardsburg Lions Club is thinking about them. ☺



## Lion Mint Rolls - Fizzy Fruit

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The Club also discussed the Sight & Hearing Sweepstakes that we participate in each year. Even though we are not meeting in person, our members are stepping up to get as many sold as possible. Selling these tickets is helpful in getting funds to the Foundation to help those in need, both for glasses, operations, etc. and help with hearing aids. We are committed to help as this is the 35<sup>th</sup> year for this sweepstakes!



## 35th ANNUAL Sight & Hearing Sweepstakes A GUARANTEED Fundraiser

Our next project is sending funds in the amount of \$1,000 to the Texas Winter Storm Relief. Our club can see the need in Texas and want to reach out in support to the Lions Club of Texas. This process will go through LCI.

Our thoughts and prayers to all Lions to keep safe, stay healthy and continue in serving as you can in your community and our country.



## Mattawan Leos



The Mattawan LEO Club held their annual food drive to benefit the Mattawan Area Pantry on Saturday, November 14th. They raised over \$3000 in food and donations. The club currently has over 50 members.





**Mattawan Lions Club Invites You to:**

**A Drive Through Soup Supper Fundraiser!**  
**Saturday March 13th from 4:00pm to 6:00pm**

**Antwerp Township Activity Center**

**Soup Choices Available to Go Are:**

**Irish Stew**  
**Bean and Ham Soup**  
**Irish Onion Soup**  
**Or**  
**Mild Chili**

**Soup of your choice comes with:**

**Choice of Cornbread Muffin or French Bread**

**Crackers, A Cookie and a bottle of Water.**

**Suggested \$5.00 Donation**



## Mattawan Lions Club

### MATTAWAN LIONS CLUB:

The Mattawan Lions Club held a drive thru soup supper on February 13. The event was not huge, but it was as good as the ones they normally held indoors!

The club has planned a drive thru Easter Bunny event on March 27 for up to 500 kids in the Mattawan area. They will have the Easter Bunny and his bunny friends (Leo kids wearing masks) pass out goody bags to kids in cars.

## ***Drive Thru Easter Bunny Visit and Virtual Easter Egg Hunt!***

**Saturday, March 27...1-5pm**



**Antwerp Activity Center**  
24821 Front St.  
Mattawan. 49071

## ***Come meet the Easter Bunny!***

- \*First 500 registered children will receive a goody bag!
- \*Registered participants are eligible for an Easter Basket Door Prize!
- \*A Virtual Easter Egg Hunt map will be provided for all!
- \*Sign up for your time slot by following this link...  
<https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/4c8bb841501748728a4adcf5f0fd7e47>  
(or find the link on the Lions Club website...<https://e-clubhouse.org/sites/mattawanmi/>)
- \*All participants must sign up for a time slot by March 24th  
and be a Mattawan School District resident!

*Event sponsored by the Mattawan Lions Club, Mattawan Lions Club Foundation  
and the Mattawan Business Association*



## Portage Lions Club

### Portage Lions Club

#### First Day Shoe Fund



*Last January 30, members of Portage Lions Club spent their Sunday sorting our shoes according to sizes and gender at First Day Shoe Fund warehouse.*

# MASK

## Fundraiser

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Actual Mask Logo Design



### For More Information

Lion Elvie Marfil  
818-800-1060  
Epmarfil5@gmail.com

### Make Check Payable to:

Portage Lions Club  
c/o Lion Elvie Marfil  
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Portage, MI 49002

### Venmo:

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# MASK Fundraiser

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City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Club Name and State	Lions Mask	LEO Mask

# St. Joseph City Lions Club

Thursday January 28, 2021 Virtual Again!

**Today's program** was brought to us by Lion Dave Schaffer. Lion Dave introduced Megan Yore from Spectrum Health Lakeland. Megan is the Chief Marketing and Communications Officer at Spectrum Health Lakeland (Lakeland). Lakeland has over 56 locations in SW Michigan including 3 hospitals, 4400 associates, 600 physicians, 600 volunteers and 63 resident physicians. The hospital has earned a top 100 Hospital award from IBM Watson. You can get a lot of additional information at [spectrumhealthlakeland.org](http://spectrumhealthlakeland.org). Megan updated us the current COVID-19 cases at Lakeland and the trend is going down. Lakeland has a dashboard on their website showing much more detail the pandemic. You can also get additional information the Berrien County Health Department. The current positivity rate is 6% and the goal is to be less than 5% positive. Lakeland has been able to keep surgery and outpatient services open during the pandemic. Currently focused on getting the vaccine out to the citizens in the county. They focused first on their staff and they are now accepting Community members age 65 or greater. Next focus group will be teachers. Last March Lakeland opened the new pavilion. This gave them a new ICU unit, Surgery Unit and the new Hanson Heart Unit. During this period the hospital had 2 ICU units which was a benefit during the pandemic. They are now working on Phase II of the project by connecting the new pavilion to the front of the hospital. Lakeland continues to upgrade the hospital in Niles and have added MRI capabilities at Niles. Thanks, Megan, for such a great update. Hopefully after Phase II is complete, we get a tour of the changes.

Lion President Carrie called the meeting to order and Lion Dennis played a music video of America by Bebe Winans. Lion Prez led us is the Pledge and Lion Dave O. led us in prayer.

Lion Carrie had Lions Dennis and David O present to us their Lions pride. Lion Dennis was up first and gave us some great information on his life. Lion Denny grew up in Benton Harbor out by Hagar Shores. He went to and K-8 district Pier School and then attended Benton Harbor High School. Lion Dennis and his buddies used to play baseball all day long and he also played at BHAS. Lion Dennis was a stutterer growing up and a speech therapist at BHAS suggested he try singing and this suggestion helped cure him from stuttering plus there were a lot of girls in the Choir! Lion Dennis was able to stretch out his four-year degree from WMU over 7 years and eventually student taught at St. Joe Schools. While at WMU he was able to make a trip to Europe with the choir and most importantly he met his wife Colleen. Eventually Lion Dennis started his teaching career at Lakeshore Public Schools and Lion Bembenek was part the committee that hired him. Lion Dennis had several teaching positions at LPS and eventually ended up down at Berrien RESA. Lion Dennis never stopped his education and eventually earned a Doctorate from Andrews University. Lion Dennis is now retired but still loves participating in choirs and that is one thing he has truly missed during the pandemic. Thanks Lion Dennis for sharing with us.

Next up was Lion David Offord. Lion David was born in Grand Rapids in 1976. He moved to Knoxville in 1982 to be with his father and he play sports there including football and track. Later he moved to Flint to be with his mother. While in Flint he attended Baker College and had several jobs including Dunham Sports, H+R Block, and first Mercury Insurance. Lion David decided he wanted to be a CPA so he took a job with Hill Schroeder in Petoskey. Lion David then went after a Masters in Taxation from Grand Valley State University and he was successful in 2007. Moved to Lansing and started with Farm Bureau Insurance and during this time he met his wife LuAnn. In 2014 Lion Dave moved to St. Joseph to pursue his own accounting business. Shortly after moving to St. Joseph Lion Dave was invited by Lion Vern to attend a meeting of the St. Joseph Lions Club and he has been a member ever since. During the pandemic Lion David and LuAnn have most missed traveling. Thanks Lion Dave.

**Lion Tamer-** Lion Allen had a birthday today and Lion Kortebein had the whole club sing happy birthday to him. It was a very interesting rendition with us being on zoom. Think happy Birthday in round! Lion Allen then challenged us a couple of trivia questions which the clubbed handled quite well. We had a nice version of Smile to sing along with. Thanks Lion Allen.

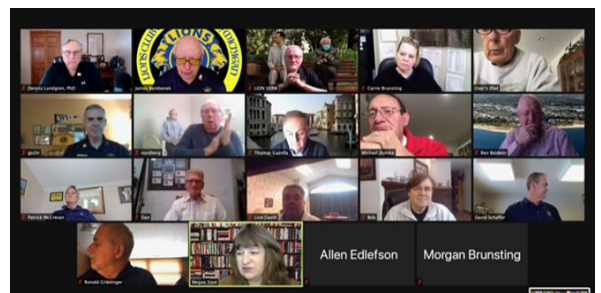
**Tail Twister-** Today's virtual fines go out Lion President- Using google for the trivia and not calling Lion Vern Lion Vern. Lion Kortebein owes for his birthday song.

Lion Vern is the host again for the Big Game Fundraiser. Please let Lion Vern know how many squares you need. \$2 per square Upcoming Programs 02/11/21 board meeting and 02/25/21 either Berrien county Health Department or MDOT

**Pot-o-Silver** drawing today produced a non-winner Lion Alex!. The pot currently has a virtual balance of \$51.86.

Editor Lion Griesinger

Megan Yore



## **Sturgis Lions Club**

Sturgis Lions will start holding in-person meetings on March 17<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30 pm

Participated in the buy-a-brick campaign for the Sturgis band  
Maggie's Wigs for kids (for pediatric awareness)

Sponsored schools or hand sanitizer

Rang bells for salvation army

Because the Salvation Army was robbed, we also gave a donation



# Watervliet



## The Power of Community

In December the Watervliet Lion's Club reached out to the local community to raise money for local people in need. The idea was to pool a few bucks from a large group of people and make a large donation to a local non-profit. I knew the community would support us, but I was shocked by the outpouring from friends, family, and the community. With your help, the Watervliet Lion's Club raised \$3600. The money was donated to the Watervliet Free Methodist Church food pantry to help keep shelves stocked after a busy Holiday season. We also donated an additional \$500 to the Watervliet Catholic Church Christmas basket drive. On behalf of the Watervliet Lion's Club, thank you to all who donated! The power of our community is still present, lets all help 2021 be better than 2020.

Lion President Christian Blough



## Medical Equipment Items to Loan

Contact Lion Judy Pullins, Sister Lakes Lions for wheelchairs, canes and crutches.

269-277-8821 or [pullins1852@gmail.com](mailto:pullins1852@gmail.com)



Three Rivers has a wheelchair to loan.

269-273-2424

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

[partylikeabanker@yahoo.com](mailto:partylikeabanker@yahoo.com) or 269-251-6553



# Upcoming Events to add to your calendar!!



**2021**

13: Mattawan Drive Thru Soup supper – flyer in Beacn  
17: Buchanan Galien Drive Thru St. Patty's Day dinner 3 – 7 pm – flyer in Beacon  
27: Mattawan Drive thru Easter Bunny 1 – 5 pm – flyer in Beacon

## **April**

3: Bangor Easter Bunny Drive thru – 10 – 11 am flyer in Beacon  
23 & 24: B2 District Convention – Cancelled – Will do something May or June  
23 & 24: Virtual District Elections

## **May**

20-21: Council of Governor's – DoubleTree by Hilton, Holland  
21-22: MD 11 State Convention – DoubleTree by Hilton, Holland

## **June**

25 – 27: LCIcon - Montreal virtual only

## **August**

1 – 4 : Camp Leo (exact date District to attend tbd)  
4- - 7: Colon Magic Week

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 [jumayuiers@gmail.com](mailto:jumayuiers@gmail.com) to have it included.



District 11 B2 has a new Facebook page (11 B2 Lions). Like and follow this page for all new of 11 B2. If you want items posted on the Facebook page, please send them to Lion Tammie Grabowski at [cheftammie@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:Sheree5354@gmail.com)

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Please click on the following links to access further information on these topics.

Lions of Michigan <http://lionsofmi.com/>

Lions Pride <http://lionsofmi.com/lion-pride/>

Lions of Michigan Service Foundation

<https://www.lmsf.net/>

Asking for your help...

Let everyone know if you have a club member or family member needing support with a Get Well Wish, Condolence or Congratulations.

*Please email me [jumayuiers@gmail.com](mailto:jumayuiers@gmail.com) with members name, address, phone, hospital, reason, whatever you'd like to provide and I will publish in the B2 Beacon for the District to support them with well wishes, prayers, condolences or whatever.*



Prayer

*How to do nothing  
and still think you're helping*



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

Just spread a little sunshine and kindness and call a fellow Lion just to check on them and see if they need anything.







I recently wondered where some of the photos and stories were coming from that were published in the Lions Pride from our district so I reached out to the State Office only to be told that if they don't have enough submissions they have to go searching on FB and websites for things to fill the pages with. I have heard numerous times "why doesn't our club ever appear in the Lions Pride". Well the answer is quite simple. **Just ask your PR person to send me the information for the B2 Beacon so I can submit to the Lions Pride.**

### **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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> and end of the month, please let me know by the 28<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:jumayuiers@gmail.com)

P: 269-254-1938

District Web Page

[www.e-district.org/sites/11b2](http://www.e-district.org/sites/11b2)

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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](mailto: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!!!**