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B2 Beacon

Lions of District 11-B2

"Sprinkle Kindness"

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From the desk of the Governor

Red, yellow, or green.... what color are the lights in your club now? Are you meeting via Zoom or meeting in person practicing social distancing guidelines or are you still in the red-light stage and not meeting at all? Believe me when I say I understand the concerns of everyone with the pandemic we have all been going through and continue to go through. Some clubs are offering both in person and virtual/Zoom meetings for the same meeting to keep their club in compliance with the Governor Whitmer's Executive Orders. That is probably the best way to hold meetings right now, I think. It still gives everyone the opportunity to participate by talking and sharing ideas of how to serve again. It also allows for club members to just stay in touch with others. I have recently heard from some members that just receiving a call from a fellow Lion checking in on them has meant a lot to them. Some club members may not have family to call and check on them or even in the area to stop by but just knowing that their fellow club members care and reach out to them makes them feel great. So, I challenge you to pick up the phone and call a member you may not have talked to in some time and let them know you are thinking about them.

Another way Lions around the world are turning their lights back on and finding ways to continue to carry out our motto of "WE SERVE" is by holding drive-thru fundraisers. Many fundraisers and service projects have been cancelled that we are all used to participating in. I know every one of you are just like me and miss participating in these events, but for now we must carry these things out in a different manner. If your club normally has a food booth as a fundraiser at a local festival, why not give a drive-through food booth a try and still serve your delicious foods that your clubs are known for. Who wouldn't be willing to stop by and help out the greatest service

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organization in the world raise funds to be able to give back to their communities by purchasing strawberry shortcake, brats, ox roast sandwiches, ham and bean soup or pancakes and sausages to name a few? Every club can probably say they are known for at least one food item and have heard from their friends how they miss not having that special treat this summer. Be sure to check with your local health department to see what their requirements are first.

Finally let the rest of the district know about your fundraisers and maybe they can stop by and support your club by either purchasing items you are selling or even helping out with the project to show how we can all work together to make things better for everyone.

I am so proud of every Lion in this district and cannot say thank you enough for “Uniting in Kindness and Diversity” and “Sprinkling of Kindness” during this time. I look forward to being able to visit your clubs soon either to attend a meeting live, via Zoom or help at a fundraiser.

Thanks for ALL you do!!!

District Governor Julie
Sprinkle Kindness



District Governor Julie Mayuiers

The District is in need to fill of a couple of vacancies on the Cabinet.

I am saddened to say that Cabinet Treasurer Sally Cotton will be leaving the District this Fall as her husband's job is being transferred to North Carolina. Sally has been such an asset to the District and will We wish Sally and her husband Jim all the best in their new ventures.definitely be missed.

With that being said, we are in need of a District Treasurer. If you are interested in this position and have accounting please email or call me so we can discuss further.

We are also in need of a Zone Chair for Zone 5 which includes Buchanan-Galien, Dowagiac, Edwardsburg, Niles and Sister Lakes. I'd be happy to discuss this position with anyone also.

Please email me if you are interested in either of these positions. jumayuiers@gmail.com or 269-254-1938

SAVE THE DATE!!!!

April 23 & 24 will be the 11B2 District Convention held at the Four Points by Sheraton on Cork Street in Kalamazoo again. We are honored to have joining us as our special guest International Director Steve Thornton and his lovely wife Becky. The Thornton's are from Wooster, Ohio. ID Steve is a retired Chief of Police in Wooster after a 35-year career.

April 25 will be a Cabinet Meeting at the same location for current Cabinet Members and 2021 – 2022 Cabinet Members.



ANNUAL NONPROFIT CORPORATION REPORT DUE DATE?



October 1st is the deadline for filing your club's annual Nonprofit Corporation Report. The Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs mailed out the report forms in mid-July. You may file online at www.michigan.gov/corpfileonline, but I have found this to be a little complex! It's just as easy to fill in the info boxes and mail it on its' merry way to Licensing and Regulatory Affairs. They are also very helpful on the phone! Contact Corporations Division at (517) 241-6470 or CorpsMail@michigan.gov A \$20.00 filing fee is required.

Club President, Secretary and Treasurer Virtual Trainings

Virtual Club Secretary Training

Monday, September 28 @ 7:00 PM on Zoom

Please RSVP to Lion Tammie Grabowski by Wednesday, Sept. 23
cheftammie@gmail.com or 269-303-0731

Zoom link will be sent when you RSVP

Virtual Club President Training

Tuesday, September 29 @ 7:00 PM on Zoom

Please RSVP to District Governor Julie by Thursday,
September 24 jumayuiers@gmail.com or 269-254-1938

Zoom link will be sent when you RSVP

Virtual Club Treasurer Training

Tuesday, September 30 @ 7:00 PM on Zoom

Please RSVP to District Governor Julie by Thursday,
September 24 jumayuiers@gmail.com or 269-254-1938

Zoom link will be sent when you RSVP

1st VDG Karol Chopp

Hello Fellow Lions,

You make me proud! Many clubs are either meeting outside and social distancing or doing zoom meetings and working on how to move forward. We even have clubs who have added members so yes, we can do this -WE SERVE!!

I am looking forward to visiting with your club even if it has to be by Zoom, I want to get a chance to meet with you and to let you know, I am here for you if you need anything or just a sounding board to bounce ideas off from.

Our fearless leader, DG Julie is doing a great job jumping into everything and I can tell you she will do whatever she can to help your clubs get through this crazy time.

Recently, I was able to do a 3 week zoom with Leader Dog. What a great program and I encourage you all to go their website and see all the virtual tours and information and pass it on to your club members. They do such great work there and we need to continue supporting them now more than ever.

On another note, we are still looking for people to step up into leadership positions for our district. Do not over think it, if I can do it-so can you.

Let's make this year a good year and really show the world and our communities what we are made of. Be positive, share your love and kindness and let's get to serving.

Karol Chopp
1st VG 11B-2





Club Anniversaries



<u>Club</u>	<u>Charter Date</u>	<u>Years Old</u>
Hartford	9/6/46	74
Mattawan	10/30/58	62
Benton Harbor/Fairplain	10/31/34	86

*Happy
Anniversary*





Thought to ponder....

Things are changing all around us every day. That seems to be more evident today more than ever. Have you paid attention at all to how you keep up with these changes? Today our newspapers have been forced to cut down our editions, so if you like to read the new by the time you get it, it is old news. TV ...maybe? That is so saturated with political garbage the re news the things that are important to you are not spoke about until all the violence, crime and Democratic, Republican reviews are covered. The radio might still be a source depending on the station, but so many of us get our news now by social media. Our phone, Facebook, Google, or whatever internet browse we choose.... Today we are focusing on our children, regardless of age.... how do we educate them? Homeschool sees to be more than the answer today. But wat about you? Have you stopped educating yourself? Think about it? When is the last time you did something to educate yourself? Now ask yourself as a Lions member have, I done anything to educate myself as Lion. Or do you just go through your day to day routine and feel that is good enough.

This article has made me think myself. I feel I am a good dedicated Lion but really my day to day routine is so full, I skip over "me" time. I know learning something new about Lionism is as simple as going to my computer and typing in www.lionsclubs.org and click on the Lions earning Center and pick a topic. It is really that simple. There are so many topics to choose from. We are not talking 3-month course here, just simple 15-20-minute learning modules. Things that not only pertain to Lionism but your personal life and work life as well. I encourage you all to try it. I have decided now I will do this a minimum of twice a month. Any other Lions out there willing to accept that challenge? Let me know. Email me at wjmayuiers@gmail.com or text me at 269-254-1936.

As Lions, let us all wise up!!



GST



Fellow Lions,

I want to start you out with this quote. "Small acts, when multiplied by millions of people, can transform the world." - Howard Zinn

These are different times to serve in and it's important to remember no act is too small to make a difference. If there is something small your club can do anything is something during these times.

Fall is coming and the elderly now more than ever don't want to go out. Help them by raking their leaves. Mail cards to Senior homes, your own members, or anyone else in the community you know has not made it out due to the pandemic. These little gestures are what the community needs right now.

The state GST has challenged each district to make 1,000 masks for the community. That is a piece of cake for 11B2. If we haven't already done that I know we can. I challenge us to show them who we are and get at least 2,000 masks out. Hospitals still need masks and there is still a need in the community. Many masks have been made and many more are needed. Don't lose that momentum. No mask lasts forever. Kids are starting school and some in person that means children who have been at home without a need for a mask now need multiple masks. School children will need 2-3 masks each to make sure they are washed between each use.

Don't forget to support each other. Stay updated on events and fundraisers that are happening around the district. Go to another clubs Golf Outing if you are a golfer, buy something another club is selling and gift it to someone who needs a pick me up. Lions Serve TOGETHER.

I would love to meet your club and help you brainstorm ideas. Please contact me for a club visit anytime. I'd even love to come out if you have ideas to share with the rest of the district.

Stay safe and healthy,
Lion GST Amy Thackston



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

Fellow Lions we are in September our third month of 2020-2021 Lion year. September is typically the month that schools begin their school year. We can also take this time to reach out to teachers and faculty and introduce them to the Leo and cub programs that are offered from LCI. This also can be good opportunity to invite teachers and faculty to a club meeting or setup a special meeting to let them know what Lions are, what Lions do, how to become a Lion and how important Lions can be to the civic development through LCI programs. During the last few months, we have had a drop in membership and would like to make a challenge to the Clubs. Would like to see each club keep membership and add at least 1 new member to their club. By doing this we can add an additional 35 new members to our district.

Some clubs have been adding new members despite the pandemic. The key to keeping your membership is communication, keep them thinking about ideas of how to do service and fundraise to keep your club going, keep them involved and updated. There are many ways to keep communication going, Zoom, face time, email and conference calls to name a few. Maybe host a zoom meeting with your town council and let them know how Lions can help their community. There are also free media outlets like Facebook. You can develop a Club page on Facebook, like it and share it to your friends and ask your friends to like and share it. Let's get started and drive forward and look ahead to the future. Together we can work through this time we are in and can grow together to be a stronger district. I'm available for club visits if you would like to have me explain other options in growing your membership.

Yours in Lionism
GMT Lion Rick Young



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Is your Lions Club in Mint Condition?
Are you visible in your Community?

LMSF Trustee Jeff Mayuiers is your mint connection. Call him at 269.254.1936 to save on shipping costs as he has mints available locally.



SEPTEMBER IS
CHILDHOOD
CANCER
AWARENESS
MONTH

SUPPORT • ADVOCATE • CURE

District 11-B2 is doing a donation drive to benefit local Bronson Children's Pediatric Oncology floor.

We are looking for donations of **new items** or financial donations.

Here is a list of items: Color Pencils, play dough, play dough toys, construction paper, paint, art kits, little poke prizes, clay-colorful!

Please collect from your club by Oct. 1 and give to your zone chair.

If you have any questions, please contact:

Pediatric Cancer Chair 1st VG Karol Chopp @ karolchopp@yahoo.com

*Wear a yellow ribbon on Sept. 13 in support as this is the official day of Pediatric Cancer Awareness!

A New Adventure in Learning Join Us!



You can experience the Forum this year in a new way! Join us for the USA/Canada Lions Virtual Leadership Experience. Although we aren't able to facilitate the 80 wonderful seminars that were planned for Louisville, the Forum Planning Committee is excited to present 19 sessions you can attend virtually. It's easy and affordable.

If you have never attended a USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, our Virtual Leadership Experience will give an opportunity to understand what we do for your leadership growth in a scaled down version. Our mission is to develop leaders, motivate and educate attendees, provide an open exchange of ideas, and support programs and goals of Lions Clubs International. We have created a virtual experience filled with seminars that enhance your leadership skills and knowledge. **The Virtual Leadership Experience is for every Lion.**

Choose from 19 sessions that will educate you on programs and services like a Childhood Cancer Symposium, Faces of Diabetes Innovation, how to approach the younger generation about Lions, projects for women and families, learning more with NAMI and so much more.

General Sessions Keynotes



Katherine Greenland
Katherine is a cultural innovator and inclusion strategist with over 20 years of experience as a public speaker, team builder and advisor.



Dr. Jung-Yul Choi, President LCI
Dr. Choi will speak on the services and programs of LCI and give us insight on being United with Kindness and Diversity.



Striker Corbin
As a motivational speaker, certified hypnotist, and success coach, Striker Corbin focuses on personal development.

Complete Event Registration Fee
3 Days - 2 Hour Sessions

\$20

Learn More - Register Now!

<https://members.lionsforum.org/event-3925061>

Event Schedule



FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 25, 2020

8:00-9:10 PM Eastern Time GENERAL SESSION

Welcome/Intros General Chair Harvey Whitley
Tribute to VP Haynes Townsend
Katherine Greenland: KEYNOTE

9:10-9:15 PM Eastern Time BREAK

9:15-10:00 PM Eastern time PLEASE CHOOSE ONE

NAMI-What's All the Buzz about Kindness and Diversity?

LCI Digital Programs

Diverse Projects and Activities to Engage Women and Families

How to Successfully Sponsor Clubs on Campus

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 26, 2020

11:00-Noon Eastern Time GENERAL SESSION

International President Dr. Chung-Yul Choi
International Director Justin Faber
LCIF Chairperson Gudrun Yngvadottir and KaSondra Byrd

Noon-12:15 PM Eastern time BREAK

12:15-2:00 PM Childhood Cancer Symposium

For those not participating in the Symposium, please choose one.

12:15-1:00 PM Eastern Time PLEASE CHOOSE ONE

NAMI-Individual District Enhancement Plans

Dealing Kindly with Contentious Member

Campaign 100

How to Start a Leo Club Where Diversity and Kindness Matter

1:00-1:15 PM Eastern time BREAK

1:15-2:00 PM Eastern Time PLEASE CHOOSE ONE

NAMI-Building Success through Kindness

Reflections from Our Founding Fathers

Zone Meetings: Secrets of Success

How Do We Approach the Younger Generation?

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 27, 2020

2:30-3:00 PM Eastern Time GENERAL SESSION
Sponsors and Recognition of NAMI Pilot Districts

3:00-3:45 PM Eastern Time PLEASE CHOOSE ONE

Faces of Diabetes Innovation: Racing Toward a Cure

Young Lions Diverse Leadership Skills Contribute to a Successful Future

Attracting and Retaining Great Lions through Diversity

Debunking the Membership Myth

Legal Issues

3:45-4:00 PM Eastern time BREAK

4:00-5:30 PM Eastern Time CLOSING SESSION

Striker Corbin: KEYNOTE
Thank you General Chairperson Harvey Whitley
Racing Ahead to Des Moines PDG Wendy Cain, PCC Jerry Inman,
and the Catch Des Moines Team

Follow us on . . .



LIONS UNIVERSITY—RACING INTO THE FUTURE

There have been many questions about Lions University Graduation due to the cancellation of the Louisville Forum. The Lions University Team has been working diligently to come up with a plan that would allow participants the opportunity to graduate.

Any participant who has completed a program and has attended the required Forums before Louisville will be listed on a rotating slide show during the Virtual Forum. We are hoping to have a Lions University Room that will run this graduation list during the weekend event.

Participants who needed the Louisville Forum to graduate from any of the programs must make sure they sign up and participate in the 2020 Virtual Leadership Experience. Our team is currently working on a plan that will allow participants to take a test, on the Lion University website, after the close of the Virtual Forum. This test will be comprised of questions developed from the different sessions of the Virtual Forum and will be available after the close of the Forum and only be available for two weeks. There will also be a required number of points generated from attending the session, too. We are still working on this and will provide more information as we finalize the requirements.

All graduates will have their certificates, in .PDF format, emailed to them by the end of October. Due to the cost involved we will not be able to mail certificates and pins but will make them available at the Des Moines Forum. Participants can pick them up there or have someone from their multiple districts pick them up. We look forward to more learning.

Gary Stede, Past Council Chair, MD31

Lions University Graduation Highlights—2019





Lions Clubs International

District 11-B2

August 10, 2020

Dear Club President,

Lions Clubs International Sponsor's Peace Poster Contest in a *local schools* or *organized youth groups*. The contest is open to *students* ages 11, 12, and 13 by November 15, 2020.

Participating students are asked to draw, sketch or paint their interpretation of the contest theme "**Peace Through Service.**" The contest is a wonderful opportunity for clubs to work with youth in their community to stress the importance of peace, tolerance and international understanding.

Peace Poster Contest Judging

Each poster is judged on originality, artistic merit and expression of the theme.

Posters advance through several judging levels: local, district, multiple districts and international. At the international level, judges from the art, peace, youth, education and media communities select one grand prize winner and 23 merit award winners.

Peace Poster Contest Awards

International winners will be notified on or before February 1

- One international grand prize winner will receive US \$5,000 and a trip to a special award ceremony.
- Each of the 23 merit award winners will receive a cash award of US \$500 and a certificate of achievement.

For more information please call CS Sheree Sorenson, District Chair at 269-506-1744 or ZC Elvje Marfil, District Co-Chair at 818-800-1060 or your Zone Chair.

PEACE

2020-2021

LIONS INTERNATIONAL
PEACE POSTER CONTEST
ORDER FORM



ORDER NOW

Peace Through Service

How the Contest Works

Lions clubs can sponsor the contest in a local school or organized youth group. The contest is open to students ages 11 to 13 on November 15, 2020. Participating students are asked to create posters that visually depict the contest theme, "Peace Through Service." Visit lionsclubs.org/peaceposter for more information, deadlines, to download a video and view past finalists' posters.

To get started, purchase your club's Peace Poster Kit (PPK-1) from the Member Service Center at International Headquarters. The kit is sold in English and in all 12 official languages. Each kit contains everything your club needs to sponsor one* school or organized youth group.

- Official Club Contest Guide & Rules (PPC-1)
- Official School or Youth Group Contest Guide & Rules* (PPC-2)
- Participant Flyer* (PPC-3) that your club can fill in the blanks, duplicate and give to each participating student to take home
- Winner Sticker (PPC-4) for your club to place on back of winning poster
- Achievement Award (PPC-5) and Certificate of Appreciation (PPC-6) for contest winner and sponsored school or youth group

*Clubs can sponsor more than one contest in either the same or multiple school(s) and/or youth group(s) by purchasing more than one kit. Clubs will send one poster per each contest sponsored to the next level of judging.

The Lions International Essay Contest Entry Form (PPE-4) is also included in the Peace Poster Kit and available on the Lions International website.

Kits are available January 15 to October 1, 2020

Purchase your kit early to allow adequate time for shipping and contest planning.

Your order may be submitted via email at orderdetails@lionsclubs.org, or visit the LCI Store at shop.lionsclubs.org and Search "Peace Poster Kit." Kits are available from January 15 to October 1.

Peace Poster Contest Kit (PPK-1) Quantity _____ at US\$11.95 each Total\$ _____

Language Required (Available in all official languages) _____

Method of payment

Club/District Account # _____ Lions Club Name _____

Officer's Signature (Required) _____

The protection of your payment data is important to us. Your credit card purchases of Lions merchandise must be made directly online at shop.lionsclubs.org. Please do not include your credit card number in any written communications or correspondence. Visa, MasterCard, Discover

Ship order to:

Name _____

Address (No P.O. Boxes) _____

City _____ State/Province _____ Zip Code _____ Country _____

Daytime Phone # (Required) _____ Email Address _____

Note: Postage, handling and taxes (if applicable) will be added at time of order. Duty/taxes may be required upon receipt of your order. Lions Clubs International is not responsible for payment of these duties or taxes.



Lions International

PEACE

Poster Contest

IMAGINE

600,000 children sharing their
visions of peace

INSPIRE

Young people to showcase
their talent

CREATE

Memories that will last a lifetime

Give children in your community,
ages 11, 12 and 13, a creative
way to express their visions of peace
through the Lions International Peace
Poster Contest. One grand prize
winner and 23 merit winners are
chosen each year.

Lions clubs proudly sponsor this
contest in local schools and youth
groups around the world. Find out
how you can be a part of it.





Lions International Peace Poster Contest 2020 - 2021

Each year, Lions clubs around the world proudly sponsor the Lions International Peace Poster Contest in local schools or organized youth groups. This contest encourages young people worldwide to artistically express their visions of peace. Students, ages 11, 12, and 13 on November 15, 2020, are eligible to participate.

Participating students are asked to draw, sketch or paint their interpretation of this year's contest theme "**Peace Through Service**." The contest is a wonderful opportunity for clubs to work with youth in their communities and promote the importance of peace, tolerance and international understanding.

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For more information, please call either District Co-chairs, CS Sheree Sorenson (269-506-1744) or ZC Elvie Marfil (818-800-1060) or your local Zone Chair.



2020 PEACE POSTER CONTEST DEADLINES

*Entries that do not meet the following deadlines
will be disqualified.*

January 15

Kits go on sale from the Club Supplies Sales
Department at International Headquarters.

October 1

Deadline to purchase kits from the Club Supplies
Sales Department at International Headquarters.

November 15

Postmark deadline for a club to send one winning
poster (per contest sponsored) to the district
governor.

December 1

Postmark deadline for a district governor to send
one winning poster to the multiple district council
chairperson.

December 1

Postmark deadline for a district governor not
belonging to a multiple district to send one
winning poster to the Public Relations Division at
International Headquarters.

December 1

Postmark deadline for a club not belonging to a
district to send one winning entry to the Public
Relations Division at International Headquarters.

December 15

Postmark deadline for one multiple district winner
to be sent to the Public Relations Division at
International Headquarters.

February 1

International winners will be notified on or before
this date.



2020 Peace Poster Contest Rules and Conditions

Entries not meeting the rules and conditions listed below will be disqualified.

1. Only a Lions club can sponsor the contest in a local school(s) or organized, sponsored youth group(s), such as YMCA programs, Boys & Girls Clubs, Scouts, etc.
2. Contest is open to students who will be 11, 12, or 13 years of age on November 15, 2020. Eligible birth dates are November 15, 2007 through November 15, 2009.
3. The Contest theme this year is "Peace Through Service."
4. Artwork must be no smaller than 13 inches by 20 inches and no larger than 20 inches by 24 inches. Do not mat or frame artwork.
5. Only one entry per student and each entry must be the work of only one student.
6. All artwork must be the individual student's original creation. Duplications are not accepted.
7. All media are accepted. Note: Chalk, charcoal and pastel entries should be sealed with a fixative spray to prevent smearing. Do not laminate entries.
8. Three-dimensional entries will not be accepted. Nothing may be glued, stapled or attached to the artwork in any way.
9. The use of lettering or numbering on the front of the poster, in any language, is not allowed. All artist signatures or initials should be written on the back of the poster.
10. Artwork should be done on a flexible material, so it can be rolled for shipping in a mailing tube. Do not fold poster.

Participants accept all responsibility for late, lost, misdirected or illegible entries. Entries sent with insufficient postage will be disqualified. Lions Clubs International is not responsible for entries damaged, destroyed or lost during the judging process. Entries cannot be acknowledged or returned: they become property of Lions Club International upon receipt. Peace Poster Contest images cannot be used without written permission from Lions Clubs International.

In consideration for the opportunity to enter the Peace Poster Contest, participants agree to allow Lions Clubs International to use their names and photographs for promotional and publicity purposes. In addition, the international grand prize winner, two family members (one being a parent or legal guardian) and the club president or club member (as designated by the president) are required to attend the award ceremony at Lions Day with the United Nations in New York, USA. An international grand-prize winner is not eligible to receive subsequent prizes in future Peace Poster contest sponsored by Lions Clubs International. By entering, participants agree to be bound by these rules and the decisions of the judges and Lion Clubs International.

Lions Clubs International may cancel the contest without notice at any time. The contest is void where prohibited, taxed or restricted by law.



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

Remember
Camp Leo
on Projects
Night.



Camp Leo began as a club project of the St. Joseph Lions Club. Several years ago the district adopted this camp as a district project.

Camp Leo is a 4 day/3 night 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. On the final night of the camp, the Lions of our district put on a carnival for these kids and in return, the kids put on a talent show for the Lions. The love that flows between the campers and the Lions is thick in the air on that night.

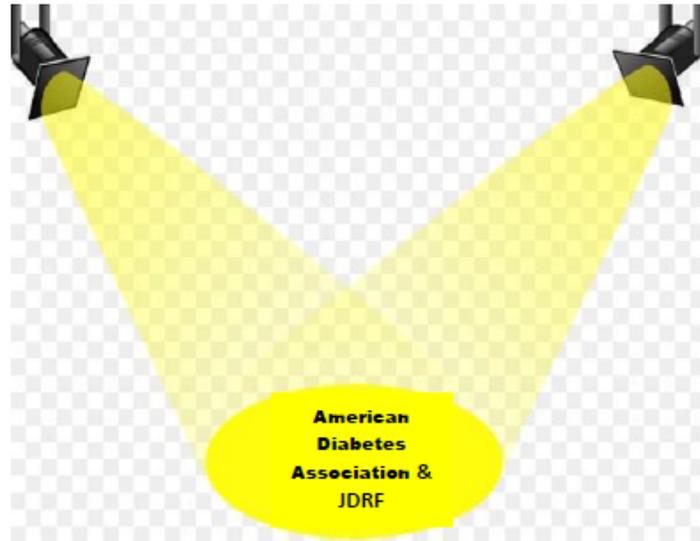
The majority of the funding for this camp comes from Lions and the kids and parents know that without our support, these kids would never have a real "camp" experience. Their physical, mental, social and emotional needs are number one during these three days. It is also an opportunity for the parents of these young people to have a chance to be "off duty" for a little bit. Parenting these kids is a 24 hour per day, 7 days per week, 365 days per year, yearly for the rest of their lives job. This time when they know that their kids are being well taken care of and having the time of their lives is precious to them.

Watch your calendars for the chance to be a part of Camp Leo Carnival Night. You don't want to miss it!!



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

Remember the American Diabetes Association and JDRF on Projects Night.



One of Lions Clubs International's global causes is Diabetes. Diabetes is a leading cause of blindness. "Diabetes is a common cause of vision loss due to diabetic retinopathy, glaucoma, and cataracts. In fact, diabetics are 40% more likely to have glaucoma, and 60% more likely to have cataracts, per the American Diabetes Association. If left unchecked, vision loss due to diabetes is irreversible. The National Eye Institute (NEI), however, states that early detection and treatment can reduce one's risk of blindness by 95%."

Our district has selected the American Diabetes Association as one of our projects. Lions are focused on being Knights of the Blind so it seemed like a natural agency to work with. The American Diabetes Association focuses on education, research and advocacy. Their website offers information on nutrition, exercise and many other aspects of Diabetes control. Type I Diabetes is when your body doesn't produce the insulin needed to control your blood sugar and is not preventable. Type II Diabetes is preventable in most cases. Nutrition and exercise are the most controllable factors.

In addition to the American Diabetes Association is Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. Their focus is on Type I Diabetes which is the type that children most often have. They are the world's largest nonprofit funder of Type I Diabetes research. They also focus on education, advocacy and research.

These two organizations are working diligently to stop Diabetes in its tracks. Your donations to these groups will help move them closer to the eradication of these diseases.



Bangor Lions Club



New Member PDG George Hester (from Florida) pictured with PDG Donna Romanck is inducted by ZC John Kener.

LIONS CLUBS

We Serve!



Bangor Lions 2020 General Fundraiser:
Raising money to be used in our community!

Homemade Pies

Apple, Blueberry, Cherry, or Peach
for \$10

Pies will be delivered to you frozen in November, just
in time for the holiday season!!

Pre-Order by October 15th:

Email: thackstona@gmail.com

or call: (616) 307-0027



Buchanan- Galien Lions

Saturday August 29th was another outstanding day for the Buchanan-Galien Lions. The club hosted our First Annual Kickball Tournament and Third Annual Corn and Sausage Roast.

Both events were held at the McCoy Creek Park Lions Pavilion and softball fields and the weather was perfect.

A great turn out and the combined teamwork of the Lions, their spouses, family and friends helped to make both events successful.

As always, the local communities support was outstanding and at the end of the day there were a lot of smiling faces.

In Kickball, The "Y's Last Minute" team beat the "Lion's Misfits" in two out of three 30-minute showdowns.

Both teams said they had a blast and are already looking forward to next year's event with more teams.

Here are some pictures of both events including our newest "Future" Lion Olivia Irene Fisher- (2 weeks old)

and of course our "Reserved" dinner table seating experts- Lions Mark Nixon and President Mark Skene.

Thank you to our many supply donors, the community, Lions, kickball players/referees and volunteers for your ongoing support!

"We Serve" is our Lions motto- we are in our 87th year of supporting the Buchanan-Galien communities- and still going strong.



Buchanan- Galien Lions



Covert Township Lions Club

Covert Township Lions recognize the importance of our first responders to the community. We presented certificates of appreciation and lunch. There was also a fly over in their honor put on by Star of the Lake Lodge #158 and Dutcher Lodge#199 Masonic Lodges.



Edwardsburg Lions

A Tribute to Lion John Braniff



Lion John joined the Edwardsburg Lions Club when he was only 22 years old in January of 1956. His faithfulness, dedication, and proudness of being a Lion has made Lion John our oldest member in the club. Lion John was President in 1961-1962 and again in 1992-1993. Lion John has been president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, tail twister and Lion tamer over the years! He said, "You name it, I did it!"



Lion John is a "Golden Treasure" to our Club with so much history and knowledge over the years. He never missed a meeting while he was in Michigan. (Snowbird in FL) He attended and worked hard at events, fundraisers and promoting our great Lions Club. Lion John made many friends within our community and has fond memories of it all.



Today, Lion Dave and Tanda visited with Lion John & Marge and their family at his assistant home that he is currently at in South Bend. On behalf of the Edwardsburg Lions, Jerry, Dave & I wanted to recognize Lion John for all his achievements and accomplishments he has done within our club. Today, Lion John was presented with the Helen Keller Fellowship Award. "Lion John was in his Lion's attire" as we made plans with wife Marj for our visit. It was just a beautiful day outside at the patio to award Lion John with this award which he has not received before. (John has many award's, but we were sure he did not have the Helen Keller award because it is a newer award.)



The pictures tell it all for you to see how pleased John was with the visit from fellow Lions and the award that was none like he already has. Lion John reminisced over many Lion events and could clearly remember them as if they were done recently. I for one will remember in my heart our visit with Lion John.

Edwardsburg Lions

Dave and I had our masks on as Lion John hugged me three times while I was there. I am truly blessed for his friendship as he has touched my heart and I know many of yours as well. Lion John is a kindhearted man, known for his many jokes that we always enjoy! 😊 😊 😊



Lion Tanda Stiffler



Lakeshore Lions

The 2020 Lakeshore Lions Scholarship Winner

The Lakeshore Lions Club has been awarding scholarships to graduating seniors residing in the Stevensville area for over 40 years. The 2020 scholarship winner is Chiara Thrum a Lakeshore High School graduate who will be attending the University of Notre Dame to study Geoenvironmental Engineering.



Mattawan Lions Club

We have been meeting virtually and recently had our second social distancing meeting outside.

We have been brainstorming ways to do things differently for the future with our fundraisers and are planning a take-out dinner in the future and possibly virtual trivia.

At our August 12 meeting, 1st VDG Karol made the famous Chili and Donuts from the recipe that was given to her from the virtual leader dog meetings. Here are some picture of that as well as a picture of Lion Nancy Garman receiving her Gold Centennial Membership pin for sponsoring a member who has stayed in the club for 4 years or more.



The Mattawan Lions Club has also been working and supporting our Mattawan Area Pantry and we have a foundation that allows us to do many extra things for them. Our community garden is one of them. Here is batch of produce that was donated on Aug 15. Half bushel of tomatoes and beans.



Paw Paw Lions

Even though our clubhouse has been closed, the Paw Paw Lions are OPEN for the business of serving others. We have even managed to have several membership meetings outside of our clubhouse in the parking lot. During this time, we are looking at the leadership structure of our club and attempting to make it align more closely with the Lions Club Standard Structure

(file:///C:/Users/Owner/Downloads/DA-MCS_en.pdf) as well as our club's own needs. For example, even though not listed in LCI's flow chart, we really need a Building Committee. "Project 2020 AND BEYOND" hopes to improve our club's overall service by better utilizing our individual members' time, talents and passions in a variety of leadership opportunities. Combined with our new on-line fundraising page via The Square <https://paw-paw-lions-club-donate.square.site/>, we see many positive changes taking place that will ensure our continued service to our community at all times—even during a pandemic.

With the clubhouse being closed, we are utilizing the opportunity to do some thorough upkeep of our club's prized possession like ridding the parking lot of weeds, tending to our garden, and thoroughly stripping, cleaning, and waxing our floor! We will be ready when we get the go-ahead to re-open!



Follow us on...



Hats off – or should I say “Masks off: to the Portage Lions Club for their “Serving Safely” submission!!!
Another job well done by one of the “small” but
“mighty” clubs in B2!!



This article can be found in your latest issue of the Lions Pride magazine

Pill Bottle Donations

Portage Lions Club in collaborative efforts of Lions Clubs in District 11-B2 and Matthew 25: Ministries accepts donations of empty plastic pill bottles for inclusion in shipments of medical supplies and for shredding and recycling. Pill bottle program fulfills the dual needs of improving medical care in developing countries and caring for environment.

Acceptable collection items include:

- Prescription and over-the-counter pill bottles
- Large and small pill bottles
- Pill Bottles with and without secure caps (child-resistant)

Pill bottles that are not appropriate to include with shipments of medical supplies are recycled and may generate revenue that supports Matthew 25: Ministries' programs. If you wish to prepare bottles for shipment rather than recycling, please adhere to the following guidelines:

- Bottles included in shipments of medical supplies must have an all plastic lid.
- Sort bottles by color and type.
- Remove labels, leaving no glue or residue.
- Wash bottles in very hot water and dish soap.
- Rinse and dry thoroughly.
- Replace lids on clean, dried bottles.
- Place clean, recapped bottles in large zip lock bags marked "Clean Bottles." These will be blended with medical supplies.
- Call Lion Elvie Marfil at 818-800-1060 or Lion Ruth Phillips at 269-345-4622.
- **Call Matthew25: Ministries 513-793-6256**



Portage Lions Club



Installation of President, Secretary and Membership Chair



Installation of 1st and 2nd Vice Presidents, Treasurer and all Twister



Induction of New Members



Installation of Tail Twister



Plaque of Appreciation presented to Lion Noemi K.



Plaque of Appreciation as Membership Chair



Plaque of Appreciation as Secretary



Plaque of Appreciation as President

Portage Lions Club



Portage Lions Club Installation of Officers, Induction of New Members, Award Presentation and District Governor's Visitation.

Last August 22, 2020, marked the 60th Installation of officers for Portage Lions Club of Michigan.

Due to our current Pandemic crisis, we conducted our meeting virtually and face to face. DG Julie Mayuiers graced our meeting and shared her theme this year, "Sprinkle Kindness." She also shared her plans to strengthen our District by means of Leadership, Services and Membership.

DG Julie Mayuiers installed our officers for 2020-2021: Lions Laura Berry, President; Ruth Phillips, 1st VP; Holly MacEwan, 2nd VP; Amy Blankshain, Secretary; PDG Bill Phillips, Treasurer; Elvie Marfil, Membership Chair; Alyssa Marfil, Tail Twister, Cub Alaina, Assist. Tail Twister and Jarrod Permenter, Tamer. Immediately followed by Induction of New Members. Noemi Kudzia sponsored by Lion Elvie Marfil and Ed Kudzia sponsored by Lion Laura Berry.

Highlight of the morning was the presentation of awards. Lion Noemi Kudzia was honored with a Plaque of Appreciation for her timeless contribution in making face masks that was donated to our frontline workers. The following Lions also received a Plaque of Appreciation for their services to Lionism; Lions Laura Berry, President 2019-2020; Elvie Marfil, Secretary; PDG Bill Phillips, Treasurer and Amy Blankshain, Membership Chair.

Also, Lion Elvie Marfil, Zone 3 Chair 2019-2020 received a Governor's Appreciation Medal from IPDG John Postelli . Lastly, Lions Clubs International awarded Lion Elvie Marfil a Lapel Pin for sponsoring members into the club.



Portage Lions Club

MASK fundraiser



CUSTOM CLUB

REGULAR



Percentage of sale will support Portage Lions Club,
LCIF and Campaign 100

Pricing:

All pricing will include sales tax and shipping.

- Custom Club Adult and Adjustable: \$12

-Regular Lions Adult and Adjustable: \$10

Shipping:

We will do weekly orders and a close date and ship date following. All mask orders will be processed and shipped to the respective locations to be distributed.

Mask Information:

-4.2 oz., 100% Cotton (Black & White)

-60/40

(Heather colors)

-2-ply

-No pleats

-Premium double stitch construction for long lasting durability

-Designed for comfort around ears & face

-Washable and reusable

-Non-medical grade



Colors:

Adult mask

-Black with yellow and blue logo

-White with yellow and blue logo

-Heather Yellow with Blue logo

Adjustable mask

-Black with yellow and blue logo

-White with yellow and blue logo

Checks payable:

Legendary Creations LLC

4305 Walnut Hills Dr SE

Grand Rapids, MI

49512

For more information

Call Lion Elvie Marfil

818-800-1060 email: epmarfil5@gmail.com

Sturgis Lions Club

During the COVID-19 pandemic the Sturgis Lions Club delivered several Easter baskets to the Domestic Assault Center and to Keystone Place for the children housed there at the time. In addition a container of toiletries and other supplies was given to each family group.

By means of texting, e-mails, and phone calls, a slate of officers for the coming year was nominated and elected. Similarly, our Scholarship Committee worked doggedly to narrow our field of twenty-four applicants to three outstanding winners. A total of \$2500 was awarded to Paige Pattison, Rachel Toner, and Madison Pueschel. Coincidentally, all three winners were members of our Leo Club!

As a consequence of current restrictions, we have been unable to schedule meetings at our usual location, We did meet, however, on August 19 at a neighborhood park, where we reviewed committee assignments and discussed possible ways to serve in the coming months.

Three Rivers Lions Club



(L-R) President Lion Tom, Lion John, Lion Jeff



President Lion Tom presented Lion Jeff Mayuiers with his name plate to be mounted on the Service and Building and Grounds plaque that hangs in the club thanking those members that have served as Building and Grounds Chairperson. Lion Jeff has served for the past 5 years. During this time the club has underwent remodeling the kitchen and 2 restrooms, landscaping, lighted building sign and now the addition to the garage.



(L-R) President Lion Tom and Lion Jeff

Aug. 25 the club held a picnic to thank all the members for their service throughout the year. Everyone enjoyed the meal of grilled steak and/or chicken and all the fixings thanks to Lion Brenda McWatters. President Tom McWatters and Building and Grounds Chairperson Lion Jeff Mayuiers presented Lion John Bippus with an Appreciation plaque for Bippus Charities generous donation of the additional funding needed to be able to add on to their building following the fire of their previous storage shed last Spring. Lion John has also donated to the club a large rental sign for the outside of the building, and arranged for the parking lot to be repaved. Lion John's father Lion Jim Bippus also made previous donations to the club.

Three Rivers Lions have the LMSF Calendars for sale for just \$20 each. Contact any TR Lions to purchase. The drawings are tied to the Michigan Lottery drawings this year so you don't have to watch for the numbers, a check will be sent to you if your name is drawn and your name goes back in for the rest of the weekly drawings as well as the big drawing at the end of the year.

Three Rivers Lions Club



Three Rivers Lions Club OX ROAST



DRIVE THROUGH OX ROAST

One Day ONLY

Saturday, September 26, 2020

11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

*SERVING AT THE THREE RIVERS LIONS
CLUB*

420 6th Avenue, Three Rivers

MENU

Ox Sandwich (BBQ Beef)	\$5.00
Ham & Bean Soup	\$3.00
Large Dill Pickle	\$1.00
Assorted Pie	\$3.00

*Would you like to make a difference in your community?
Speak to a member about joining Three Rivers Lions Club TODAY!*

ALL Ox Roast proceeds fund community projects!!

Vicksburg Lions Club



VICKSBURG LIONS CLUB

7th Annual WE SERVE Golf Scramble

Saturday, September 19, 2020

States Golf Course

20 East W Avenue - Vicksburg

Four person scramble, shotgun start at 1:00pm

Registration starts at 12:00 pm

Individual/Team Options

Cost: \$60 per person / \$240 per team

Cost includes 18 holes of golf with cart, brat/hot dogs at the turn, and Pizza to go.

Corporate/Business Sponsorship Options

Super-Duper Lion Sponsorship: \$275

Cost Includes: (1) hole sponsorship, (1) foursome golf with carts, name recognition throughout the event, lunch and pizza to go.

Super Lion Sponsorship: \$75

Cost Includes: (1) hole sponsorship and name recognition throughout the event

To mail entry or inquire on this event please contact:

Dawn Freeland (269) 910-2758 (dfreeland29@gmail.com)

Ryan Freeland (269) 290-4381

7879 E TS Ave Scotts, MI 49088 or Venmo @Dawn-Freeland-2 (Must include Team Captain name)

Please include registration form and check made payable to: Vicksburg Lions Club: First come first serve. All teams MUST BE PAID by Sept 5th.

Names and a contact:

Name:

Email Address:

Phone Number:

1)

Team Captain:

2)

3)

4)

THANK YOU FOR HELPING TO MAKE OUR EVENTS SUCCESSFUL! THESE EVENTS ALLOW US TO GIVE BACK TO OUR COMMUNITY AND CONTINUE TO SERVE!

Vicksburg Lions Club

It's been a tough 2020 for our Vicksburg Lions Club. Lion Don Ramer joined the club in 1968. In 2015 his health deteriorated and he requested to end his term in Lionism. We as a club accepted his departure, however voted to honor him with a lifetime membership given his long-standing record and significant contributions over the years. However Don would not accept the honor since he knew there's a monetary commitment to make this happen. He simply wanted the monies to be used for other purposes. This is a testament to his giving ways and the type of man he was.

Don passed away on August 13th, he was 92. He will be missed by all. I request you pass along this information to our District membership and possibly note in the next Beacon please (unsure since he was no longer a Lion). There is no service or visitation based on his family's request.

Health Items to Loan

Contact Lion Judy Pullins, Sister Lakes Lions
for wheelchairs, canes and crutches. Add
phone/email



Upcoming Events to add to your calendar!!



2020

September

- 19: Vicksburg Golf outing – flyer in Beacon
- 25 – 27: USA/Canada Lions Virtual Leadership Experience – flyer in Beacon
- 26: Three Rivers Drive-through Ox Roast and Bean Soup – flyer in Beacon
- 28: Projects Night – **CANCELLED. Will revisit this for a possible Spring date.**
- 28: Virtual Secretary Training – information in the Beacon
- 29: Virtual President Training – information in the Beacon
- 30: Virtual Treasurer Training – information in the Beacon

October

- 1: Annual Nonprofit Corporation Report due
- 2-3: Council of Governor's – Tree Tops Resort Gaylord
- 17: Cabinet Meeting 9:00 am @ Covert Township Lions Club

November

- 7: Leadership Institute Virtual Meeting only this year – details to follow
- 30: District Wide Zone Meeting – TBD

December

- 4 – 5: Council of Governor's – Holiday Inn – Mt. Pleasant

2021

January

- 9: Cabinet Meeting and Post Holiday Party – location TBD

February

- 25 – 26: Council of Governor's – Holiday Inn Flint, Grand Blanc
- 26 – 27: Michigan Forum – Holiday Inn Flint, Grand Blanc

April

- 23 & 24: B2 District Convention – Four Points by Sheraton in Kalamazoo
- 25: District Cabinet meeting @ 9:00 am Four Points by Sheraton

Please note that all events are subject to change/cancellation due to COVID-19. We encourage you to check with the events hosts before driving to an event.

Don't see your event listed here....email flyers and details at least one month in advance to jumayuier@gmail.com to have it included.



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

Please note that the **Cabinet Secretary is Sheree Sorensen**. Please send all obituaries to her for distribution to the District. Sheree5354@gmail.com

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

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

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

Lions of Michigan Service Foundation

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

Asking for your help...

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

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

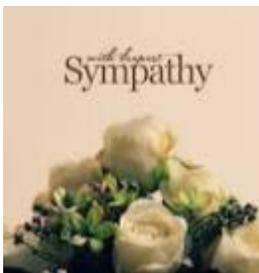


Prayer

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



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





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

So.....Club Presidents

PLEASE have your PR person email me so I have their contact information and we can keep in touch to share your club happenings, both past month and future. This is especially important with upcoming events so we can include on the next few months calendar and hopefully encourage Lions from other clubs to attend your events also. Attending other clubs events also provides your clubs with new ideas.

The more eyes that see your events the better attendance you will have!!!

Flyers for future events need to be to me the sooner the better. It's always good to post at least a month in advance **but no later than the 15th of the month for next months publication.**

Julie Mayuiers
jumayuiers@gmail.com

B2 Beacon Editor

Be sure to email me everyone in your club that would like to receive the electronic B2 Beacon and I will be happy to add them to the list. If your email changes be sure to let me know also.

We want to know what your club has been up to so please send articles in Word (.doc or .docx are best) and photos as .jpgs separately whenever possible.

Deadline is the 28th of the month to receive information for publishing in the next month's newsletter. If you know you will have something to submit on an event happening between the 28th and end of the month, please let me know by the 28th and I will hold off finalizing until I receive your information. I would like to have the final edition published by the end of the first week of every month.

All flyers for events that you'd like included in the B2 Beacon must be sent to me at minimum 45 days prior to event and especially important if event is happening in first 10 days of the month. There will no longer be separate emails with flyers and event information being sent out.

NOTE: Submissions for *Lions Pride Magazine* are also now to be submitted to Julie Mayuiers who will then submit articles to *Lions Pride Magazine*. Please do not send anything directly to the magazine.

Julie Mayuiers
B2Beacon & Lions Pride District Editor

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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!!!