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FROM THE GOVERNOR'S DESK



BREAKING NEWS!

Our two historic brands, Lions Clubs International and Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), are uniting under one "umbrella" brand—LIONS INTERNATIONAL!



I would like to first say a huge THANK YOU again to the Co-Convention Chairs this year PDG Fran and Cabinet Secretary Tammie Grabowski! They did an AWESOME job with all the planning and details. I knew when I asked them to undertake this task that they'd pull everything off without any issues. And I'd be remise if I didn't say another huge THANK YOU to our special guest Past International Director Lion Jenny Ware from 'da UP!

Thank you doesn't begin to say enough to those of you that came out and supported the District Convention on March 17 & 18! We had close to 100 Lions and guests in attendance at some time or another during the 2 day festivities. I know Saturday was a bit of a challenge for those driving in that morning due to the snowfall, but I think everyone made it that was planning on attending from the registration numbers we had.

We did a little something different this year with our Salute to the Military and Veteran's following a video I had recently seen at another event that really tugged at my heart strings. It was by Johnny Cash and titled *The Ragged Old Flag*. It portrays the many places our amazing US flag has flown and the battles it has encountered like many of our soldiers have encountered. If you haven't seen this, I encourage you to Google it and see for yourself what I mean. We honored the Veterans in attendance with a special Commemorative Coin and even gave a few out to some Veterans that are also Lions and couldn't join us this weekend.

It was a sea of green Friday night with everyone dressed in some shade of green or St. Patrick's Day attire, or MSU attire! I think I'd be safe to say everyone enjoyed the Casino Night on Friday night and we definitely need more tables when we do this in the future. There was standing room only behind the tables waiting for seats to become available and I'm not sure who had more fun, the LEOs or the players at the tables. A huge THANK YOU goes out to the Mattawan LEOs as they did an outstanding job at dealing at the games. I presented each of them with a District Governor's Certificate of Appreciation for their assistance that night.



Saturday, we started off with the Great Eyeglass Challenge Part 2. Buchanan Galien Lis Mark Tumbleson and Mark Nixon were on hand to assist in tallying up the glasses, cases, etc. from the clubs that were dropping them off. Then Lion Ken Adamy from C-1 was there to pick up all the boxes and take them back to their warehouse in



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Grand Rapids where they sort them and get them ready to ship to other countries and distribute to individuals that are having difficulty seeing. What an amazing idea!! The tally from the first collection back in November was added to these totals and the winners were announced at lunch. I'll let you read further in the Beacon for the posted results.

We had 2 new breakouts Saturday morning that I've heard nothing but compliments on. I wanted something different this year and I think we accomplished that. [Reading Between the Lions](#) works well with Project KidSight by Lions going into the schools and reading to the children.

The other breakout was about assisting training doctors in other countries to perform eye surgeries. If you need more information on either Reading Between the Lions or the ACE presentation on A Sustainable Model for Preventable Blindness just let me know and I'd be happy to provide their contact details.



Dr. Robert Hohendorf explains "Reading Between the Lions"

Just before lunch we had a New Member Induction by PID Jenny and another one following lunch, then followed by several awards being presented. The State Project KidSight Coordinator PCC Jeff Mayuiers presented a Helen Keller to Lion Elvie Marfil for being persistent in getting a Project KidSight Screening set up outdoors at a Halloween Trick or Treating event in Portage using a tent, UV blanket and our equipment and successfully screening over 100 children.



Lion Tim DeYoung speaks on "A Sustainable Model for Preventable Blindness"

PID Jenny then assisted me with presenting some Shining Star certificates and our District Peace Poster winner Harper Griffin of Buchanan with a check for her outstanding poster she drew, followed by 100% Project Night banner patches and certificates were distributed to 25 of our 33 Clubs that participated this year. In order to receive a banner patch, all your club has to do is to donate something to all of the Projects that the District supports during Projects Night. It doesn't mean you have to give the same dollar amount to each Project, but just something to each of them. By a majority vote, the clubs have voted in the past at our District Conventions to support these Projects. If your club did not have representation at the convention, your banner patch and certificate will be presented this year at a club event you have.

There were some "Above and Beyond" certificates to some Lions that I just felt went an extra step during this past year, not to say that all of you haven't taken that extra step by any means. Lion Elvie was also presented with a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship for all she has done over the past several years for our district with promoting



Lion Elvie Marfil was awarded a Helen Keller Fellowship and medal.



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membership, encouraging her own club, the Portage Lions to grow and do so many outstanding projects for being one of our smaller clubs in the district.

PCC Jeff and I then presented an award that we created back when he was District Governor in 2015-2016 called the JJ Award to the LEO Club of the Year. We ask all the clubs to send us a list of the projects, fundraisers, and other events they have participated in during the year so far and we then select the one that we feel has done the most. Well this year we had a tough time choosing just one so we had a tie between the Buchanan Galien and the Edwardsburg LEO Clubs. Both clubs received a plaque presented to their Advisors. Again, this is not to say all the LEO Clubs haven't been very busy as I know they all have been doing so much this year and I encourage you to keep up the great work you do and maybe next year your club will receive a plaque!



Nancy Garman, LEO Club advisor, with her "Above & Beyond" award.



LEO Club of the Year award co-winners, Buchanan-Galien and Edwardsburg.

PDG Fran and Tammie put together a very nice new Memorial Service to honor those Lions that we have lost this year. That was followed by our Business Meeting monitored by Immediate Past District Governor Karol Chopp and then we held our Elections.

Congratulations to District Governor Elect Amy Thackston and we all look forward to supporting her next year! DGE Amy is starting off with a bit of a challenge however as we had no one step up and run for First Vice District Governor or Second Vice District Governor. We need to have qualified individuals step up and fill

these voids in order for our District to move forward. Please ask any PDG, DGE Amy or myself about stepping up to fill one of these rolls. You wouldn't be alone as we would all be there to support you and help guide you.

We had a little downtime Saturday afternoon and I had been working on a surprise for PID Jenny for just about a week and didn't know if it was going to come to fruition until Friday. Her daughter Heather is the Assistant Women's Softball Coach at Purdue University Ft. Wayne, and I figured between the two of their travel schedules in addition to just the miles from the UP to Ft. Wayne that they might enjoy seeing each other if even for a few hours. I reached out to Heather through FB communications and was trying to arrange a surprise visit but she had softball games already scheduled on Friday and Saturday in Ohio for her team she coaches. Then on Thursday she contacted me and said her games had been cancelled and she only had practice on Saturday morning and would



PDG Fran leads the Memorial Service for Lions who have passed on through the past year.



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love to come to Kalamazoo and see her mother if the invitation was still extended. Being a mother and knowing how difficult it is to see my own kids I definitely said YES, we'd love to have her but let's keep it a surprise. Jenny had told me that whenever she had a bit of a break during her travels, she always called Heather just to catch up. So, after practice on Saturday Heather drove to Kalamazoo to surprise her mother. I can't tell you how difficult it was for me not to let the cat out of the bag and tell Jenny what I had



Amy Blankshain receives an International Presidential Certificate

planned. We had just finished with all the afternoon events and Jenny said she was going to go up to her room for a little while and try and call Heather. As she was walking towards the elevators Heather came into the lobby. I had someone take Jenny to the office we had set up there while we made our way to the office. I gave Jenny a hug and told her how glad I was that she had been able to join us and we had so much more fun for the evening planned as I turned her around and there stood Heather. I can only tell you I had tears in my eyes watching the two of the hug. So instead of a phone call to catch up on they had some time to relax and catch up before dinner with all of us. Needless to say, I think I gained a daughter that weekend myself!

Saturday evening, we got to dress up a little and have some more fun following our amazing dinner. PID Jenny first spoke to us about her adventures in Lionism and LCIF. This woman travels more than she's home I think!

We started with Lions Dave & Tanda Stiffler, our [Project KidSight](#) Coordinators for the District receiving Progressive Noel Awards from PCC Jeff. These two, along with the team of certified screeners, have screened more than 6,000 children this year already and are heading for even higher overall numbers by the end of our lion year. PID Jenny then assisted me with presenting the Shorty Flora Award for the districts best newsletter to the St. Joseph Lions Club. I've lost track of the number of years they've received this, but they produce a weekly newsletter following their Thursday meetings...GREAT Job!!! The tears flowed again from my eyes as I presented Lion Tammie Grabowski with a Progressive Melvin Jones



Fellowship for everything she has done for this District as Cabinet Secretary again this year in addition to all she has done for me with co-chairing convention. If there is anything you need done just ask her and she will get it done! I was also presented with a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship from the District for being the first and last female DG of 11-B2 as LCI has changed the rules and PDG's can no longer repeat a year as a DG in the future. PID Jenny was able to bring 3 International Presidential Certificates to present on behalf of IP Brian Sheehan. This year's recipients were Lion Wes Garman for the outstanding B2 Beacon he has put together this year, Zone Chair and Portage Club President Lion Laura Berry for everything she has done for the District as well as her club and Portage Club Secretary Lion Amy Blankshain for



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all she has done for her club and others. The John C. Johnson New Lion of the Year was not present at the Convention, and this will be presented in the near future and announced in the next issue of the Beacon so watch for that announcement. PCC Don & PDG Marsh Brown then presented their award for Lions Club of the Year to the Mattawan Lions Club for all that they do. The Cabinet all received District Governor Appreciation Certificates from me and reminded we still have 1/4 of our Lions year to work on so don't stop now...we need to continue to



Mattawan Lions Club receiving Lions Club of the Year Award

increase membership.



PCC Jeff Mayuier receiving his Above & Beyond "HOG" award (Husband of the Governor).

The funds collected for LCIF in the gallon milk jugs was tallied up and totaled over \$1,800! This will be sent to LCIF as part of one of my goals that money was collected from most everyone in the district and sent to support LCIF this year. In addition, a monetary gift will be sent to LCIF in PID Jenny's name for joining us at our District Convention.

I'd be a missed if I didn't thank my own clubs Lions PJ Artis, Patty Whitt, Tom and Brenda McWatters for taking care of the Hospitality Room this year for everyone to enjoy...THANK YOU!!!

There were three other special guests that attended this year and I need to say THANK YOU to our son Andy, "daughter" Maria and grandson Weston who made the drive from Ohio to spend the weekend with us at the convention. And last but not least I have to say THANK YOU to my "HOG, Husband of the Governor" PCC Jeff for all he has done to support me thus far this year and will continue to do for me.

I'm not done yet with this Lions year as there is still 1/4 of the year to go. If I can be of assistance to your club please reach out and let me know. In closing, I'd like to ask each and every one of you to please keep up the great work you have been doing. Get out there and invite people to help with a service project and join the greatest service organization in the world. Let's finish the year strong with membership. I'm asking each club to bring in at least 1 or 2 new members yet this Lions year but before June 15th when LCI cuts off counting members for this year.

Thanks for all you do and remember "Keep One" and "Together We Can"!!!!

DG Julie



MORE NEWS FROM THE **GOVERNOR'S DESK** (cont.)

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PCC JEFF MAYUIERS TO BE INDUCTED INTO THE LIONS OF MICHIGAN HALL OF FAME!

Dear PCC Jeff Mayuiers:

I am pleased to inform you that you have been selected for induction into the Lions of Michigan Hall of Fame on August 5, 2023. Induction into the Lions of Michigan Hall of Fame is the highest honor bestowed on a Michigan Lion, and only a few extraordinary Lions are inducted into our Hall of Fame each year. You will join a very select group of the very finest Michigan Lions to faithfully serve our association.

As a Hall of Fame inductee, your picture will be forever displayed on our Wall of Fame in the Lions of Michigan State Office, and you will be our guest at the 14th Annual Lions of Michigan Hall of Fame Banquet, scheduled for 6:00 PM on August 5, 2023 at the Comfort Inn Hotel and Conference Center in Mt. Pleasant, Michigan.

We are excited about being able to recognize the outstanding accomplishments of Michigan Lions. Congratulations, we look forward to your induction on August 5.

*Chad A. McCann, Director
Lions of Michigan Foundation.
Robert Mathog Lions Hearing Center*

Lions of Michigan Hall of Fame

The Lions of Michigan Foundation officially opened the “Lions of Michigan Hall of Fame” on July 29, 2009. It was created to celebrate the rich history of Michigan Lions at the local, state, district and international levels. The first 18 inductees included our Past International Presidents and Past International Directors from Michigan. Nominations for the Hall of Fame are accepted annually, no later than March 1.

Nominations may be initiated by an individual, a club or a district, however all nominations must have the endorsement of the District Cabinet of the district where the nomination was initiated. Nominees not selected for induction will be reconsidered in the following year upon submission of a written request from the seated District Governor of the original nominating district.



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CONVENTION PHOTO GALLERY



DG Julie & PCC Jeff attended the A2 District Convention of DG Shawn Blaszczyk on April 1st in Mt. Pleasant. Pictured are fellow DG's from other Districts L-R DG Julie, DG Shawn Blaszczyk A2, DG Traci Tribley C2, Council Chair Ron Gibson, DG Kelly Lubbe B1.





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CONVENTION PHOTO GALLERY





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We wanted to make all Club Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers aware that they may order New Member Induction Kits – SKU - NM10EN – FREE through the lionsclubs.org website “shop”. It is suggested each club order them in increments of 10 at a time. Do keep in mind that LCI will not ship large quantities to clubs, especially if clubs are not adding new members to their rosters.

Kit is designed for presentation to new members which includes the Welcome Booklet, Membership Certificate, Sponsorship Certificate, Sponsor Pin, Decal, Coupon, Pen and Lapel emblem.

Shoppers logged in as an authorized officer (Club President, Secretary and Treasurer) may order Kits at no charge in all languages. Orders with only New Member Kits will have an option for free shipping at checkout.



LIONS INTERNATIONAL

Get Lions ready for the Lion Portal

We're preparing for the launch of the new Lion Portal. This refreshed experience will combine the functionality of MyLion, MyLCI, Insights and other tools into one cohesive and consistent experience.

To use the Lion Portal, Lions must have a unique email address (one that isn't shared with another member) in their Lion Account information. Additionally, phone numbers can no longer be used as log in credentials.

Here's how you can help Lions:

- 1. Spread the word.** Make Lions — especially those who actively use their Lion Account — aware of the transition to the Lion Portal. Encourage them to make sure their member information is up to date and includes a unique email address.
- 2. Prepare club officers.** Ask club officers to review the member records for their club, checking for any shared email addresses, and be prepared to help members update their information as needed.
- 3. Stay up to date.** Check for news and updates on the [Lion Portal webpage](#).

We appreciate your support in preparing for the transition to the new Lion Portal.



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GOVERNOR JULIE'S CALENDAR

April

- 6 – Sister Lakes Club Visit
- 8 – Mattawan Carnival
- 12 – Centreville Club Visit
- 15 – Cabinet Meeting – Sister Lakes Lions Club (breakfast 8:30 / meeting 9 – 11)
- 21 – E2 Convention - Grayling
- 22 – E1 Convention - Clare
- 27 – Kalamazoo Westside Club officer installation & new member induction
- 29 – Three Rivers Lions Club Spring Clean Up

May

- 3 – South Haven Black River Club Visit
- 6 – LMSF Trustee Meeting
- 13 – Blossom Parade riding with Leo the Lion
- 17 – Sturgis Club Visit
- 19 – 20 - **Council of Governors and MD11 State Convention** – *Delta Hotels by Marriott, Muskegon Convention Center – PIP and LCIF Chairperson Douglas Alexander is the guest*
- 28 – Sister Lakes Pancake Breakfast

June

- 3 – Final Cabinet meeting and Thank you Brunch – Mayuiers' house
- 3 – Growler's Baseball Game
- 15 – 17 – Three Rivers Lions Ox Roast
- 24 – Sister Lakes Music in the Park

July

- 7 – 11 – **International Convention, Boston, MA**

August

- 1 – Camp Leo
- 5 – LMSF Hall of Fame (PCC Jeff Mayuiers will be inducted into the HOF)
- 19 – Sister Lakes Music in the Park



UPCOMING EVENTS TO ADD TO YOUR CALENDAR

April

- 8 – Buchanan's Easter Egg Hunt**, Sponsored by the Buchanan HS LEO Club, 11am, Buchanan Commons, rain or shine (see flyer this issue).
- 8 – Mattawan Community Carnival**, sponsored by the Mattawan Lions Club, 10am -2pm, Antwerp Township Activity Center (see flyer this issue).
- 15 – Troop 161 Trivia Night**, sponsored by Boy Scout Troop 161 (Chartered by Mattawan Lions), 7pm, Antwerp Township Activity Center (see flyer this issue).
- 22 – Spaghetti Dinner**, sponsored by Benton Harbor-Fairplain Lions, 5-7pm, The Dank, 2651 Pipestone Rd, Benton Harbor (see flyer this issue).
- 21-30 – White Cane Week**, click on link to read Proclamation from Gov. Whitmer

May

- 20 – 22nd Annual Golf Tournament**, sponsored by the Westside Lions Club, Ridgeway Golf Course, shotgun start 9:30am (see flyer this issue).
- 19-20 – Council of Governors and MD11 State Convention** – Delta Hotels by Marriott, Muskegon Convention Center – PIP and LCIF Chairperson Douglas Alexander is the guest

July

- 7-11 – International Convention** - Boston, MA

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



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LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION

Tornado destroys communities in Mississippi, USA

LCIF grant funding will empower Lions to help storm victims recover.

LIONSCLUBS.ORG/DONATE

On the evening of Friday, March 24, strong storms and a tornado hit southeastern sections of the USA, leveling communities in Mississippi. So far, 26 people have been killed as a result of the storm and dozens more have been injured. The mayor of Rolling Fork, Mississippi reported their entire town was destroyed after enduring sustained winds of 170 miles per hour.

When a natural disaster strikes, we, as Lions, are ready to help. Right beside us is Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), our global foundation. LCIF is mobilizing funds, including a US\$50,000 Major Catastrophe grant and a US\$10,000 Emergency grant to empower Lions in District 30-M, Mississippi to help their communities recover.

Your donations make a difference when communities are impacted by natural disasters.

[HELP NOW](#)

Your generous donation to LCIF's Disaster Relief Fund, specifically reserved for all disaster relief, helps Lions continue to serve! To learn more about LCIF Disaster Relief grants, visit lionsclubs.org/disaster-grants or email LCIFGlobalGrants@lionsclubs.org.

**100% of donations benefit grants and programs and qualify for Melvin Jones Fellowship (MJF) or Progressive MJF.*



Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION

Ladies' Lions Cardigan



Charcoal
Heather



Estate Blue
Heather



Deep Black
Heather



Medium
Heather Gray

We will be adding a small, white Lions logo to the upper left side.

Small - XL: \$43

2XL: \$45

3XL: \$47

4XL: \$49

Contact Tammie Grabowski with your order, cheftammie@gmail.com or 269-303-0731.

Payments by check, cash or Venmo @Tamala-Grabowski



Buchanan's
EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, April 8th

**Starting 11am at
Buchanan Common**

Rain, snow, or sunshine - Please dress for weather



**Prizes in each age group!
Visit from the Easter Bunny!**

Age Groups:

3 and under, 4-5 years old

6-7 years old, 8 and above

All Age Groups will start together



Sponsored by: Buchanan High School LEO Club





**BENTON HARBOR - FAIRPLAIN
LIONS CLUB**

The DANK

2651 Pipestone Road
Benton Harbor, MI 49022

Saturday, April 22, 2023

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Adults - \$10.00 Children 6 Yrs.- 10 Yrs. - \$5.00 5 Yrs. & Under Free

**Cash Bar*

**50/50 Raffle*

**Proceeds to provide
eyeglasses for those less fortunate*

CARRY OUTS AVAILABLE



**** Please bring used eyeglasses for donation ****



8th Annual Community

CARNIVAL

**Saturday, April 8
10am-2pm**

**Antwerp Township Activity Center
24821 Front St. , Mattawan MI**

**POPCORN! .50 CENT GAMES!
PRIZES! FOOD! FUN!**

***Easter Egg Hunt by library at Noon
sponsored by the Mattawan Business Assoc.***

FREE children's vision screening available all day!



Sponsored by the Mattawan Lions Club & the Mattawan Lions Club Foundation & Local business. All proceeds will be used to provide services to our Mattawan Community

22ND ANNUAL GOLF

TOURNAMENT

WESTSIDE
LIONS CLUB



20 MAY 2023

Location: Ridgeview Golf Course

Registration Fee: \$55 per player, 4
person scramble

Shotgun start at 9:30 am with Silent
Auction

To sign up, call:

Ben Skelton: (269) 808-9561, Mike Halpin: (269) 375-8821
Sharon Bennett: (269) 220-2094, Bill Dill: (269) 427-7869



HOSTED BY:
MATTAWAN BSA TROOP 161



TRIVIA NIGHT

Come out and show your talents! This evening will be an informal and fun competition about Trivia Facts.

Cash prizes & Silent Auction!

- 1st place table \$120.00
- 2nd place table \$80.00
- 3rd place table \$40.00

Proceeds support the Scouts of Mattawan Troop 161, sponsored by the Mattawan Lions Club

Variety of food trays available to pre-order, concessions available at the event

When: April 15, 2023

**Where: Antwerp Activity Center,
24821 Front St., Mattawan, 49071**

Time: 7pm

\$10

Individual ticket

Gather a team of eight or come and join other Trivia lovers!

SCAN ME



Michele Guyman
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Dear Lion's Leaders of Michigan!!!

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Here is a Save the Date for our Lions of Michigan Leadership Institute 2023!! Please share in your newsletters, social media pages, with all of your clubs and any other communication you have with the Lions of your District!!!!

Please note that this year's institute consists of the Leadership Institute (RLLI - Regional Lions Leadership Institute) and Faculty Development Institute (FDI).

Next year we will again hold the three levels of the Institute - Leadership (RLLI), Graduate and Master's levels. Our team has chosen to try this alternating curriculum and will evaluate annually how we would like to proceed.

Any questions, please let me know!!!

Yours in Service,
Lion Jenny

Jennifer Ware, Past International Director
LCIF Board of Trustees 2022-25
District Governor Elect Group Leader 2022-23
9249 CR 513 T Rd.
Rapid River, MI 49878
906-399-8214

Save the Date

Lions of Michigan Leadership Institute will be November 2 - 5, 2023

Location RAM Center, Higgins Lake

Two tracks will be offered: Leadership and Faculty Development Institute (FDI)

Cost: Leadership \$250.00 FDI \$350.00

FDI will need to arrive Thursday night for a Friday morning start
Leadership will need to arrive Friday morning for a Friday afternoon start





LIONS OF MICHIGAN

Multiple District Convention

*Together We Can...
Be Extraordinary*

MAY 18-20, 2023
VANDYK MORTGAGE CENTER
MUSKEGON, MI



Kickoff Picnic

Thursday Night Kickoff Picnic hosted by Muskegon Northside Lions Club. Join us aboard the USS LST 393 and enjoy a BBQ catered meal by the Ravenna Lions Club



Lions Got Talent

Do you have a hidden talent? Join the Lions Got Talent Show on Friday Night! Looking for singers, comedians, magicians, dancers, and more! Show us what you got! The stage is waiting for you to shine.



Lions of Michigan Parade

Grab your club members, your yellow vests, club shirts, old cars and community floats. Lions are going to roar into Muskegon with a parade like no other! Take part in this inaugural event with fellow Lions from around the state. Now's the time to bring out your creativity, humor, & talents. It's your time to shine and BE EXTRAORDINARY!



IPIP Douglas Alexander

Join us in welcoming keynote speaker for Saturday Night, IPIP Douglas Alexander who served as the Lions Clubs International President in 2021-2022 with the theme "Service From The Heart."



REGISTER TODAY
lionsofmi.com

**Exhibitors, Service Project,
Breakout Sessions and More!**



ALL ABOARD THE USS LST 393

MD11 CONVENTION KICKOFF PICNIC

HOSTED BY MUSKEGON NORTHSIDE LIONS CLUB & RAVENNA LIONS CLUB



Menu consists of Boneless BBQ Chicken Thighs, Grilled Pork Loin Chops, and all the trimmings! Catered by the Ravenna Lions Club.



Walk where heroes walked, right in downtown Muskegon! History jumps out at you from every deck and every corner. Discover LST 393's outstanding wartime record as you tour a nationally renowned veterans museum with artifacts and displays honoring those who served America and fought for the freedoms we enjoy today.

MAY 18TH, 2023 6:00 PM

560 Mart Street Muskegon, MI 49440

Cost \$15 per person - REGISTER TODAY AY

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

Lions of Michigan
5730 Executive Dr.
Lansing, MI 48911

NAME _____

OF ATTENDEES _____ TOTAL _____





Lions MD Convention: Together We Can...

Be Extraordinary!

VanDyk Mortgage Convention Center, 460 W Western Ave, Muskegon, MI 49440

Get ready to be wowed by Lions across the state!

Do you have a hidden talent? Have a voice like Whitney? Moves like Swayze? Does your sleight of hand give Penn & Teller a run for their money?

Are your dad jokes on point?

Show us what you're made of... ***THE STAGE IS YOURS!***

Pre-Register your act today - first 10 applicants will be accepted!!

The **Lions Got Talent Show** will be held **Friday, May 19** at the VanDyk Mortgage Center and will be the entertainment during the MD 11 Convention Welcome Reception and Dinner. You must pre-register your act by completing the registration form and sending it to wburns@lionsofmi.com; fax 517-887-6642; or mail to: Lions of MI, 5730 Executive Dr, Lansing 48911. Entries must be received by **May 1**. Prizes will be awarded to the top acts!

Participant Name/s (list all): _____

Contact Phone _____

Contact Email _____

Contact District/Club Name _____

**Return form to wburns@lionsofmi.com; fax 517.887.6642 or mail to:
Lions of MI, 5730 Executive Dr., Lansing 48911**



*Lions MP 11 Convention
Together We Can... Be Extraordinary!*

VanDyk Mortgage Convention Center, 460 W Western Ave, Muskegon, MI 49440

LIONS OF MICHIGAN INAUGURAL PARADE

SATURDAY, MAY 20, 2023

Grab your club members, yellow vests, club shirts, banners, old cars, and community floats. Lions are going to roar into Muskegon with a parade like no other!

Take part in this inaugural event with fellow Lions from around the state. Now's the time to bring out your creativity, your humor, your talents, your time to shine and **BE EXTRAORDINARY!**

Pre-Register your club/entry today!!

The Lions of Michigan Inaugural Parade will be held Saturday, May 20th in downtown Muskegon. The parade route will span 5 blocks ending at the VanDyk Mortgage Convention Center. You must pre-register by completing the registration form and sending it to wburns@lionsofmi.com; fax 517-887-6642; or mail to: Lions of MI, 5730 Executive Dr, Lansing 48911. Entries must be received by **May 1**.

Club Name/District _____

Contact Person _____

Contact Phone _____

Contact Email _____

How many Club members participating? _____

Will you have a float or other vehicles? _____

Size of float or vehicle? _____

**Return form to wburns@lionsofmi.com; fax 517.887.6642 or mail to:
Lions of MI, 5730 Executive Dr., Lansing 48911**



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2023 MD 11 Lions Convention

TOGETHER WE CAN...BE EXTRAORDINARY!

May 18-20, 2023 VanDyk Mortgage Center, Muskegon, MI

Name _____ Lion Leo Spouse Guest

Club Name _____ District _____

Name _____ Lion Leo Spouse Guest

Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____

Is this your first MD Convention? Yes No How many years a Lion member? _____

QUANTITY

AMOUNT

_____ Thursday Picnic @ \$15.00, May 18, 2023 \$ _____

_____ Registration @ \$15.00 for each Lion/Leo \$ _____

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_____ Friday Evening Buffet @ \$25.00 per person \$ _____

_____ Saturday Breakfast @ \$16.00 per person \$ _____

_____ Saturday Night Banquet @ \$35.00 per person \$ _____

Entrée Choice: Braised Short Ribs ___ Citrus Glazed Salmon ___

Gluten Free ___ Vegetarian ___ **Total:** \$ _____

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Everyone **MUST** pay the registration fee. No meal tickets may be purchased unless registration fee is paid. Deadline for pre-registration and purchase of tickets is **May 5, 2023**. No refunds after May 5, 2023. Tickets and registration packets will be distributed at the Lions Registration Desk at the Delta Marriott, Muskegon. They will not be mailed to you. The registration desk will be open Thursday at 5:00; Friday 8:00am-5:30pm and Saturday 8:00am until 1:30pm. Saturday Banquet tickets may be picked up Saturday evening at the Ballroom entrance.

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Thursday, May 18

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Sponsor/Host: **Muskegon Northside Lions Club**

Friday, May 19 – Learn and Grow Together at the Convention

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Council of Governors Meeting

9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Exhibitor's Hall Open

9:30 a.m. Breakout Session I: Guided Bird Watching Excursion

Experience the thrill of a guided visit to a popular destination for spring migrating birds to flock to!

1:30 p.m. District Governor-Elect 2023-2024 Meeting Planning

2:00 p.m. Breakout Session II: Becoming an Extraordinary Club Secretary

2:00 p.m. Breakout Session III: Becoming an Extraordinary Club Treasurer

3:00 p.m. Breakout Session IV: Project KidSight Training

3:00 p.m. Breakout Session V: Extraordinary Lions Serving Extraordinary Ukrainians

6:30 p.m. Convention Welcome Reception/ Dinner, Entertainment "Lions Got Talent" Show

Saturday, May 20 – Learn and Grow Together at the Convention

8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Exhibitor's Hall Open

8:00 a.m. Awards Breakfast

10:30 a.m. Business Session featuring news from around our state and world.

2:00 p.m. LIONS OF MICHIGAN INAUGURAL PARADE! Downtown Muskegon

3:00 p.m. District 11 C1 Convention

Breakout Sessions-continued

3:30 – 4:30 p.m. Sock Hop Service Project to benefit area shelters.

6:00 p.m. Awards Banquet: Social Hour, Dinner, S.A. Dodge Awards Recipients:

PDG Ronald Coleman, A1 and PDG Connie Shelton, A2

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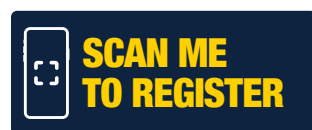
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GMT-PCC JEFF MAYUIERS & IPDG KAROL CHOPP

GLT-IPDG KAROL CHOPP



From the GLT...

The training that was planned for the end of April is going to be backed up. We will wait to schedule a date until we hear a little bit more about when they will be changing how to report. We don't want to train Secretary's in one way and then have them have to learn another.

With that being said, please make sure to pay attention to the emails going out from LCI stating that you need to have all your information in the computer because you won't be able to go back in and change things that didn't get recorded the prior year. Remember our lion's year is July 1 to June 30. If you are taking on a leadership position for your club, please go online and read about what your job entails. It is very important to a club to have you understand your roles as a leader.

If you feel you need a personal training, please let me know!

GLT Karol

GMT-PCC JEFF MAYUIERS



If you missed the District Wide Zone Meeting on January 30th, you missed a GREAT Meeting!! The program presented was about Strengthening Your Club and Growing Your Membership! In total 16 clubs were represented and information was compiled from all of them based on four Club Assessment

topics; List your club strengths, List your clubs weaknesses, List opportunities you see that could help your club grow and List threats you see that hinder club growth.

Together as a group we reviewed all the responses and had some further discussions on why the clubs wrote down some of these things. Several topics were listed by several clubs, which tells us clubs often have the same issues. It was amazing as many Zones were moving through this exercise they saw items listed as weaknesses could be redirected over into opportunities!

Throughout the evening a lot of information was shared but even with that taking place, a Lion said to me "You know Jeff, with everything we've said and talked about the biggest issue we as Lions have is being complacent! Too bad we never listed it!"

Complacent:

- Comfortable with the way things are.
- Not interested in bringing about change.
- Self-satisfied.
- Unconcerned

.So now I have to ask you my fellow Lions, is that issue hitting us as hard as COVID? Are we all suffering from "complacency"? If not all of us...the majority?

My fellow Lions, I urge you to stand up and fight this disease! Let's all become non-complacent as we realize Great Things Never Came from Comfort Zones.

Let's all be each other's BOOSTER

GMT Jeff



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PROJECT KIDSIGHT

PKS COORDINATORS **TANDA & DAVID STIFFLER**

Lions of Michigan Foundation **PROJECT KIDSIGHT**



Project KidSight is getting closer and closer to their goal of screening 10,000 kids. Currently we have screened 7,862 kids with 7,319 passes and 534 referrals and 9 that were unreadable. The PKS Team is determined to reach this goal so we can all go out for dinner to celebrate! This will definitely be a fun time!



We screened the Marcellus Schools in one day since it is a smaller school. We have always enjoyed going into this school as they really appreciate us screening their students. Our total number of students for the Elementary, Middle

and High School was 485 students with 31 referrals. We added two more Volunteers from the Marcellus Lions Club to help us. Sarah Engstrom and her husband Joel really enjoyed being a part of the team.

We also screened kids at the Vicksburg Middle School and was well received by the Principal and the Staff. They were amazed at our Team screening the students so quickly. We screened 527 students with 31 referrals. The PKS Team was in and out in an amazing time of under an hour and a half.

Lion Jan Rutten has kept track of the master sheet after the screeners complete screening a class. At times it can be challenging! She does a wonderful job for us!



Dave and I along with Ginger Smietana met with the Superintendent and the school nurse at the Paw Paw Schools. She was no stranger to us as she used to volunteer with Project KidSight back a few years ago. Long story short, the Superintendent will be contacting us this week to schedule his schools for PKS. Be ready PKS Team! This school has 2,200 students.

Dave and I were very pleased for the John S. Noel Fellowship Progressive Level 1 award that we each received at the District Convention for our work with PKS. We both agree that our numbers would not be what they are, without our "Great PKS Team".



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PROJECT KIDSIGHT

PKS COORDINATORS **TANDA & DAVID STIFFLER** (cont.)



Respectfully Submitted,
Tanda Stiffler & David Stiffler
PKS Coordinators



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PROJECT KIDSIGHT

PKS COORDINATORS **TANDA & DAVID STIFFLER** (cont.)

It's time to reflect on how the Project KidSight Team has managed to offer Free Vision Screening to 6,770 kids with 465 referrals since we started in August of this Lion year. It couldn't be done without the VOLUNTEERS that have stepped up to help in the schools. Check it out, Fellow Lions, volunteers have come to help and find that they really enjoy the comradery with fellow volunteers. In this issue, I want to thank all these Volunteers for their dedication in joining a PKS Team. YOU are the BEST!!

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11B-2 CLUB NEWS

BUCHANAN-GALIEN

11-B2 Great Eyeglass Challenge Recap

The second half of our annual Great Eyeglass Collection was hosted by the Buchanan-Galien Lions Club on Saturday March 18th, 2023 as part of the 11-B2 District Convention.

A mid-year Great Eyeglass Collection had been hosted by the Buchanan-Galien Lions Club on Monday November 14th, 2022 as part of the 11-B2 Projects Night event. The twice a year collection was held at the request of the Grand Rapids eyeglass recycling crew to avoid burying them in glasses with our previous annual spring only event.



Buchanan-Galien Lions Mark Nixon and Mark Tumbleson hosted the event and welcomed all who brought in their community's collection.

As always, there were stories shared, fellowship enjoyed and questions answered about how the glasses are handled after they leave the district.

The Great Eyeglass Challenge was started 31 years ago by the Galien Lions Club. The total glasses collected in the 30 years prior was 664,794. Fifteen clubs brought glasses to the mid-year Project Nights (14,837 pair) event and nine clubs brought glasses to the end of year event (15,114 pair) for an annual total of 29,951 pair.

Total count of glasses collected over the 31-year history: 694,745.

Clubs participating this year were: Benton Harbor Fairplain, Buchanan-Galien, Centreville, Coloma, Colon, Dowagiac, Edwardsburg, Kalamazoo West Side, Kalhaven Trail, Paw Paw, Portage, Saint Joseph City, Saint Joseph Township, Sister Lakes, Sturgis, Three Rivers, and Vicksburg.



The Annual Eyeglass Challenge is held every year with District 11-B2 Lions Clubs collecting, sorting, counting, and bringing their collection to the event where certificates are presented to winning clubs. Hearing aids are also now collected for repair and redistribution. The end of year collection began at 7:30 a.m. and by 10:30 a.m. the last of the days collection of glasses and cases had been strategically loaded into the trailer and vehicle that wetransporting them to Grand Rapids- the used glasses next step in reaching third world countries.



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11B-2 CLUB NEWS

BUCHANAN-GALIEN (cont.)



meal together, the athletes shared their future plans and BHS Alumni Torrie Eger spoke to the 75 people in attendance. Torrie, BHS class of 2010, shared how sports and living in Buchanan impacted her journey in obtaining her

Doctorate of Physical Therapy. She has returned to Southwester Michigan and is now working as a Lead Physical Therapist at Redbud Health Services.

“Once a Buck- always a Buck”

#GOBUCKS



KAL-HAVEN TRAIL

Council Chair Lion Ron Gibson Visits Kal-Haven

Multiple District Council Chair, Lion Ron Gibson enjoys district famous Kal Haven Lions pot luck and then engages Kal Haven members in a lively discussion during which PDG Ron shared some of his many experiences helping clubs grow their membership.



Kal Haven president, Lion Dave Mead, presents Council Chair Ron Gibson with a Kal Haven banner and pin.



11B-2 CLUB NEWS

MATTAWAN

The Mattawan Lions Club has been very busy lately getting ready for their Community Carnival that will be held for the first time in 3 years in person! We are so ready to do this event again!!

In the month of March, we had our last soup supper for the year and our Mattawan Leo Club



a few weeks ago. We are very proud of receiving the Club of the Year award. We are also very proud of our Leo kids who came and ran the games for the Friday night event at convention.



hosted a fun bingo for prizes right after. They raised money to be sent to Bronson's Children's Hospital oncology floor. It was a lot of fun, and it was for a great cause.

We also got a new lion's member, Debbie and she jumped right in and helped at our March event.

Our club also enjoyed going to the 11B2 convention



For our March program night we were taken on a tour of the Early Childhood Education Center from our Mattawan Schools superintendent, Randy Fleenor. We learned what happens in this building and some of what the school is leaning towards in the future. It was very enlightening.





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11B-2 CLUB NEWS

PORTAGE

March 17 and 18, 2023 marked the 47th Annual District 11-B2 Convention held at Four Points Sheraton in Kalamazoo.

Friday evening we celebrated St. Patrick's Day-Casino Night. Everyone had a great time!

Saturday morning the project exhibits were displayed and meetings and training sessions were conducted. Lion Elvie Marfil, District Youth Exchange Chair, presented an exhibit. Special



thanks to District Governor Julie Mayuiers for providing the printout materials. Thank you to Paw Paw, Mattawan, and Portage for signing up to host youth exchange.

A Memorial Service was held as we honored Lions that have gone before us. Lion Ruth Phillips and family attended the Memorial Service as we honored PDG William "Bill" Phillips.



Shining Star Laurie Sweitzer

Saturday luncheon and dinner were Club and Lion members award presentations. DG Julie presented Lion President Laura Berry 3rd Place for the 2023 Great Eyeglass Challenge. The club also received a Certificate of Appreciation for supporting 100% to all

the District and Multiple District Projects. We inducted our newest member, Lion Vonnie Hasey, sponsored by Laurie Sweitzer.



PCC Jeff Mayuiers and DG Julie Mayuiers presented Lion Elvie Marfil a Helen Keller Fellowship and Medal of Honor for her tenacity to conduct a Project KidSight screening during the Portage community Monster Mash. Lion Elvie was also honored a 2nd Melvin Jones Progressive. Lion Laura Berry received a DG Certificate of Appreciation as Zone 3 chairperson. To top the evening, Lions Laura Berry and Amy Blankshain received an International Certificate of Appreciation from IP Brian Sheehan.





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11B-2 CLUB NEWS

ST. JOSEPH



vital community service. Lion Prez. Heit then presented Stephanie with a check for \$500 on behalf of the St. Joseph Lions Club.

The March 16th program featured Lion Prez. Heit and Lion Chriss Lyon, who presented the two tommy guns that were linked to the St. Valentine's Day Massacre on Feb. 14, 1929 in Chicago. Lyon Chriss has also done extensive research on the event and the history of the two guns. Lion Chriss noted that in 1925, these guns were linked to the Purple Gang killings in Detroit and also killings in New York.

On December 14, 1929, a police officer named Charles Skelly was shot to death while investigat-

For our March 3rd program, Lion Lundgren introduced Stephanie Kohler-Pagan, Director of [Lory's Place](#).

They opened in 2004, following the death of Dr. Lory Tonske Schults. Now in their 20th year, they have served over 50,000 people with a variety of grief counseling programs. Stephanie's family was aided with their own grief counseling in 2004.

Lory's Place mission is to provide peer support services for grieving adults, children, and families throughout Southwest Michigan and Northern Indiana. They offer community outreach programs, providing staff education and support, as well as peer grief support groups in elementary, middle, and high schools.

If you want more information on the organization, visit their website at lorysplace.org, or call 269-983-2707, or 800-717-3812.

Thanks to Stephanie for informing us about this



ing a traffic accident in St. Joseph, Michigan. This event was tragic enough on its own, but when the authorities caught up with the killer, they found a collection of evidence that tied the gunman to one of the most violent events in Chicago history – the St. Valentine's Day Massacre.

The tommies were discovered in the home of Fred "Killer" Burke, an armed robber and contract killer who was part of the Capone mob & responsible for many crimes during the prohibition era. The house, which is located on Red Arrow Highway near Stevensville, still exists and is currently used as a real estate office. Chicago Police did



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11B-2 CLUB NEWS

ST. JOSEPH (cont.)

extensive ballistic research on the guns and ammunition and definitely linked the two Thompson machine guns to the St. Valentine's Day Massacre.

Thanks to Lions Chuck and Chriss for an excellent historical presentation.



At the 11B-2 District Convention, DG Julie Mayuier presents Lion Chuck Heit the Charles "Shorty" Flora Memorial Outstanding Club bulletin, for our great weekly "Claw". St. Joseph also took home 2nd place honors in the Great Eyeglass Challenge and a certificate for being a 100% Club for contributing to all District projects.



Amy Zapal was the featured speaker for the March 23 program, and is the Executive Director of St. Joe Today. It's mission is to market our community & to develop and maintain year-round

programming that inspires visitors & residents to explore St. Joseph, Michigan and surrounding communities. For more info: Website: <https://www.stjoetoday.com>.

PAW PAW

The Paw Paw Lions are thrilled to be sponsoring a new book vending machine for the Paw Paw upper Elementary. PPHS student and Girl Scout, Molly McNitt is setting up a literacy program as part of her Gold Award Project. She will be putting a book vending machine in each of the two elementary schools. The Lions are sponsoring the cost of one of those machines. Students earn tokens from their teachers for working hard, being a good citizen, improving their skills and work habits, or whatever the teacher wants to reward them for. The students then use those tokens to "purchase" books from the machine. Those books are for the students to keep to help build a home library.



Pictured are Upper Elementary Principal Lion Jeremy Davison, Girl Scout Molly McNitt, President Lion Alan Wartman

We are currently excited to be planning a new service project/fundraiser. We will be offering local families the opportunity to have the Lions "Egg" their house. They sign up and we come deliver candy and trinket filled eggs to their yard so that when the kids wake up, they are ready for an Easter Egg hunt.



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11B-2 CLUB NEWS

LAKESHORE

We had new member induction Wednesday, March 8, 2023, eight members were inducted and 2 more members could not make the meeting.

New Lions not pictured are Chuck Lucas and Tom Norbey.

Congratulations on becoming a Lakeshore Lion!



New Members Rob Lewis, Lynne Lewis, Jeff Yauchstetter, Jenna Harry, Scott Harry, Kacey Dominguez, Ray Clark and Davis Mangold.



District Governor Julie Mayuiers conducting the induction ceremony.



New Members with their sponsors: Julie Mayuiers, Terry Spindler, Char Cook, Rob Lewis, Greg Cook, Lynne Lewis, Tony Korican, Jeff Yauchstetter, Kacey Dominguez, Scott Harry, Jenna Harry, Ray Clark, and David Mangold.



LEO CLUB NEWS

EDWARDSBURG LEOS

Membership: 75 LEOs

Advisors: Tanda & Dave Stiffler



Congratulations go to Edwardsburg LEO Club & Buchanan-Galien Leo Club as it was a tie breaker for LEO CLUB of the YEAR. A beautiful plaque was given by Jeff & Julie Mayuiers for being the Leo Club of the Year.

The Edwardsburg Club learned of this by an announcement but have not seen the plaque yet. Their meeting is Tuesday, March 28th and I'm sure they will be excited. We will ask the Principal Ryan Markel to put this plaque in one of the display cases at

the school for all the LEOs to enjoy. A group picture is planned with the LEOs in their LEO shirts with the plaque for the newspaper. The community will be very proud of these young students.

Thank you, Jeff & Julie, for making this so special for the Edwardsburg LEO Club. They have worked hard this year as 26 events were offered to the LEOs to earn community service hours for a grand total of 544 hours. This community just loves to see the young LEOs out and about helping to serve in our community.

Our hope is these LEOs will some day become Lions in the community where they live.

LEOS MAKE THE LIONS PROUD!

BUCHANAN LEO's

The Buchanan Leo's, advisors and helpers are busy stuffing eggs with goodies for Community Easter Egg Hunt on April 8th. (see flier details) Otherwise known



as "The Fastest Three Minutes in Buchanan." It takes weeks to collect donated candy, stuff eggs, and a bunch of people all morning to set up and is over in the blink of an eye.



LEO CLUB NEWS



MATTAWAN LEO's

Advisor: Nancy Garman

On March 11th, the Mattawan LEO Club held their annual Bingo night benefit and brought in \$732 to be given to the Bronson Pediatric Cancer unit at Bronson Hospital. On the 17th, the LEO Club helped entertain District 11B2 Lions at the convention and everyone had a great time.

But the smiling faces of our hometown children (and parents) makes it all worthwhile.



Calling out numbers for the Mattawan LEOs Bingo Night following the Lions Soup Supper.



Three of Buchanan's Leo's, Alyvia Hickock, Megan Franklin, and Kayla Baich, had the opportunity to go to Washington DC, and participate in the [National Close Up program!](#)

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GLOBAL ACTION TEAM NEWS

The MD 11 Global Action Team (GAT)

Applications now being accepted for the 2023-2024 Lions year

The GAT is a vast network of dedicated Lions of all levels who are focused on helping districts achieve their goals. This important team helps foster club membership growth, increase Lions' visibility in the community through impactful service and build strong, innovative leaders.

Term One year; selected by the multiple district (per the multiple district constitutional bylaws). May serve multiple terms. Applications are now being accepted for the 2023-2024 year, and must be submitted to the Lions State Office no later than May 1, 2023.

Recommended Qualifications:

- *Passionate about Lions, effectively promotes the Lions International Strategic Plan, and is invested in the association's future.*
- *Experience in leading and developing service activities within the last five years. Familiar with LCI and LCIF service programs, partnerships and grants.*
- *Graduate or faculty member of an Advanced Lions Leadership Institute or Faculty Development Institute, or other professional leadership program.*
- *Able to use technology (Email, Microsoft Office, MyLCI, LCI website, social media). Reporting • GST multiple district coordinator reports to GAT area leader.*

GLT, GMT, and GST multiple district coordinators report to multiple district Global Action Team chairperson (council chairperson).

Applications will be emailed upon request. Contact Lion Wendy Burns at wburns@lionsofmi.com



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IMPORTANT NEWS!

ATTENTION!

CLUB PRESIDENTS & TREASURERS

I understand that there are times when we need to drop members due to many reasons and this changes the amount of dues we owe. Unfortunately clubs must still pay their entire dues statements in full even if you have dropped members that are still included in the total amount due. In order for LCI to keep track of all the changes in membership, it is their request that clubs still pay their dues statements in full and then LCI will adjust invoices and indicate that you have a credit on your account. Please do not attempt to figure out how much you should subtract from your dues notice and deduct any amount on payments. If you have recently made any deductions in dues to LCI, I ask that you send the amount you deducted and include a copy of the dues statement that shows the total amount and write your check number and amount previously paid on the statement so that LCI can match up your previous payment with the additional payment.

Thanks in advance for your understanding and cooperation.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me directly.

DG Julie
269-254-1938
jumayuiers@gmail.com



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IMPORTANT NEWS!

Ladies and Gentlemen,

As we previously discussed at our Board of Trustees Meeting in November, effective January 1, 2023, the price of Lion Mints will increase to \$120 per case plus shipping. The price increase is necessary as our cost from the manufacturer has also increased. Regarding product availability, we have finally received a ship date for our order of Wintergreen Rolls, and if everything progresses normally, Wintergreen Rolls should be available in late January or early February. Unfortunately, we have no new information on the availability of Wintergreen Drops.

Our Venmo Charity Profile will give donors another option to make electronic donations to the foundation. Donors now have the option of using the donation link on the foundation website (www.lmsf.net), donating using our Pay Pal account (info@lmsf.net) or using Venmo (@LionsofMI-Foundation).

I wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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Restaurants (especially fast food places-try to place a circular tray because of volume)
Any retail customer that has a good volume of walk-in/out-as card shops, shoe stores, etc.

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We Serve

IMPORTANT NEWS!



Lawrence	April 12, 1948	74 Years
Vicksburg	April 17, 1953	69 Years
Sturgis	April 26, 2004	18 Years
Covert	April 28, 1986	36 Years
Bangor	April 30, 1968	54 Years

Congratulations to these 11B-2 clubs for 251 combined years of service to their communities & the world!

A Note from Lion Jeff Mayuiers.....



I want to personally thank everyone that has been able to donate a bike to the Twin County Probation Center. With your help this program has become a huge success. This program is allowing these probation center parolee's the opportunity to have transportation to and from job sites that otherwise would be a 40 minute to full hour walk each way. That being said, I continue to ask you to look around and see if you have a bicycle not being used or know someone that does, that would be willing to donate it to a very worthy cause. Even if they need some repairs, we are still very interested. Jeff Mayuiers 269-254-1936 wjmayuiers@gmail.com.



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LIONS THIS & THAT

LCIF Cub Program

Encouraging kids and adults to serve together and create a lifelong dedication to service through Lions clubs.



The Cub Program is designed for kids through the age of 12 to learn the joys of volunteering and understanding the importance of helping those in need. Lions clubs that implement a Cub Program are encouraged to shape Cub activities to fit the lifestyles and needs of Cubs, Lion members and families involved. Who are Cub members? A Cub member is any child through the age of 12 who is dedicated to serving with the sponsoring Lions club. While many Cubs are related to members of the Lions club, all children are eligible to participate in the program. What is a Cub club? A Cub club can be formed when five or more Cubs are working together with the Lions club. If a Cub club forms, a Lion should be designated as the liaison to the Cubs.

Why integrate the Cub Program into the activities of the Lions club? The Cub Program can be

beneficial for a Lions club that has multi-generational members or is looking to build a family friendly Lions club. Starting a Cub Program helps Lions clubs: • Recruit parents and grandparents of young children • Add new energy for club activities • Inspire new service activity ideas and opportunities • Foster the tradition of volunteering.

Why encourage children to join a Cub Program? Volunteering helps children see the world from another person's perspective. Learning through doing provides them an opportunity to obtain new skills, take pride in their community and build confidence in themselves. Through the Cub Program, children can also learn to develop empathy, compassion and responsibility. Serving with Lions clubs draws on the experience of an international organization with members who are already devoted to helping others.

How to implement a Cub Program

To help you get started, Lions Clubs International offers the Cub Program Guide, available online or by request from the Membership Division. This guide provides suggestions for integrating a Cub program into your Lions club. Clubs may also order Cub patches to help Cubs get excited to participate and feel like they are part of the club. Cub patches may be ordered from Lions International.

[Click here to download the LCI Lions Family Cub Program Activity Guide](#)



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NOTES FROM THE EDITOR / WEBMASTER



Hello fellow Lions...

Had a GREAT time at our 11B-2 Annual Convention this year that was held a few weeks ago. It was wonderful to attend with my wife, Lion Nancy, AND my son and his girlfriend, Lion Dakota and Lion Mezei. It's all in the family, folks.

We really enjoyed the fun casino night on Friday, and all of us thought the breakaway programs on Saturday were extremely inciteful. In particular, the "Reading Between the Lions" presentation was so impressive that Nancy, who is a high school teacher, sent an email and material to our school's superintendent. We're hoping that in the future, this can work in tandem with the Lions Project KidSight program, as the basis for the RBTL program is training the eyes to read better.

A delightful and unexpected surprise came Saturday night with being awarded an International President's Certificate of Appreciation "In Recognition of Distinguished Achievements in Fulfilling the Mission of Lions Clubs International" for my work on the district's Monthly newsletter, the *B2 Beacon*. Quite an honor and I'm so grateful to receive it. Working on the Beacon has been at various times fun and challenging, but, like working with Project KidSight, one of the most rewarding parts of being a Lion. I look forward to continue being the editor of the Beacon with the hope it presents information to my fellow Lions in a clear and

entertaining way. I'm always open to suggestions, so feel free to send me your thoughts & ideas on how we can expand and improve the publication to better serve District 11B-2.

Happy Spring to all!

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Quick links to info on other Lion topics of interest:

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

Lions Pride
<https://lionsofmi.com/index.php/downloads/lion-pride>

Lions of Michigan Service Foundation
<https://www.lmsf.net/>

District Web Page
<https://www.e-district.org/sites/11b2>



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