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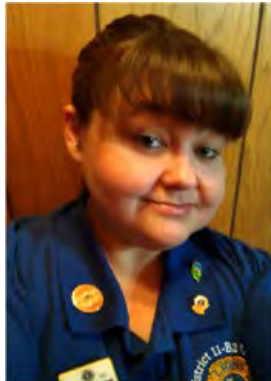
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## FROM THE GOVERNOR'S DESK



We Serve



Thank you to everyone who attended our District Convention on March 22nd-23rd . It was an amazing weekend of celebration and fun! Convention weekend is all about celebrating everything you have all done throughout the year. I'm so proud to be part of District 11B2!

Here's a list of awards given out at convention; I apologize in advance if I miss any. I wanted to acknowledge as many people as possible, so some were added very last minute. Some awards have been left off until they are presented in person to those who could not attend.

I hope to see some of you at State Convention in May!

### District Governor Appreciation Awards:

*Project Kidsight main travel team:* Tanda & David Stiffler, Wes Garman, Robert, Deb, & Nathan Fergeson, PJ Smith-Artis, Ginger Smietana, Pat McFarland, Jim & Jan Ruten, Nila Dubas, Therese Malmberg, and Carol Patridge.

*Camp Leo Team:* Allen Edelfson, PDG John Postelli, Dennis Lundgren, Tom Gazella, & Gordy Schreiber.

*District Cabinet:* Tammie & PDG Fran Grabowski, PDG Karol & Dan Chopp, Carol Patridge, PCC Jeff & PDG Julie Mayuiers, DGE Cory Knuth, Alice Kring, Sarah Steffens, Janet Wartman, & Theresa Dunham.

*District Constitution and By-Laws Team:* PCC John Johnson & PDG John Postelli

*Cabinet Meeting Support:* PCC Ron Gibson

*Youth Exchange District and State Chair:* Elvie Marfil

*Governor Support System:* Blake & Zoey Thackston

*International President Certificate (4th Highest Lions Award):* Tanda & David Stiffler, Tammie & Fran Grabowski, and Dan Chopp.



## FROM THE **GOVERNOR'S DESK** (CONT)

*Melvin Jones Fellowship:* PDG Karol Chopp & PDG Fran Grabowski

*Lions Club Of the Year:* Benton Harbor-Fairplain

*Leo Of The Year:* Meah Hameed Paw Paw Leo Club

*Cub Of The Year:* Zoey Thackston

*Leo Shining Star:* Meah Hameed (Paw Paw), Claire Thompson (Mattawan), Geneva Tabor (Buchanan Galien), and Naidelin Luna Bucio (Sturgis)

*Lion Shining Star:* Vonni Hisey (Portage) & Jacob Day (Buchanan-Galien)

*Centennial Circle:* Phil Medo (St. Joseph) & Hugh Black (St. Joseph)

*Great Eyeglass Challenge:* 1st Place Kalamazoo Westside, 2nd place St. Joseph, 3rd Place Portage

*100% Projects Night Participation:* Bangor, Baroda, Benton Harbor-Fairplain, Bloomingdale/Gobles/Kal-Haven Trail, Buchanan-Galien, Centerville, Colon, Covert, Dowagiac, Edwardsburg, Hartford, Kalamazoo Westside, Lakeshore, Lawrence, Mattawan, Niles, Paw Paw, Portage, Sister Lakes, South Haven Black River, St. Joseph, Sturgis, Three Rivers, & Vicksburg.

*Youth Exchange Appreciation:* Janet Wartman & Ginger Smietana

*Model Club:* Portage

*Club Excellence:* Portage, South Haven Black River, St. Joseph

*Most Reported Hours of Service:* St. Joseph

*Best Social Media Presence:* South Haven Black River Lions

*Shorty Flora (Printed Newsletter):* St. Joseph

DG Amy Thackston  
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## DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S CALENDAR

### April

4/3 South Haven Club Meeting

4/17 Sturgis Club Meeting

### May

5/1 South Haven Club Meeting

5/15 Dowagiac Club Visit

5/16-5/18 MD-11 State Convention & Council of Governors, Grand Rapids

### June

6/5 South Haven Club Meeting

6/8 Final Cabinet Meeting – Location TBD

A black rectangular graphic with a yellow lightbulb containing a lion's head. Below the lightbulb is the text 'LIONS OF MICHIGAN' and 'Leadership Institute' in a script font. To the right of the lightbulb, the text reads 'SAVE THE DATE', 'Leadership Institute returns', and 'November 8-10, 2024'. At the bottom, it says 'Registration opens August 1, 2024' and 'Additional information to follow'.

**Looking for someone to take over the district newsletter this September.**

**If interested, please contact Lion Wes at [captcartoon@me.com](mailto:captcartoon@me.com) for more info**

**For a complete look of what's going on in District 11B-2. click on "Calendar" in the upper left menu on the district's website:**

**<https://www.e-district.org/sites/11b2/calendar.php>**



## District Challenge!

Each District was asked to create a challenge of their own to raise money for a specific project. The club in the district to raise the most for the specific project will get to send their Prom King & Queen nomination to state convention for a chance to be crowned!

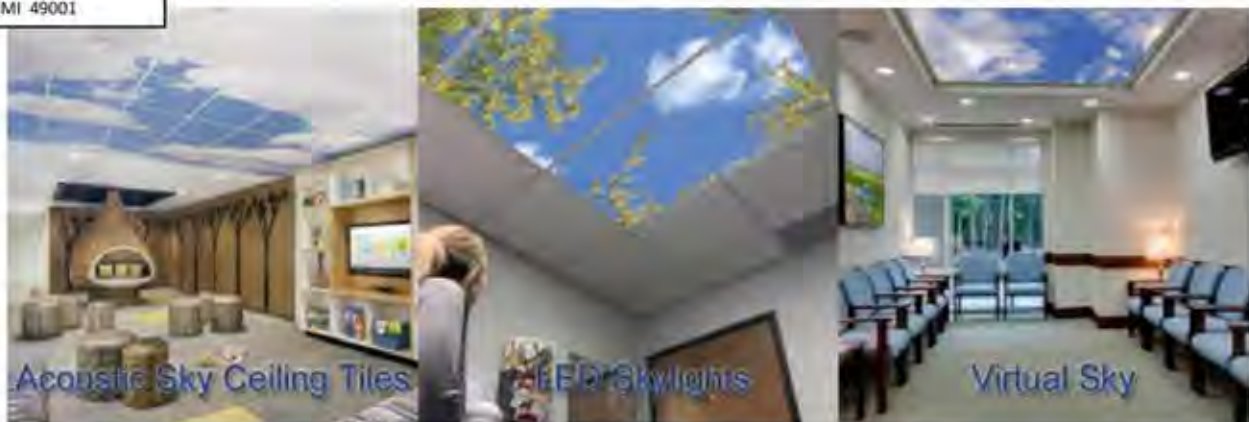
**Our district took it a step further and made a 5-year pledged to sponsor the \$12,000 purchase of Artificial Skylights for the Bronson Pediatric Hematology & Oncology office. Our pledge allowed them to place the order NOW instead of waiting for the full amount in advance.**

*A little background, Artificial Sky is an advanced lighting system that mimics sunlight to increased productivity & attentiveness, reduce stress & anxiety, improve patient outcomes, lower blood pressure, decrease eye strain, boost mood/energy, and has lower energy costs. Bronson pediatric hematology oncology clinic is located in the ground level of the hospital, and they only have one room with windows and actual sunlight. Many patients and families are under a large amount of stress and anxiety. These lights could help build a healing environment that matches the reassuring and calming attitude of our staff while enhancing the experience of the patients.*

**We have 31 clubs in our District. If just 24 clubs raise \$500 towards the Artificial lighting this year we could blow that 5-year deadline out of the water!**

**The club to raise the most before May 1<sup>st</sup> will get District Bragging Rights & State Convention Prom King & Queen Nomination!**

Checks: District 1182 Lions  
Mail to: CS Tammie Grabowski  
2417 Townhouse Lane  
Kalamazoo, MI 49001



NEW Human Centric Lighting - Artificial Skylights



# The Skylight Fundraiser

Goal	\$12,000
date	14-Mar-24
current	\$7,691
remaining	\$4,309
above goal	0
thermometer bulb	-6000

Kal. Westside	\$500
Paw Paw	\$500
BHFairplains	\$500
South Haven BR	\$500
Colon	\$500
Cub Zoey	\$800
Vicksburg	\$1,000
Mattawan	\$1,055
Districe 11B2	\$2,336.10

\$12,000  
\$10,000  
\$8,000  
\$6,000  
\$4,000  
\$2,000  
\$0



27-Mar-24





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## 2024 11B2 DISTRICT CONVENTION



LEO member, Meah Hameed, who will be taking part in the Lions Youth Exchange Program, heading to the Netherlands.





## 2024 11B2 DISTRICT CONVENTION



Melvin Jones Fellows-PDG Lion Fran Grabowski and PDG Lion Karol Chopp Lion Cub of the Year-Zoey!



Special Guest ID Joanne Ogden's keynote



Lions Club of the Year - Benton Harbor-Fairplain







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## 2024 11B2 DISTRICT CONVENTION



*Learning Lions in one of two convention breakout sessions.*







## GLOBAL SERVICE TEAM NEWS

### District 11B2 Shows How “WE SERVE”

We have been working hard! District 11B2 has taken on the challenge of raising \$12,000 for skylight panels for the Bronson’s Pediatric Hematology and Oncology department (HEMOC).

The district is challenged by having each club donate \$500 towards this project. At our recent convention, we had Bronson’s Foundation speaker Jenn and Dr. Scott from the HEMOC department come and speak about the project and what they do for the kids in this department and the importance of the lights that we are working on providing for them.

International Director Joanne was in attendance and stated we could work on a matching grant and so we are now in the process of doing currently with hopes of providing more lights!

Governor Amy and PDG Karol went and donated \$1200 for 4 new tv’s for the HEMOC department! These are your donations at work! Way to go District 11B2!!

District Governor Amy and PDG Karol donated \$6388 for diabetic kits! If you attended the convention, you were able to see what was in those kits and how they are distributed. Thank you to all who contribute money at projects night! This is where your money goes..



Shout out to those who helped make tie blankets and cards for new mom’s who will be in the hospital at Bronson’s NICU on Mother’s Day. You did an awesome job, and you are appreciated!

### GST Karol





## **MISSION 1.5 CHALLENGE**

# **MD-11/SD-10 Mission 1.5 Challenge**

## **July 1, 2023 - April 30, 2024**

**Purpose: To foster friendly competition between clubs and Districts while working to increase new membership and retention.**

**Awards and recognition to be given out at the May 2024 MD-12 Convention as follows:**

- Club with highest percentage increase in membership**
- District with highest percentage increase in membership**
- Club or District with newest creative or unique project/event aimed at recruiting new members**





## LMSF PROJECT KIDSIGHT

# WE DID IT!



Our Project KidSight Team made it happen! Our goal was to screen 20,000 kids this Lion year and TODAY we did it! While at the Coloma Public Schools today we surpassed our goal with an amazing number of 20,177 students screened and 2,133 students with referrals, meaning the high-tech camera spotted one or more abnormalities in the students vision. It was an amazing morning for the 17 man/woman team today!

We are not down yet either. We have a meeting with the Superintendent at the Bridgman Schools, a date set for May 2nd at the Gobles Schools, dates set for Dowagiac Schools, May 3rd, 6th, 7th & 31st. We will be meeting with the Superintendent of the Three Rivers School District possibly next week. She was on spring break this week so we will be nailing down a date to meet with Nikki Nash the Superintendent in hopes to get their school students screened.

We have dates already set for early fall for Benton Harbor School, Paw Paw School and Mattawan School. Every school that we have been to has asked us to come back next year. In fact, Mr. David Ehlers of the Coloma Schools said to us, "Schedule our school the last week of March for the next seven years!" Mr. Ehlers was very pleased with our process and the time that we were able to come in, screen the students and be done in an outstanding little amount of time and be done before their lunch hours started.

Our Project KidSight Team was honored at the 11B2 District Convention by District Governor Amy Thackston as she LOVES what Project KidSight is doing far beyond the rest of the State of Michigan. The members received an appreciation certificate and Amy's appreciation pin. Dave and Tanda received the 4th highest honor from the International President along with her pin for our dedication to PKS.





## LMSF PROJECT KIDSIGHT



have moved up our member numbers from 14 to 17-18 showing up at a school and to help the screening process and feel the excitement of helping find the children that need help to see better. Then afterwards the high point for the members is to go out for breakfast or lunch! We deserve to get out and enjoy each other's company! This is super great because membership in the PKS Project brings Lion Members from MANY LIONS CLUBS!



Dave and Tanda have been to two PKS meetings in Lansing to share what we have found that works to get into the schools. At the second meeting, PKS Coordinators from other Districts wanted us to present them with handouts to help them accomplish getting into the schools like we are. The District Coordinators from around Michigan find it hard to believe we are getting into this many schools and screening this many students. Persistence is the name of the game; contact the Administration Office at the schools and ask for a meeting with the Superintendent to show and tell them what we do and how the Lions of Michigan is being proactive in finding abnormalities especially in our children who are our future.

We have been able to provide a FULL TEAM when going into the schools. So many of our team members are really enjoying being part of the team. We



At the District Convention a PKS table was available to show our PRIDE by listing all the volunteers that have helped with PKS this year. It was also a great time to recruit and talk with other Lion members





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## LMSF PROJECT KIDSIGHT



from other clubs about joining our force against blindness and helping find children that need help. Our motto (goal) is to help children through the early detection and treatment of vision disorders that hinder their ability to succeed in school and develop normally. We feel we are making this goal successful in finding 2,133 kids that could go on for many years not knowing they could see better if only the abnormality was corrected for them. This is the REALLY important number that our team is proud of.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Tanda & David Stiffler  
11B2 PKS Coordinators*



## Lions of Michigan Foundation PROJECT KIDSIGHT







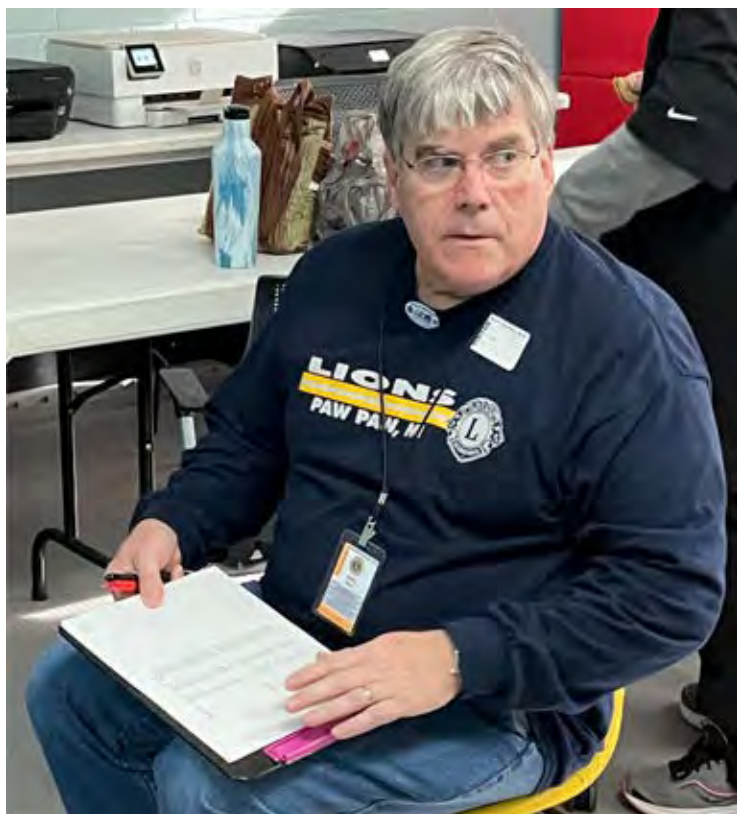
## LMSF PROJECT KIDSIGHT



*Paw Paw Lion Kurt helping students get in line*



*Double Trouble - Pat and Virgil at the ready*



*Paw Paw Lion Greg checking off student names*



*PKS Volunteers Carol and Nate*



**NILES LIONS CLUB**

# Quarters In Paddles Up

**Quarter Auction Fundraiser**

## Purchase Tickets

in advance or at the door.

\$10 for single number paddles  
\$50 for Golden Paddle

-included in all bids.

Golden Paddles need not be present to win.



Contact us at  
[NilesMiLionsClub@gmail.com](mailto:NilesMiLionsClub@gmail.com)  
to Purchase Advance Tickets

**Friday, April 12th**  
**6:00 Doors Open**  
**6:30 Auction Begins**

**AM Vets Post 1978**  
**1117 Bertrand Rd.**  
**Niles, MI**

## Auction Items

- 3 day Lakeside Airbnb Stay
- Summer Items
- Gift Cards
- Household Goods
- Decorations
- Outdoor Gear
- Wine & Culinary Gift Baskets
- More

Funding  
Eye glasses  
& Vision assistance  
for the Niles  
Community  
since 1926



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Bring or Purchase quarters for each bid.



**COME JOIN THE EDWARDSBURG LIONS CLUB FOR THEIR  
PANCAKE & SAUSAGE BREAKFAST**



**APRIL 13th, 2024 AT**

**THE AMERICAN LEGION POST 365 ON US-12, EDWARDSBURG**

**TIME 8 AM until 11 AM**

**\$5 per person for Adults and Kids over the age of 12**

**Kids under the age of 12 EAT FREE!**

**BRING THE KIDDOES TO SEE AND PLAY WITH THE **LION MASCOT!****

**LOTS OF FUN AND ACTIVITIES FOR THE KIDS. ☺**

**A PERFECT MORNING FOR BREAKFAST WITH PANCAKES, SAUSAGE,  
JUICE, MILK & COFFEE.**

**EDWARDSBURG LIONS ARE HERE TO SERVE UP A DELICIOUS BREAKFAST!**



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**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

Concessions and a variety of food trays will be available

**When: April 13, 2024**

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

**Time: 5pm**

**EARLY BIRD  
(DEADLINE APRIL 5TH)**

**\$10**

Price at the door:

**\$15**

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

**SCAN ME!**



Michele Guyman  
(586) 557-4054  
mmguyman123@gmail.com



**Who:** Current or Future Presidents, Treasurers, Secretaries & Zone Chairs

**When:** Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup> 9 – 11 am  
(Registration with coffee & donuts 8:30 – 9:00)

**Where:** Sister Lakes Lions Club  
66991 95<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Dowagiac

**Why:** To offer training to our future club officers and Zone Chairs

Now's the time to come and learn more about an office you may be about to hold or just want to learn more about a current office you will continue to hold.

Join us for a couple of hours with excellent presenters.

Bring any questions you may have, and you may also have some things you'd like to share that have worked well for you in the past.

RSVP to CS Tammie Grabowski by April 16<sup>th</sup> letting us know which session you would like to attend.

[cheftammie@gmail.com](mailto:cheftammie@gmail.com) or 269-303-0731







# Spaghetti Dinner

## BENTON HARBOR-FAIRPLAIN LIONS CLUB

### The DANK

2651 Pipestone Road  
Benton Harbor, MI 49022

**Saturday, April 27, 2024**  
**5:00PM - 7:00PM**

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

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We Serve

- Cash Bar
- 50/50 Raffle



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CARRY OUTS AVAILABLE

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

# Three Rivers Lions Club Community



**8 am - 1 pm**

What better time to do Spring Cleaning than joining the Three Rivers Lions Club in a community Yard Sale in our parking lot on Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> from 8 am - 1 pm. Bring and sell your own items. Set up begins at 7 am.

Booths are 20'x20' for just \$20 and you must provide your own tables. All booths are prepaid only. Mail your payment and contact information to Lion Julie Mayuiers, 23250 Van Resort Drive, Mendon, MI 49072 to arrive no later than April 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Pancakes &  
Sausage Breakfast  
8 - 11 am**

In addition, the Lions will hold a pancake and sausage breakfast from 8 - 11 am.

Just \$10 for ages 12 and up  
\$6 for ages 6 - 11  
Free for 5 and under





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ROLL  
5K**

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LIONS  
DIABETES  
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those in need to  
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CELERY FLATS - 7328 Garden Lane, Portage, MI

INFO.  
989-254-1927

[WWW.PORTAGELIONSCLUBEX.COM](http://WWW.PORTAGELIONSCLUBEX.COM)



SCAN ME  
Register/Donate  
here





# SENIOR VETERAN

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two weeks in advance: (269) 427-7921



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**Hosted by the Mattawan Lions Club**







Ridgeview Golf Course

# 23 ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT AND SILENT AUCTION

18 MAY 2024 || 9:30AM SHOT GUN START  
AT CLUB HOUSE

Kalamazoo Westside Lions Club

Registration: \$60/person 4 person scramble

Includes: 18 Holes, Cart & Lunch

For Information and registration call:

Mike 269.375.8821 Tim 269.598.1638 Bill 269.427.7869



**Registration by May 11:**

1. Name/Cell:

2. Name/Cell:

3. Name/Cell:

4. Name/Cell:

**accepting: cash, check, venmo, cashapp, credit card**



# LCIF Melvin Jones Fellowship Celebration



**We are honored to host LCIF Chairperson PIP Lion Brian Sheehan and Lion Lori on  
May 31st & June 1st 2024.**

There will be two events to meet and celebrate with Lions Brian and Lori in Port Sanilac, Michigan at the Sanilac County Historic Village & Museum. On Saturday June 1st Chairperson Brian will personally present any Progressive or Melvin Jones Fellow to those that are in attendance and have achieved such recognition. The only charge for the events is a specified donation to LCIF in the club or person's name.

**Friday May 31st, 2024 Chairperson's Reception 7:00 p.m.  
\$2,000 donation to LCIF  
Admits 2 individuals to the private reception (space is limited)  
Hors d'oeuvre & Refreshments**

**Saturday June 1st, 2024 1:00 p.m.  
\$100 donation to LCIF  
Admits 1 individual to the celebration  
Entertainment  
Meal and Refreshments**

I would like to reserve the following:

Friday Chairperson's Reception \$2,000 donation. Please credit the following individuals P/MJF account(s).

Name	Membership Number	Amount
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Name	Membership Number	Amount
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Or

Club Name	Club ID Number	Amount
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Saturday Celebration \$100 donation. Please credit the following P/MJF account(s)

Name	Membership Number	Amount
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Or

Club Name	Club ID Number	Amount
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**This form and Checks can be mailed payable to LCIF and mailed to:**

Lion Irene Cole, 2445 Ruth Road, Deckerville, MI 48427

Questions or to pay by credit card, please call PID Lion Justin Faber (989)600-9009 or PDG Brian Bezold (248)330-1101

**Money sent directly to LCIF or paid online does not count towards this event**



# LIONS BEAR LAKE CAMP

## Spring Workbee

May 11th, 2024

Registration 8:00 AM

Cleanup 9:00 AM

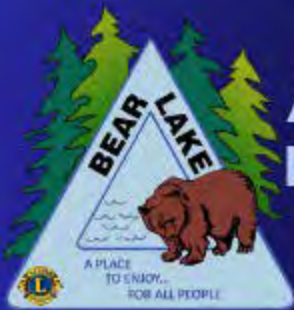


## LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED

Easy, Medium, and

Advanced Tasks available

Please bring your own gloves and tools



TO PRE-REGISTER & SIGN UP FOR YOUR FAVORITE  
TASK AHEAD OF TIME CONTACT TRACI OR JESSE

Lions Bear Lake Camp  
3409 N Five Lakes Rd  
Lapeer, MI 48446

[traci@bearlakecamp.org](mailto:traci@bearlakecamp.org)  
[jwalling@bearlakecamp.org](mailto:jwalling@bearlakecamp.org)

**Join the South Haven Black River Lions Club  
at the American Legion Post #49**

**129 Michigan Ave  
South Haven**

**BBQ**

**on the Bluff**



**August 24, 2024  
4-9 PM**

**\$10 in Advance/\$15 at Door  
Silent Auction!  
50/50 Raffle!  
Live Entertainment!**

**Shoreline Dance Academy performance!!  
4 pm-5 pm  
Live Band: Cut'n Loose  
5 pm -9 pm**

**Food stops being served at 8pm**

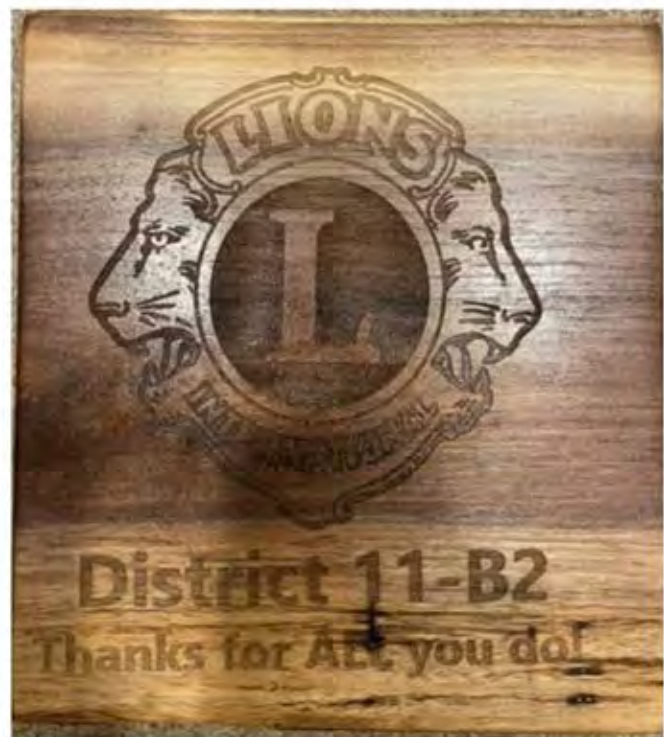


# Three Rivers Lions Club Fundraiser

We are selling these bluebird houses for \$20 each. They are hand made by Lion Ken Bickle and the Lions Logo is a branding feature so it won't come off. We have them on hand and ready to purchase now.

Lion Ken is also making custom plaques on black walnut. He has other options for wood choices. These make great award plaques and can be customized as you see here. They are finished with linseed oil. These also sell for \$20 each. These do have a lead time of 30+/- days so keep that in mind. Contact Lion Ken for further details or discuss customization options.

**Lion Ken P: 269-689-0644 or [Bickel\\_ken@yahoo.com](mailto:Bickel_ken@yahoo.com)**



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- Convenient pull-tab lid
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- Kosher Certification

**1 can for  
\$20 OR  
2 cans for  
\$30**

Three Rivers Lions are selling nuts while supplies last.

**We still have nuts available from any Lion or local businesses** such as Sturgis Bank, Lowry's Books, River Country Eye Care, Chuck's Body Shop and Southern Michigan Bank including the Constantine branch.

Or contact Lion Julie Mayuiers 269-254-1938  
[jumayuiers@gmail.com](mailto:jumayuiers@gmail.com)







**Portage Lions Club  
Raffling Off Vintage  
Meershaum Pipe  
(Never Used)**



**Swing by the Portage Lions Club table at the District  
11-B2 Convention to buy tickets (\$10/each)**

**Proceeds to fund a new environmental project  
to plant trees in remembrance of past Lions**



**Please contact **Lion Ruth Phillips (269-345-4622)**  
for any questions about the pipe**



# LIONS OF MICHIGAN FOUNDATION

5730 EXECUTIVE DRIVE - LANSING, MICHIGAN 48911

VOICE: 517 887-6640

FAX: 517 887-6642

WEB: [www.lmsf.net](http://www.lmsf.net)

MARCH 13, 2023

Dear Lions:

From July through November of this year, our Michigan Lions Foundation has provided services and financial support to District 10 and Multiple District 11 Lions Clubs amounting to:

PROJECT KIDSIGHT – 15,840 screened and 1,732 children referred for follow-up eye care.

HEARING SCREENING – 170 children and 80 adults have been screened and 19 referred for follow-up care.

DIABETIC RETINOPATHY SCREENING – 112 screened and 13 referred for follow-up care.

EMERGENCY INDIVIDUAL ASSISTANCE & DISASTER RELIEF – 18 grants totaling over \$32,000 to help people in 9 of 11 Lions of Michigan Districts.

EYE CARE ASSISTANCE – 38 adults and 18 children have received assistance

HEARING AID ASSISTANCE – 70 adults and 1 child have been provided hearing aids

We are totally dedicated to help Lions Clubs provide assistance to those in need in their communities. Our largest fundraiser is our Annual Sight and Hearing Sweepstakes, and this statewide raffle provides a great opportunity for your club to also raise money for your local projects. Raffle tickets sell for \$10 each, and participating Lions Clubs receive a portion of the proceeds from the sale of tickets in accordance to the following schedule:

30 to 99 tickets sold – Lions Club receives \$3.50 per ticket

100 to 249 tickets sold – Lions Club receives \$5.00 per tickets

250+ tickets sold – Lions Club receives \$5.50 per ticket

In addition, the Lions Club or person who sells the ticket becomes eligible for a drawing on May 4, 2024 at the Lions of Michigan State Office with prizes of \$1,000, \$500, \$250 and \$100.

The Grand Prize of the raffle is \$5,000. Subsequent tickets that are randomly selected receive prizes of \$2,500, \$2,000, \$1,500, \$1,000, \$500, \$400, \$300, \$200 and \$100. The drawing will take place on May 18, 2024 during the MD11 Convention that will be held at the Sheraton by Marriott in Grand Rapids, MI.

This is a great opportunity for your Lions Club to do some easy fundraising and support your Foundation. Every Lions Club has been sent some tickets to sell. If you have any questions, please contact Chad McCann or Kim Creger at 517-887-6640 or [info@lmsf.net](mailto:info@lmsf.net).

Together in service,

PCC Dave Hill, President

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TICKET SELLERS DRAWING

May 4, 2024

Lions of Michigan State Office  
Lansing, Michigan

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May 18, 2024

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November 9, 2023


Dear Michigan Lions:

There is a tremendous amount of need that exists in our state, whether it be financial, medical or social, and the number of Michigan families that struggle and require a helping hand grows each and every year. For our Lions foundation to adequately address the need that exists, we need help. We are asking for assistance from all Michigan Lions and friends who are in a position to help more than you are already helping in your Lions Club and community. Contributions to the Lions of Michigan Foundation can be made electronically with the donation link on the foundation website ([www.lmsf.net](http://www.lmsf.net)), with Pay Pal ([info@lmsf.net](mailto:info@lmsf.net)), with Venmo (@LionsofMIFoundation), or with the attached form.

Your support will help us meet the challenges that lie ahead, touching lives in communities from our southern border with Indiana and Ohio to our northern border with Wisconsin and Canada and everywhere in between. Your contribution will help a child see or hear better in school; it will help a person suffering from vision or hearing loss keep their job; it will provide temporary living expenses for victims of fires, floods and tornadoes; it will provide emergency assistance for people suffering from sight and hearing disorders and other medical conditions that require treatment with expensive surgeries or medical procedures, it will provide emergency financial assistance for military members and veterans dealing with an unexpected life event; and it will help improve the quality of life for disabled individuals throughout our state.

As Michigan Lions, we have the opportunity and the ability to make Michigan a better place to live, and through our Lions of Michigan Foundation we changes lives, but we cannot do it without your help. Thank you for your consideration and service.

Together We Serve,

  
Dave Hill  
President

  
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### Lions of Michigan Foundation Dr. Robert Mathog Lions Hearing Centers

For a gift of \$10, you can purchase a new Lions of Michigan Family Kitchen Cookbook with hundreds of recipes submitted by Michigan Lions and their family members and friends



### Lions of Michigan Hall of Fame Nomination Form

The LIONS OF MICHIGAN HALL OF FAME is a project of the Lions of Michigan Foundation. The purpose of the Hall of Fame is to recognize and honor those individuals who have had a significant impact on Lionism in Michigan and to preserve a memory and record of their service.

## Mints For MILITARY

The Lions of Michigan Foundation is proud to recognize the brave men and women serving our nation in the United States military. We have Lion Mints Care Packages ready for distribution.



## Give to the Lions of Michigan Foundation

The LIONS OF MICHIGAN FOUNDATION is dedicated to improving the quality of life for people in Michigan with unmet needs by helping them become more independent. We provide emergency assistance and services aimed at helping people with sight and hearing deficiencies excel in school, secure and retain employment and remain self-sufficient. Your contribution will help us change lives



Lions of Michigan Foundation



## Make-A-Wish Michigan, The Wish-A-Mile Bicycle Tour Fundraiser, July 26-28, 2024

I learned just prior of this event last year when I was contacted through the road commission where I work asking about traffic, etc. on various county roads. I took this as an opportunity to get Lions involved. Most of the details had already been worked out however, there was a stop in Kalamazoo County that still had some opportunities available for sponsors that I mentioned to the Portage Lions Club and they jumped right on it and provided some breakfast foods and bottled water for the riders. My own club of Three Rivers provided moral support as the riders came through the Langley Covered Bridge as they already had all the refreshments taken care of for this area. I thought I'd share the details of event with all the clubs in the district this year in case anyone wanted to reach out to Matt Seagrave and see if there was anything the clubs could do more this year as the event includes several counties in our District. If your club is interested, please reach out to Matt ASAP as he has already begun working on this. Even just showing moral support for what these amazing individuals for these families riding all these miles and collecting donations is AWESOME!!!!

The 37th Annual Wish-A-Mile® Bicycle Tour will take place July 26-28, 2024, to help make wishes come true for Michigan children battling critical illnesses. As the largest fundraising event for Make-A-Wish Michigan, the ride is an inspiring event that brings together riders and volunteers to make transformational wishes possible for courageous Michigan kids. This year, the Wish-A-Mile® Bicycle Tour will start on Friday, July 26th in Marshall Michigan, with participants riding 100 miles to stay the night in Holland. On Saturday morning, riders will log another 100 miles as they make their way to Kalamazoo for the night, and then their final 100 miles back to Marshall on Sunday, July 28, where they will meet their wish heroes. Please reach out to Matt Seagrave [mseagrave@michigan.wish.org](mailto:mseagrave@michigan.wish.org) if you are interested in volunteering to support our riders and make transformational wishes come true.

Thanks IPDG Julie

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*Thank you Portage Lions for your support last year!*

[Click here for more info](#)





## 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 23rd, 2024 as part of the 11-B2 District Convention. This year's event was also sponsored by the South Haven Black River Lions Club. A mid-year Great Eyeglass Collection had also been hosted by the Buchanan-Galien Lions Club as part of the November 2023 11-B2 Projects Night.

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 9:15 a.m. the last of the days collection of glasses and cases had been strategically loaded into the trailer and vehicle that were transporting them to Grand Rapids- the used glasses next step in reaching third world countries.

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 was enjoyed and questions answered about how the glasses are handled after they leave the district.

The Great Eyeglass Challenge was started 32 years ago by the Galien Lions Club. The total glasses collected in the 31 years prior was 694,745. Fourteen clubs brought glasses to the mid-year Project Nights (13,092 pair) event and eleven clubs brought glasses to the end of year event (17,117 pair) for an annual total of 30,209 pair. The new total count of glasses collected over the 32-year history: 724,954.

District Governor Amy presented a certificate of appreciation to the Buchanan-Galien Lions club at the noon luncheon.



Clubs participating this year were: Baroda, Benton Harbor Fairplain, Buchanan-Galien, Coloma, Dowagiac, Edwardsburg, Kalamazoo West Side, Kalhaven Trail, Marcellus, Mattawan, Paw Paw, Portage, Saint Joseph City, Sister Lakes, South Haven Black River, Sturgis, Three Rivers, Vicksburg and Watervliet.



## 11B-2 CLUB NEWS

### Buchanan-Galien

#### 2024 Annual Great Eyeglass Challenge Winners for the year:

First Place	KING OF THE JUNGLE	Kalamazoo West Side	5,515 collected
Second Place	MAKING THE LEAP	Saint Joseph City	4,347 collected
Third Place	LYING IN WAIT	Portage	3,644 collected

Congratulations to our club winners- but the real winners are the third world people who will benefit from our serving!

#### Annual Corned Beef & Cabbage Fundraiser a Great Success

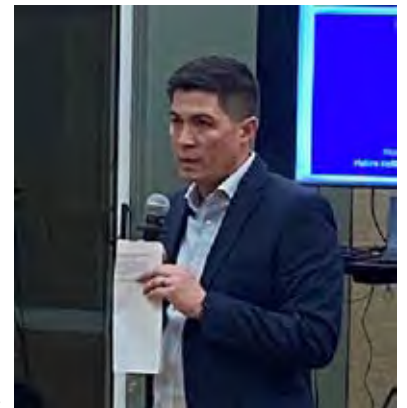


The Buchanan-Galien Lions held their 4th Annual “Drive-Thru Corned Beef and Cabbage” fundraiser on St. Patrick’s Day. Snowflakes were occasionally in the air- but “WE SERVED” over 200 dinners just the same. Awesome Food and Great Teamwork . Thanks to all who supported this Lions fundraiser!



#### Buchanan High School Senior Athletes Honored

For the past 81 years, the Buchanan-Galien Lions have honored Buchanan High School Senior Athletes. On March 7th, the tradition continued. Lion President Mark Nixon served as MC for the evening. Athletes, Coaches, LEO’s and Lions gathered at the Buchanan Senior Center and enjoyed a meal together. Each athlete then shared their future plans and guest speaker BHS Alumni Alex Gordon spoke to all attending.



Alex, BHS class of 2004, shared how his family, sports and living in Buchanan impacted his journey in obtaining his Business Economics Degree from Grand Valley State and a Law Degree from Loyola University Chicago. He currently resides with his family in Niles and is a Corporate Attorney at Barnes & Thornburg in South Bend, IN.

Lion Mark Tumbleson then challenged the athletes regarding the next phase of their life and encouraged them to consider becoming a Lion and serving in whatever community they end up settling down in the future.





## 11B-2 CLUB NEWS

### Buchanan-Galien

Congratulations to our soon to be graduates and on your accomplishments and making Buchanan proud of you. We wish you the best of luck in the next phase of your education, your career choices and your future success. Remember always- "Once a Buck- always a Buck" #GOBUCKS



Buchanan-Galien Lions Club AND District 11B2 Peace Poster Contest Winner Tinley DeFreez was unfortunately unable to attend the District Convention. DG Amy congratulated and recognized Tinley (home with COVID) for her outstanding

Peace Poster pictured here.

Lion Alice Krings was also recognized for her support of DG Amy as a Zone Chair this past year along with other District Special Award winners as pictured.





## 11B-2 CLUB NEWS

### Buchanan-Galien

#### Project KidSight Travels to Buchanan Community Schools



On the mornings of March 5th and 6th the Project KidSight Team assisted by Buchanan Lions Mark Nixon, Jeff Welsh, Alice Kring, Mark Skene, Dianne Ross and Mark Tumbleson screened all students in the Buchanan Community Schools.

The team screened 1,274 students at four different school locations ending up with a total of 123 referrals. The Buchanan Schools and students had nothing but praise for the organization and efficiency of the PKS team. Several teachers and principals sent emails in support of the PKS Team and of hope to have them return in the future.

### Coloma

#### Coloma Lions Club Donates \$5,000 To The Randall Park Splash Pad Fund

On Monday March 25th Coloma Lions President Peter Becker along with Treasurer Ross Streu, Secretary Dale Kreitner and Board Member Jason Hicks who is also a Coloma City Council Member presented the donation to Mayor Marsha Hammond. The Club has been a long term supporter of Randall Park.

It is because of the long term support of the entire community of Coloma Lions Club's many fund raising events such as The White Cane Tag Sale over the 4th of July Weekend along with the various raffles have allowed us to gradually accumulate funds to make a large donation to this project.

While The Club no longer builds major floats, we are the sponsor of The St. Patrick's Day Parade and will be sponsoring The Youth Parade to kick off this years Glad Peach Festival.



#### Wheel Chair Ramp Removal

Coloma Lions Ross Streu, Peter Becker, John "Buzz" Sternaman, Patrick Clark, and Brandon Sternaman took time on Saint Patrick Day Weekend to remove two wheel chair ramps which were no longer needed. This is part of The Coloma Lions Club project of installing temporary ramps where needed in the Community. The ramps are installed labor free and if we can use our accumulated supplies at no charge. If material is required the client provides the material and then donates it to the club when no longer needed to allow the material to be passed along to others.





## 11B-2 CLUB NEWS

### Coloma

*(From previous page article)*



Director Kim Marsh's English Lab, Cooper, gets a belly rub from Kal Haven President Bill Gingas, and Lion John Stassek visits with the owner of Gemma, one of his 5 Newfoundlands.



### Kal-Haven Trail

#### Big Furry Friends Teams Visit Kal Haven

Big Furry Friends Animal-Assisted therapy teams is made up of more than 10 Dog-Human pairs available to deploy to a range of settings. The Therapy Teams specialize in "meet and greet" programs, library visits, motivational activities in adult-assisted home settings, and emotional support for staff and patients alike in hospital settings.







## 11B-2 CLUB NEWS

### Mattawan

#### Euchre Tournament Fun for All

We had a great time hosting our first euchre tournament raising around \$300. Thank you to our table sponsors Hallgren Orthodontics, Murray Street Brewing Co., 2nd Hand Smoke BBQ. The money raised is going towards the purchase of the artificial skylights for Bronson pediatric hematology oncology clinic that cost \$12,000. The district is around \$7,691 currently and are still taking donations through our Mattawan Lions Foundation site.



#### Lions Host Mattawan Community Carnival

On March 30th, Mattawan Lions held their annual community carnival in conjunction with the community Easter egg hunt at the Library. The kiddos had tons of fun and the Easter Bunny even made an appearance.



*At it's March business meeting, the Mattawan Lions welcomed their newest member, Sid Tutewiler, shown here with sponsor Janet Wartman and Zone Chair Dan Chopp.*





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## 11B-2 CLUB NEWS

### Portage

#### Youth Camps & Exchange Program

Contributed by: Lion Elvie Marfi

Objective: To create and foster a spirit of understanding among the people of the world. Youth experience life in another culture. Participate in local traditions, customs and ways of life.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all the clubs that donated and supported the Youth Exchange Program. We have one sponsored student Leo Meah Hameed, going to Netherlands.

Sponsored club: Paw Paw Lions Club

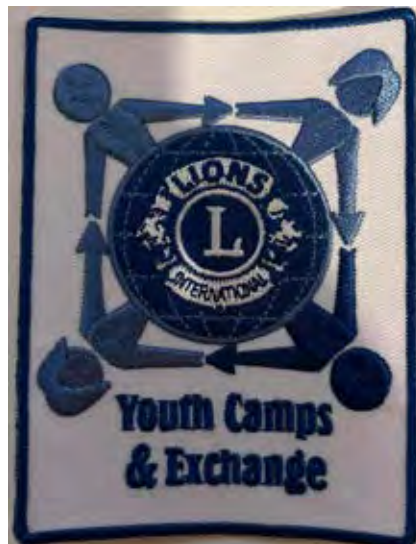
Host Clubs: Buchanan, Covert, Mattawan and Portage

Host families: Lions Alice Kring, Janet/Alan Wartman, Patrice Jacson and Ed/Noemi Kudzia

Seven more students, four Male and three female to host.

Youth of today leaders of tomorrow! Open your door to the world of Youth Exchange. Be a host family.

***Donate \$100 and receive this club banner patch. Make check payable to Lions of Michigan.***





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## 11B-2 CLUB NEWS

### South Haven-Black River

Lion Cub Zoey received a thank you Card from residents of the senior home she reads to every week. She also received a doll an employee made and a residents Brother made a \$50 donation to the Club for her kindness.



Lion Cub Zoey raised a total of \$800 for the Bronson Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Clinic Artificial Skylights District Convention weekend. She will also set her table up at State Convention in May to continue raising funds!

Members gathered on March 20th to sort glasses for The Great Eyeglass Challenge. The Club sponsored the event this year which the Buchanan-Galien Club always does an amazing job at presenting!







## 11B-2 CLUB NEWS

### Three Rivers

For more than 10 years the Three Rivers Lady Cats Varsity basketball team and coaches have assisted the Three Rivers Lions Club with their annual Christmas toy distribution. This past year the JV team and coach also joined in the fun. So, to say thanks and show their support the Lions Club attended their games on February 27th and welcomed both teams onto the court. This has been a tradition dating back at least 10 years with Coach Shoemith Recalling she helped out when she was on the team in 2013. The club also provided healthy snacks for the teams and coaches in the locker room.



*Attending the Varsity Game - Pictured L-R: Lions Julie Karl, PJ, Michelle, Ken and Jeff*



St. Joseph County Road Commission Chairman of the Road Commission Board Eric Shafer gave a presentation to the club on the renovations of the Langley Covered Bridge on February 6th. Eric received a friendship banner from Club President Jeff Mayuiers.

### 11B2 & Three Rivers Lions at the Michigan Forum

11-B2 and the Three Rivers Lions Club were well represented at the MI Forum on February 24th. PCC Jeff Mayuiers, who has been a Certified Faculty Development Graduate for several years gave a presentation on being a Zone Chair. PCC Jeff was assisted by ZC Dan Chopp for panel discussions.



*Attending the JV Game - Pictured L-R: Lions PJ, Ed, Jim, Julie, John, Tom, Jeff and Brenda*



## 11B-2 CLUB NEWS

### Three Rivers

IPDG Julie Mayuiers presented on Lions Traditions as the last step to completing her certification as a Faculty Development Graduate. Both Lions are now eligible to facilitate and train at the club, district and multiple district levels.



### St. Joseph

The monthly board meeting is where we hear about all the upcoming projects and activities! Our March 21 meeting was a busy one!



### St. Joseph



*The awards and honors of the recent District Convention were shared in this last meeting of March. Our club was widely honored!*



*Lion Alan Edlefson is commended by the President and the entire assembly for his tireless work for Camp Leo and all the kids who benefit from its program each summer.*





## LEO CLUB NEWS

### Buchanan LEOS

The Buchanan LEOs hosted the “Fastest Three Minutes in Buchanan” annual Community Easter Egg Hunt Saturday morning 3/30/24. Buchanan-Galien Lions, Miss Buchanan leaders and Court and the Easter Bunny were on hand to help set up, to greet the community and also to hand out prizes. The Buchanan Fire Department sounded their truck horn at 11:00 a.m. sharp and the egg hunt was on and over in three minutes. The LEO’s and community volunteers spend weeks to stuff the approximately 9,000 eggs with candy and prizes for the event. Thanks to everyone who donated, helped set up and came out to enjoy another “Life is Better In Buchanan” day.



LEO Gigi Tabor received the Buchanan LEO Shining Star award at the Friday Night Dress Up in the 80's Theme dinner and Mystery Murder event. Gigi and LEO Advisor/Lion Alice Krings were all decked out and rocked out the 80's theme gig.





## LEO CLUB NEWS

### Buchanan LEOS

Several Buchanan LEO and Lion volunteers served at the Feed America program at the Galien American Legion on Monday afternoon March 25th.



### Mattawan LEOS

The Mattawan LEOs made three dozen red, white and blue survival bracelets for veterans through Operation Gratitude thanking them for their service.



### Where there's a need... ***There's a LEO***

“Leadership, Experience, Opportunity.” That’s what makes a LEO. Members of LEO clubs embody the best qualities of our incredible organization. They are devoted young people who realize the power of action. Together, LEOs and Lions form a powerful partnership — one of mutual respect where Lions learn from the innovative insights of LEOs, and where LEOs gain access to the proven strategies of those who’ve successfully served the world for decades.

Sponsoring a LEO club gives Lions the opportunity to mentor and empower young leaders and foster a commitment of community service — while energizing your members to stay involved!

Visit the [Start a LEO Club](#) page for the steps to organize a new LEO club in your community.





## GENERAL NEWS!



Lawrence	12 April 1948	75 Years
Vicksburg	17 April 1953	70 Years
Sturgis	26 April 2004	19 Years
Covert	28 April 1986	36 Years
Bangor	30 April 1968	55 Years

**Thank you for all your years of service!**

## DISTRICT 11B-2 ZONE CHAIR MAP

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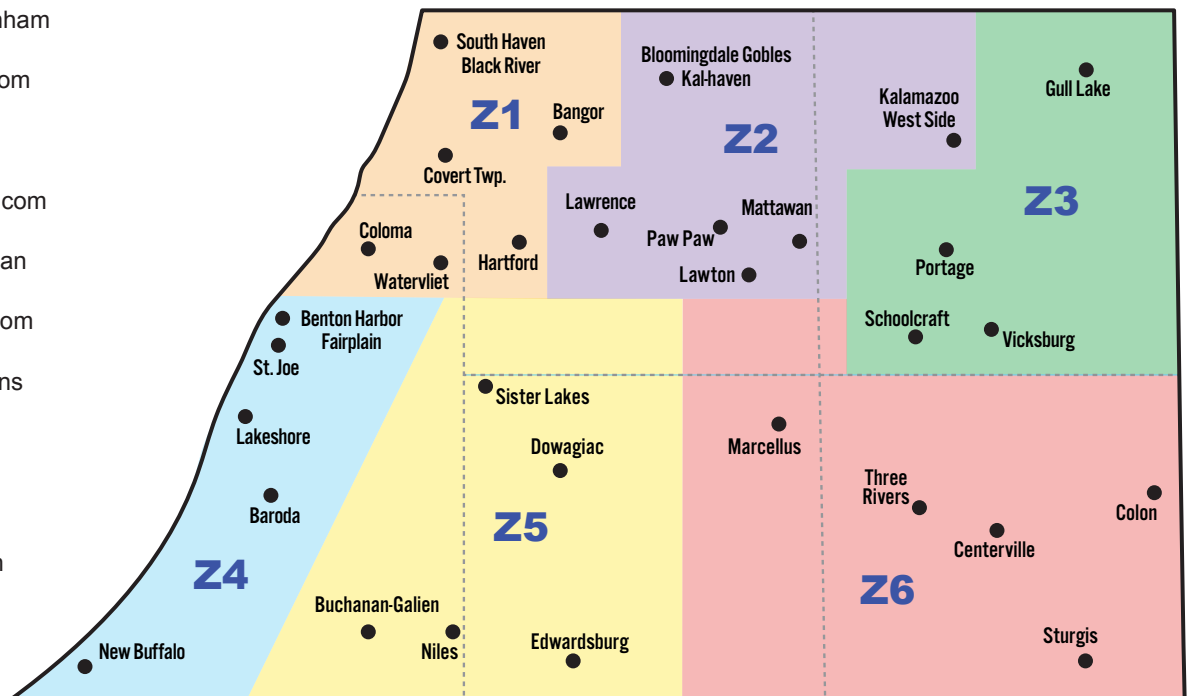
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# Extra Extra Read all about it!

An invitation has been extended to LEO Club members to join the Youth Camp & Exchange at Lions Bear Lake Camp, 3409 N Five Lakes Rd, Lapeer, MI 48446, August 11-17, 2024.



The YCE Program will cover one LEO per District to participate. If you have more than one LEO who would like to participate, we can raffle their name and pick one winner per District

In addition, the LEO Club or District can sponsor a LEO to attend the camp if they choose to participate. This will be a great way for our LEOs to mingle with other youth from other countries

Cost: \$150.00 (Please make check payable to: Lions of Michigan, memo: Youth Camps & Exchange)

Bring essential items such as pillow, twin fitted sheet, blanket, towel, toiletries, bug spray, & sunscreen.

Host family is responsible for picking up & dropping off students from/to airport & camp.



Multiple District 11 is looking for some families in the community who can open their hearts and homes for the month of summer 2024 to host a Youth Exchange Ambassador. These young people are part of Lions International Youth Camps & Exchange Program, bringing young adults from various parts of the world to the United States during the summer program July 25 - August 22, 2024.

Host families need not be Lions members, nor must they have children at home. You would be responsible for their room and board. Visiting young adults come with spending money so additional activities will be at your discretion.

If you are interested in becoming a Host Family, please contact:  
State Chair Lion Elvie Marfil at 818-800-1060 or email [epmarfil5@gmail.com](mailto:epmarfil5@gmail.com)

Additionally, clubs that donate \$100 will receive a 4x4 YCE Banner Patch or a 2023-2024 year patch.



# Youth Camps & Exchange Program

Lion Elvie Marfil, District Chairperson

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District 11-B2 will be hosting 4 students:

COUNTRY	HOST CLUB	HOST FAMILY
BRAZIL -Female	BUCHANAN LIONS	ALICE KRING
BELGIUM - Female	MATTAWAN LIONS	JANET WARTMAN
POLAND- Female	MATTAWAN LIONS	JANET WARTMAN
MONGOLI Male	PORTAGE LIONS	ED/NOEMI KUDZIA

District 11-B2 going abroad:

COUNTRY	SPONSOR CLUB	DONATION
NETHERLANDS-Female	PAW PAW LIONS CLUB	\$500

Multiple District 11 need host family for the following students:

COUNTRY	GENDER	
AUSTRIA	MALE	
BELGIUM	MALE	
BULGARIA	MALE	
FRANCE	2 -MALE	
ITALY	2 -FEMALE	1 MALE
MONGOLIA	MALE	
SPAIN	2- FEMALE	

## Youth Camp and Exchange Sponsor Lions Clubs

Contributed by: Lion Elvie Marfil, Youth Camps & Exchange State Chair

Interested in experiencing life in a different country? Join the exchange program where you can participate in the day-to-day life of a local family and meet other students from around the world.



Filing deadlines for all applicants vary by country. Most Countries have a filing deadline range from MARCH 15 to March 31 depending on the country you pick. Please choose your country early and contact us right away.

A \$100 Youth Exchange Supplies fee is required with all applications. Fee includes shirts, backpack, MD11 Youth Exchange pins and banners and orientation booklet. There may be an additional charges for camps within your chosen country that are not included in the price of our program. You will be required to purchase your own airfare and international travel insurance. The travel insurance must be accepted in the country you are visiting.

Age requirements are typically 15 - 22

Our students usually depart the U.S. the last weekend of June or beginning of July for a 3 to 5 week stay depending on the Youth Exchange program in those countries. Please note that all counties are on a first come basis and fill up fast so the sooner you apply the sooner we can confirm your acceptance.

### **Deadline for outgoing students application form: March 30, 2024**

Australia	Finland	India	South Africa
Belguim	France	Israel	Sri Lanka
Brasil	Hungary	Italy	Turkey
Canada	Japan	Denmark	Mexico

Apply to become a sponsor club and/or host family today by contacting Lion Elvie Marfil at 818-800-1060 or epmarfil5@yahoo.com.

### **Deadline for host families application form: April 30, 2024**

**PLEASE DO NOT FORGET YOUTH CAMPS & EXCHANGE PROGRAM IN YOUR BUDGET.**



## Time Line

**September/October/November:** District Chairs and committee members promote the program, focusing on and making personal contact with LEO Clubs and/or high schools in their District. Upon a young adult's commitment, the District Chairperson sends the initial application to the State Chairperson, Lion Elvie Marfil. A formal recognition of the young adult's acceptance into the Lions Club Youth Exchange Program will be sent from the state chairperson to both the District Chairperson and the young adult.

**December 15 or before:** The signed Application, Indemnity Form, and Compulsory Items must be received by State Chairperson Lion Elvie Marfil, [epmarfil5@gmail.com](mailto:epmarfil5@gmail.com). Some exceptions may apply with permission however, it must go through the District Chair to the State Chair. Signatures are needed at each level.

**Upon Commitment until March 30 the LYE (Lions Youth Exchange) young adult's responsibilities include:**

- Contact clubs via a phone call, letter or email correspondence to obtain donations for travel expenses. Make arrangements to meet with the club personally. A list of clubs and pertinent information is furnished by the District Chairperson. Many clubs will not donate unless there is face-to-face contact. The clubs want to know why this experience is important to the LYE young adult.
- Contact family and friends to solicit funds for travel expenses.
- Create, schedule, and execute fundraisers to raise money for the LYE experience.
- Attend the Fall District/Regional Lions Conference (usually in October) to make the LYE visible to the clubs. The clubs want to know why this experience is important to the LYE young adult.
- Obtain a passport and/or visa.

**March 30:** All funds should be gathered for travel expenses and submitted to State Chairperson Lion Elvie Marfil. February 28 is the deadline for all trip donations from the clubs.

**March/April/May/June:** Host families are found and flight tickets are purchased. Contact between the host country and the state LYE chairperson is not always immediate. Flight tickets cannot be purchased until a host family is found. Please stick closely to this timeline.

**May:** Youth and family must attend a mandatory meeting in Lansing for LYE parents/guardians, district LYE chairperson, and/or committee member. The LYE young adult will receive a backpack, shirts, pins, banners, flight tickets, insurance information, and general information about airports, security, filling out immigration forms, etc.

**IMPORTANT:** Any young adult not making the timeline as listed above will be dropped from that year's program, unless cleared by the District Chair and State Chair. This is a very time-consuming process for all involved, and it requires all involved to closely follow the deadlines.

**Thank for your involvement**

Lion Elvie Marfil, State LYE Chairperson, [epmarfil5@gmail.com](mailto:epmarfil5@gmail.com), 818-800-1080



# Youth Camps & Exchange Program Outgoing Young Adult Ambassadors

## Selection of a Lions Young Adult Ambassador

The appropriate selection of a young adult to represent a Lions Club, community, state, and America is of paramount importance. The choice should be a young adult who, it is believed, will make a good "ambassador" both in words and actions. Both areas of character are a reflection of the USA and are of equal importance. Academics are a factor in the selection process, but other areas of a person's character also demonstrate qualities of strength that make a good ambassador. These could be sports, music, leadership, technology, and the like. A young person with good character is what the Lions seek. A request to travel has never been denied if a young adult has interest. Young adult ambassadors that have not traveled with YCE previously will fill the slots for a country before a young adult ambassador that has traveled with YCE.

Lions believe that every opportunity should be extended to a young adult to expand his/her knowledge, international understanding, and education in cultural diversity. People of the world need to appreciate and understand one another. This can be done through exposure to the culture, through an immersion in the life of a family. As the world becomes smaller through technology, it is imperative that young adults have the opportunity to experience international cultural diversity in order to nurture an improved relationship with America's international neighbors. We do this with the International Lions Youth Exchange Program!



**Thank for your involvement**

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## Lion Mints Products

### LION MINTS ROLLS



Wintergreen  
Fizzy Fruit  
Peppermint  
12 Pieces/Roll  
576 Rolls/Case  
48 Boxes/Case



Tray Back



Red Tray



Acrylic Display  
Mint Drops

### LION MINTS DROPS



Size: 1" X 1 1/2"  
Individually Wrapped  
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## LION MINTS PROGRAM



Red Tray  
Display

Acrylic  
Display  
Mint Rolls



The LION MINTS PROGRAM is a time-tested and proven fundraising project for Lions Clubs throughout the world. Lion Mints provide visibility for your Club throughout your community. The Lions emblem certifies that the Lion Mints Program is an official Lions Club fundraising activity. Our quality products project a positive image of your Lions Club year around.



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

## Procedures For Lion Mints Program

### How to Approach Merchants

- Request Counter space for Lions Mints
- Ask if merchant is familiar with Lions mission
- Be sure to say it will only take a small space (If they put it somewhere you don't like, try to talk them into a better place, but be tactful)
- Look around—find a desirable spot—visibility, accessibility
- Assume a humble attitude, don't be pushy or demanding, but try to convey importance of placing the mints in that business.

### Where to Place Trays

Hotels  
Bus Stations  
Nail Salons  
Insurance Offices  
Chamber of Commerce  
Chiropractors  
Car Repair Waiting Rooms

Banks  
Courthouses  
Flower Shops  
Airports  
Beauty Salons  
Barber Shops  
Visitor Centers  
Eye Doctors  
Car Dealerships  
Auto Parts Stores  
Government Offices  
City Offices  
Telephone Stores

- Restaurants (especially fast food places—try to place a double tray because of volume)
- Physical Therapists (dentists and physicians probably would not allow)
- Any retail business that has a good volume of walk-ins such as card shops & shoe stores etc. (Bars are not usually good places)

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