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The B2 Beacon

"May the beacon of hope always shine bright"

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LIONS OF DISTRICT 11-B2

APRIL ISSUE 2025

"TOGETHER WE SERVE"

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11-B2 Great Eyeglass Challenge Recap



The Annual Great Eyeglass Collection was hosted by the Buchanan-Galien Lions Club on Saturday March 29th, 2025 as part of the 11-B2 District Convention. This year's event was also sponsored by the South Haven Black River and Watervliet Lions Clubs and Lions of Michigan Foundation.

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

The Great Eyeglass Challenge was started 33 years ago by the Galien Lions Club. The total glasses collected in the 32 years prior was 724,954. Eleven clubs brought a total of 18,166 glasses to this year's event. The new total count of glasses collected over the 33-year history: 743,120.

Clubs participating this year were: Buchanan-Galien, Centreville, Edwardsburg, Mattawan, Niles, Paw Paw, Portage, Saint Joseph City, South Haven Black River, Three Rivers, and Vicksburg.

2025 Annual Great Eyeglass Challenge Winners for the year:

1st Place	KING OF THE JUNGLE	St. Joseph City	3,506 collected
2nd Place	MAKING THE LEAP	Portage	2,945 collected
3rd Place	LYING IN WAIT	Buchanan-Galien	2,259 collected

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



11-B2 District Convention



Lion Cub Zoey was given a Cub of the Year award and Cub Glanville was Co-Cub of the year. ID Judge Anthony Paradiso was very impressed with these young Lion Cubs and the service.



Our Fortune Teller was frighteningly accurate! We predict that one day, you will be District Governor



Some of our Lions learning how to juggle scarves.



Buchanan-Galien District 11B2 Peace Poster winner Leighla Duchamp received her certificate and prize money at the convention luncheon.



Even our friends at the Marriot got in on the fun.



11-B2 District Convention



Mardi Gras AND a birthday! What could be better?



Buchanan Lions Club sponsored these LEOs to go a board. (L-R) Leo-Lion Geneva Tabor (Switzerland), Lion Alice Krings, District Chairperson and Leo Anja Tobar (Germany)



*Two Executive Officers of the Mattawan LEO club are also members of the Dream Team sponsored by **Cancer Families United**.*



Learning about Comfort/Counseling Dogs in a breakout session.



The Portage Lions gave former member Elvie Marfil a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship and had a tree planted in her name in a Kalamazoo County park. She is holding a picture of the tree.



11-B2 District Convention



2nd Vice District Governor (and now 1st VDG elect) Alice Kring and her "Best Bedazzled" float entry.



The masked sellers at the Paw Paw Lions booth



International Director Judge Anthony Paradiso giving the keynote address



Lion Danny Martin received the Buchanan-Galien Lions Club Shining Star Award at the noon luncheon.



11-B2 District Convention



The Paw Paw Lions Club was awarded Club of the Year.



DG Cory presents Chris Rigozzi with the prestigious Melvin Jones Fellowship



Lion Carol Patridge was presented with a President's Certificate of Appreciation for all her work as Cabinet Treasurer.



Lions from Bangor, Three Rivers, & Lakeshore accept their club's awards for the LCIF Challenge.



Project KidSight

Lions of Michigan Foundation



The PKS Teams are anxious to reach a goal of 30,000 kids screened for our 2024-2025 Lion year. We are getting closer and closer as currently we are at 25,711 and have found 2,785 referrals. We only have a couple more months to reach the goal of 30K, but I am so proud of the teams reaching 25,000! YOU ALL ROCK!

I have reached out to a few more schools in hopes we will be able to get into their school. However, it is state testing this time of year and spring break for schools, so the teams have some time for some REST & RELAXATION until we gear up for more schools.

We just completed screening at the Bloomingdale MS & HS on Monday, March 24th. We used three cameras at this school and the lady screeners were Nancy Garman, Ginger Smietana and Tanda Stiffler, (which I usually do not do screening as I want the volunteers to get used to using our high-tech camera). We were done in record time again which is not surprising. Afterwards Dave & Tanda, along with Jim & Jan Rutten made a trip to the Mattawan School to screen one small child. He was a trooper, he sat right down and allowed Dave to take his picture. He was a referral, but the good news is, his parents can now take a referral packet to an eye doctor to see about getting him some glasses. Many thanks to the Mattawan School for reaching out to the PKS Team.

We are always looking for more volunteers so if you are interested in being a part of this amazing team, let us know! You would be making a difference in a child's life. 😊

Respectfully submitted,
Lions Tanda & David Stiffler
11B2 PKS Coordinators
Email: tandastiffler76@gmail.com (reach out to me to join us!)
Cell: 574-350-9215





Project Kidsight / LCIF



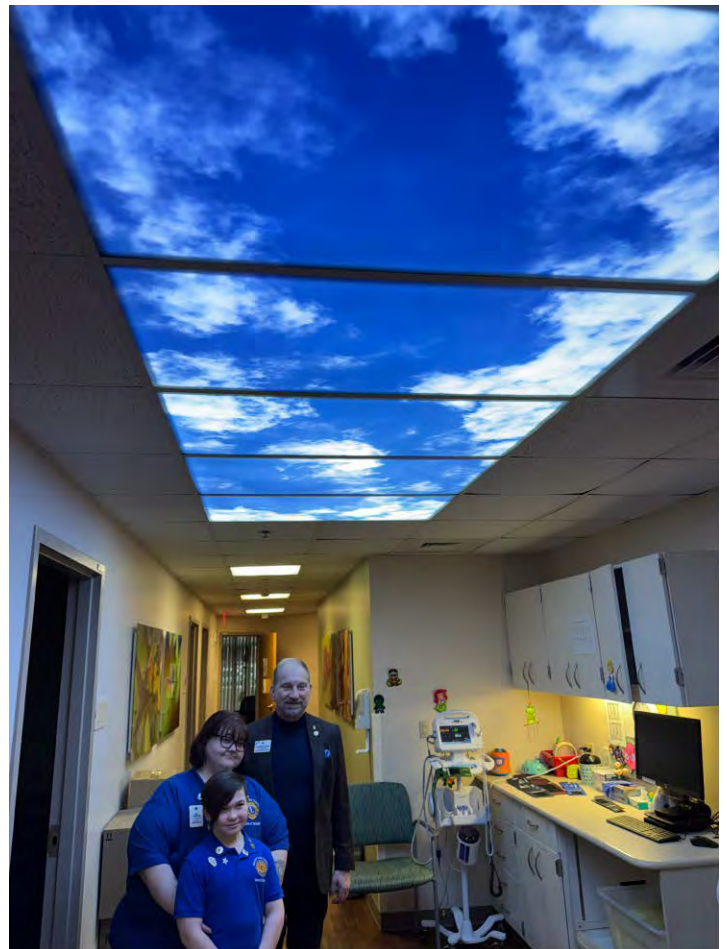
Lions KidSight USA is awarded the “Champion for Vision Award” by the Children’s Eye Foundation of the American Association for Pediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus (AAPOS).

This recognition is a tribute to the great work each of you has done to advance the mission of children’s vision screening. Over the years Lions have averaged about 2 million children screened per year with an average of 15% referral rate. Your efforts have made a huge difference in the lives of hundreds of thousands of children. As Chairman of Lions KidSight USA, I thank you for the support you have shown for this program and our mission. It is my honor to be the chair of this great team and accept this recognition.

Dr. Edward V. Cordes
Past International Director, Lions International
Chair, Lions KidSight USA



**Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION**



International Director Anthony Paradiso, from New York, had the opportunity to visit the artificial skylights in the children’s unit at Bronson Hospital in Kalamazoo. These skylights were made possible thanks to a matching grant between District 11B2 and Lions Clubs International Foundation. ID Anthony was the guest of the District at its annual convention, held this year in Kalamazoo

Donate Online



Youth Camps & Exchange



Become a Host Family

*Contributed by Lion Elvie Marfil
State Youth Camps & Exchange Chair*



Is Hosting Right for Me?

Are you interested in learning about other cultures and ways of life while sharing your own customs and experiences? Are open-mindedness, tolerance and cultural competence of high importance to you? Do you have a desire to contribute towards peace, international understanding and the creation of global citizenship in youth? If you answered yes to any of these questions, you may enjoy being a host family for the Lions Youth Camps and Exchange (YCE) Program!

Benefits of Hosting

Hosting an exchange youth is guaranteed to be a rewarding experience because:

- You experience the joy of sharing your culture and daily customs
- You learn about the exchange youth's customs and culture
- You open a new world of possibilities and thinking to the exchange youth
- You make a new friend - maybe a friend for life

Expectations of a Host Family

Room and Board

You are expected to provide room and board for the youth. It is recommended that youth be roomed with youth of similar ages and similar genders. Meals should be balanced and healthy.

Transportation

Typically, you are responsible for all of the youth's transportation during the exchange. Travel may include but is not limited to, transfers to and from the airport or train station, transfers to other Host Families or International Camp, transportation to and from any planned activities by you and/or the Host Club.

Financial responsibilities

Payment for cultural activities is dependent on the agreement made between you, the youth and the Host Club. Some programs offer stipends or scholarships for participating Host Families.



Youth Camps & Exchange

Selecting an Exchange Youth

The criteria for selecting youth differs from YCE program to YCE program. Hosting a youth is dependent upon desired age, gender, interests and nationality and upon the availability of the youth meeting those requirements. Your local YCE Chairperson will advise you of available youth or if arranged early enough, may seek a youth meeting your request.

You can learn more about the roles and expectations of a YCE Host Family by checking out the [YCE Host Family Handbook!](#)

Host Family Eligibility

Potential Host Families must be screened by the Host Lions Club and YCE Chairperson. The Host Lions Club and local YCE Chairperson must approve all host families. Screening items include, but are not limited to:

Age: Having experience with youth of similar age as the incoming youth.

Character: Your family should be understanding, interested in other cultures, open-minded, tolerant and have ability to communicate and/or deal wisely with youth.

Language ability: It would be helpful if one or more members of your family speaks the youth's language and/or English (most YCE programs require English as the preferred language), and could be necessary in some cases.

Knowledge of the YCE program and [policy](#): Your family should have some familiarity with the YCE program and/or hosting youth. If you are a non-Lion Host Family, you should be well informed on the scope and objectives of Lionism, and on the YCE program and [policy](#) by the local YCE Chairperson.

Living conditions: Your family should be able to accommodate an additional person in the home without discomfort or financial burden.

Family preferences: Your family are permitted preference regarding the youth's nationality, language, religion, gender or age.

Availability: It is important that you make sure your family's schedule allows accommodation to spend enough quality time with the youth.

How to Apply

Contact Lion Elvie Marfil: epmarfil5@gmail.com or 818-800-1060.

Youth Camps & Exchange Program
Lion Elvie Marfil
Multiple District 11 Chairperson

Open your heart and door to the world of Lions Youth Camps & Exchange Program. Please sign up to be a host family.

We still need host families for the following participants:

Country	Gender	Age
Japan	Female	18
Hungary	Female	16
Italy	Female	19
Spain	Female	15
Turkey	Female	18

Thank you to the following Lions and Districts for hosting.

District	Host Family	Host Club	Country
A1	PDG Roshni Patel	Detroit Renaissance Lions Club	Belgium, France & Mongolia (Female)
B1	CC Terri Huffman Lion Sandra Simon Lion Shawne Lige	Jackson Diabetes Lions Club	British Isles Czech Republic Finland (Female)
B2	2nd VDG Alice Kring	Buchana Galien Lions Club	France (Female)
C1	PDG Jim & Bev Farrell	Wyoming Lions Club	Austria (Male)
	Lions Mark & Susan Graves	Fruitport Lions Club	France and Finland (Male)
	Lion Frank & Cathie Krol	Muskegon Northeast Lions club	Germany (Male)
C2	PDG Brent Beracy	Ashley Lions Club	Mongolia & Poland (Male)

This year we have 3 outgoing youth participants:

District	Sponsored Club	Country
B2	Buchanan Galien Lions Club	Switzerland
B2	Buchanan Galien Lions Club	Germany
C1	Muskegon Northeast Lions Club	Australia



Youth Camps & Exchange



Lions of Michigan - Youth Camps & Exchange Program

Lion Elvie Marfil, State Chairperson 2024-2025

818-800-1060 epmarfil5@gmail.com

Do you know a young person who would like to embark on a life-changing adventure?

The YCE program allows youths aged 15 to 21 the opportunity to travel to a foreign country where they will experience another culture up close and personal in a family environment.

********Deadline to apply: March 30, 2025********

Would you be willing to be a host family and open your home to a youth from another country?

*Hosting Dates: July 26 – August 16, 2025; Camp Dates: August 3-9, 2025, at D-Bar-A Scouting Ranch
We are actively seeking host families for incoming youth exchange participants.*

********Deadline to apply: June 30, 2025********

Join in on the adventure of a lifetime!





Youth Camps & Exchange (YCE) (Ages 15-21) SUMMER PROGRAM 2025 Help to foster tomorrow's Lions



Dates to Remember:

Incoming Youth Exchange participants to be in
Michigan 3 weeks (2 at host family; 1 at camp):

Youth arrival date: **July 26, 2025**

Camp dates: **August 3-9, 2025**

@ D-Bar-A Scouting Ranch
located in Metamora, MI)

Youth departure date: **August 16, 2025**

LEO's are invited to camp week (\$250)

Application deadline for Host Families:
June 30, 2025



Become a Host Family

Bring a new culture into your home!

Multiple District 11 is looking for families in the community who can open their hearts and homes for a few weeks during the summer of 2025 to host a Youth Exchange Ambassador. These young adults are part of the Lions International Youth Camps & Exchange program, bringing young adults from various parts of the world to the United States during the summer program July 26 – August 16, 2025.

We are actively seeking host families in Michigan for the following incoming youth applicants:

Country of Origin	Applicant Age	Country of Origin	Applicant Age
Argentina	Female - 16	Germany	Male - 18
British Isles	Female - 17	Hungary	Female - 16
Czech Republic	Female - 18	Italy	Female - 19
Finland	Female - 18	Spain	Female - 16
Finland	Male - 19	Spain	Female - 16
France	Male - 16		

Host families need not be Lions members, nor must they have children at home; they are responsible for the youth's room and board. Visiting youths come with spending money, costs for additional activities are at host family's discretion.

If you are interested in becoming a Host Family, please contact

State Chair Lion Elvie Marfil at 818-800-1060, email epmarfil5@gmail.com.

Facebook page: Youth Camps & Exchange - Michigan, USA

Link: [Lions of Michigan Youth Camps & Exchange](https://lionsofmi.com/index.php/youth-exchange) (<https://lionsofmi.com/index.php/youth-exchange>)

Your help is needed!!



We Serve

When: Saturday, April 12 from 8 - 11 am.

Cost: Donation

**Where: Lions Service Center
420 Sixth Avenue
Three Rivers**

**Come and join the Easter
Bunny and the Lion for
pancake breakfast**



Proceeds to support our local projects and building funds

THE EDWARDSBURG LIONS CLUB
ANNUAL PANCAKE & SAUSAGE BREAKFAST!



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

APRIL 26TH, 2025, Time 8 to 11 AM

THE AMERICAN LEGION POST 365 ON US-12, EDWARDSBURG

\$5 PER PERSON FOR ADULTS & KIDS OVER THE AGE OF 12

KIDS UNDER THE AGE OF 12, EAT FREE!!!

BRING THE KIDS FOR LOTS OF FUN & ACTIVITIES!

**A PERFECT MORNING FOR BREAKFAST WITH PANCAKES, SAUSAGE,
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**EDWARDSBURG LIONS ARE HERE TO SERVE UP A
DELICIOUS BREAKFAST!!**





39th ANNUAL Sight & Hearing Sweepstakes A GUARANTEED Fundraiser

GREAT PRIZES

Grand Prize - \$5,000

2nd-\$2,500 - 3rd-\$1,000 - 4th- \$1,000

5th-\$1,000 - 6th-\$1,000 - 7th-\$1,000

8th-\$1,000 - 9th-\$1,000 - 10th-\$1,000

SELLER INCENTIVES

1st-\$1,000 - 2nd-\$500 - 3rd-\$250 - 4th-\$100

EASY MONEY

30-99 Tickets Sold = \$3.50 Per Ticket For Club

100 - 249 Tickets Sold = \$5.00 Per Ticket For Club

250+ Tickets = \$5.50 Per Ticket For Club

DRAWINGS

TICKET SELLERS DRAWING

May 3, 2025

Lions of Michigan State Office
Lansing, Michigan

FINAL DRAWING

May 17, 2025

MD 11 Convention - Bay City, MI

The PRICE is RIGHT

\$10.00 Per Ticket

Attention-Attention-Attention

Do you have a friend or relative who has everything?

What better gift could you give than one that helps those in need? For a gift of \$10, you can buy a Sight & Hearing Sweepstakes ticket for a friend or family member, providing them with a chance to win several cash prizes, including the grand prize of \$5,000.

Upon receipt of your gift, we will mail a sweepstakes ticket stub and sweepstakes information to your honoree with a card acknowledging your gift.



lmsf.net - lhcmi.org

Lions of Michigan Foundation - Gift 39th Annual Sight & Hearing Sweepstakes

Donation Amount: \$ _____

Donor's Name(s): _____

Donor's Email Address: _____

Donor's Street Address: _____


City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Honoree's Name: _____

Honoree's Email Address: _____

Honoree's Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____



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Hosted by the Mattawan Lions Club



NILES LIONS CLUB

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■ QUARTER AUCTION FUNDRAISER ■



Friday, May 9th
6:00 Doors Open
6:30 Auction Begins

AM Vets Post 1978
1117 Bertrand Rd.
Niles, MI

Dinner available for
purchase through
AmVets.

TICKET INFO:

Purchase in advance or at the door.

\$10 for single number paddles.
\$50 dollars for Golden Paddles-
included in every bid. Golden
Paddles need not be present to win.

Contact us at :

NilesMiLionsClub@gmail.com
to purchase tickets in advance.

Facebook:

www.facebook.com/nilesmichiganlionsclub

AUCTION ITEMS:

- Home Decor
- Kitchen
- Restaurant Gift Cards
- Gift Baskets
- Handyman Items
- Wine and specialty food

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EYE GLASSES
& VISION
ASSISTANCE
TO THE NILES
COMMUNITY
SINCE 1926



LIONS BEAR LAKE CAMP

Spring Workbee

May 10th, 2025

Registration 8:00 AM

Cleanup 9:00 AM

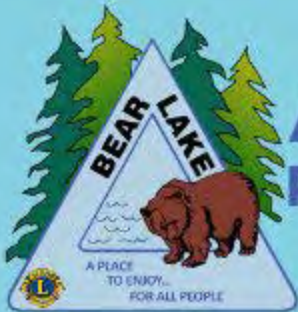


LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED

Easy, Medium, and

Advanced Tasks available

Please bring your own gloves and tools



PLEASE RSVP TO:

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

**traci@bearlakecamp.org
jwalling@bearlakecamp.org**



Spaghetti Dinner

BENTON HARBOR-FAIRPLAIN LIONS CLUB

The DANK

2651 Pipestone Road
Benton Harbor, MI 49022

Saturday, May 17, 2025

5:00pm - 7:00pm

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

*Cash Bar

*50/50 Raffle

**Proceeds to support the Benton Harbor Youth
Baseball & Softball Association*



We Serve

CARRY OUTS AVAILABLE

•• Please bring used eyeglasses for donation ••

Bangor Lions Club 35th Annual Golf Outing

LAKE CORA HILLS
GOLF CLUB

**\$75
PER
PLAYER**



THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED
SUPPORT OF THE BANGOR LIONS CLUB!!

**SUNDAY, JUNE 8, 2025
FOUR PERSON SCRAMBLE**

**18 Holes of Golf
Lunch, Golf Cart are
INCLUDED!!!**

EVENTS

Longest Drive - Men/ Women
Closest to the Pin - Men/Women
Longest Putt Made - Combined
Orange Ball Team Event
Door Prizes & 50/50 Raffle

AGENDA

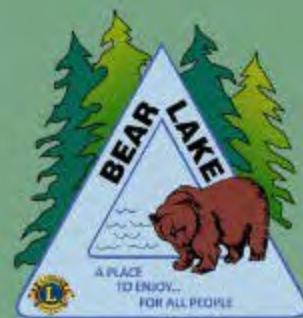
7:30 - 8:20 AM Golf Registration & Donuts
8:30 AM Shotgun Start
TBD Lunch, Awards, and Happy Hour

**Register TODAY - Contact
Irene or Chris for details**

269-377-4762 Irene Troutman
or 269-365-5231 Chris Rigozzi

cmrigozzi@yahoo.com

LIONS BEAR LAKE CAMP OPEN HOUSE



**JULY 12TH 2025
2:00 PM – 5:00 PM**

**Tour Camp
Meet the Staff
Family Friendly Event
Snacks Provided**

RSVP Online or contact:



810-245-0726

traci@bearlakecamp.org



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The South Haven Black River Lions Club
Annual Fundraiser

BBO On The Bluff

American Legion Post #49
129 Michigan Ave., South Haven, MI

Saturday, August 23rd

4:00PM - 9:00PM

**\$10 PRESALE & \$15 AT THE DOOR
ALL YOU CAN EAT FOOD UNTIL 8PM**

Live Music
OCDK
2nd Band TBD

Kid Hour
4p-5p
**Face Paint,
Caricatures, &
More!**

*50/50
every hour*

Silent Auction



**Pre-Sale Tickets available in June until August 21st at the American Legion Post 49,
Wolverine Ace Hardware, Chamber of Commerce, Shoreline Dance Academy, or email
Lion Nila (nila.dubas490@gmail.com)

LIONS OF MICHIGAN FOUNDATION—2026 GROUP CRUISE
ROYAL CARIBBEAN - SYMPHONY OF THE SEAS
MARCH 1, 2026 - 7-NIGHTS - ROUNDTrip MIAMI, FL

2 People - Price Includes \$100 Onboard Credit Per Cabin

4V - Interior Cabin: \$2,145.20
\$1,486.00 + \$400.20 Taxes/Fees + \$259.00 Gratuity - Size: 149 square feet

2S - Central Park View Interior Cabin - \$2,629.20
\$1,970.00 + \$400.20 Taxes/Fees + \$259.00 Gratuity - Size: 191 square feet

2D - Ocean View Balcony Cabin: \$3,413.20
\$2,754.00 + \$400.20 Taxes/Fees + \$259.00 Gratuity - Size: 182 square feet + balcony



☐ I would like a quote for a _____ Cabin ☐ I would like a 4V Interior Cabin

☐ I would like a 2S Interior Cabin ☐ I would like a 4D Ocean View Balcony Cabin

Stateroom Deposit - \$250 Per Person: ___ Check ___ Credit/Debit Card ___ Pay Pal (info@lmsf.net)

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Expiration Date: _____ CVV Code: _____ Zip Code: _____

Signature: _____

Legal Names: _____ - Birth Date: _____

_____ - Birth Date: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City/State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____



LIONS OF MICHIGAN FOUNDATION

5730 EXECUTIVE DRIVE - LANSING, MICHIGAN 48911

VOICE: 517 887-6640

FAX: 517 887-6642

WEB: www.lmsf.net

March 7, 2025

Dear Lions:

Our Lions Foundation has been very busy providing services and financial support to our Michigan Lions Clubs and Districts. Again this year, we have provided services in every Michigan Lions District, including:

PROJECT KIDSIGHT: We worked with 79 Michigan Lions Clubs and 418 Certified Vision Technicians and Volunteers to check the vision of 25,570 children. We referred 2,812 children to eye doctors for follow-up care.

EMERGENCY INDIVIDUAL ASSISTANCE and DISASTER RELIEF: We provided 17 grants totaling \$35,000 to help people in 9 of our 11 Lions of Michigan Districts with eye surgeries, emergency aid for veterans and military members, medical treatment, low vision needs and mobility assistance.

EYE CARE ASSISTANCE: We provided eye exams and eyeglasses for 101 adults and 56 children in all 11 Lions of Michigan Districts.

HEARING AID ASSISTANCE: We provided hearing aids to 121 people and testing and other audiology service for 30 people in 10 of our 11 Lions of Michigan Districts.

DONOR ADVISED - SPECIAL PROJECT FUNDS: We provided funding and services to support 20 Lions Club, District and non-profit organization special projects and programs.

We are totally dedicated to helping Lions Clubs provide assistance to those in need in their communities. Our funding is derived from donations, the Lion Mints Program, and our annual Sight and Hearing Sweepstakes, which provides a great opportunity for your club to raise money for your local projects while also supporting our Lions Foundation's statewide projects. Your Lions Club should have already received Sight and Hearing Sweepstakes tickets to sell. The tickets sell for \$10 each, and the proceeds are shared with participating Lions Clubs in accordance with their total ticket sales.

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, Lions Clubs or individuals who sell Sight and Hearing Sweepstakes tickets are eligible to be included in the Ticket Sellers Drawing on May 3, 2025 at the Lions of Michigan State Office with prizes of \$1,000, \$500, \$250 and \$100. The drawing for ticket purchasers will take place on May 17 during the breakfast of the MD-11 Convention in Bay City, and the Grand Prize is \$5,000; 2nd Prize is \$2,500; and eight additional prizes of \$1,000 will be randomly drawn.

If you would like additional information or if you have any questions, please contact me or the office at 517-887-6640 or info@lmsf.net.

Together in service,

PDG Paul Hodge, OD, President
paulhodgeod@hotmail.com

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Dedicated to improving the quality of life of people in Michigan with unmet needs.

WHITE CANE ORDER FORM



Lions/Lioness Club Name _____

District _____ Date _____

SHIPPING ADDRESS:

BILLING ADDRESS:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip _____

Phone: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip _____

YES! I WANT TO PICK UP AT THE LIONS MICHIGAN FORUM ON MARCH 1! _____

UNITS	ITEM	UNIT	PRICE	TOTAL
	String Tags	1000/box	\$60.00	
	White Cane Stickers (roll)	1000/roll	\$32.00	
	Bib Apron	Each	\$14.00	
	Waist Apron	Each	\$8.00	
	White Cane Placemats	500/bundle	\$21.00	
	Eyeglass Collection Box (large)	Each	\$8.50	
	Eyeglass Collection Box (small)	Each	\$6.50	
	Extra Eyeglass Box Stickers (set of 3)	Each	\$3.00	
	White Cane Law Pamphlets	250/bundle	\$20.00	
	Certificate of Appreciation	Each	.60¢	
	White Cane Bookmarks	100/bundle	\$10.00	
	Leader Patch	Each	\$3.00	
	Leader Pin	Each	\$1.50	
	*NEW White Cane Lapel Pin with red tip	500 Quantity	\$85.00	
If shipping is required, you will be billed for shipping and handling fees.		TOTAL:		

Order Form Online: www.lionsofmi.com

Mail to: Lions of Michigan • 5730 Executive Drive, Lansing, MI 48911 • (517) 887-6640 ext. 10 • fax: (517) 887-6642



Order & Application Forms

[CLICK HERE TO DOWNLOAD APPLICATION & ORDER FORMS](#)

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.



Lions of Michigan Foundation

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11B-2 Club News

Buchanan-Galien

For the past 82 years, the Buchanan-Galien Lions have honored Buchanan High School Senior Athletes. On March 6th, the tradition continued. Athletes, coaches, school administrators and Lions enjoyed a meal together, the athletes shared their future plans, and BHS Alumni Sean Jesse spoke to the 80+ people in attendance.



Sean, BHS class of 2003, shared how sports and living in Buchanan impacted his journey in coaching

and obtaining his Masters Degree in Education in 2012. He currently coaches at Edwardsburg and has twice been selected Wolverine Conference Soccer Coach of the Year and also MHSAA District Coach of the Year.

"Once a Buck- always a Buck"
#GOBUCKS



The Buchanan-Galien Lions assisted the Project Kid Sight team in screening all Buchanan school students on March 4th and 5th.

Thank You Tanda, Dave and PKS Team for your dedication to our students throughout the district. It is always a pleasure to both watch and help this "Amazing PKS team and their process of perfection!"





11B-2 Club News

More Buchanan-Galien...



The Buchanan-Galien Lions held their 4th Annual "Drive-Thru Corned Beef and Cabbage" fundraiser on St. Patrick's Day. "WE SERVED" over 200 dinners to some very satisfied customers. Awesome Food + Great Teamwork = Happy Customers. Great job fellow Lions!

Coloma



The Coloma Lions Club and The Coloma Fraternal Order of Police are teaming up on April 19th to offer from 8 am to 10 am a Pancake Breakfast with the Easter Bunny and a 3,000 plus Easter Egg Hunt beginning at 10:30am at The FOP Baseball Fields. This is a change in venue from the past couple of years where the Easter Egg hunt which was held at the Old Washington School Site. There will be age appropriate groups held at 4 different baseball fields with only the very youngest group being allowed to use baskets. Miss Coloma and Mr. Coloma and their Court will be assisting in giving out the prizes.

Edwardsburg

New Members! Mackenzie Morgan & Nick Folkers joined the Edwardsburg Lions Club and they are soon to be MARRIED! Congratulations!!! Mom & Dad, Mike & Sue Morgan invited them to join the Edwardsburg Lions Club!



The Edwardsburg Lions participate in the Edwardsburg Food Pantry by helping to feed children with "backpack food" to take home for the weekends.





11B-2 Club News

Mattawan

The Mattawan Lions did their part for the “Great Eyeglass Challenge” that was part of District 11-B2’s annual Convention, sorting glasses during their program night. The also used the time to decorate their Mardi Gras float.



Portage

On March 5, members of the Portage Lions Club toured The Bureau of Services for Blind Persons in Kalamazoo. This agency helps blind and visually impaired people in Michigan achieve employment and independence. We were shown where they gain computer skills, how to use a kitchen and prepare meals, how to learn cell phone skills, how to use braille technology, how to use woodworking equipment and make things. The “Out of Sight Cafe”, where they eat their meals, has voice activated equipment to help them choose various condiments to add to their food. We encourage other clubs to **contact them** to arrange the one hour long tour.



About the Bureau of Services for Blind Persons

The Michigan Bureau of Services for Blind Persons (BSBP) believes in the capacity of people who are blind or visually impaired to achieve employment and independence. BSBP provides training and services that empower people to achieve their individual goals. If you live in Michigan and you're blind or visually impaired, the Bureau of Services for Blind Persons will work with you to define your goals and identify appropriate training and services. BSBP provides vocational skills training to aid in finding a job and training in daily living skills for State of Michigan residents living without vision. Depending upon your needs and eligibility for specific services, BSBP may also provide some types of adaptive equipment, computer software, and postsecondary education.

11B-2 Club News

South Haven-Black River



Lion Cubs Zoey, Max, and Trevor volunteered at the local animal shelter. The more snuggles the animals get the more likely they are to get adopted.

The Cubs have been working hard making new art out of their recycled crayon project. Melted crayon art will be available for donations at our District Convention.



Cubs Zoey and Granville still read to seniors every Wednesday!





11B-2 Club News

St. Joseph



Lion Schreiber was excited about checking our boxes in for the Eyeglass Challenge which we WON with 3,506 pairs. Portage was second at 2,945 and the total for the entire 11-B2 District was 18,156 pairs. So many will benefit!

At our March 20th Meeting Lion John Johnson introduced Lion Fran Grabowski as a representative for **Eversight**. The organization is all about restoring vision. After becoming a corneal transplant, Fran became a Lion in order to find another avenue for supporting the efforts of saving sight for others.



Mattawan LEOs

Mattawan LEOs sort glasses for the “Great Eyeglass Challenge” at the District Convention.



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General News!



Lawrence	April 12, 1948	75 Years
Vicksburg	April 17, 1953	70 Years
Sturgis	April 26, 2004	38 Years
Covert	April 28, 1986	37 Years
Bangor	April 30, 1968	55 Years

Thank you for all your years of service!

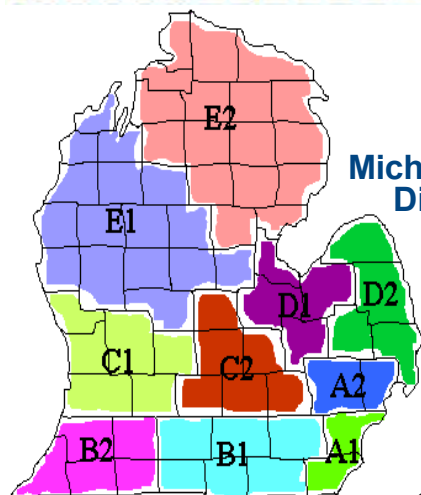
Lions clubs needing to replenish their mints inventory and save on shipping costs, please contact PDG Julie Mayuiers at jumayuiers@gmail.com **no later than March 13**. Clubs that contact Julie can pick up their mints at the District Convention on March 29th at the LMF table between 9 – 11:30 am.



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2024-25 District 11B-2 Zone Chair Map



Michigan Lion Districts

