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# The B2 Beacon

*"May the beacon of hope always shine bright"*

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LIONS OF DISTRICT 11B2

DECEMBER NEWS

"TOGETHER WE SERVE"

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## FROM THE GOVERNOR'S DESK



We Serve



I hope everyone had a nice Thanksgiving with your families or whoever you spent the day with. PCC Jeff and I had a quiet day at home this year. We had two of our kids, spouses, and grand children home the entire weekend before and celebrated...but I cooked ham instead this year. It was more of a casual gathering spent playing board games, catching up, helping grama get her Christmas tree down from the attic and set up and the grandsons decorated for us. Then they played in the 6" of snow that we had received overnight.

One word sums it up..... AWESOME!!!!

I am so happy to report that the total for Projects Night held on November 14th has so far totaled \$47,921.00. 24 clubs were 100% participants which is up from 2021 where we had 23 clubs at 100%. And total donations were up from 2021 by 7%. This is totally AWESOME!!!! I am so happy to see that our clubs are generously giving again this year and I want to say THANK YOU to all of you!!! In addition to the generous donations, we had a room filled with over 80 Lions and guests in attendance.

The Great Eyeglass Challenge Part 1 was also held this night and clubs donated almost 15,000 pairs of glasses. The second part of this will take place at the District Convention on March 18th at Four Points by Sheraton in Kalamazoo. The total of Part 1 and Part 2 will determine the overall winner for the year. So, clubs there is still plenty of time to gather more glasses and start sorting them now. Special thanks to Lions Lewis Lam-bright and Mark Tumbleson of the Buchanan Galien Lions and Lion Ken Adlay from C1 for coming to collect the glasses that night. Lion Ken left with his vehicle and trailer packeted to the limits!!

I want to send out a special thank you to the District Cabinet for all your hard efforts during this event.

On November 10th my chauffer drove me to the Buchanan Galien Lions Club Annual Thanksgiving dinner and Peace Poster judging. They had 3 very good entries this year. I took the winning poster to the Council of Governor's Meeting on December 3rd in Grand Rapids. Unfortunately, our district poster was not chosen as the state winning poster. But congrats-



## FROM THE GOVERNOR'S DESK (cont.)

tions to all three entries. We hope next year to have more entries from schools and young people.

Some other things happening in the district currently are that we are collecting socks for all ages to be taken to the MD11 State Convention in Muskegon in May. Clubs, please start to gather your socks and then the Zone Chairs will be collecting them during their club visits between now and May 1st or if I'm visiting your club you can give them to me also. B&G in Schoolcraft is a great place to pick up socks at reasonable prices. Another idea is to put boxes in your local businesses asking for socks to be donated. So far over 12,000 pairs have been collected by clubs in the State. These will be donated to homeless shelters in the Muskegon area.

LCI announced that coming in March will be a computer change over at LCI. I can't tell you any more details at this time other than it is supposed to be more user friendly. There will no longer be MyLion, MyLCI, etc. but just one platform so stay tuned.

All State Band needs band members. We are all asked to mention to our local school band directors that auditions are now done virtually. The band is currently planning to attend the International Convention in Boston and spend 3 days in Boston and 3 days in New York City.

Details on the District Wide Zone Meeting to be held January 30th at the Antwerp Township Hall in Mattawan will be coming out very soon also, so mark your calendars to attend that also.

Planning is beginning to take place for our District Convention March 17 & 18 in Kalamazoo so mark your calendars! I am happy to share that the Four Points by Sheraton is honoring the same meal prices and room rates as last year. Details will be sent out for the first time to all Beacon recipients, Presidents and Secretaries around the first of January so watch for those details. Let's make our special guest Past International Director Jenny Ware and husband Lion Jeff from the UP feel very welcome "under the bridge" and like a troll as the UP'ers like to refer to us.

With the Christmas season fast approaching us, we all have so much to be thankful for and so many joys in our lives, so I'd like you all to answer the following question "What is your Joy of being a Lion?"

I can tell you I have many "Joys" in my life, I have an amazing husband, family, and Lion's family that support me in what I enjoy...being a Lion and serving others. I have made so many great and long-time friends since joining Lions in 2014. I was serving along side of Lion Jeff for 10 years prior to that date but then officially joined and have never looked back. It's knowing that I am doing something to help put smiles on the faces of many adults and children by either providing food or toys or eyeglasses or hearing aids or helping obtain a Grant for a family that has suffered a tragic and loss of a fire.



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## FROM THE GOVERNOR'S DESK (cont.)

So, I want you all to reflect back and think of what has made you happy and joyful during the past year. Don't stress over the little things this holiday season. Enjoy time spent with family and friends. If you will be traveling, please be careful and safe.

A reminder that now is the time to make sure your Club Rosters are updated on LCI's website as the next round of dues statements will be prepared December 12th and they use whatever member count they see at that time to invoice you. When you do receive your dues statement, if you have any discrepancies in the counts, please do not deduct anything for members you may have dropped that are still being counted. You must pay the full amount and LCI will adjust your account in the future. It gets too hectic if LCI has to review every payment to see why it may be short.

Lastly, please remember that it is very important to update your Service hours in LCI. You can count hours that individuals or your entire club worked on projects. Right now, my club is gathering hours working on preparing for your Christmas baskets and toy distribution and I'm sure many of your clubs are working on the same things. We need to get our District up to 100% reporting ASAP!

If you I look forward to getting back to club visits after the holidays so, please give me a call or email to get on my schedule if you don't hear from me first.

from

*DG Julie & PCC Jeff*



## One more very important thing....

*When filling out your Christmas cards this year, take one card and send it to this address: A Recovering American Soldier, c/o Walter Reed Army Medical Center, 6900 Georgia Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20307-5001. If we pass this on and everyone sends one card, think of how many cards these wonderful, selfless people, who have sacrificed so much would get.*



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## FROM THE **GOVERNOR'S DESK** (cont.)

### **Socks Galor And More**

The shelters in our communities are always in need of socks for their guests!

We can make a difference statewide through our donations of men's, women's and children's socks. Donated socks will be distributed to local shelters identified by the District Governors and the District GST. We are also having each District donate 75 pairs of socks to the shelters in Muskegon, which will be presented at the State Convention.

District Governors have been challenged to collect socks throughout their District.

The District Governor with the largest collection by December 4 will receive prize!

The District with the overall largest donation will receive recognition at the State Convention May 18-20, 2023

### **MD 11 State Convention Muskegon Michigan**

May 18-20

The service event will be a Sock Hop with local representatives from Shelters in Muskegon.



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## GOVERNOR JULIE'S CALENDAR

### December

- 2 – 3 Council of Governor's in Grand Rapids
- 8 – Kalamazoo Westside Christmas Party
- 11 – Marcellus Village Christmas events (Lions will be having a drive thru luncheon from 11 – 1 behind the Methodist church)
- 13 – Three Rivers Christmas Party
- 17 – Three Rivers Christmas Food and Toy Distribution
- 30 – Combined Cabinet Meeting, District Convention Meeting, District Wide Zone Meeting planning - all via Zoom 7 – 9 pm

### January

- 7 – Cabinet Meeting - cancelled
- 9 – Vicksburg Lions Club
- 30 – District Wide Zone Meeting @ Antwerp Township Hall from 6 – 8 pm. Further details to follow.

### February

- 24 – 26 – Council of Governors & Michigan Forum – Doubletree Hotel Airport, Grand Rapids
- International President Brian Sheehan is our guest for the Forum....you won't want to miss attending and meeting he and Lion Lori**

### March

- 17 – 18 – District Convention @ Four Points by Sheraton in Kalamazoo. PID Jenny Ware from D10 will be our guest.
- 18 - Great Eyeglass Challenge Part 2 held at District Convention

### April

- 15 – Cabinet Meeting – Sister Lakes Lions Club

### May

- 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

### June

- 3 – Final Cabinet meeting and Thank you Brunch – Mayuiers' house

### July

- 7 – 11 – International Convention, Boston, MA





## UPCOMING EVENTS TO ADD TO YOUR CALENDAR

### December

**2-3: Edwardsburg Lions Club Annual Christmas tree sales** - The tree lot is located at the H&R Block on US-12 as they have been in the past.

### January

**7: Cabinet Meeting hosted by Sister Lakes Lions Club**, Breakfast at 8:30, meeting from 9:00 – 11:00 am. All Lions in the District are invited to attend any of the Cabinet meetings. *Just please let CS Tammie Grabowski know a week ahead of time if you plan to attend so we can ensure we have enough food available.*

**30: District Wide Zone Meeting** - Antwerp Township Hall, Mattawan

### March

**17 – 18: District Convention @ Four Points by Sheraton in Kalamazoo.** *PID Jenny Ware from D10 will be our guest.*

**18: Great Eyeglass Challenge Part 2** held at District Convention

### 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](mailto:captcartoon@me.com) to have it included.*



## GMT-PCC JEFF MAYUIERS



Tis the Season and we just have to believe!! Believe in how special being a Lion really is!

The gift of membership is truly one of the most special gifts you could give. Think of your family, consider your close friends. Don't they deserve to feel as proud as you do when you help so many others in need.

It's a special feeling not everyone gets the chance to experience. Here's a great stocking stuffer idea. Fill out a Lions Application for Membership for them and let them open it. All they have to do is sign it and you've gotten off to a Merry, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

GMT Jeff Mayuiers



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## LIONS OF MICHIGAN FOUNDATION

Merry Christmas from the Lions of Michigan Service Foundation

As many of you Lions know or at least should know, the Lions of Michigan Service Foundation has an Emergency Disaster Committee. The Committee's main purpose is to help your club offer support to any family in your community that may have experienced some kind of major loss due to a disaster such as a fire, flood or tornado. The gift we now offer has increased in value. If a single family in your community has suffered a house fire let's say, the family was previously able to receive \$1,500 from your club if you applied for it. Now that amount has been increased to \$2,500 for a single family emergency disaster. LMSF has also increased the amount for a multi-family dwelling like an apartment or duplex unit to \$10,000 from the previous \$7,500 if they meet the qualifications. What a gift you have to offer if a family is in need.

Let's all hope we don't have to use it but isn't it great to know it's there, it's available if you know a family that needs it in your community.

From your Trustee's Jeff & Julie Mayuiers



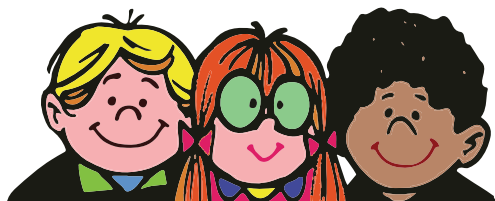


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## PROJECT KIDSIGHT

PKS COORDINATORS **TANDA & DAVID STIFFLER**

### Lions of Michigan Foundation **PROJECT KIDSIGHT**



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*November-December 2022*

We have wonderful news for Project KidSight! The schools are asking for PKS to come into their schools and offer our free vision screening! The PKS Team is very happy to be able to get as many children as possible in Michigan.

On November 4th, a team of 9 PKS volunteers assisted in screening the students at the Eagle Lake School in Edwardsburg. We arrived at 8:30 AM and started at 9 AM and was completely done

in 1 hour and 50 minutes of screening 323 students. The reason we could do this, is because we have three SPOT cameras and three trained screeners along with three assistants that sit beside the student to get their name so they could find them on the listing that the school provides to us. The process works fantastic.



Other volunteers directed students to an empty chair to be screened next, while another volunteer kept a master copy filled out when we finished a classroom. Lion Tanda did all the referrals. At this school there were 20 referrals.

On November 9th, basically the same PKS Team attended the Edwardsburg Primary School in Edwardsburg. There we screened 313 students with 30 referrals. Several students were absent, so the school is rescheduling another date for the PKS screeners to come in and screen the remainder of the students that missed that day.

The PKS team works well together. Our Volunteers at these two schools were, Screeners, Dave Stiffler, Dianne Ross, Pat McFarland. Our Assis-





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## PROJECT KIDSIGHT (con't)

### PKS COORDINATORS TANDA & DAVID STIFFLER



tants were, Meryl Christensen, Cooky Bailey, Jan Rutten, Roy Smotherman. Our two Lions directing students in and to a chair were, Jerry Tavernier and Jim Rutten. Assistant to complete the Master Form was Jim Devenney and Lion Tanda Stiffler completed all the referral packets.

The PKS Team will be attending the Edwardsburg Intermediate School on December 1st. That school has 409 students, and we have two new volunteers assisting us for that screening, PJ



Pamela Artis and Ginger Smietana. We will have a team of either 9 or 10 volunteers for this school. The Edwardsburg Middle School is scheduling the PKS Team to come on either December 14th or 16th and Lion Tanda will confirm the date with the Principal Joshua Bourne to lock in the date. The middle school has over 600 students. Then lastly the High School to attend and it should be over 800 to 900 students in that school.

Lion Tanda and Dave Stiffler will meet with Tracy Brewer at the Mattawan School to discuss and show her what Project KidSight can do for their students and then hopefully line up dates to start screening at their school. This is very exciting to hopefully go into Mattawan Schools.

We do have scheduled the Vicksburg Pathways School of 123 students and that date is December 15th. We were contacted by Lauri Gordon and look forward to attending this school again. We did a screening at Pathways before COVID, so we are excited to be invited again.

Anyone, willing to come to an event can contact me to help fill our team of at least nine volunteers. Any CLUB, that would like for David and me to come to a meeting to train members interested in being a part of the PKS Team can contact me. We are very happy that many signed up at the Parade of Checks for us to come. Now that we made it through the Thanksgiving Holiday, I will be contacting these clubs to attend when possible.

Respectfully,

*Lion Tanda Stiffler  
Lion David Stiffler  
PKS Coordinators*



Lions of Michigan Foundation





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## BUCHANAN-GALIEEN LIONS



### 11-B2 Projects Night Great Eyeglass Challenge Recap

Our first mid-year Great Eyeglass Collection was hosted by the Buchanan-Galien Lions Club on Monday November 14th, 2022 as part of the 11-B2 Projects Night event.

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.

At the request of the Grand Rapids eyeglass recycling crew, a mid-year collection was held to avoid burying them in glasses with our previ-

ous annual spring only event.

The collection began at 5:00 p.m. and by 6:30 p.m. the last of the night's glasses and cases had been strategically loaded into the trailer and van that were transporting them to Grand Rapids- the used glasses next step in reaching third world countries.

Buchanan-Galien Lions Lewis Lambert 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 30 years ago by the Galien Lions Club.

The total glasses collected in the 30 years prior to the 11/14/22 event was 664,794.

Fifteen clubs brought glasses to the Project Nights event and at the end of the night the stack of glasses collected totaled 14,837 pair. Monday night's collection totals will be added to the glasses collected at our spring convention and annual winners announced.

Clubs participating Monday were: Benton Harbor Fairplain, Buchanan-Galien, Centrev-

| GREAT EYE GLASS 1/2 WAY CHALLENGE |       | PUT your Boxes in The TRAILER WRITE CLUB + COUNT HERE |        |
|-----------------------------------|-------|-------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| Buchanan/Galien Lions             | 967   | Edwardburg                                            | 433    |
| KAL HAVEN TRAIL                   | 1,450 | Three Rivers                                          | 1,886  |
| Vicksburg                         | 498   | Coloma                                                | 450    |
| Dowagiac                          | 908   | Benton Harbor Fairplain                               | 601    |
| SAINT Joseph City                 | 2,350 | Sturgis                                               | 1737   |
| CENTerville                       | 1,212 | Saint Joseph Township                                 | 238    |
| COLON                             | 430   | Sister Lakes                                          | 26     |
| PORTAGE                           | 1,601 |                                                       |        |
|                                   |       |                                                       | 14,837 |



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## BUCHANAN-GALIEN LIONS (cont.)

ille, Coloma, Colon, Dowagiac, Edwardsburg, Kalhaven Trail, Portage, St. Joe City, St. Joe Township, Sister Lakes, Sturgis, Three Rivers, and Vicksburg.

Total count of glasses turned in for the day: 14,837. Total count of glasses turned in over the 30-year history: 679,631

**GAME ON TO SEE WHO WILL BE THE DISTRICT CONVENTION WINNERS!**

### District Governor & GMT Visit

On November 10th District Governor Julie and GMT Jeff Mayuiers visited the Buchanan-Galien Lions Club.

They updated the club on goals for this year, upcoming District events, and challenged the youth, Lions and guests in attendance on making the world a better place.

The club also hosted the annual Peace Poster contest top three finalists

and their families to a wonderful Thanksgiving style dinner and announced the winners.

A 10 year service award was also presented to Lion Dr. Brenda Smoke in recognition of her service and support of the Lion and Leo programs.



The club donated \$100 worth of stuffed animals to the Galien American Legion for their kids Christmas program and \$250 to the Galien Christmas for the Less Fortunate program.



Peace Poster finalists Left to Right- DG Julie, 1st place contest winner Harper Griffin, 2nd place Niyla Prince, Peace Poster Chairman Lion Alice Kring, and 3rd place Jaxon Ostrander.



Jeff, DG Julie and Tail Twister Lion Jerry Flenar





## BUCHANAN-GALIEN LIONS (cont.)

### Hacienda Giveback Fundraiser Night

On December 6th the Buchanan-Galien Lions hosted a Hacienda Giveback Fundraiser Night as their December club meeting. About 25 Lions, spouses and friends gathered for dinner- and a bunch more of their family, friends and community Lion supporters also either dined in, did take out and/or bought gift cards. Hacienda will return a portion of their total purchases to the Lions club.

A fun evening of fellowship and made a little money to help fulfill our "We Serve" goals. Thanks to all who came out and supported the event- and Happy Holidays!







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## EDWARDSBURG LIONS

### 57th Annual Christmas Tree Sales

The Edwardsburg Lions Club celebrate 57 years of Christmas tree sales! The trees were delivered the day after Thanksgiving with help from Lions, LEOs, and Friends of the Community. . Each year the club orders 300 plus beautiful trees of either Fraser Fir trees (with heights of 6 ft to 12 ft.) or Scotch Pine trees (with heights of 6 ft. to 8 ft.) The selection is always beautiful. The Christmas tree sales have been one of the largest fundraisers for 57 years for the Edwardsburg Club. The hours of operation are Monday through Thursday from 3 until 7 PM, Friday from 1 to 7 PM, Saturday from 9 AM to 7 PM and Sunday from noon until 7 PM. The Edwardsburg Club appreciates the continued support from our community in purchasing live trees. The club uses the funds to do the many service projects within our community and supports the many projects within our 11B2 District.

Year after year, the Lions have been blessed with help from friends of the Edwardsburg Community and the Edwardsburg Leo Club for helping to unload the 300 plus Christmas trees. In just a few hours the lot is set up ready for business. Several trees were sold in the early afternoon the day after Thanksgiving which was amazing.



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*Happy Holidays*  
from all of us at the Edwardsburg Lions



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## MATTAWAN LIONS

### Mattawan Lions Host 1st Annual Holiday Craft Show

The Mattawan Lions Club hosted their first ever Holiday Craft Show November 5th at the Antwerp Community Center in Mattawan.

Many holiday themed crafts were to be found, from hand made jewelry, to crocheted hats, hand-bags, & scarfs, to cookbooks and wooden crafts.





## PORTAGE LIONS

### Lions Of Michigan Youth Exchange Program

Dear Lion and Non-Lion Families:

The following information is presented to Lion or Non-Lion families of Multiple Districts 10 and 11 (Michigan) to help make the Youth Exchange Program known to students and families of your community. Lions Youth Exchange is a FAMIL Y program.

Objectives of a youth exchange program are:

- 1) To create and foster a spirit of understanding among the people of the world.*
- 2) To bring young people into contact with students and adults of other countries.*
- 3) To share family life and community life of another culture.*
- 4) To promote international understanding and goodwill through the World of Lionism.*

The Youth Exchange Program was organized by Lions, but is not necessarily only for Lions families. Students from any local school, community college, church, 4-H club, foreign language club, or other youth groups may be included in YEP.

The selection of a student that you will send to represent your Lions Club, community and country is of paramount importance. Be sure you select young people you believe will make good "ambassadors" for you as a sponsor. It is equally important to select Host Families carefully to represent us. We believe every opportunity should be extended to youths to expand their knowledge, their international understanding and their education. It's imperative that the people of the world come to know one another better, in order to arrive at a universal understanding and appreciation of the multitude of diverse cultures and ways of life

that contribute to this world we all share.

We believe that if we are to have better relations with our international neighbors, the task must be put in the hands of our young people. We do this with YEP.

The Lions of Michigan Youth Exchange Committee encourages every Lion, Lioness, and Leo Club to become involved in YEP.

#### DISTRICT YOUTH EXCHANGE CHAIRMAN:

When you accept the responsibility as Host or Sponsor, you must stay in touch with your District Chairman, who is there to advise you, answer your questions, and to aid you in any way necessary. It is your link to the exciting world of YEP.

This dedicated volunteer has been selected by the District Governor or President to serve the district and will be most happy to present the Youth Exchange story at Club, Zone or District meetings. Why not let your District Youth Exchange Chairman present a YEP program at one of your Club meetings.

#### STUDENTS WHO TRAVEL

##### WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

Any student between the ages of sixteen and twenty-one may participate in the Youth Exchange Program, except for visits to France or Denmark, where participants must be seventeen. As English is spoken in all countries with whom we exchange, knowledge of the language of the country visited is helpful, but is not mandatory except in France. Students going there must have studied at least two years of the French language. Students must be in good health, mentally and physically, without afflictions requiring close care and attention, but sight or hearing-impaired youths may be qualified to travel. Students must have social and educational levels adequate to live with families that have different customs and culture.





## PORTAGE LIONS (con't)

All students will leave between the middle of June and the middle of July, and normally stay about six weeks with Lions Families or in Lion-approved homes. In some cases, travelers may participate in a Youth Camp with other exchange student's part of the time. Depending on negotiations with these other countries, stays vary anywhere between four and eight weeks.

The Lions Youth Exchange Program is unique in that Lions Clubs at each end sponsors all our students. Sponsors select the candidates and assist with transportation, information and sometimes with financial aid. The Host Club and Youth Exchange Chairman are responsible for seeing that the travelers are met at the airport, and arrive at the homes of the Host Families. The Host Y E Chairman and Host Club Liaison are always close by to assist the student with questions and problems with language, travel or with family difficulties.

### BEHAVIOR:

Driving of automobiles or other motorized vehicles is not allowed. International Youth Exchange rules forbid any use of alcohol and using illegal drugs will guarantee an early return home. At no time in the exchange is the student permitted to break and commence individual travel even to visit relatives.

### HOW A STUDENT MAY APPLY:

- 1) Secure applications from the District Chairman or Club Secretary; Fill them out completely in triplicate originals.
- 2) Attach individual applicant and family photos to each of the applications (passport type or class pictures are fine), and give them to the Club Secretary for Processing.
- 3) You must include the non-refundable \$150.00 Application Fee with the completed forms. Also, a

\$250.00 Deposit for your airfare must be included. Total Check \$400.00. (Make checks payable to: Lions of Michigan YEP). Since we're limited on the number of youths we can sent to some countries, students should submit applications as early as possible. Applicants are selected on first come, first serve basis. No applications are accepted after February 1st. All the rest must be paid by February 1st.

## HOST FAMILIES

### HOW TO BECOME A HOST FAMILY:

- 1) Obtain a Host Application from your District YEP Chairman or Club Secretary and fill this out completely.
- 2) Have the Application processed by your Club President or Secretary and returned to the District Chairman.

### GUIDELINES FOR THE HOST FAMILY:

The Lions of Michigan Youth Exchange Program is not tourism, but a serious effort to help a student share in the life of another culture. For this reason, the Family must welcome a student into the home as a member of the family from the first moment.

This family must also be willing to make allowance for some small differences in culture, habits, beliefs, and attitude of their visitor. Normally students will have at least basic knowledge of the language of the host country. If there is a language barrier that cannot be solved, the District Chairman may help (usually all that is needed is a dictionary).

The purpose of the Youth Exchange Program is to create and foster a spirit of understanding among the people of the world. Our Host Families are in a unique position to make this goal a reality by sharing their homes and life with a visitor from another country for a few weeks. The Host Families need not be Lions members to participate.



## PORTAGE LIONS (con't)

### PREPARING FOR THE STUDENT:

As soon as you have your visitor's name and address, you should begin correspondence by airmail. Tell your student about the home, family, children and their ages, interests, pets, etc. You might also tell the youngster the kind of weather we have, and type of clothing needed for our climate. Share any tentative sightseeing plans also.

It is also important for you to try to learn about the visitor's culture and language, and study a little about the country's history and government, major cities, etc. You may want to learn a few phrases in the student's own language, this way the youth will feel more welcome and at home.

We do recommend that you try to take your visitor on a few short trips in your area to give a better picture of Michigan and of America, but you aren't expected to drop everything and travel extensively during the visit here.

Students usually arrive between mid-June and mid-July.

**PLEASE NOTE:** It is very important that youths be exposed to others the same age during the exchange. If YOU have none at home, you still may become Hosts by sharing with other families who do. The important element is love of young people, and a wish to share your home in this way.

**FINANCE:** The Host Family is not under any obligation to provide the youth with pocket money or to finance clothing, medical or telephone expenses. These must be borne by the travelers from funds provided by parents and themselves. The Host Family also is not under any obligation to take the youth away on trips, but of course it would add tremendously to the value of the exchange if they can do so without financial embarrassment to them-

selves. There are many short side excursions in Michigan, which cost little and show off our state very well. It is a personal choice.

**WORKING WITH THE HOST CLUB:** The Family must be willing to cooperate with the Host club and District Youth Chairman at all phases of the exchange. This includes faithful adherence to all travel arrangements, participation at events organized by the Lions Club or District, and following schedules.

**RESPONSIBILITY OF THE HOST CLUB:** The Host Lions Club should invite the visiting student to share experiences and give talks about the student's country. It is also nice to include them in club projects so they know what the Lions Club does. As a Host Family, if the local Club doesn't make contact with you, take it upon yourself to initiate the necessary call to make the arrangements. Most of the students will bring pins and banners from home to exchange with the Host Lions Clubs.

**FUNDING:** The Lions of Michigan Youth Exchange Program is self-funded and has no paid employees. The Application Fees {\$150.00 for students}, help pay for postage, overseas and domestic phone calls, cable-grams, fax messages, student's pins and banners, orientation or organization meetings, printing, and necessary supplies.

**COUNTRIES AVAILABLE:** We currently have active exchanges with the following countries; other countries may be available and inquiry is welcomed. Flights originate from Detroit, and to help keep program costs down, we use charters when available. Australia Austria Belgium Brazil Denmark England Estonia Finland France Germany Ireland Italy Japan Turkey Netherlands New Zealand Norway Peru Switzerland Sweden South Africa Scotland Wales

Ask your YE Chairman about other possibilities.





## LEO CLUB NEWS

### EDWARDSBURG LEOS

October-November

Membership: 75 LEOs

*Advisors: Tanda & Dave Stiffler*

**First Event:** The Edwardsburg Leos were busy at the end of October and into November. Starting off and backtracking to October 22nd with a working meeting. The Leos were prepping the Halloween bags for Trick or Treating. They packed well over 300 little trick or treat bags with candy. The Village of Edwardsburg gets over 200 families each year coming for trick or treat.



**Second Event:** Two Leos assisted Lion Dave & Tanda to shop @ Sam's Club for food for the Food Pantry which has a weekend backpack of food for kids in need to have food over the weekend.

The Edwardsburg Food Pantry fills a bag of food for the schools to hand out food on Friday afternoons for kids that need food for the weekend as some kids do not get much food over a weekend. The Edwardsburg Lions Club donates \$250 a month to purchase food as an outreach need for the Edwardsburg Community. This time, the Leos raised money for this project by standing

out front of a home football game to raise funds. They were able to raise \$676. So, with those funds and the funds from the Lions Club, a lot of items were purchased for the program. The two Leos had a ball picking out food for the project.

**Third Event:** Leos helped at the Edwardsburg Sport Complex by working their concession stand for the final games of the season. It was a chilly day, but the Leos didn't mind.

**Fourth Event:** Leos helped the Knights of Columbus with their Fall Harvest Dinner. The Leos served food and helped those that came for take-out food. They also helped with cleanup after the event. The Leos love helping the Knights of Columbus because they get a great meal themselves and lots and lots of desserts!

**Fifth Event: It was Halloween!** Leos were stationed at the Edwardsburg Library & the Presbyterian Church to serve hot chocolate to the parents and hand out little candy bags to the kiddos. Before Halloween started the Leos were treated with PIZZA from



Scott Wyman, Director of the Cass Co. Parks Dept. for their service to the Fall Harvest Festival earlier in October. Scott said he could not pull off this event without the Leo's helping!

**Sixth Event:** Woman's Craft Bazaar at Our Lady of the Lake Church. Leo's selected shifts they wanted to help





## LEO CLUB NEWS



at the Annual Craft Show by helping make and serve lunch items, snack items and drinks to the customers and to the vendors by delivering food to their booth. It was a huge success again this year at the church as it was packed with customers. Several Leos ended up staying for the entire event.

**Seventh Event:** B-100 Radio Station Challenge to Raise 10,000 Letters to Our Troops! Leos were able to complete 260 letters to our Troops! Once completed Leo Advisors Tanda & David Stiffler took the letters to B-100 Radio Station and the station was so excited that Brittany Bailey and Deb Miles, the radio announcers



opened the box during the show and gave a shout out to the Edwardsburg Leos for the 260 Letters! Advisors also each received a B-100 T-shirt for getting the Leos to write letters!



**Eight Event:** Leos were allowed to get out of school the morning of Monday, November 21st to be transported to the Hope Methodist Church to help hand out Thanksgiving Baskets to families that need extra help. The Leos just love doing this event. Only ten Leos are allowed to go but if it were possible many more would have went.

**LEOS JUST ROCK!!!**





## LEO CLUB NEWS (con't)

### MATTAWAN LEOs

Advisor: Nancy Garman

The Mattawan High School LEO Club participated in an annual food drive. We are proud of their efforts and success in bringing nearly \$2,000 in cash and food to the Mattawan Area Pantry. Through the generosity of Wagoner's Grocery Store and the Mattawan community, our neighbors in need will be blessed with food and necessary provisions. We are deeply appreciative to patrons who visited Wagoner's Grocery Store and donated to this important cause. LEO, The Lions Club, local businesses, the Mattawan Area Pantry, and our community lives up to the motto "We Serve."





# **CHRISTMAS**

**IN THE VILLAGE  
SATURDAY DEC 10TH**

**FFA BREAKFAST WITH SANTA**

8:00-11:00

**MARCELLUS HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA**



**LIONS CLUB LUNCH**

11-1

drive thru behind church

**CRAFT VENDORS AND ACTIVITIES**

Reginas 3:00

Delightful Designs 5:00

VISIT PATCH AND REMINGTON AND ELEMENTS

**PARADE**

**5:30 DOWN MAIN ST**

**TREE LIGHTING WITH SANTA**

**6:30 AT THE GAZEBO**

**PICS WITH SANTA AT THE FIRE  
STATION**

GIRL SCOUT CAROLERS!

**PET THE PONIES!!**

KIDS PICK OUT A GIFT!

hot cocoa and bake sale

**HOUSE DECORATING CONTEST**

**VILLAGE RESIDENTS**

TAKING IN PERSON VOTES 6-8

CONTACT [MARCELLUSBLUEGILLFROLIC@GMAIL.COM](mailto:MARCELLUSBLUEGILLFROLIC@GMAIL.COM) FOR  
MORE INFO OR VISIT OUR FACEBOOK PAGE





## **Kids' Food Basket has been committed to West Michigan since 2002.**

Healthy food is a right, not a privilege. Kids' Food Basket is committed to ensuring that right is enjoyed by everyone in our community—not just today, but for generations to come.

Working together, all of us can ensure that local students have access to healthy, life-affirming food to help them thrive and foster their limitless potential.

Join us on Friday night for a service project to be held at Kids' Food Basket, Grand Rapids. 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm. KFB is located at 1300 Plymouth NE, Grand Rapids.

Kids' Food Basket supplies thousands of children in West Michigan with a Sack Supper to ensure they have increased access to healthy food each day. Once the packs are ready, volunteers from KFB will add a fresh vegetable and fruit in a decorative bag to turn it all into a Sack Supper, ready to be delivered to a child's school.

Lions can help to supply and package the contents of these meals at the KFB location in Grand Rapids during our service project night on Friday, February 24, starting at 7:00 p.m. Whether you are attending the Michigan Lions Forum or just driving in to participate in this service opportunity, all are welcome!

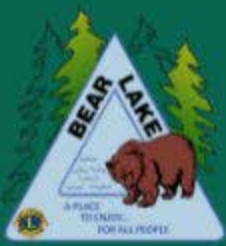
To ensure each child is receiving the same meal, we ask for no substitutions to the items on the preferred list. Any brand of the following items is welcome, and each district is asked to supply the following items with include 4 snacks per/bag in addition to the fresh fruit and vegetable to be added at delivery:

|                    |                                                                                  |
|--------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| District A1/A2     | Pudding Cup                                                                      |
| District B1/B2     | Fruit Cup or Pouch (no foil tops please)                                         |
| District C1/C2     | Pretzel, Cheez-it or Goldfish bag (1.5 oz or smaller)                            |
| District D1/D2/D10 | Meat sticks – either TWO 0.28 oz sticks or ONE 0.5 oz sticks                     |
| District E1/E2     | Quart Size Bag – Please provide quart size zipper lock bags for the Supper Packs |

*we need to donate a total of 100 per district*

Clubs please contact your Zone Chair if you'd like to donate. DG Julie will need to know by February 14th how many we have collected so if the District needs to purchase additional to make up the 100 total required. Thanks.





**LIONS BEAR LAKE CAMP**



# BLIND & VISUALLY IMPAIRED

**YOUTH CAMP 2023**

**JULY 9-15**

Join us for a week long overnight camp for blind and visually impaired youth ages 5-16. Kids enjoy a jam packed week of fun while making friendships, developing independence, and learning life skills.

**REGISTRATION OPENS JANUARY 1st, 2023**

## Activities

- ✓ Archery
- ✓ Outdoor/Indoor Games
- ✓ Arts & Crafts
- ✓ Swimming
- ✓ Team Building/Challenge Course
- ✓ Climbing Tower & Zip Line

## Lions Bear Lake Camp

3409 N Five Lakes Rd  
Lapeer, MI 48446  
[www.bearlakecamp.org](http://www.bearlakecamp.org)



Register Online



**More Information** 810-245-0726 [desiree@bearlakecamp.org](mailto:desiree@bearlakecamp.org)







**JULY  
16-22**

Lions Bear Lake Camp

# DEAF & HARD OF HEARING CAMP 2023

Youth Ages 5-16

## Fun Activity Programs

**Archery, Swimming, Boating, Fishing, Challenge Course, Climbing Tower, Zip Line, Team Building, Nature, Evening Programs., and more!**

\*This program is for children who use listening and spoken language as their primary mode of communication, it focuses on building vocabulary and socializing with peers.

## LIONS BEAR LAKE CAMP

3409 N Five Lakes Rd

Lapeer, MI 48446

[www.bearlakecamp.org](http://www.bearlakecamp.org)

**Registration opens  
January 1st, 2023**



**Register Online**

## CONTACT US

810-245-0726

[behnanm23@gmail.com](mailto:behnanm23@gmail.com)





# LIONS BEAR LAKE CAMP JUVENILE DIABETES CAMP 2023

**JULY 23-29TH**

**YOUTH WITH TYPE 1 DIABETES  
AGES 5-16**

**LIONS BEAR LAKE CAMP**

**3409 N Five Lakes Rd  
Lapeer, MI 48446**



**Overnight camping experience for youth with T1D.  
Experience a fun filled week of activities, education, and  
nutrition, while building life long friendships, gaining  
confidence, and acquiring new skills.**

**ARCHERY . SWIMMING. BOATING. FISHING. CLIMBING TOWER.  
CHALLENGE COURSE. ZIPLINE. ARTS & CRAFTS. GAMES & MORE!**



**REGISTRATION OPENS JANUARY 1ST, 2023**

**810-245-0726**

**[www.bearlakecamp.org](http://www.bearlakecamp.org)**

**[info@bearlakecamp.org](mailto:info@bearlakecamp.org)**





## 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 or jumayuiers@gmail.com



## IMPORTANT NEWS!

### To all District 11 -B2 Lions Clubs

Each year, the state Sight Conservation/White Cane Committee awards three \$3000 scholarships to students who are seeking a higher education degree, and are blind or visually impaired. This year, with the approval of the Council of Governors, the committee has been authorized to award a fourth scholarship of \$3000. The scholarships are funded through the Grace Lang Memorial fund, set up in the 1970's to assist blind and visually impaired students achieve their academic goals. The basic requirements for the scholarship, are to be a Michigan resident, acceptance to a higher education institution (university, community college, etc.) and have a diagnosed visual impairment. Other requirements are detailed on the application form.

The application for the 2023 White Cane scholarships is attached. It is an accessible, fillable PDF, so that a person with blindness can fill it out without assistance (depending on their visual acuity). **Applications must be postmarked no later than December 30 to be considered for the 2023 awards.** Scholarship winners are recognized at the annual Michigan Forum.

If you know a student who is blind or visually impaired, and could use this scholarship, please forward.

If there are questions, please contact myself or the state office.

Together We Can!

District Governor Julie Mayuiers  
269-254-1938  
jumayuiers@gmail.com





## IMPORTANT NEWS!

### 2023 Lions Clubs of Michigan Scholarship for the Visually Impaired

There will be three \$3,000 scholarships awarded.

**Download the interactive scholarship form from here:**

**<https://www.lionsofmi.com/images/pdf/2023ScholarshipForm.pdf>**

Please mail completed scholarship application to:

**The Lions of Michigan State Office**

Attn: Scholarship Committee Phone: (517) 887-6640

5730 Executive Drive, Lansing, MI 48911 Fax: (517) 887-6642

[www.lionsofmi.com](http://www.lionsofmi.com)

email: [liions@lionsofmi.com](mailto:liions@lionsofmi.com)

#### Scholarship Criteria

1. Must be legally blind and provide verification (letter from optometrist or ophthalmologist or letter from vocational counselor).
2. Applicants must be a resident of the State of Michigan and a United States Citizen (International students must provide proof of citizenship) and either attending or accepted by an accredited trade or business school, college or university.
3. Applicants must complete the official scholarship application (both sides).
4. Must submit two letters of recommendation.
5. Must submit an essay outlining why you need the scholarship.
6. Must have a minimum GPA of 2.5 (transcript required).
7. Completed scholarship applications must be postmarked NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 30th annually.
8. Must attend the Lions of Michigan Forum to accept scholarship during a ceremonial presentation. (Actual check(s) will be issued to the school/university/equipment manufacturer upon submission of documentation.) Two weeks notice required.





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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](http://www.lmsf.net)), donating using our Pay Pal account ([info@lmsf.net](mailto:info@lmsf.net)) or using Venmo (@LionsofMI-Foundation).

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

Chad



**venmo**



**Lions of Michigan Foundation**

**LION MINT ROLLS**  
Wintergreen Fizzy Fruit Peppermint  
12 Pieces/Roll  
576 Rolls/Case  
48 Boxes/Case

**LION MINT DROPS**  
Peppermint Size: 1" X 1 1/2"  
Individually Wrapped  
4,500 Pieces/Case  
6 Boxes/Case  
750 Pieces/Box

Wintergreen  
Acrylic Tray Mint Drops  
Piggyback Rack  
Red Display Tray Acrylic Tray Mint Rolls

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**LionMints.net**  
5730 Executive Drive,  
Lansing, Michigan 48911  
Toll Free: 866-220-0213  
Voice: 517-887-7258  
Fax: 517-887-6642  
Web Site:  
[www.lionmints.net](http://www.lionmints.net)

**Suggested Retail Locations**  
Airports Banks & Credit Unions  
Bus Stations Travel Agencies  
Beauty Salons Government Offices  
Nail Salons Courtrooms  
Barber Shops City Offices  
Insurance Offices Flower Shops  
Visitor Centers Eye Doctors  
Telephone Stores Chamber of Commerce  
Dry Cleaners Funeral Homes  
Gift Pro Shops Hardware Stores  
Car Washes Car Washing Stations  
Chiropractors Medical/Dental Offices

Restaurants (especially fast food places-try to place a double tray because of volume)  
Any retail business that has a good volume of walk-ins such as car washes, shoe stores, etc.

Revised: January 1, 2023

*Click on the image above to download the flyer.*





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## LIONS THIS & THAT



|                 |                   |          |
|-----------------|-------------------|----------|
| Paw Paw         | December 5, 1968  | 54 Years |
| Three Rivers    | December 6, 1948  | 74 Years |
| Buchanan-Galien | December 13, 1933 | 89 Years |
| Lakeshore       | December 14, 1961 | 61 Years |
| Coloma          | December 29, 1952 | 70 Years |

**Congratulations to the Paw Paw, Three Rivers, Buchanan-Galien, Lakeshore, & Coloma Lions for their 348 combined years of service!**

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### *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. I need to apologize to someone from St. Joseph that had a bike to offer, I have misplaced your contact information and can only beg for forgiveness and ask you to re-contact me. This program is allowing these probation center parolee's the opportunity to have transportation to and from job sights 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](mailto:wjmayuiers@gmail.com)

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## LIONS THIS & THAT



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

### Medical Equipment Items to Loan

Contact Lion Judy Pullins, Sister Lakes Lions for wheelchairs, canes, and crutches.  
[269-277-8821](tel:269-277-8821) or [pullins1852@gmail.com](mailto:pullins1852@gmail.com)

Three Rivers has a couple of wheelchairs, walkers, and crutches to loan. [269-273-2424](tel:269-273-2424)

Mattawan has a couple of walkers and other mobility aids. Contact Kim Copenhaver:  
[partylikeabanker@yahoo.com](mailto:partylikeabanker@yahoo.com) or [269-251-6553](tel:269-251-6553)

### Asking for your help...

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

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

*Please note that the Cabinet Secretary is Tammie Grabowski. Please send all obituaries to her for distribution to the District. [cheftammie@gmail.com](mailto:cheftammie@gmail.com)*





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## Why report service

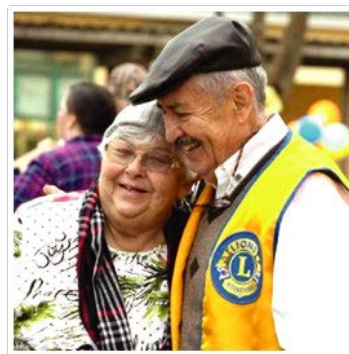
By sharing our impact, Lions and Leos inform, inspire and grow our global legacy of service.



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### Strengthen storytelling

Details give stories power. Saying you fed 87 families is more powerful than saying you organized a food drive. Saying your club contributed 1,265 volunteer hours last year is more powerful than saying your club serves the community. When your club reports service, you collect the details needed to share powerful stories of your club's impact.



*Photo by: Lion Othmar Fetz,  
The LEO Book*

### Inform decisions

Documented club achievements reveal what's working and what's not. For example, what if your diabetes education program is growing in attendance, but your annual club fundraiser is shrinking? Reviewing past service reports helps your club make better decisions, including choosing service activities and setting realistic goals.

### Inspire service

Your reported service projects can be viewed within your district and around the world. That means your club's creativity and impact can inspire Lions and Leos to embrace new causes and serve in new ways. Reports also help Lions International staff identify best practices to share globally.





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## Why report service



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### Grow partnerships

Collaborating with other organizations in your community is a great way to increase the visibility, reach and quality of your service projects. When approaching potential partners, your club's service reports provide tangible evidence of your club's effectiveness to help persuade other organizations to join with you.

### Enlighten leaders

High levels of service reporting are a sign of healthy clubs, zones and districts. Knowledge of your club's service history provides invaluable insight to current and future club officers. In addition, district, zone and Global Action Team leaders can best support your club when they understand how clubs in their area serve their communities.



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The LEO Book*

### Be proud

Service data gives us the ability to communicate how **We Serve** around the world. For example, in 2021, Lions and Leos served more than 350 million people! We can take pride in that achievement thanks to the leaders who reported over 1 million service activities. Through service reporting, your club joins in that pride and is eligible for service awards.

## Would you like to learn more?

Visit [lionsclubs.org/service-reporting](https://lionsclubs.org/service-reporting)





## Reporting a Service Activity

- Go to lionsclubs.org
- Click "Member login"
- MyLion
- Click "Report Past Activity"
- Orange "Report +"
- Fill in the pink areas
- Click "report"
- It will tell you that It has been submitted

## Creating an Event In Mylion

- Go to lionclubs.org
- Click "Member Login"
- MyLion
- Click "Plan Future Activity"
- Choose Activity Type, click orange "continue" button
- Choose the cause, click orange "continue" button
- Choose project type, click orange "continue" button
- Fill in activity details, click orange "continue" button
- Choose who you want to invite, click orange "continue" button
- Review, click "Submit"

**\*\*\*Once your event is over, you can report the event.**

- Go to lionclubs.org
- Click "member login"
- MyLion
- Click "Activities"
- You will see your already created activity with an orange "report" on it
- Click "report"
- Follow the steps to fill in the details of those served or money raised or donated
- Click "submit"



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## Correct Emblems to Use



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Lions Clubs  
International



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These logos / emblems are available on the  
Lions International and Lions Ireland Websites.

Please note that the District 133 shamrock logo  
is for internal use among Lions Clubs.

## Out of Date / Unacceptable Emblems - Please Do Not Use



Sadly, there are many outdated and altered emblems available online, and their continued use just confuses the general public and damages the Lions brand.





## NOTES FROM THE EDITOR / WEBMASTER



### ***Hello fellow Lions...***

It's been nice to see the influx of submissions from our 11B2 Lions as the season rolls into gear. Great! Let's keep up the momentum and hear from everyone. Please be especially mindful of posting your upcoming events. As you may now be aware of, The Beacon doesn't really get out to you until the first week of the month, which means if you have an event that happens in the first part of the new month, it will only get a few days of exposure, rather than 30+ days if submitted in the previous month. And I know that there are many fellow Lions out there that will want to put it on their calendar to support our 11B2 clubs.

### ***LEO news has been increasing as the school year progresses! Huzzah!***

So pleased to see the uptick in news from our 11B2 LEO clubs and all of the community projects and fundraisers that they have going on. Please support them when you can as these young people are our future leaders, shakers, and movers...and...future LIONS!

*On a personal note, you may wonder why I capitalize all the letters when referring to our LEO clubs. Well, LEO is actually an **acronym**, coming from **L**eadership, **E**xperience, and **O**pportunity...all excellent values that will shape our young people for the rest of their lives.*

*A reminder that the deadline for submission is the 25th of the month to receive articles for publishing in the next month's newsletter. Because of late-breaking things in life, there will always be times when something will come in at the 11th hour. Quite understandable and I'm more than happy to work with you to get your information in.*

Finally, submissions for Lions Pride Magazine should be sent to me, and I will pass those articles on. Please do not send anything directly to the magazine.

*Be safe and well through the holiday season!*

*Cheers!  
Lion Wes*



***NOTE: When events are posted on the District Calendar, a flyer for that event can be linked to that posting. When your club has an event to post on the calendar, just send the flyer to me at [captcartoon@me.com](mailto:captcartoon@me.com). I'll upload the information to the district's calendar and include a download/view link to the flyer...it's that simple.***

*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>

**Lions International  
Leadership Development**