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## FROM THE GOVERNOR'S DESK



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I hope everyone had an amazing Thanksgiving! I love all of the amazing service projects I'm seeing everyone doing for their communities during the holiday season.

I want to thank the 104 people (WOW!) that came out to projects night on DECEMBER 13th. This was such an amazing turn out and I had so much fun visiting with all of you. I only heard feedback from a few people on the new project's night format, please feel free to email me which format you prefer so 1st VDG Cory can plan next year. I'm so excited to announce that we had a 17% increase in club donations this year! Thank you all so much for supporting our District Projects. A summary of what each project brought in can be found [here](#).

Part one of the Great Eyeglass Challenge hosted by The Buchanan-Galien Lions Club was also at projects night. A full summary of the event is included in the Beacon, but I'm excited to share that 14 clubs participated for a total of 13,092 pairs of glasses donated! Great Job Lions! The final collection for the Challenge will be at the District Convention on March 22nd-24th at the Delta Marriot in Kalamazoo!

Speaking of the Delta Marriot in Kalamazoo... Due to some unforeseen circumstance the Michigan Forum has been re-located right here in our District at the Delta Marriot! This is so exciting!! Let's show the State our 11B2 Lions can show up and support our State Events. Check out the event page on the Lions of Michigan Website for more details: [Michigan Lions Forum 2024 \(lionsofmi.com\)](#) . There will be 16 break out sessions and I'm most excited/in-terested to hear the presentation on "An Autopsy of a Deceased Lions Club" (read more on the link provided). I have already registered my family and I hope to see some of you there!

I wish all of you and your families a Happy Holiday Season and look forward to more club visits. Please don't hesitate to reach out to me if you ever need anything.



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## OCTOBER CLUB VISITS

Arts & Crafts Galore! On DECEMBER 4th I had a blast going to Mattawan and St. Joe Lions craft show fundraiser events!

### St. Joe



### Mattawan



*Buchanan-Galien Thanksgiving style dinner for their Peace Poster Banquet (cont. on next page)*





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## OCTOBER CLUB VISITS



*Lawrence 75th Anniversary Celebration*



*Projects Night – So many great pictures all shared on the 11B2 facebook to check out!! Here's one just to show a room full of amazing Lions that attended!*



*Hartford Lions end of meeting RAWR!*





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## PROJECT NIGHT RESULTS

### Lions District 11B2 - Project Night 11/13/23

11/22/23

Project Name	Project Night Donations	Additional Donations	Total Donations
All State Band	\$4,542.00	\$305.00	\$4,847.00
Bear Lake Camp	\$2,862.00	\$160.00	\$3,022.00
Camp Leo	\$5,267.00	\$160.00	\$5,427.00
Eversight	\$5,117.00	\$610.00	\$5,727.00
11-B2 Diabetes Program	\$3,295.00	\$435.00	\$3,730.00
Leader Dogs	\$5,492.00	\$2,125.00	\$7,617.00
Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF)	\$5,617.00	\$1,010.00	\$6,627.00
Lions of Michigan Service Foundation (LMSF)	\$4,757.00	\$1,010.00	\$5,767.00
KidSight	\$4,217.00	\$1,175.00	\$5,392.00
Paws With A Cause	\$2,892.00	\$560.00	\$3,452.00
Youth Exchange	\$1,892.00	\$110.00	\$2,002.00
Childhood Cancer	\$1,840.00	\$210.00	\$2,050.00
Hope to Walk	\$530.00	\$150.00	\$680.00
<b>Total Tally</b>	<b>\$48,320.00</b>	<b>\$8,020.00</b>	<b>\$56,340.00</b>



## AMY'S DISTRICT CALENDAR

### December

- 12/4 Watervliet Club Visit
- 12/6 Edwardsburg Club Visit
- 12/7 Kalamazoo Westside Club Visit
- 12/12 DG Amy PTO Meeting-unable to schedule Club visit.
- 12/13 DG Amy PM Work Meeting-unable to schedule club visits.
- 12/14 Coloma Club Visit
- 12/20 Sturgis Club Visit
- 12/21 DG Amy Chamber of Commerce Meeting-unable to schedule club visits.

### January

- 1/6 South Haven Black River Lions & Cabinet Holiday Celebration – Flyer in the Beacon.
- 1/9 Lawton Club Visit
- 1/11 St. Joseph Noon Club Meeting
- 1/11 Marcellus PM Club Meeting
- 1/17 Schoolcraft Club Visit
- 1/29 District Wide Zone Meeting 6pm-8pm, Mattawan Antwerp Township Hall

### February

- 2/3 Cabinet Meeting 9am, Paw Paw Lions Club
- 2/7 South Haven Club Meeting
- 2/20 DG Amy PTO Meeting-unable to schedule Club visit.
- 2/23 Michigan Forum & Council of Governors, Kalamazoo

### March

- 3/5 Colon Club Visit
- 3/6 South Haven Club Meeting
- 3/19 DG Amy PTO Meeting-unable to schedule Club visit.
- 3/22-3/24 District Convention, Kalamazoo

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

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



**\*\*\*This will be voted on at convention\*\*\***

## District 11-B-2 Constitution and By-Laws Proposals 2024

### I. A PROPOSAL TO AMEND DISTRICT 11-B-2 BY-LAWS, ARTICLE VIII, DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION FUND, SECTION 3, DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S SPECIAL FUND

Be it resolved, that the District shall amend the District By-Laws, ARTICLE VIII, DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION FUND, SECTION 3, DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S SPECIAL FUND, to read as follows (**proposed changes in BOLD**):

#### ARTICLE VIII

##### District Administration Fund

Section 3. **DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S SPECIAL INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION REIMBURSEMENT FUND.** Reasonable expenses of the District Governor attending the International Convention shall be a District Administrative expense and shall be limited to the **types of expense and amounts provided or reimbursed** by Lions International to the District Governors Elect for their attendance at the International Convention as stipulated in the Rules of Audit of Lions International. Receipts shall be required for verification. One Dollar and Fifty Cents (\$1.50) or more per member from each club in the District shall be set aside each year from the per Capita Dues. In any fiscal year, if there is any remaining balance above the mandatory minimum reserve of \$6,000 held exclusively for future District Governor International Convention expenses may be expended by the District for any District Administrative Expense or Project.

Cabinet Recommendation: Yes

### II. A PROPOSAL TO AMEND DISTRICT 11-B-2 BY-LAWS, ARTICLE IX, MISCELLANEOUS, SECTION 1, DISTRICT GOVERNOR EXPENSES INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION:

Be it resolved, that the District shall amend the District By-Laws, ARTICLE IX, MISCELLANEOUS, SECTIONS 1 by deleting the section and renumbering the remaining sections of ARTICLE IX (**proposed changes in BOLD**):

#### ARTICLE IX

##### Miscellaneous

Section 1. ~~**DISTRICT GOVERNOR EXPENSES — INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION.**~~ Expenses of the district governor in connection with his/her attending the international convention shall be considered a district administrative expense. Reimbursement for such expenses shall be made by the district on the same basis as outlined in the General Reimbursement Policy of Lions Clubs International.

Cabinet recommendation: Yes



**\*\*\*Everyone please read this message sent out by international! Please note this means moving forward any discounted membership does not count towards your clubs membership count to determine the number of delegates that can vote at District, State, and International Conventions. This means only the head of a household if a family is taking advantage of the family member discount is counted for votes. Leo-Lion, students, and any other discounted members will no longer count.**

**Please also see that no member counts when determining club delegates until they have been a member for a full one year and one day.**

Dear Club Officer,

As you may be aware, a vote of the delegates during the 2023 international convention resulted in a new "Discounted Member" category.

This category includes all members paying discounted dues, such as a discounted family member, Leo-Lion member, student member or young adult member. Discounted members have all of the same rights as an active member paying full dues, but do not count towards their club's delegate entitlement for district, multiple district or international conventions.

In addition, during the October board meeting, a resolution was passed to update the interpretation of what constitutes "one year and one day." This constitutional interpretation adjustment now requires members to be full dues-paying members of a single club for a continuous period of one year and one day before they count towards their club's total delegate entitlement.

For members to count toward the delegate entitlement for conventions during the 2024 calendar year, convert discounted members to a full dues-paying membership by December 15, 2023.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter and for your leadership in serving a world in need.

Regards,

The Membership Development Division



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

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

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

Awards and recognition to be given out at the May 2024 MD-11 Convention as follows:

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

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## PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGE

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The President of the club with the **highest percent of member participation** in district events will receive free registration and meals to the March 2024 District Convention. If not attending, you can gift it to a member of your club that plans to attend.

### Events

- 1/29 District Wide Zone Meeting (Mattawan)



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## LMSF PROJECT KIDSIGHT

### Lions of Michigan Foundation PROJECT KIDSIGHT



Our PKS Team is very “Thankful” that we have been able to get into so many schools to screen a lot of kiddos! Last year we screened 12,535 kids. This year in a very short time the team worked hard to get into the schools, screen the students and be out before their lunch hours started. The team has perfected their positions and we have surpassed last year’s goal as this year so far, we have screened 14,291 kids with 1,275 referrals. It’s not about the numbers we screen but the numbers of students that we have caught with an abnormality and have referred them to see an eye care professional. The team has earned so much respect from the schools that we have been

in. In the pictures you can tell our team does an excellent job and is having fun spending a morning screening students and then by noon (or earlier) have the rest of their day to do what they want to do.

We have made return visits to schools per request, and we are here to go back and help in any way we can. Here are some of the reasons we have gone back & hearing from clubs that are stepping up to help families that need the Lions help:

~ The first incident we were contacted by Nurse Tracy Brewer of the Mattawan School. Last year we went back to the Mattawan School to screen a little five-year-old girl. She was just darling but could not see well at all. Unfortunately, the mother was unable to get her child to see an eye care professional. So, this year we were at the school again and I asked if this little girl ever got



her glasses and unfortunately not. Again, she was not in school the day we were there, so we missed screening her and was called back again this year. Dave and I went back and when David asked the little girl to please look at the camera, she said “I can’t see the camera.” This was heart-



## LMSF PROJECT KIDSIGHT

breaking to us. So now the school is going to go pick up the mother and take her and her little girl to an eye care professional. Bravo to the school for stepping up!

~ Paw Paw School was another school requesting us to come back. Nurse Cathy Lancaster asked us to come to screen a little five-year-old boy. His father and he were in an ATV accident. The father was thrown from the ATV and the little boy who was in a seatbelt and had a helmet on was seriously hurt as the ATV rolled over and landed on him causing a brain fracture and damage to his eye. Cathy asked us to please come and take a picture of this little boy who was so darling and such a brave little guy. We took the picture for the parents per request. They received some good news that morning that the Helen DeVos Children's Hospital in Reed City could get him in for an appointment after seeing us. The parents kept telling us how appreciative they were of us driving back to Paw Paw to screen their little boy's eyes. Again, so worth going back.

~Then one more incident at the Colon Elementary School happened. Another little five-year-old girl needed new glasses. According to Mary Ann Zimmerman, sight chair for the Colon Lions Club, it was quite an ordeal to get to the point where this little girl got her glasses. The doctor they used did not have an available appointment until June. After MANY phone calls from Mary Ann the club decided to go through One Sight and were able to get an appointment within days. Both the eye exam and glasses were free. This club did not stop until this little girl got her glasses! Another amazing club taking care of a small child. This is what Lionism is all about.

If you wish to be a part of this amazing PKS Team, please consider signing up with us. We

work in the mornings and try to be done by lunch hours for the students. You then have the rest of your day to do whatever you want. You will take pride in helping find these children that need people like us to seek them out to make sure they can see well and if not, our clubs will step up and help make sure they get the help they need. I don't think you will regret it once you come and be part of the team.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Lion Tanda & David Stiffler  
PKS Coordinators





## District 11B-2 Service Project for **PEDIATRIC CANCER AWARENESS**

I can not say how appreciative I am of your generous donations for Pediatric Cancer Awareness at Project Night. The money will be used to purchase items on their wish list! Mattawan Lions Club also donated 13 hats for Bronson's Pediatric Oncology ward.

Thanks you as well for helping assemble 26 bags of personal care items that were donated to the Mattawan Area Pantry!

May you all have a blessed holiday season!

PDG Karol  
Pediatric Cancer Chair  
Service Chair



## District 11B-2 Club Service Grant Application

**Club Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date Submitted:** \_\_\_\_\_

**What is the grant being used for:** \_\_\_\_\_

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Application dates are December 1 and April 1 each year. Up to \$300 per application (while money available). Will be reviewed by the committee.

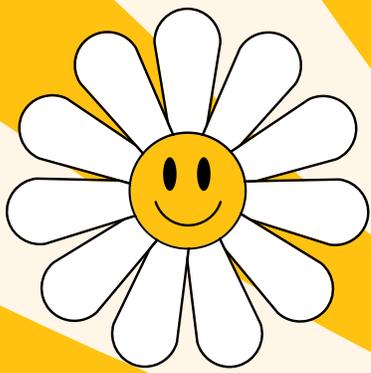
If the money from the Grant is not used within 6 months, it needs to be returned in full to Lions District 11B-2.

- Will your club be participating in what the grant money is for/How will the grant be used (Example: park beautification-planting tree; hosting an event to raise money for building a park.)?
- Will your club be matching or using a percentage of your club's money?
- How will you publicize what you are doing? Media sources used?
- Will this grant money be used for one of the 5 Global Causes of Lions International (Hunger, Vision, Environment, Diabetes, Childhood Cancer Awareness, Humanitarian, Youth and Disaster)?
- How will you share your success from this grant?

Please send this form to Committee Chair:

PDG Karol Chopp  
8700 West OP Ave  
Kalamazoo, MI 49009  
or karolchopp@yahoo.com

# **DISTRICT WIDE ZONE MEETING**



**MONDAY, JANUARY 29, 2024**

**ANTWERP TOWNSHIP ACTIVITY CENTER**

**24821 FRONT ST. MATTAWAN**

**6:00 PM - 8:00 PM**

**DINNER BY DONATION**

**BREAKOUT SESSIONS:**

**A) KIDSIGHT TRAINING**

**B) CLUB MARKETING/ROUND TABLE IDEA SHARE**

**C) MEMBERSHIP & SERVICE REPORTING**



**50/50 RAFFLE**

**RSPV TO CHEFTAMMIE@GMAIL.COM OR**

**269-303-0731 BY JANUARY 22, 2024.**

**PLEASE INDICATE WHICH SESSION YOU ARE  
INTERESTED IN ATTENDING.**



# MICHIGAN LIONS FORUM



2024: MICHIGAN LIONS CHANGING THE WORLD  
February 23-24, 2024

**NEW location: Delta Marriott Kalamazoo**

2747 S 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Kalamazoo, MI 49009

Call Marriott Reservations 1-888-236-2427 using code **MCG**

or call direct to the hotel 269-375-6000 using code **MCG**.

**Room rate \$114 by 2.10.2024**

Please complete the registration form and send it along with a check to: Lions of Michigan

5730 Executive Drive • Lansing, MI 48911

Telephone 517-887-6640 or Fax 517-887-6642

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Club Name \_\_\_\_\_

District \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Registrants

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

**Register online at [www.lionsofmi.com](http://www.lionsofmi.com)**

# \_\_\_\_\_ Registrants at \$50.00/person\* = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\*Registration includes lunch, Forum and proceedings booklet.

**PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:**

**Lions of Michigan**

**5730 Executive Dr., Lansing, MI 48911**

List food allergies or dietary requirements:

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## REGISTER EARLY

To help us plan, prepare materials  
and guarantee lunch!

### FRIDAY EVENTS:

- Service Project at Delta Marriott Hotel
- Hospitality Suite – **9:00 p.m.**

**SATURDAY SESSIONS:** *Please note some sessions may change due to last-minute scheduling Conflicts.*

**7:00 a.m.** – Registration

**8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Breakout Sessions - Lunch to follow**

### Session 1 Breakout Session - 8:30 a.m. (Check One)

- Leader Dogs for the Blind** – Lion Kathleen Breen
- Demystifying Dementia & Brain Health** – PDG Bert Sexton
- Zone Chair Training** – PCC Jeff Mayuiers
- Lions and Service** – PDG Terri Huffman

### Session 2 Breakout Session - 9:30 a.m. (Check One)

- Eversight** – Lion Alex Teska
- Lion Traditions** – PDG Julie Mayuiers
- Building Healthy Clubs** – VDG Carl Webster
- Membership** – TBD

### Session 3 Breakout Session - 10:30 a.m. (Check One)

- Lions Bear Lake Camp** – Executive Director Lion Traci Tribley
- Childhood Cancer** – Lion Darlene Anderson
- Servant Leadership** – PDG Brent Beracy
- Hope to Walk**

### Session 4 Breakout Session - 11:30 a.m. (Check One)

- Diabetic Retinopathy Screening** - LMF
- Michigan Forestry and our Environment** – DG Michael O'Lonegan
- Social Media & Marketing Your Club** – Lion Doug Klein
- Lions All-State Band** – Lion Deborah Davis

**12:30 p.m.:** Lunch, Scholarships, Keynote Speaker VDG Carl Webster: **Autopsy of a Deceased Lions Club -Why Lions Clubs Die**

# EDWARDSBURG LIONS CLUB 59<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE SALES



The Edwardsburg Club announces 59<sup>th</sup> years of selling Christmas Trees.

This year the Club has moved their location to the Edwardsburg Fire Department at 69910 M-62. The club partnered with the Fire Department as there is ample space to display the trees and ample space for our customers to park and take their time in selecting the perfect Christmas tree for the holidays.

The hours of operation are.

Monday through Thursday, 3 to 7 p.m.

Friday, 1 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Saturday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Sunday, noon to 7 p.m.

Each year the Lions Club orders 300 plus Christmas trees.

The selection is beautiful!

Fraser Fir trees from six feet to 12 feet. (limited quantity of 12 ft.)

Scotch Pine trees with heights of six to 8 feet,

Colorado Spruce from six to 8 feet.

**The Christmas tree sales have been one of the club's largest fundraisers for 59 years. The tree sales have helped with many service projects in our community.**

*Bring the family to select the perfect tree for your holidays!*



## **Three Rivers Lions Club**

is selling frozen bags of  
Ox Roast Meat (BBQ Beef).

Each bag makes approximately 12 - 15  
sandwiches depending on the size of bun used.

***Just heat and eat...Great for fundraisers!***

**JUST \$25 PER BAG**

**Contact IPDF Julie Mayuiers 269-254-1938**



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- 🥜 Kosher Certification

Three Rivers Lions are selling nuts for just **\$25** a can. They make great holiday gifts, and the proceeds help provide food and toys to the **families** we will be assisting this holiday season.

They are available from any Lion or local businesses such as Hoffman Street Market, Southern Michigan Bank, Sturgis Bank, John Schragg State Farm office.

Or call 269-254-1938 to purchase.

Proceeds are used to support the many projects we support.

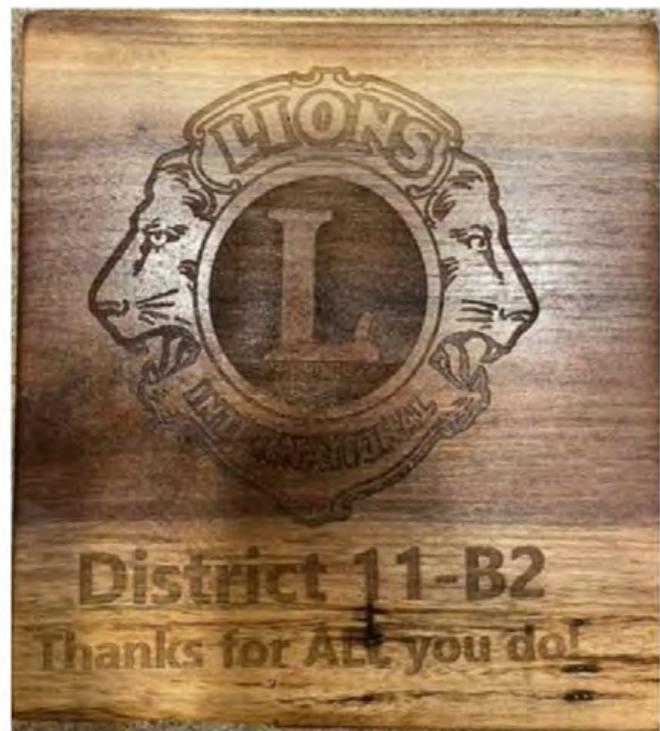


# Three Rivers Lions Club Fundraiser

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

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

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





# 2024 Lions Clubs of Michigan Scholarship for the Visually Impaired

## Four \$3,000 scholarships to be awarded

Please mail completed scholarship application to:

### The Lions of Michigan State Office

Attn: Scholarship Committee  
5730 Executive Drive, Lansing, MI 48911  
[www.lionsofmi.com](http://www.lionsofmi.com)

Phone: (517) 887-6640  
Fax: (517) 887-6642  
email: [lions@lionsofmi.com](mailto:lions@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 15th 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).*

### Scholarship Selection Process:

1. Lions of Michigan Scholarship Committee will review all applications during January.
2. This scholarship will be awarded in February annually at the Michigan Forum.

Name				Phone	( )
Address					
City		State		Zip	
Email Address					
Date of Birth		* Degree of visual acuity			
* Legally blind is defined as best corrected vision in both eyes of 20/200 or less and/or visual fields of less than 20 degrees.					
How did you hear about the scholarship?					

**Education Information**

High School you attended	
What college or other institution are you attending/planning to attend?	
Have you been accepted?	
What do you plan to study?	
What are your personal and educational goals?	
How will the scholarship funds be used? <i>(Check all that apply)</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Tuition <input type="checkbox"/> Books <input type="checkbox"/> Housing	
<input type="checkbox"/> Specialized Equipment (please specify) _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) _____	

**Organizations, Activities and Awards**

Describe briefly your most significant public service, community, or campus activities associated with your education and/or future career goals.	
Special honors and awards	
Special talents and training	

Applicant's Signature		Date	
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## ORDER & APPLICATION FORMS

ALL FORMS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE DISTRICT WEBSITE HERE



### 38th ANNUAL Sight & Hearing Sweepstakes A GUARANTEED Fundraiser

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.

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

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



### Lions of Michigan Hall of Fame Nomination Form

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

## Mints For MILITARY

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



## Give to the Lions of Michigan Foundation

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



Lions of Michigan Foundation



## 11B-2 CLUB NEWS

### BUCHANAN-GALIEN

The Buchanan-Galien Lions and Leos packaged product for our Annual Nut and Candy Fundraiser on the evenings of October 25th and 26th. Candy and Nut distribution stands will start being set up October 30th and sales will continue until all product is sold.

Lions Club “Special Thanks” to the Buchanan American Legion for being the packaging site and our local businesses who host a sales stand. And, of course, thanks to our local communities, families and friends who helped package, and to all who purchase and enjoy our product.

*“We Serve” is our motto - 89+ years strong- and proud to serve in the 2020 Nicest City in America- Buchanan, MI!*





## 11B-2 CLUB NEWS

### BUCHANAN-GALIEN (cont.)

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



Our second mid-year Great Eyeglass Collection was hosted by the Buchanan-Galien Lions Club on Monday DECEMBER 13th, 2023 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 is held to avoid burying them in glasses with our previous annual spring only event.

The collection began at 5:00 p.m. and by 6:15 p.m. the last of the nights glasses and cases had been

strategically loaded into the trailer and truck that were transporting them to Grand Rapids- the used glasses next step in reaching third world countries. Special thanks to Lions Ken Adamy and Dick Clous for hauling the glasses to the Grand Rapids crew.

Buchanan-Galien Lions Lewis Lambert, President Mark Nixon and Mark Tumbleson hosted the event and welcomed all who brought in their community's collection. As always, there were stories shared, fellowship enjoyed and questions answered about how the glasses are handled after they leave the district.

The Great Eyeglass Challenge was started 32 years ago by the Galien Lions Club. The total glasses collected in the 31 years prior to the 11/14/23 event was 694,745.

Fourteen clubs brought glasses to the Project Nights event and at the end of the night the stack of glasses collected totaled 13,092 pair. Monday nights collection totals will be added to the glasses collected at our spring convention and annual winners announced.

Clubs participating Monday were: Baroda, Benton Harbor Fairplain, Buchanan-Galien, Coloma, Dowagiac, Edwardsburg, Kalhaven Trail, Marcellus, Paw Paw, Portage, St. Joe City, Sister Lakes, Sturgis, Watervliet.

Total count of glasses turned in for the day: 13,092. Total count of glasses turned in over the 32-year history to date: 707,837

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



## 11B-2 CLUB NEWS

### BUCHANAN-GALIEN (cont.)

The Buchanan Galien Lions held their monthly dinner meeting on Nov 9th. Lion President Mark Nixon was back from his extended vacation to lead the meeting.



Guests were DG Amy Thackston and her family, 1st VDG Cory Knuth, Buchanan Leo President Geneva Tabor, and the finalists and their families of this year's Peace Poster Contest.



L-R BMS Art teacher Sarah Castelluccio, 2nd place Leighla Duchamp, 1st place Tinley DeFreez, 3rd place Wyatt Anderson and Lion Alice Kring Peace Poster chairman)



Lions Treasurer Alice Kring (right) presents a check to the Galien American Legion- Carrie Burkhardt (left) in support of the Legions stuffed animal Christmas Project.

### PORTAGE



On DECEMBER 18, 7 members of Portage Lions Club attended a guided tour at [Paws With A Cause](#) together with Lake Shore Lions Club members and Lions from District E1.



## 11B-2 CLUB NEWS

### PORTAGE (cont.)

Paws With A Cause® trains Assistance Dogs nationally for people with disabilities and provides lifetime team support which encourages independence. PAWS® promotes awareness through education. It offers the best of everything to its clients, including full ownership of their dog when training is completed.

PAWS Assistance Dogs are trained to assist people who have been challenged by any of more than 25 different diseases, including: cerebral palsy, muscular dystrophy, spinal cord injuries, epilepsy and varying degrees of hearing impairment and vision loss.

PAWS Service Dogs are typically Labrador retrievers, golden retrievers, or retriever mixes. Hearing Dogs may be retriever breeds, or any number of small or mixed breeds. All dogs must pass a specialized temperament test and comprehensive health screening to enter PAWS training program. Most PAWS dogs have been raised from puppyhood by a volunteer Foster Puppy Raiser, and many have been bred specifically for Assistance Dog work! Some of the dogs are donated by private individuals or breeders, while others may have been rescued from the many shelters and rescues they maintain relationships with. Occasionally, a client's own dog may be trained as their Assistance Dog. The dog must be between 16 and 36 months old, of an approved breed, and able to pass extensive temperament and comprehensive health screenings.

### QUALIFICATION INFORMATION

To be eligible for a PAWS Service Dog, an individual must:

- Be 14 years or older
- Have a physical disability, debilitating chronic illness or neurological disorder affecting one or more limbs
- If the dog is also trained for seizure tasks, an individual must have a minimum of one seizure per month
- If the dog is also trained for hearing tasks, an individual must have a minimum of moderate to severe bilateral hearing loss
- Be physically and cognitively capable of participating in the training process, up to one hour a day
- Be able to independently command and handle their Assistance Dog
- Be able to meet the emotional, physical and financial needs of the Assistance Dog
- Be in a stable home environment
- Actively improve their quality of life and pursue independence with their Assistance Dog
- Have no other dog in the home (can have other animals)
- Live in an area serviced by a PAWS Field Rep (determined upon application)

If the applicant is younger than PAWS' minimum age, visit [www.assistancedogsinternational.org](http://www.assistancedogsinternational.org) for a list of other ADI programs that may train for younger children.

*While Paws With A Cause has established eligibility criterion for the types of Assistance Dogs they provide, they do not discriminate against any applicant based on race, color, creed, gender, religion, marital status, age, nationality, physical or mental disability, medical condition, sexual orientation, citizenship status, military service status or any other consideration as indicated by federal, state or local laws.*



## 11B-2 CLUB NEWS

### SOUTH HAVEN-BLACK RIVER

Lion Sarah Steffens and Daughter Leo Emaline (South Haven Leo Club in the works! Woo Hoo!) Did all of the facepainting for the St. Joe Lions Craft Fair. Lion Sarah is the Zone 4 Chairperson and our Club President!



*Lion Cub Zoey showing off our new signs!*



*Our November 18th Quarter Auction Fundraiser was a hit!*





## 11B-2 CLUB NEWS

### STURGIS

Major Tim Sells from The Salvation Army joined the Sturgis Lions Club in November. Major Tim shared with us the importance of the Red Kettle Campaign and the need it fills for families in our community. Members of the club signed up to ring bells at Timberly Tree Farm.



On Halloween, a few members of the Sturgis Lions Club passed out Halloween candy at the annual Safety Town Halloween walk. There were over 2500 kids that walked through that night - that's a lot of candy!



In October, Steve Wolf was a guest speaker at Sturgis Lions Club. Steve is part of the group that puts on the Miracle of Birth tent at the St. Joe County Fair each year. He shared what the program involves and discussed the 'Food to Table' part of the program.



### ST. JOE

Lion Vern Breuker reported that the 19th Annual show was held Nov. 4th in SJHS Field House, and the results were the best! Admission close to 2500. Many bake sale and raffle items. Delicious sloppy joes. 76% of the club membership participated. Many compliments to the students who assisted at the show, the efficiency of the Lions and overall organization. Transportation services provided by the Stevensville United Methodist Church and Lion Tom Jennings. Record net income of more than \$15,000. 59 applications for 64 booths already received for next year's show (Nov. 2nd, 2024). Well done all!



## 11B-2 CLUB NEWS

### ST. JOE (cont.)



*Lion Breuker presents the Craft Show check to Lion Treasurer*

Lion Allen Edlefson reported 2 camps will be held during Camp Leo Week in 2024. The traditional Camp for youth ages 10 – 17 will start on August 8, 2024. A new camp for young adults will begin that Wednesday. A dinner dance will be held instead of a variety show for the young adult group. This will be promoted at District's Project night in Mat-tawan Nov. 13th.

At our club meeting on Thursday, November 16, High School Men's Basketball Coaches were welcomed and introduced by Lion Dave Koch. Benton Harbor's Corey Sterling (13th year coach) and Michael VanHoven (Athletic Director), Lake-shore's Sean Schroeder (coach since 2011 to present), Michigan Lutheran's Matt Herbst (2nd year as coach and as Principal), Our Lady of the Lake's Joe Beckman (Assistant Coach) and Phil McDon-ald (Athletic Director), and St. Joseph's Greg Schaffer (coach from 1998-2009 and from 2016 to present).

They told us about their hopes and dreams for their teams and for their players not only becom-

ing proficient at basketball, but more importantly growing as good human beings and citizens. Their love of the game and their respect for each other was evident. We thanked the coaches for the work they do, and their willingness to share their stories with the Lions Club!

### THREE RIVERS

My son (Oliver Bickle) had the day off school and I was home. He wanted to go deliver cans of nuts to the bank for our holiday nut sale with me. We're at SW Michigan Bank and Trust in Constantine which is a new vendor for us this year. They currently sell for us in Three Rivers. That day we also door knocked and talked to some businesses to start re-introducing the mint sales program to the Three Rivers area. Had one instantly agree and 2 banks to follow up with that agreed but had to email to get approval.. Overall an extremely successful and fun day for the two of us.





## LEO CLUB NEWS

### BUCHANAN-GALIEN LEOs

The Buchanan LEO Club made blankets for the children at Ronald McDonald House Children's Hospital, and will drop them off early December.





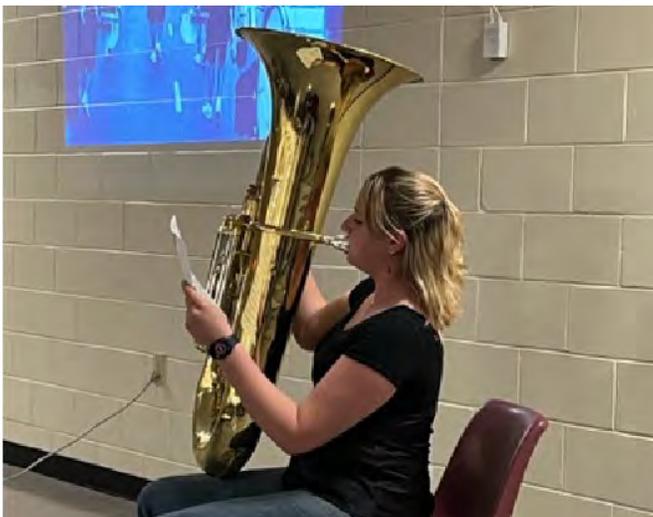
## LEO CLUB NEWS

### BUCHANAN-GALIEN LEOs (cont.)

Buchanan LEO President Geneva (Gigi) Tabor spoke of this year LEO plans at the Lions Nov 9th meeting.



Buchanan's Anja Tabor performed a solo at the Nov 13th Projects Night to promote the Michigan All State Band that she and sister Geneva will be participating in this year.



It's always nice when nonprofits help out other nonprofits! Hanna Herman led the LEO Club in helping the Buchanan Scarecrow Charities take down all the scarecrows that had been previously put up all around town! Future LEO Olivia Fisher also helped!





## LEO CLUB NEWS

### BUCHANAN-GALIEN LEOs (cont.)

Our LEOs really shined tonight at the Miss Buchanan pageant! For the last five years, we've had a LEO representative in the Miss Buchanan court (Jade Smith, Lucy Arbanas, Hayden Bauer, Joy Kaltenbach, Isabel Bryans) and this year's, Miss Buchanan, Hannah Herman!

Congratulations, LEOs!



### MATTAWAN LEOs

The Mattawan LEO Club raised about \$2400 in cash and item donations for the Mattawan area Pantry in their fall food drive. Thank you to the Mattawan Community for their generosity!



▶ The Mattawan LEOs developed planning committee for the year's activities.





## LEO CLUB NEWS

### STURGIS LEOs

The Sturgis Leo Club is in the process of building their club membership as that is one of our big goals this year. Nevertheless, our small group is staying busy meeting each month and doing community service projects. In DECEMBER, the Leo Club met at the local cemetery and helped rake leaves, pick up sticks, and do general clean up of the grounds. Great work kids!



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

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

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

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



We Serve

## GENERAL NEWS!



Paw Paw	5 December 1968	55 Years
Three Rivers	6 December 1948	75 Years
Buchanan-Galien	13 December 1933	90 Years
Lakeshore	14 December 1961	62 Years
Coloma	29 December 1952	71 Years

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

## DISTRICT 11B-2 ZONE CHAIR MAP

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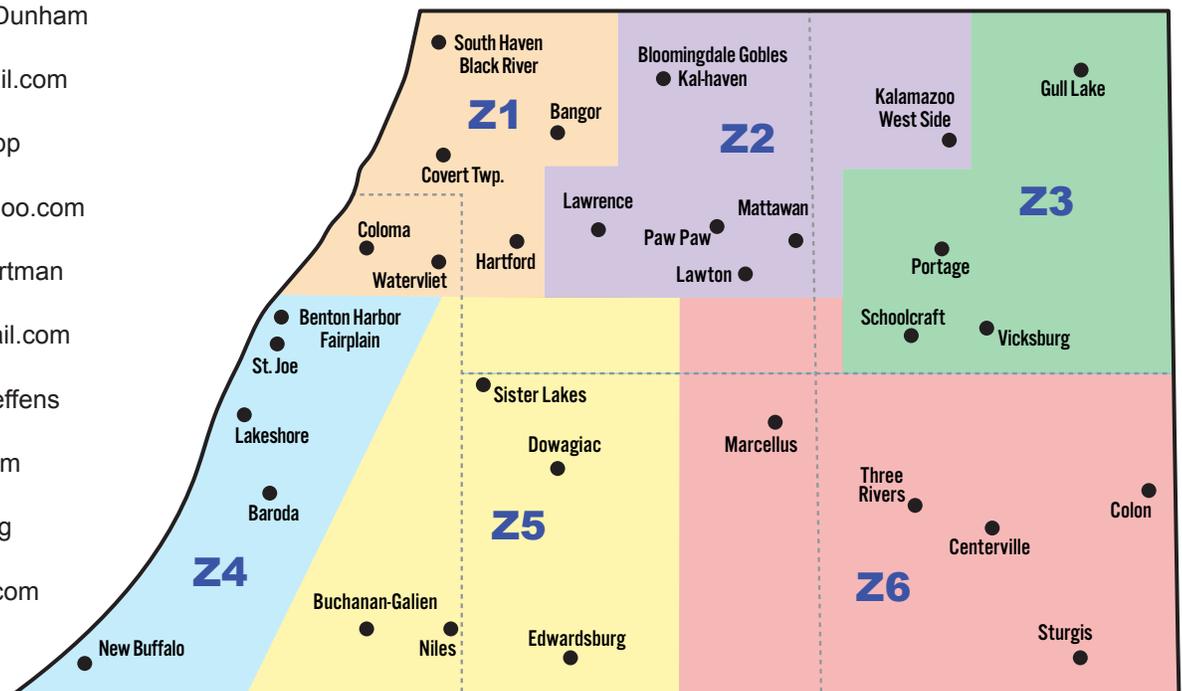
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# CONVENTION SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



## MEAL SPONSORS

Friday Evening Dinner	500.00
Saturday Lunch	500.00
Saturday Evening Banquet	500.00

## ENTERTAINMENT

Friday Entertainment	1000.00
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## THE GREAT EYEGLASS CHALLENGE

The Great Eyeglass Challenge	100.00
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## HOSPITALITY

Hospitality	150.00
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## CONVENTION BOOK ADVERTISING

Full Page Ad	100.00
Half Page Ad	50.00
1/4 Page Ad	25.00

## SPONSORSHIPS DUE BY 11/30/23

Contact Us

(269) 303-0731  
cheftammie@gmail.com

All sponsorships will include a full page ad.

## 2024 Lions District 11-B2 Convention Sponsorship

Which event(s) would you like to sponsor?

**ENTERTAINMENT** **\$1000**

\_\_\_\_\_ Murder Mystery Event \_\_\_\_\_

**MEAL** **\$500**

\_\_\_\_\_ Friday Evening Dinner \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Saturday Lunch \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Saturday Evening Banquet \_\_\_\_\_

**HOSPITALITY** **\$150**

\_\_\_\_\_ Friday Night Hospitality Room \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Saturday Night Hospitality Room \_\_\_\_\_

**THE GREAT EYEGLASS CHALLENGE** **\$100**

\_\_\_\_\_ Great Eyeglass Challenge, Part 1 \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL** \_\_\_\_\_

**Don't want to sponsor an event? Place an ad in the convention book.**

\_\_\_\_\_ Full page = \$100

\_\_\_\_\_ Half page = \$50

\_\_\_\_\_ Quarter page = \$25

**TOTAL** \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Please send this form and your check made out to "District 11-B2" to

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Email all ready for print artwork for ads to [cheftammie@gmail.com](mailto:cheftammie@gmail.com)

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

# Lions Bear Lake Camp

## 2nd Annual "Sub-Zero Hero" Polar Plunge and Dinner

February 10th, 2024

2:00 PM Jumper Check-In

3:00 PM Polar Plunge

5:00 PM Dinner

COME CHILL WITH US AND MAKE A SPLASH BY JUMPING IN THE LAKE TO RAISE MONEY FOR LIONS BEAR LAKE CAMP. DRESS UP AS YOUR FAVORITE SUPERHERO AND ENJOY A FUN FILLED AFTERNOON. JOIN OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR A POLAR PLUNGE, FOLLOWED BY A DELICIOUS DINNER.

### Costume Contest

Prizes for  
Best Costume  
Best Jump (no diving)  
and Crowd Pleaser

50/50 Raffles  
Basket Raffles

### Dinner Includes

Soup Bar  
Bread Bowls  
Salad Bar  
Hot Chocolate Bar  
Dessert  
Cash Bar

Warming tent available  
with hot coffee, tea, cocoa, cider.

Alcohol available for purchase.

### FAMILY FRIENDLY EVENT

### ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS

**\$25 Dinner for Spectators Only**

### JUMPERS WHO RAISE

**\$50 WILL RECEIVE** Jump, Dinner, T-shirt

**\$100 or More-** Jump, Dinner, T-shirt, Tumbler

**\$250 or More-** Jump, Dinner x2, Tumbler x2, T-shirt x2

**\$500 or More-** Priority Jump, Dinner x2, Tumbler x2, T-shirt x2,

Event Hoodie



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under the "Events" Tab



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**\*\*Costumes are encouraged, birthday suits highly discouraged.\*\***

## Youth Camp and Exchange Sponsor Lions Clubs

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

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



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

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

Age requirements are typically 15 - 22

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

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

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

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

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

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

# Youth Camps and Exchange Sponsor Lions Clubs

Submitted by: Lion Elvie Marfil, District Youth Camp & Exchange

The Sponsor Lions Clubs are the resource for exchange youth to have a close working relationship with their district or multiple district YCE Chairperson. If a Sponsor Club does not have a district or multiple district YCE Chairperson, a Club President will be required to sign for the Exchange Youth along with the district governor, and to work directly with the YCE Chairpersons in the host countries of interest to make all arrangements. The following are general responsibilities for the Sponsor:

- Ensuring that the [YCE policy](#) is followed;
- Ensuring compliance with local laws governing youth protection;
- Verifying the exchange youth have sufficient accident, life, personal property, health and liability insurance to cover all contingencies during travel to and from their host country;
- Recruiting, screening and selecting qualified exchange youth;
- Help Exchange Youth use the [YCE Directory](#) to find their desired programs;
- Conduct an orientation session for outgoing exchange youth;
- Assist exchange youth with travel arrangements;
- Potentially provide assistance with or full financing for exchange youth travel costs including air fares, insurance, airport service fees, customs duties and any layover or overnight costs in route;
- Maintaining communications between the exchange youth, host Lions club, host family and YCE Chairperson.

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

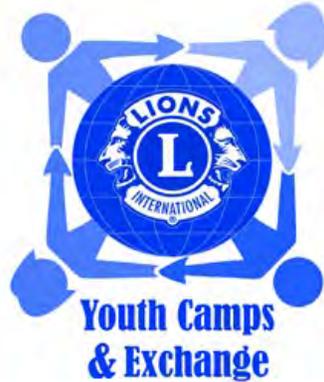
## How to Become a Sponsor Club!

- Write a press release about the YCE program requesting youth who are interested in the YCE program to contact your club; and
- Contact local schools and universities, especially the foreign language or international studies departments, with information about the YCE program to recruit young people.

For more information please contact: Lion Elvie Marfil, State YCE Chair, (epmarfil5@gmail.com) and/or Lion Debra Vantol, (liondebravantol@gmail.com).

### Application Deadline to go Abroad: March 30, 2024

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



District 11-B2 is looking for some families in the community who can open their hearts and homes for a month of summer 2024 to host a Youth Exchange Ambassador. These young people are part of Lions International Youth Camp & Exchange program, bringing young adults from various parts of the world to the United States during the summer program July 25 – August 22, 2024.

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

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

State Chair Lion Elvie Marfil at 818-800-1060 or email [epmarfil5@gmail.com](mailto:epmarfil5@gmail.com)

## Time Line

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Thank for your involvement**

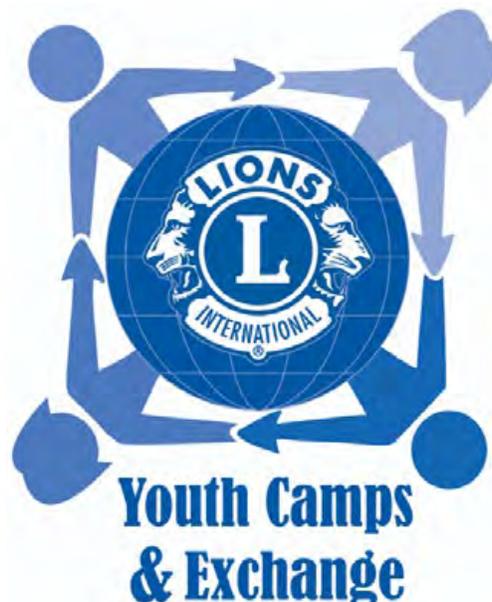
Lion Elvie Marfil, State LYE Chairperson, [epmarfil5@gmail.com](mailto:epmarfil5@gmail.com), 818-800-1080

# Youth Camps & Exchange Program Outgoing Young Adult Ambassadors

## Selection of a Lions Young Adult Ambassador

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

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



**Thank for your involvement**

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

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- Assume a humble attitude, don't be pushy or demanding, but try to convey importance of placing the mints in that business.

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

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

For further tips on Lion Mints, go to <https://www.lionmints.net/index.php/marketing-information>