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# The B2 Beacon

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

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LIONS OF DISTRICT 11B2 ————— FEBRUARY NEWS ————— "TOGETHER WE SERVE"

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## FROM THE GOVERNOR'S DESK



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Let's go backwards this month because we wrapped up January with a GREAT District Wide Zone Meeting on the 31st. The attendance was AWESOME as well as the several varieties of soups/chili, cornbread, salad and desserts the cabinet provided. PCC/GMT Jeff and GET/PDG Fran put on a "PUMP YOU UP" good program. Check out the GMT article for more details as well as the list of topics that the District compiled. We gave away several free District Convention Registrations to random guests who attended.

January 21st I made a visit to the Portage Lions Club. PCC Jeff and I were treated to a delicious breakfast and great fellowship. They call themselves the "small but mighty" club but I can tell you the room was overflowing so we moved into a larger room! I presented several awards to the Club and Members including Club Excellence Awards for 2 Lions Years! Outstanding job Portage...keep up the good work. It was great to see all the members present and even Lion Elvie made the trip from Muskegon to join us.

January 12 – 14, I assisted as a Trustee for LMSF with Project KidSight and attended the MAFE (Michigan Association of Fairs and Exhibits) at the Amway Grand. I joined LMSF President Steve VanTol and PKS State Committee Chair Jeff Mayuiers answering questions about vision screening and getting various Fair Boards in attendance the opportunity to sign up and have someone from PKS in the State contact them to come to their Fairs and do vision screenings.

January 9th we joined the Vicksburg Lions for their meeting. I inducted a new member for them as well. They discussed their upcoming Bowling event which is a sell out from year to year with previous year's participants returning. This is a great event to participate in if you can even get on the list for future years. They have lots of great prizes they give away and put a lot of time into this event as one of their larger service projects. They have assisted a couple of families over the past several months with Emergency Disaster Grants for house fires as well...GREAT job Vicksburg!!

The **District Convention** Co-Chairs GET/PDG Fran and Cabinet Secretary Tammie Grabowski are busy working on convention details. It is going to be a "green" themed weekend and I'm not referring to a "MSU" green weekend! They are planning a Casino night on Friday night and the Mattawan LEO's have offered to help with this event again this year. If you recall they did a great job last year with the



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

Carnival themed games so we are bringing them back this year. Saturday will be a couple of great break-outs, business meeting, elections, Shining Star Awards, Centennial Circle Certificates and other recognitions. Past International Director Jenny Ware and her husband Lion Jeff from SD10 in the UP will be our honored guests. Please plan to come and show them how welcoming the "trolls below the bridge" are. I want to point out that the Four Points by Sheraton in Kalamazoo is again giving us a great room rate of \$99 per night which includes breakfast for 2 the following morning(s)..but to get this rate you MUST reserve your room through the link on the Convention Registration Flyer and MUST meet the deadline. There can be no exceptions to both of these details this year. This rate is less than \$10 higher than previous years and the price of meals and registration has been kept at the same low rates as the previous year as well. We will be having Part 2 of the Great Eyeglass Challenge put on by Buchanan-Galien Lions on Saturday morning. You need to bring your glasses and lenses sorted and clearly marked on the boxes the club name and quantities. This year they are also accepting cloth lens cloths as well as glass cases. These items should also be counted and indicated on the outside of the box. The total from this collection will be added to the total from previously collected at Projects Night back in November for the Grand Prize winner!

Ads for the Convention Program can be placed with CS Tammie as well...see the flyer in the Beacon. The deadline for ads is March 1st. What better way to promote your clubs upcoming events/fundraisers and maybe even get Lions from other clubs to attend your events and get new ideas to take back to their own clubs!

Our District Membership numbers are climbing back up from the normal drops that December shows each year and I think by the end of February we will be back to where we were pre-December. Remember the District theme this year is KEEP ONE but better yet KEEP MORE THAN ONE and tell your friends and families how GREAT it is to be a Lion and how great it makes you feel when you are able to make Lions a Family Affair!!!

Fruit cups (without foil lids) can still be donated before February 21st for the Forum on February 25th. If you would like to donate please get these to me ASAP (see flyer this issue).

Don't forget we still need men's, women's and kids socks brought to the District Convention for the State GST Project that will take place at the MD11 State Convention in May.

As you can see the next couple of months look pretty busy for traveling to clubs for us and we are looking forward to seeing everyone soon!



THANKS for ALL you do and keep up the AWESOME job!!!

DG Julie



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**GOVERNOR'S DESK** (cont.)

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## **11B2 Centennial Circle Member**

We would like to continue honoring those Lions with 50+ years of service to Lions Club International with a special ceremony at the District 11-B2 Convention to be held March 18, 2023 at the luncheon. If you have a Lion in your club who has recently received the 50 year status with this outstanding service, please let me know and we will present them with a special certificate.

The District would appreciate if the clubs could make arrangements to have these special Lions attend the Convention and be honored by their fellow Lions in District 11-B2. The registration fee only will be waived for Centennial Circle Members.

Please send their name, club name and years of service to DG Julie Mayuiers at [jumayuiers@gmail.com](mailto:jumayuiers@gmail.com) no later than March 1st.

## **Shining Star Award**

About special recognition.....we will once again be honoring Shining Star Recipients this year. Please take a moment and talk to a previous Shining Star recipient and let them tell you how special it was for them to receive this award.

The original intent of the Shining Star was to offer a special award to a fresh new member within their first year as a Lion, that provides the spark or enthusiasm that a new member brings. Receiving the Shining Star is specially designed to try and encourage them to attend the convention possibly for their first time. Once they've attended a convention it is our hope that this experience will be one that they want to repeat year after year.

There are other awards and fellowships available for established members. To name a few, some clubs select a Lion of the Year, Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship, Ken Lautzenheiser Fellowship or John S. Noel Fellowship.

Additional information when choosing your Shining Star.....

Choosing a Shining Star was left up to the club's discretion. This individual can be chosen by the Board of Directors, Club President or general membership. It is my opinion that an award voted on by the general membership carries more meaning to the recipient.

So, I'm asking all clubs to email me with your clubs selection no later than March 1st. My email is [jumayuiers@gmail.com](mailto:jumayuiers@gmail.com). I hope they would attend the District Convention to receive this. Also, let me know if this is to be a surprise.

Thanks  
DG Julie Mayuiers



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## GOVERNOR JULIE'S CALENDAR

### February

- 1 – Paw Paw Club Visit
- 4 – LMSF Trustee Meeting
- 6 – Watervliet Club Visit
- 8 - Mattawan Club Visit
- 14 – Three Rivers Club Visit
- 21 – Bloomingdale Gobles Kal Haven Club Visit
- 22 – Lakeshore Club Visit
- 24 - 26 – [Council of Governors & Michigan Forum](#) – Doubletree Hotel Airport, Grand Rapids

### March

- 1 – South Haven Black River Club Visit
- 9 – Coloma Club Visit
- 10 – 11 - C2 Convention for DG Traci Tribbley
- 11 – MD11 State Convention Committee Meeting
- 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
- 31 – April 1 – A2 Convention for DG Shawn Blaszczyk

### April

- 6 – Sister Lakes Club Visit
- 15 – Cabinet Meeting – Sister Lakes Lions Club – 8:30 breakfast / 9:00 meeting (Note this is a newly scheduled meeting taking the place of having one on Sunday following the District Convention)

### 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



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## UPCOMING EVENTS TO ADD TO YOUR CALENDAR

### February

**11: Mattawan Lions Soup Supper & Quarter Auction** - beginning 6pm, Antwerp Activity Center, Mattawan. See flyer in this issue.

**25: Trivia Night, hosted by the Buchanan-Galien Lions** - Doors open 6pm, Buchanan Legion Hall, 403 E. Front St, Buchanan. See flyer in this issue.

**25: Bowling for the Blind, hosted by the Richland-Gull Lions** - 12-3pm, Richland Lanes. See flyer in this issue.

**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

**11: Mattawan Lions Soup Supper & LEOs Bingo** - Beginning 4pm, Antwerp Activity Center, Mattawan.

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

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**21-30: White Cane Week**

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**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.**





## The 11-B2 District Convention is Coming!

The District Convention will be March 17 & 18 at the Four Points Sheraton in Kalamazoo

Our theme this year is the “Luck of the Lions” and the cabinet is working hard to make this convention both fun and informational. The hotel is fixing us the meals at the same price as last year and, while the rooms rates have increased a little, this year they will include breakfast for two.

Friday night will be a casual pasta buffet dinner. Wear your green and there will be a prize for the best dressed Leprechaun. You know there will also be some fun activities and a hospitality room

Saturday will include the Great Eyeglass Challenge and two breakout sessions that promise to plant some new ideas. Lunch will be a deli buffet and give us a chance to meet this year’s District Peace Poster winner. The business meeting and memorial service will take place as well.

Saturday evening will be a plated dinner of either Champagne Chicken or Pork Tenderloin with stuffing. PDGs are encouraged to wear their white jackets.

Our International Guest will be Past International Director Jenny Ware and her husband, Lion Jeff. If you’ve never met PID Jenny, you’re in for a real treat. If you have, you know how great she is. She has lots of energy, a love for Lionism and will surely challenge us to be AWESOME!

There will lots of fun, camaraderie, idea exchange, awards and opportunities for growth. Be sure to get signed up!





# District 11-B2 Convention "Luck of the Lions"

March 17 & 18, 2023

Four Points by Sheraton, Kalamazoo

Rooms \$98 (includes breakfast for 2), Must reserve room by FEB 17 for that price!



[Book your group rate for Lions District 11-B2 District Convention](#) Or call 1-866-961-3003, block "Lions"

ID PID CC PCC DG PDG CS CT ZC Club Pres (circle one)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Club \_\_\_\_\_

New Lion Induction? \_\_\_\_\_ Delegate? \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Guest? Yes No

Registration \$15.....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Friday Dinner \$23 (Pasta Buffet).....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday Lunch \$22 (Deli Buffet).....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday Banquet \$26.....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Circle one: Pork Tenderloin w/stuffing

Champagne Chicken

Total.....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

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### Friday, March 17

- 3:30-5:30 PM Registration/Delegation Desk
- 6:00 Opening Ceremony, Salute to our Military, Worldwide New Member Induction
- 6:30 - 7:30 PM Dinner
- 7:30 - 9:30 PM Fun Night details TBD
- 9:30 - 11:00 PM Hospitality Room

**Special International Guests: PID Jenny Ware and her husband Lion Jeff**

[PID Jenny Ware's Bio](#)

[PID Jenny Ware's Pic](#)

**Everyone must pay the registration fee. No meals may be purchased without the registration fee. Registration packets and meal tickets will be distributed at the registration desk. No packets will be mailed.**

**Registration Deadline: Feb. 17!**

Late Fee: \$25

(Postmarked after Feb. 17, 2023)



### Saturday, March 18

- 7:30 - 9:00 AM Registration/Delegation Desk
- 7:30 - 9:00 AM Great Eyeglass Challenge
- 9:00 - 9:30 AM Opening Remarks
- 9:40 - 10:15 AM Lion Tim DeYoung: A Sustainable Model for Preventable Blindness
- 10:25 - 11:15 AM Dr. Robert Hohendorf: Reading Between the Lions
- 11:30 - 12:00 PM Memorial Service
- 12:00 - 1:45 PM Awards Luncheon
- 2:00 - 3:15 PM Business Meeting
- 3:15 - 5:00 PM Free Time
- 5:00 - 6:00 PM Cocktail Reception for PID
- 6:00 - 8:45 PM Dinner Banquet
- 9:00 - 11:00 PM Hospitality Room

**Make checks payable to "District 11-B2"**

Send Registration and checks to:

Tammie Grabowski  
2417 Townhouse Lane  
Kalamazoo, MI 49001



## Advertising in 11B2 Convention Program



The program is an overall size of 5 1/2 x 8 1/2 h.

Indicate size of ad below

_____	Full page (5 1/2 x 8 1/2 H)	\$100
_____	Half page (5 1/2 x 4 1/4 H)	\$50
_____	Qtr. page (5 1/2 x 2 1/8 H)	\$25

**All ads are black/white and must be camera ready artwork saved as .jpg or .pdf and emailed to Julie Mayuiers at [jumayuiers@gmail.com](mailto:jumayuiers@gmail.com)**

### **Checks made payable to District 11B2**

Checks can be given to Lion asking you to sponsor an ad or mailed to:

Treasurer Carol Patridge

10904 West O Avenue

Mattawan, MI 49071

Please indicate on your check that it is for 11B2 Convention Program

Deadline is February 28th to receive both payment and ad layout

No ads will be placed without full payment

Any further questions please contact

Julie Mayuiers

[jumayuiers@gmail.com](mailto:jumayuiers@gmail.com) or 269-254-1938

Thank you in advance for your support of 11B2 Convention.

Advertiser Name:

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LIONS OF MICHIGAN

# Multiple District Convention

*Together We Can...  
Be Extraordinary*

**MAY 18-20, 2023**

**VANDYK MORTGAGE CENTER  
MUSKEGON, MI**



## *Kickoff Picnic*

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



## *Lions Got Talent*

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



## *Lions of Michigan Parade*

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



## *IPIP Douglas Alexander*

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



**REGISTER TODAY**  
[lionsofmi.com](http://lionsofmi.com)

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





## Lions MD 11 Convention Together We Can...Be Extraordinary!

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

### LIONS OF MICHIGAN INAUGURAL PARADE SATURDAY, MAY 20, 2023

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

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

### Pre-Register your club/entry today!!

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

Club Name/District \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Email \_\_\_\_\_  
How many Club members participating? \_\_\_\_\_  
Will you have a float or other vehicles? \_\_\_\_\_  
Size of float or vehicle? \_\_\_\_\_

Return form to [wburns@lionsofmi.com](mailto:wburns@lionsofmi.com); fax 517.887.6642 or mail to:  
Lions of MI, 5730 Executive Dr., Lansing 48911



## Lions MD Convention: Together We Can... Be Extraordinary!

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

Get ready to be wowed by Lions across the state!

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

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

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

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

Participant Name/s (list all): \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Contact District/Club Name \_\_\_\_\_

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



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\$7 ADULTS, \$3 CHILDREN 4-12  
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Followed at 6pm by a

## Quarter Auction

TICKETS: \$5.00

Many gift baskets up for bid

For more information on the Quarter Auction  
download the PDF [HERE!](#)

[https://e-clubhouse.org/userfiles/4105/file/Quarter%20Auction%20Mattawan%20Lions\\_02-11-23.pdf](https://e-clubhouse.org/userfiles/4105/file/Quarter%20Auction%20Mattawan%20Lions_02-11-23.pdf)



# FEB 11th-4pm

ANTWERP ACTIVITY CENTER

24821 Front St. Mattawan, MI



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Mattawanlionsclub@yahoo.com





# Quarter Auction

**SATURDAY**

**FEB 11, 2023**

**Preview: 5:30 pm – 6:00 pm**

**Auction Starts: 6:00 pm**

**Mattawan Lions Club  
24821 Front St  
Mattawan MI 49071**

**Tickets \$5.00**

Available in advance or at the door.  
All in Paddle Price TBD

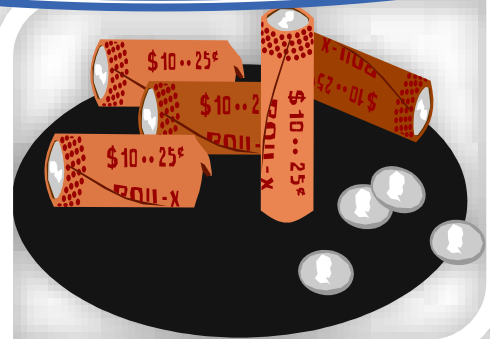
Here's how it works: Upon checking in, you will receive a numbered paddle. All the participating vendors provide items valued from \$10-\$100 for auction. When an item comes up for bid that you are interested in, you place the appropriate number of quarters in the basket in the middle of your table and raise your paddle.

**\$10 - \$24 = 1 quarter**

**\$25 - \$49 = 2 quarters**

**\$50 - \$74 = 3 quarters**

**\$75 - \$100 = 4 quarters**



## PARTICIPATING VENDORS

- \* BEEMER'S BLANKETS
- \* DUDLEY BUDDIES
- \* KLR INNOVATIONS
- \* PAPARAZZI
- \* PAPERPIE (USBORNE BOOKS)
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- \* TUPPERWARE
- \* VALENTINES BOXES

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**Tri-County Paddle Raisers  
Quarter Auction**

**PROCEEDS BENEFIT:  
Mattawan Lions Club**

The Mattawan Lions Club would like to thank you for coming out and supporting their fund-raiser!

**There will be a snack bar with food and beverages for purchase. Please no outside food/drinks.**

**There will also be raffle tickets for sale so bring a few extra dollars 😊**

Once the bidding has closed the auctioneer picks a random numbered ball. The individual with the matching numbered paddle that bid will win. If the matching numbered paddle did not bid say "no bid" and the auctioneer will pick another ball until there is a winner.

For more information or to purchase tickets, please contact: Rosemary (269) 352-2484



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## The Richland/Gull Lake area Lions Club annual BOWLING FOR THE BLIND FUNDRAISER!

February 11, 2023, 12:00—3:00 at Richland Lanes!



AT RICHLAND LANES

9900 E. D Avenue / M-89



Lions Clubs International  
FOUNDATION

SIGN UP OR CALL TODAY at: Michigan Lawn Services, 9820 M-89 Richland, MI 629-1500 All Major Credit Cards Accepted!



BUCHANAN-GALIEN  
LIONS CLUB

# TRIVIA NIGHT

Tease Your Brain  
& Win Prizes

Saturday,  
February 25th  
at Buchanan Legion Hall  
403 E Front St, Buchanan

Doors open at: 6:00pm  
Game starts at: 7:00pm

**\$25**

per person  
or table of 8  
\$200

\*limited  
seating

\*Cash Bar \*Taco Bar Included

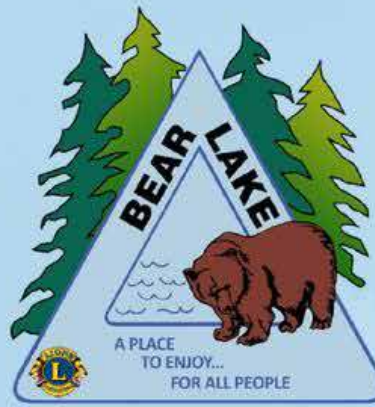


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# LIONS BEAR LAKE CAMP "SUBZERO HERO" POLAR PLUNGE FUNDRAISER

**FEBRUARY 18TH, 2023 2:00PM**

**3409 N. FIVE LAKES RD  
LAPEER, MI 48446**

## SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY

### Event Sponsorship Opportunities

**Sub Zero Hero Sponsor \$1,000**

Sponsor's Logo will be featured on back of T-shirt and sponsor banner, 4 Dinner tickets

**Arctic Champion Sponsor \$500**

Sponsor's name or Logo will be featured on back of T-shirt, 2 Dinner Tickets

**Frosty Friends Sponsor \$100**

Sponsor's name will be featured on back of T-shirt

*Donations Welcome!!!*

*Donated raffle and prize items are appreciated.*

*Donors will be acknowledged throughout the event via announcements*

Please visit the "Events" page on [bearlakecamp.org](http://bearlakecamp.org) or send check to:

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







# COMING TOGETHER. MOVING AHEAD.



## Celebrate service in Boston

At LCIcon 2023, Lions and Leos will unite to forge a path to a better world. Come celebrate service with us, and enjoy the sights, history and culture of Boston.

- Enjoy historical trails and indulge in excellent food and drinks.
- Take part in empowering seminars, hear from Lions leaders and inspirational speakers.
- Enjoy world-class entertainment and meet your fellow Lions and Leos.
- Join the Parade of Nations on the historical streets of Boston.



**SCAN ME  
TO REGISTER**







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## Lions of Michigan All-State Band



The Lions of Michigan All-State Band is going to Boston and so can YOU!

All members participate in:

- Audition process
  - Band rehearsals in Jan/March/May
  - Pre-tour band camp at Lions Bear Lake Camp in Lapeer, MI, July 3 – 5, 2023
  - Band tour to Boston July 5 – 12, 2023
- Performances at:
- Lions International Convention, Boston
  - The Plaza, Boston
  - Lions International Parade



*We Serve Through Music*



Scan the QR code to apply!

Tour includes:

- Motor coach transportation
- Hotel accommodations
- Meals
- Admission to attractions around Boston and New York City, including the 9/11 Museum
- Blue Man Group performance
- Broadway play

Per student cost is based on double occupancy. Local Lions Clubs are ready to help!



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@lionsmiband



Lions of Michigan All State Band

Complete details, along with audition music, can be found at [www.lionsmiband.org](http://www.lionsmiband.org).



## **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.

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 7pm. KFB is located at 1300 Plymouth NE, Grand Rapids. 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 which include 4 snacks per bag in addition to the fresh fruit & vegetable to be added at delivery:

**District B1/B2: Fruit Cup or Pouch (no foil tops please). A total donation of 100 per district is needed**

**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.**



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## Lions of Michigan Leadership Institute Logo Contest A **FABULOUS** opportunity for Lions and Leos



### Contest rules:

- Must include “Lions of Michigan Leadership Institute” or “Michigan Leadership Institute”
- Must include Lions logo or word ‘Lions’
- Maximum two colors – lionsclubs.org has four logo choices. These are the official logos and the only ones that will be accepted.  
Two in two colors – two in black and white. Make your artwork match
- Submission – if made by mail MUST be POSTMARKED by 2/28/2023. LATE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED
- Submission – made by e-mail must be dated 2/28/2023 by 11:00pm.
- Submission in both forms must be submitted to:  
Lion Kimberly Thiede  
31335 Summer Lane West  
Fraser, MI 48026  
[wingslover16@comcast.net](mailto:wingslover16@comcast.net)
- Any questions please contact Lion Kimberly at the above e-mail or by phone at 586-567-3287
- Judging will be done by the Lions of Michigan Leadership team
- The winning entry will receive a free registration to the Leadership Institute. If the winner has already attended Leadership Institute or is a Leo the award will be \$250.00

**Get your creative juices flowing and submit your idea!!!**





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## GMT-PCC JEFF MAYUIERS & IPDG KAROL CHOPP

### GMT-PCC JEFF MAYUIERS



If you missed the District Wide Zone Meeting on January 30th, you missed a GREAT Meeting!! The program presented was about Strengthening Your Club and Growing Your Membership! In total 16 clubs were represented and information was compiled from all of them based on four Club Assessment topics; List your club strengths, List your clubs weaknesses, List opportunities you see that could help your club grow and List threats you see that hinder club growth.

Together as a group we reviewed all the responses and had some further discussions on why the clubs wrote down some of these things. Several topics were listed by several clubs, which tells us clubs often have the same issues. For the benefit of the entire District we have compiled this information and included it in the B2 Beacon this month. It was amazing as many Zones were moving through this exercise they saw items listed as weaknesses could be redirected over into opportunities!

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

#### Complacent:

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

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

My fellow Lions, I urge you to stand up and fight this

disease! Let's all become non-complacent as we realize Great Things Never Came from Comfort Zones.

**Let's all be each other's BOOSTER**

*GMT Jeff*



### GLT-IPDG KAROL CHOPP



*A note from GLT Karol*

Hello fellow lions! I know you all have been hard at work with your clubs. I just wanted to put a bug in everyone's ear about how we are getting closer to voting in our officers for next year yes, it is sneaking up on us! It will be very important this year to make sure you have these done and the information put in by May 1.

They will be doing some changes on MyLion and you will want to make sure you have all the information in the system as well as making sure that everyone has their information down correctly.

Also, we will be planning a date in late April or early May to do officer training so that the newly voted in officers will be ready to go when July 1 comes around.

**Pediatric Cancer Chair-**

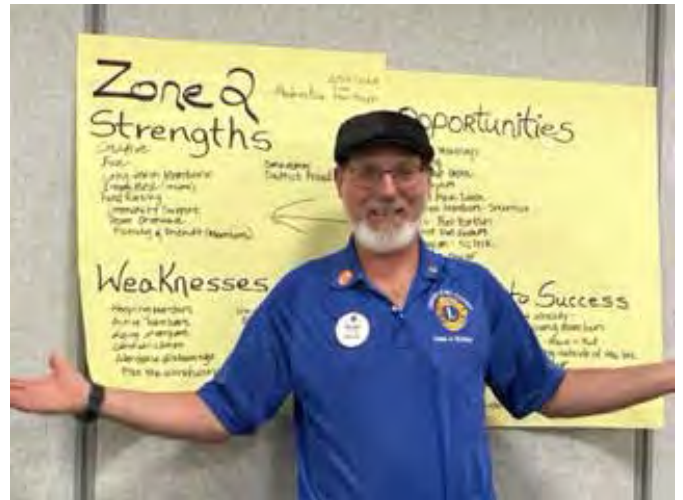
We will be purchasing gift cards for Bronson's Children's Oncology Floor now that the holidays are over and the donations that come with that slow down. I am very excited to be able to do this for the family's and look forward to sharing with you the hospital's response to our donation. Thank you from me to all the clubs who have helped out with this project that is so near to my heart!

*GLT-IPDG Karol*



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## DISTRICT WIDE ZONE MEETING



# DWZM Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats to Success

## Strengths

Location	Close knit
Work together	Dedication
Community	Patriotic
Communication	Good fundraising
Kindness	Lionism
Creativity	Fun
Long term members	Committed
Team oriented	Lion hearted
Try new things	Not afraid to fail
Diverse backgrounds	Family
Weekly meetings	Good Programs
Meals	Project Kidsight
Active members	Leo clubs

## Opportunities

Start Leo club	Get in community
Kidsight	Have more fun
Social media	New territories
Engaging meeting	Mentoring
Leadership depth	New projects
Open to new ideas	New members/incentive
Club picnic	District fun events
Sharing power	Fundraising
Participation	PR
Marketing	Grow by asking
Socialization	New events
Work with schools	
Reach out to out of towners	
Communicate with community	

## Weaknesses

Older members	Poor fundraising
Member attendance	Social media
Lack of diversity	No teamwork
Lack of participation	No follow through
No meeting place	Getting members
Lack of new leaders	Communication
Banking	Technology
Small # overworked	No fresh ideas
Member Retention	Active members
Lack of planning	Cliques
Comm w/ community	Age gap/families

## Threats to Success

Lack of membership	No new ideas
Lack of attendance	Lack of funding
Older members	Old guard v new guard
Lack of motivation	Unproductive meetings
Won't change	Lions lack of priority
Burn out	Lack of communication
Follow through	Cost
Time management	Participation
Purpose/involvement	Negativity
"We tried that before"	Younger members
Staleness	Stuck in rut
Paper Lions	
Those who exert power over others	
Unwilling to learn technology	
Don't think outside the box	
Declining membership	
Getting word out to community	
Conflict with other community events	
No member appreciation	

**Try this activity with your club and see what your members think. What can you control? Change?**

**GET STARTED!**





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## PROJECT KIDSIGHT

PKS COORDINATORS **TANDA & DAVID STIFFLER**

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



The Project KidSight Team has been busy and going to get even busier! So far since the beginning of the Lion Year, July 1st, 2022, the team has screened 3,031 kids with 2,785 passes, 241 referrals and 9 others (meaning we could not get a reading on the camera for that child.) We have gone to 20 locations so far and have 7 more PKS screenings to do between January 27th and February 15th. Once those are complete, our team will have screened over 7,000 to 7,500 students.

Volunteer Lion Members have signed up already for these next 7 dates of screening. We have full teams going into the schools, screening and setting a record of screening 690 students in 2 hours and 50 minutes. This is using 4 SPOT cameras. Our teams are 14 members strong, going to the schools to help get the screening done. THIS IS AMAZING!

On January 18th, the team arrived at the Edwardsburg Middle School. We screened 594 students with 47 referrals.

The Principal and Assistant Principal were very pleased that the students were screened and done before the lunch hours even started. Great teamwork from our Volunteers!

On January 19, the KidSight Team was at the Mattawan Early Elementary School. We screened 690 students with 47 referrals here. (Same as Edwardsburg's referral numbers) The Head RN Nurse was shocked we were done in 2 hours and 50 minutes with this amount of students.



We currently have 42 Volunteers signed up for the following screening dates:

**January 27th** – Mattawan Young 5's with 96 students.

**January 31st** – Sunset Lake Elementary School with 500+ students.

**February 1st** – Mattawan Later Elementary School with 778 students.

**February 3rd** – Mattawan Middle School with





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## PROJECT KIDSIGHT (con't)

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

817 students.

**February 8th** – Indian Lake Elementary School with 286 students.

**February 9th** – Mattawan High School with 1,152 students. This event may possibly go over on Friday the 10th. We hope to complete in one day.

**February 15th** – Edwardsburg High School with 813 students



A small team will go back to the Mattawan School when we are done with all the schools to take pictures of students that may be absent the day we were at their school. The school has requested this and we will definitely make a trip back to each school in one day to make sure we have screened all their students.

Tanda & Dave went back to the Edwardsburg Eagle Lake School, the Edwardsburg Primary

School and the Edwardsburg Intermediate School to screen any child that was absent when we were at their school and picked up another 82 students to screen that were absent. We found 2 more referrals, so it was worth going back.



The number of Volunteers that are helping us with Project KidSight is astounding. Once a volunteer comes to help and enjoys what we are doing to make a difference in a child's life, end up signing up for more events. The teams have worked together wonderfully.

We have more Vicksburg Schools coming up to do and also Marcellus Schools that we know of at this time. We have not scheduled them yet because we need to get these 7 schools complete before we set more dates.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Lion Tanda & David Stiffler*  
PKS Coordinators 11B2  
[Tandastiffler76@gmail.com](mailto:Tandastiffler76@gmail.com)



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## 11B-2 CLUB NEWS

### **Buchanan-Galien Lions Donate To Redbud Area Ministries**

The Buchanan-Galien Lions held their monthly club meeting on Thursday night January 12th. The program for the evening was an update on the Redbud Area Ministries presented by RAM Director Jan Nowak-Walters.

The Lions club made a donation of \$500 to support RAM, club members also brought food and personal care items to the meeting in support of RAM, and the club recently donated some Nut and Candy Fundraiser packages to them also.

Also, Dr Brad Munday (new owner of Smokes Family Vision) presented a check for \$700 to the Lions Club from the Smokes Family Vision "Snow Cones for Sight" event held as part of the last fall community Thrill on the Hill weekend.



*L-R Past Dr. Brad Munday, Lion Alice Krings*

### **Coloma Lion John Sternaman Awarded Melvin Jones.**



The Coloma Lions Club is pleased to announce the presentation of The Melvin Jones Fellowship award by the club to its President Lion John Sternaman. Lion John has been instrumental in



*L-R Past President Lion Mark Skene, RAM Director Jan Nowak-Walters, Lion Alice Krings*





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## 11B-2 CLUB NEWS

helping the club recover through the Covid "problem" by continuing to serve as President for an extended term. In addition Lion John is the backbone of our community support program of building temporary wheelchair access ramps throughout our service area.

In addition The Coloma Lions Club continued its long term support of Hope Resources Food Bank Program by donation \$500.00 to its Director Carol Sternaman at our December Meeting. It was also announced The Coloma Lions Club is Sponsoring The January 5th Soup Supper Program. The event will be at The Columbia Club



(The Knights of Columbus Hall) at 6:00. The supper will have a minimum of 5 choices of soup and deserts furnished by The Coloma Lions Club. In addition The Columbia Club provides a salad bar. 100% of the proceeds will be for the benefit of Hope Resources.

## Lawton Lions-Gracious Hearts

Juli Bradish and crew representing Gracious Hearts, a local group recently formed to provide weekend food for students in need, shared their information and purpose this week at the Lawton



Lions Club monthly meeting. We voted to donate \$500 to their group. Our fundraising efforts during the year continue to help support our local community groups. As always, thank you for your support of the Lawton Lions Club!

## Portage Lions Receive Awards

DG Julie Mayuiers shared her vision for the district. She also reminded us to register at the upcoming Conventions: MD Forum on February 24-26; District 11-B2 Convention on March 17-18; MD 11 Convention on May 18-20; and International Convention on July 7-11, BOSTON here we come! She also invited every Lions to attend the District Wide Zone meeting on Jan 30.

DG Julie presented Awards to the club from Lions Clubs International. (cont. next page)



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## 11B-2 CLUB NEWS



*Portage Lions on a count of three...I got a Lion spirit up in my head... LOL!*



*DG Julie presented MC Lion Elvie a Membership Satisfaction Banner Patches 2019-2020 and 2020-2021. (2021-2022 Membership Satisfaction Patch is in the mail.)*



*DG Julie presented Lion Elvie the Campaign 100 Model Club Banner Patch and Certificate. (Thank you to all the Lions Clubs from California, Washington and Michigan who supported our facemask fundraiser.)*



*DG Julie presented Lion Pres. Laura Berry a Club Excellence Banner Patches 2020-2021 and 2021-2022. (2022-2023 Club Excellence Patch is in the mail.)*





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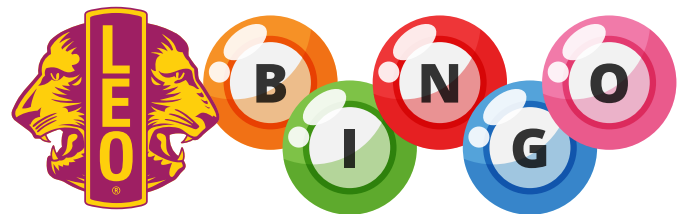
## 11B-2 CLUB NEWS

### Mattawan Lions Soup Suppers are starting up!

The Mattawan Lions Club held their January soup supper and are currently planning on one again on February 11 from 4-6pm with a Quarter Auction to follow. **See our flyer!!**



We finally got the Mattawan Schools on board to doing Project KidSight and had our first screening there January 19 at the Early Elementary. We have the Early Education school scheduled for January 27, and then next week we have the Later Elementary and the following week we have the Middle School then the High School. It is a huge task, and we are grateful to have such great volunteers not only from our club but other clubs as well and some community volunteers working to make this happen along with our wonderful KidSight crew!



**Save the date! Coming March 11th, our last Soup Supper & BINGO night, hosted by our Mattawan LEOs (proceeds going to the Bronson Pediatric Cancer Center)!**



## 11B-2 CLUB NEWS

### Three Rivers Lions Partner with TR Varsity Basketball Team

The Three Rivers Lions showed their support to the Three Rivers Varsity Girls Basketball team on February 24th. For the past 6 years the team and coaches have assisted the Lions with our annual Christmas Food and Toy Distribution on a Saturday morning in December. These young ladies go out into the cold to the cars that are coming to pick up toys for their families through the lists the club receives from Department of Human Services. The ladies then make toy selections from the hundreds of toys the Marine Corp. League in the area collect and then assist in loading them in the cars. They do this out of the goodness of their hearts without expecting anything in return. So the Lions give back to them by attending a home game and cheering them on. We make a tunnel and welcome them out onto the court before the game.

We encourage other clubs to reach out to their schools athletic departments and see if other teams can offer assistance at projects.







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## LCIF CUB PROGRAM

### LCIF Cub Program

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



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

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

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

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

#### **How to implement a Cub Program**

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

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





## LEO CLUB NEWS

### EDWARDSBURG LEOS

Membership: 75 LEOs

Advisors: Tanda & Dave Stiffler

The Edwardsburg Leos received their Leo Pin and certificate at their January 10th meeting. The LEO Club has 75 members and 50 of those members were able to receive their LEO pin because they had 6 hours or more of community service. Not all at pictured at this meeting as many of the LEOs have practice for sports, band and other activities but they do participate at events by stopping by to sign up for upcoming events to earn their hours. Many more LEOs are very close to receiving their first pin. Some earned their 2nd year and even some a 3rd year pin.

Currently the LEOs are having a “Sock Drive for Kids” and will be distributing the socks to the Eagle Lake School, the Edwardsburg Primary School and the Edwardsburg Intermediate School. The 2nd meeting was rescheduled to January 31st because of surgery issues for Advisor Dave Stiffler. This next meeting on January 31st the Leos will be sorting

and dividing the socks out for each school and then they will present them to the schools themselves.

LEOs were also allowed to look over the vintage pins that several Lion members have donated to the club over the years. The LEOs just love to find a unique pin







## LEO CLUB NEWS

LEOs in action helping the Edwardsburg Presbyterian Church Annual Chili Cook-Off. The LEOs had a ball helping serve chili, so no one was aware of who made



the chili. The LEOs also took the challenge of eating chili and deciding whose chili they liked the best! The desserts were plenty, so the Leos also ate some delicious desserts!

### BUCHANAN LEOs

#### Operation: Valentine's Day:

The Buchanan LEO club made some wonderful Valentine's Day cards for our military Veterans hospital in Battle Creek, and those serving overseas!



#### Miss Buchanan:

Year after year, our LEOs always impress at the Miss Buchanan pageant! LEO Megan Franklin, LEO Josie West, and Miss Congeniality winner LEO Isabella Bryans! Let's show our appreciation for the hard work!







## Lions Bear Lake Camp

*Our Mission is to develop leadership skills, build confidence, and to provide a premier outdoor educational and recreational experiences year-round to all persons, regardless of ability.*

12/28/22

Hello Governor,

Hopefully you know about the Lions of Michigan Bear Lake Camp located north of Lapeer, MI. If not, the Lions Bear Lake Camp program is a unique camp because it serves children who are medically fragile, learning challenged, managing a chronic disease and/or have serious health issues. Children ages 6 to 16 will attend the summer camp program from free to significantly reduced rates.

The Mission of Lions Bear Lake Camp is to provide a premier educational outdoor recreational experience for children with special needs.

About 15 years ago, the Romeo Lions Club donated golf carts for the camp to transport the children from/to – cottages, dining building, lake area, arts and craft building, etc. The carts have now worn out and need to be replaced; this is where I need your help!

After doing the research, there is a company in Ohio that has given the best quote for the golf cart models that will work for our purpose.

There are 400 Lions clubs in the State, if every club donates \$100, the cost of three new golf carts will be covered.

Governor, please distribute this letter to all the Lions Clubs in your district.

Checks payable to: Lions Bear Lake Camp

Mail to: PDG Rich Pfeiffer  
70350 Henry Ross Dr.  
Romeo, MI 48065

Thank you so much. Please contact me with any questions.

**Leo Schaefer, P.D.G.**  
11A-2 2020-2021  
[Shae71par@hotmail.com](mailto:Shae71par@hotmail.com)  
(586) 843-3222

This \$100 is over and above your regular donation to the camp.



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**LIONS BEAR LAKE CAMP**



# BLIND & VISUALLY IMPAIRED

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**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 NOW OPEN!**

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### Lions Bear Lake Camp

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Lapeer, MI 48446  
[www.bearlakecamp.org](http://www.bearlakecamp.org)



**More Information**

810-245-0726 [info@bearlakecamp.org](mailto:info@bearlakecamp.org)







**JULY  
16-22**

Lions Bear Lake Camp

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Youth Ages 5-16



## Fun Activity Programs

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\*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

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## IMPORTANT NEWS!

# ATTENTION!

## CLUB PRESIDENTS & TREASURERS

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

Thanks in advance for your understanding and cooperation.

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

DG Julie  
269-254-1938  
[jumayuiers@gmail.com](mailto:jumayuiers@gmail.com)



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## 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: [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 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



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Lions of Michigan Foundation

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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



Marcellus

February 2, 1970

53 Years

**Congratulations to the Marcellus Lions Club for 53 years of service to their community & the world!**

### *A Note from Lion Jeff Mayuiers.....*

I want to personally thank everyone that has been able to donate a bike to the Twin County Probation Center. With your help this program has become a huge success. 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.

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**District 11 B2 has a 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)





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### 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.



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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 send 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.





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### 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 is 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.



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## NOTES FROM THE EDITOR / WEBMASTER



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

Every once in a while, something comes along in your Lion experience that really stands out...gets to the soul of what being a Lion is all about. I experienced that the other day when I volunteered to help with

Project KidSight at our local Elementary.

It's a pretty good bet that if you're a Lion and you've read the Beacon, you've heard of Project KidSight through the updates coming from Tanda and Dave Stiffler, who are the PKS Coordinators for the 11B2 District. I'd known about the program for awhile...my wife participated in a training session at our last District Convention...but it had never gone any farther than that.

About a month ago, the call went out for volunteers to help screen students at Mattawan Public Schools, so, I decided now was a good time to really immerse myself and find out what really goes into screening a whole bunch of little people...5-7 year-olds in the Elementary. What I experienced was way beyond my expectations, as, outside of my helping serve lunch to our Mattawan Seniors every Wednesday, this had to be perhaps the most satisfying and soul-enriching job I'd ever been involved with. And why?

It came with every referral that we made to a parent that their child needed to have his eyes checked by a professional. I felt I was really making a difference in some of these kid's lives, giving them a chance to go through the world with better sight, or, in some cases, saving them from life-long blindness.



My special thanks to Dave Stiffler, who helped me get my feet wet in handling the "camera" that is used in the screening process. I'm looking forward to working with Project KidSight on February 9th when it will be screening Mattawan high school students.

Cheers!

*Lion Wes*

