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## FROM THE GOVERNOR'S DESK



We Serve



I can't believe it's February already! This Lion year has flown by so fast. I have enjoyed visiting all of your amazing clubs and look forward to continuing to visit those I haven't. There are a few clubs I haven't heard from so please reach out and let me know when I can come out for a club visit.

We have a couple of great events coming up soon being held right here in our District! The Lions of Michigan Forum and our District Convention are both being held at the Delta Marriot in Kalamazoo.

The [Lions of Michigan Forum](http://lionsofmi.com) is February 23rd-24th. There will be 16 breakout sessions and I'm most excited/interested 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! Check out the event page on the Lions of Michigan Website for more details: [Michigan Lions Forum 2024 \(lionsofmi.com\)](http://lionsofmi.com) .

Our District 11B2 Convention will be held on March 22nd-23rd, information is in this issue of the Beacon. Huge thanks to CS Lion Tammie and PDG Lion Fran Grabowski on co-chairing this convention, I couldn't do it without them! Please make sure you register right away so we can finalize plans. Information and registration for convention can be found in this issue of the Beacon. Don't forget about part two of the Great Eyeglass Challenge hosted by the Buchanan-Galien Lions Club! Come out and celebrate an amazing year of service! There will be great fun, food, and Awards! This is a family friendly event with cub registration information requested so we can plan for their attendance. Leo's are invited and there will be a special LEO pool party so they can have some fun together. We also have a couple LEO's leading a breakout session with Q&A to help you get a LEO Club in your area or learn how to gain more young members.

I am so proud of the amazing things our clubs are doing and can't wait to see what else will be done the remainder of the year. Please submit flyers on upcoming events to the Beacon so more Lions can come out and support your events.

**DG Amy Thackston**  
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## CLUB VISITS

### Lawton



### St. Joseph



### Schoolcraft





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## ZONE

### Lots of fun at our District Zone Meeting Jan. 29th



*Membership & Service breakout*



*Project KidSight breakout*



*1st VDG Cory presents a 30 year pin.*



*Zone Chair Dan Chopp presenting 10 year pin chevrons*



## DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S CALENDAR

### 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.
- 2/22 – Marcellus Club Visit
- 2/23-2/25 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

### April

- 4/3 South Haven Club Meeting

### May

- 5/1 South Haven Club Meeting
- 5/13 Dowagiac Club Visit
- 5/16-5/18 MD-11 State Convention & Council of Governors, Grand Rapids

### June

- 6/5 South Haven Club Meeting
- 6/8 Final Cabinet Meeting – Location TBD

**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>



## **MISSION 1.5 CHALLENGE**

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

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

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

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

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



## LMSF PROJECT KIDSIGHT

### Lions of Michigan Foundation PROJECT KIDSIGHT



I'm hoping the PKS Team has had a very relaxing time for the holidays and will be ready to jump back into what we do BEST and that is do PROJECT KIDSIGHT! The weather has been difficult for all of us but let's be safe than sorry and stay safe and warm! I'm working with the schools in rescheduling dates that we had to cancel and as soon as we can possibly get those dates rescheduled, I will contact the PKS Team and local Lions Clubs to come on out and get involved in helping us out! Once you come and see how our processes work, you might just get hooked on spending your mornings helping the team to find those kiddos that need us Lions to find the children that need that extra help in getting them into glasses so they can see well to do better in school. We need to finish at two Brandywine Elementary Schools and

the Colon MS/HS Schools, which I suspect will be next week.



Our number is growing, we have screened 15,588 kids with finding 1,523 children that may need to go to an eye care professional to see if they need eyeglasses. Be prepared Lion Clubs, if parents need assistance because they can't afford to take their child to an eye doctor they may look to their local club for assistance and that is what we are here for to help them out.

***As always, we are looking for more PKS Team members to join us.*** Come check us out. You may find that it's an enjoyable morning to spend with other Lion members and a great time for breakfast afterwards!

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Tanda & David Stiffler*  
11B2 Coordinators

**Volunteers Needed  
March 5 & 6!**  
[tandastiffler76@gmail.com](mailto:tandastiffler76@gmail.com)





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## LIONS OF MICHIGAN SERVICE FOUNDATION



*We wanted to share some things that we as the Trustees are here to assist your clubs with so please don't hesitate to contact either of us for assistance.....that's part of our duties as Trustees!*

### Emergency Disaster Relief Program

The Lions of Michigan Foundation provides help for people victimized by floods, forest fires, tornadoes, and other natural disasters. Funding may be provided for food, clothing, shelter and other personal needs. Before applying we do encourage clubs to see if there has been any other assistance offered such as Red Cross, United Way, etc. PLEASE note that the details on what applicants need to provide will be changing in the future and they will be required to provide additional details on what other organizations they are receiving funds from and the amount they can receive from LMSF will be decreased and based on what other resources they have. More on this to come in the future.

[Emergency Disaster Relief Instructions](#)

[Emergency Disaster Relief Application](#)

### VSP Certificates for eyeglass assistance

Send Jeff or Julie the [completed VSP application](#) and we will forward to the LMSF office for certificates to be issued.

### Lions Mints Program

The LION MINTS PROGRAM is a time-tested and proven fundraising project for Lions Clubs throughout

the world. Lion Mints provide visibility for your Club throughout your community. The Lions emblem certifies that the Lion Mints Program is an official Lions Club fundraising activity. Our quality products project a positive image of your Lions Club year-round. Is your Lions Club in Mint Condition? Are you visible in your community?

### Hearing Aids

We always accept used hearing aids that we can turn in for recycling/refurbishment. [Here is the application](#) to apply for hearing aid assistance.

### Mints for Military Program

The Lions of Michigan Foundation provides Lion Mints Care Packages to individuals serving in the United States Military stationed throughout the world, including those serving in the United States. The package includes 1/2 case (12 dozen boxes of mint rolls), 4 decks of playing cards, a pen and some other goodies which all can fit in a USPS Flat Rate Box for just \$90. All you need to do is provide the names and addresses to Lion Jim Dunn, lionjim@aol.com and he will see that a care package is sent out to them and your club will be billed. What a great way to say thank you to our service men and women for serving our country!

### Grant Yager Military Family & Veterans Relief Fund

The Lions of Michigan Foundation provides emergency financial assistance to help current military members and veterans who have emergency financial or medical needs. Those in need of assistance must complete an application process, and they must be sponsored by a local Lions Club or Lions District. This program does not have any changes forthcoming.

Here is the link to the Lions of Michigan Awards, Fellowships & Special Recognition Guide for your reference as well. This is your one stop "shopping" for



## LIONS OF MICHIGAN SERVICE FOUNDATION

recognizing your fellow Lions as well as individuals that are not Lions but have a Lions Heart:

### [Awards, Fellowships, & Special Recognition Guide](#)

If you'd like to make a contribution to one of the many programs we have to offer here is application:

### [LMSF Contribution Form](#)

### **Current and future happenings with LMSF.....**

**2024 Hall of Fame** - It's time again to submit Applications for nominations for the 2024 Hall of Fame. Applications must be voted on by the District Cabinet and signed by the District Cabinet Secretary so they can be submitted to the Lions of Michigan Service Foundation office postmarked or via email no later than March 1st....NO exceptions! The banquet is scheduled for August 3rd and will be held in Grand Rapids this year. Further details will be sent out as soon as finalized.

**MINTS** – The LMSF office now have plenty of rolls of Peppermint, Wintergreen and Fizzy Fruit in stock now! Jeff & Julie have stock in their garage so if you need any please contact them to make arrangements to pick them up or meet someplace. Remember your club saves on shipping if you get them from Jeff or Julie versus ordering through the LMSF office. In addition, due to the increase in the cost of mints and shipping it is suggested that clubs consider raising the price of mint rolls to a minimum of \$.75 per roll. We also received a new shipment of the cardboard signs for the mint trays that indicate “minimum donation is \$.75. It is also suggested to include your club's contact information on the price signs. The LMSF office has no idea what club's have trays where, and once in a while the office will receive calls that mint trays are empty or need funds collected and they have no idea who to contact. Both Wintergreen and Peppermint drops have now been discontinued.

**LMSF Cookbooks** – We still have quite a few of these available to sell. The price has been reduced to just \$10 each, clubs are no longer receiving the \$5 back for each one sold, however, due to the price reduction. They make great speaker gifts!!

**38th ANNUAL SIGHT & HEARING SWEEP-STAKES** – Tickets were sent out to Club Presidents in November. If your club did not receive any and would like to sell them contact the state office [cmccan@lmsf.net](mailto:cmccan@lmsf.net). This is our biggest fundraiser, and we need to sell as many tickets as possible!! Last year we had a record of ticket sales of \$133,000 and would like to surpass that this year.

**Project KidSight** – Our Coordinators Dave and Tanda Stiffler are doing a great job of getting more Lions and individuals trained as screeners, and we can never have too many screeners. Just to reiterate what we hear at the PKS meetings in Lansing, it is the coordinators jobs to get the events scheduled and line up the screeners within the area clubs and not to be doing the actual screenings themselves, although we know how much they enjoy this.

Thanks for all you do!

**Trustees Jeff & Julie Mayuiers**





## District 11-B2 District Convention

March 22 & 23, 2024  
Delta Marriott Convention Center  
2747 S 11th St, Kalamazoo, MI 49009

**LIONS, LEOS, CUBS, FAMILIES AND GUESTS**, you are cordially invited to the 11-B2 District Convention! Please notice the pricing options for families on the registration form. We want to encourage families to attend together.

Our VIP Guest this year is first year **International Director Joanne Ogden** from Ontario, Canada. [Biography](#)

**Friday Night Entertainment:** It's an 80's theme Murder Mystery. Dress up in your best 80's leg warmers, bright colors and big hair and get ready to figure out "who dunnit". The murder mystery will all be orchestrated by the Murder Mystery Company of Grand Rapids. Dinner will be a taco bar that will include items for vegetarians and those observing Lent.

**Saturday** will be filled with our usual activities, including the memorial service, breakout sessions, our business meeting and a service activity. We will also be joined by some leaders from our district Leo clubs. There is a round table time for Lions and Leos to brainstorm ways to be involved with each other and how to appeal to our younger generation to promote Lionism. Our projects will have representatives available for questions and for you to learn more about what they do. Lunch will be a pizza buffet.

**Saturday Evening** will be our more formal awards banquet with a buffet that will include both braised brisket and grilled salmon. Our International guest, International Director Joanne Ogden will be our guest speaker.

**Both Friday and Saturday evening** we will have the opportunity to fellowship with Lions from all over the district in our hospitality room. Bring a game, or deck of cards for some fun together. There will be a cash bar.

**NEW THIS YEAR:** Does your club have items to sell or fundraisers to promote? Rent a table for \$5 and display your items during the convention. Be prepared for lots of sales!

**Sponsorships and Convention Ads:** To help keep costs as low as possible, we are offering sponsorships and conventions ads for your clubs, area business, projects and individuals.

**Don't forget the Great Eyeglass Challenge, Part 2!** Bring your sorted, counted and boxed up glasses Saturday morning. These totals will be added to the number you had from Project's Night. Didn't bring glasses on Projects Night for Part 1, no worries, bring them now.





## 11-B2 District Convention Schedule of Events

### Friday, March 22, 2024

3:30 - 5:30 PM	Registration/Delegate Desk
6:00 - 6:30 PM	Opening Ceremony, Military Salute
6:30 - 9:30 PM	Dinner & Murder Mystery Show (Dress up in 80's Theme) (Partial sponsorship by Benton Harbor Fairplains Lions Club)
9:30 - 11 :00 PM	Hospitality Room (sponsored by LMSF)

### Saturday, March 22, 2024

7:30 - 9:00 AM	Registration/Delegate Desk
7:30 - 9:00 AM	The Great Eyeglass Challenge presented by the Buchanan-Galien Lions (Sponsored by the South Haven Black River Lions Club)
9:00 - 9:30 AM	Opening Remarks/Meet the International Director
9:30 - 9:45 AM	Memorial Service
9:55 - 10:45 AM	Session One - Opportunities Unlimited for the Blind
10:55 - 11:45 AM	Session Two - Lion/LEO Round Table, "Why We Need LEO Clubs"
12:00 - 1:45 PM	Awards Luncheon (Sponsored by the Paw Paw Lions Club)
2:00 - 3:15 PM	Business Meeting/Elections
3:15 - 4:15 PM	Service Project
4:30 - 5:45 PM	LEO Pool Party
5:00 - 6:00 PM	Cocktail Reception for ID Joanne Ogden
6:00 - 8:45 PM	Celebration Banquet (Sponsored by the St. Joseph Lions Club)
9:00 - 11:00 PM	Hospitality Room (Sponsored by LMSF)



District 11-B2 Convention  
March 22 & 23, 2024

Delta Marriott and Convention Center, Kalamazoo

Rooms \$139. Must reserve room by MARCH 12, 2024 for that price

Book your group rate for District 11B2 Lions 22MAR24

Or call 269-375-6000, "District 11B2 Lions 22MAR24"

Lion \_\_\_ Leo \_\_\_ Cub \_\_\_ Guest \_\_\_  
 Highest Lion Title \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Club \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email \_\_\_\_\_  
 New Lion Induction? \_\_\_ Delegate? \_\_\_  
 Are you a veteran? Yes No  
 Dietary Restrictions \_\_\_\_\_

Registration \$15.....\$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Leo or Cub Registration \$5.....\$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Friday Dinner \$29 (Taco Bar) .....\$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Kid (12 and under) Price \$14.50 .....\$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Saturday Lunch (Pizza Buffet) \$13\*...\$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Kid (12 and under) Price \$9.50\* .....\$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Saturday Dinner \$25\* .....\$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Kid (12 and under) Price \$10\* .....\$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Braised Brisket & Grilled Salmon Buffet  
 Total .....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

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 Are you a veteran? Yes No  
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 Total.....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

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.

Online Registration Also Available:  
<https://forms.gle/zU7RyKsrvyPFrP7E8>

\* Reduced price due to sponsorship

**Registration Due by March 1. NO REFUNDS after March 8. Late registration fee of \$25 after March 1.**  
 Send Registration and Check payable to  
 "District 11-B2"  
 CS Tammie Grabowski  
 2417 Townhouse Lane  
 Kalamazoo, MI 49001

# 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 1/30/24

Contact Us

(269) 303-0731  
cheftammie@gmail.com

All sponsorships will include a full page ad.



## DISTRICT 11B-2 CONVENTION

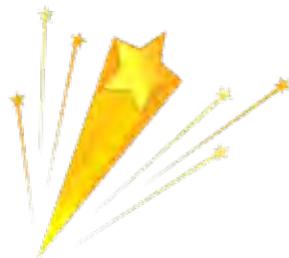
### Centennial Circle Award



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

The convention registration fee will be waived for Centennial Circle Members if they will be attending the awards lunch on Saturday, March 23. If they can not attend the convention, the certificate can be presented at another time. Please send their name, club name and years of service to CS Tammie ([cheftammie@gmail.com](mailto:cheftammie@gmail.com)) no later than March 1st.

### Shining Star Award



The intent of the Shining Star is to offer a special award to a fresh new member within their first year or two as a Lion; one that provides the spark or enthusiasm and hard work that a new member brings. These awards will be presented at the awards lunch during the district convention on March 23. If they can not attend the convention, the certificate can be presented at another time. Please email CS Tammie ([cheftammie@gmail.com](mailto:cheftammie@gmail.com)) with your club's selection no later than March 1st.



## DISTRICT 11B-2 CONVENTION

**\*\*\*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~~ **DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S 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



## DISTRICT 11B-2 CONVENTION

\*\*\*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 FEBRUARY 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



## MICHIGAN LIONS FORUM

### Hello, Fellow Lions!

We are 1 month away from the Lions Michigan Forum in Kalamazoo. A 2<sup>nd</sup> hotel has been added with additional rooms at the Best Western Kalamazoo Suites. Information is on the attached registration form. This hotel is located down the street about 1 mile from the Delta Kalamazoo. Deadline for registration to ensure group discount: 2-5-2024.

### Session Highlights:

- **A new presenter** has been added to the breakout session titled **Membership 1.5**. We are pleased to have LCI Constitutional Area Leader PID Pat Vannett join us from North Dakota! Learn all about the membership campaign at this session.
- **Michigan Forestry and our Environment**, led by DG Michael O'Lonergan. Did you know trees absorb carbon from the atmosphere, conserve soil and water, provide homes for animals, shade for humans, and are a source of food and medicine? Attend this session for ways in which your club can start a tree planting project and so much more!
- **Lions & Service**. It's what we're all about! This is a 2-part session starting with the group service project on Friday night. Drop in and help make blankets for "Sleep in Heavenly Peace", and while you're there you can learn to record club service hours or just freshen up your reporting skills. Saturday's breakout session will dive into the importance of serving, led by Global Service Chair Terri Huffman, Council Chair Elect.
- **Hope to Walk**. Coming to us from Guatemala are a team of Lions from the non-profit organization, Hope to Walk. Hope to Walk invented a low-cost prosthetic leg that can be fabricated anywhere with just a few simple tools. They work with clients in Guatemala, Honduras, Vietnam, Haiti, Belize, and Tanzania, making this a truly global session we can all get on board with. Witness firsthand a LIVE DEMONSTRATION in which they will build a prosthetic leg for an amputee before your eyes!

### White Cane Orders:

Everyone's heard that postage prices just went up. Save money and have us deliver your order to the Forum for pick up.

### **Please forward this information onto club members today, so that no one misses out on this educational opportunity.**

The Forum Planning Committee looks forward to welcoming you to Kalamazoo February 23-24, for what will be another exciting and educational event for Michigan Lions!

PDG Jim Leach, Committee Chair  
Wendy Burns, Executive Director  
Lions Clubs of Michigan  
5730 Executive Dr., Lansing, MI 48911  
517-887-6640 ext. 103 517-887-6642 (fax)  
www.lionsofmi.com

# MICHIGAN LIONS FORUM



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

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

**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. \_\_\_\_\_

# \_\_\_\_\_ 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**

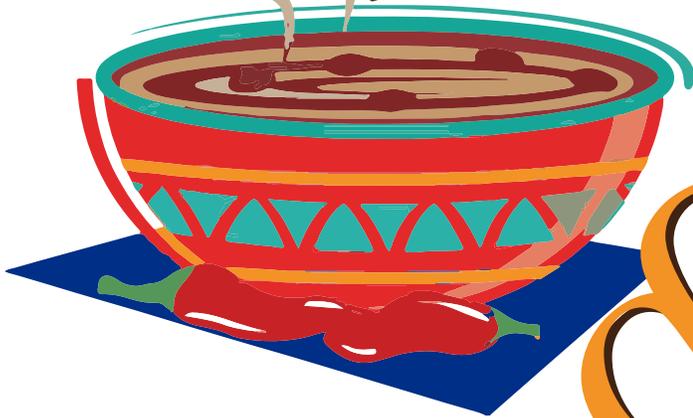
**Session 4 Breakout Session - 11:30 a.m. (Check One)**

- Diabetic Retinopathy Screening** - LMF
- Michigan Forestry and our Environment** – DG Michael O'Lonergan
- 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**

**Come Join Us For A  
Mattawan Lions/LEO Club Two-fer!  
at the Antwerp Activity Center - Mattawan, Mi**

# **Soup Supper**



**February 10th,  
4-6pm**

**Suggested donation:  
\$7 Adults  
\$3 Children 4-12**



# **Valentine's Day Dance**

*Fundraiser*

**6-8:30pm**

**Suggested donations  
\$7 Adults  
\$5 Senior Citizens**



**Refreshments • Door Prizes • Games**

**MOST POPULAR MUSIC BY THE DECADES (1940 -2020)**

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**Sponsored by the Mattawan LEO Club**

BUCHANAN-GALIEN  
LIONS CLUB

# TRIVIA NIGHT

Tease Your Brain  
& Win Prizes

Saturday,  
February 24th

at Buchanan Legion Hall  
403 E Front St, Buchanan

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

**\$25**

per person  
max 8 people  
per team

\*limited  
seating

\*Cash Bar (6pm-9:30pm)

\*Taco Bar Included (6pm-6:45pm)

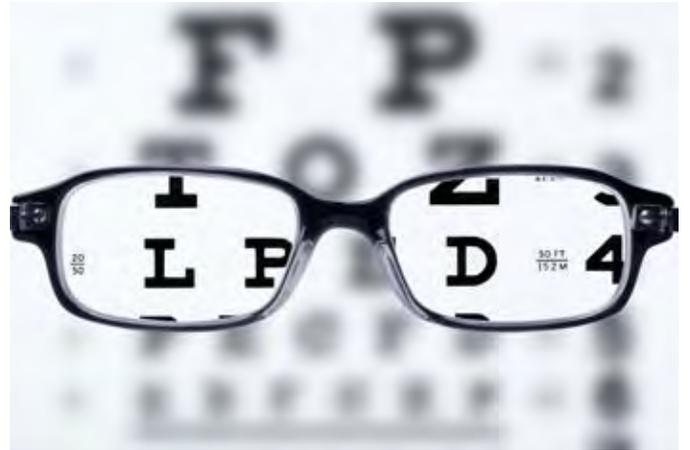


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Emergency Disaster Relief



Military and Veterans Families  
Emergency Individual Assistance



Medical Care and Equipment



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

FEBRUARY 13, 2023

Dear Lions:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Together in service,

PCC Dave Hill, President

517-262-8928

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

## A Public Charity

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



# 38th ANNUAL Sight & Hearing Sweepstakes A GUARANTEED Fundraiser

## GREAT PRIZES

1st-\$5,000 - 2nd-\$2,500 - 3rd-\$2,000  
4th- \$1,500 - 5th-\$1,000 - 6th-\$500  
7th-\$400 - 8th-\$300 - 9th-\$200 - 10th-\$100

## SELLER INCENTIVES

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

## EASY MONEY

30-99 Tickets Sold = \$3.50 Per Ticket For Club  
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250+ Tickets = \$5.50 Per Ticket For Club

## DRAWINGS

TICKET SELLERS DRAWING

May 4, 2024

Lions of Michigan State Office  
Lansing, Michigan

FINAL DRAWING

May 18, 2024

MD 11 Convention - Grand Rapids, MI

The PRICE is RIGHT  
\$10.00 Per Ticket

## *Attention-Attention-Attention*

Do you have a friend or relative who has everything?

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

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



Lions of Michigan Foundation - Gift  
38th Annual Sight & Hearing Sweepstakes

Donation Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Donor's Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Donor's Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Donor's Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Honoree's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Honoree's Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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November 9, 2023

Dear Michigan Lions:

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

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

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

Together We Serve,

Dave Hill  
President

Chad A. McCann  
Executive Director

Enclosure

## A Public Charity

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# I WANT TO HELP NEEDY FAMILIES

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.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is my gift for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to the Lions of Michigan Foundation.

Please bill me for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ as my gift to the Lions of Michigan Foundation.

Please charge my debit/credit card for \$ \_\_\_\_\_. This is a: One Time Gift \_\_\_\_ Monthly Recurring Gift \_\_\_\_ Annual Recurring Gift \_\_\_\_ to the Lions of Michigan Foundation.

Visa  Discover  MasterCard  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Sight Restoration Fund  | <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Disaster Relief Fund                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____             |   |

This gift is in memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

This gift is in honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

Please acknowledge my gift to: \_\_\_\_\_

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## ORDER & APPLICATION FORMS

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

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



### Lions of Michigan Hall of Fame Nomination Form

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

## Mints For MILITARY

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



## Give to the Lions of Michigan Foundation

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Lions of Michigan Foundation



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

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

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

Thanks IPDG Julie

Matt Seagrave  
Rider Experience Manager

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Southeast Michigan Office  
20750 Civic Center Drive, Suite 180  
Southfield, MI 48076

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Phone: 810-522-6535  
Main Office: 800.622.9474  
Fax: 734.994.8025



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

[Click here for more info](#)



## **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 \$20 PER BAG**

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



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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.

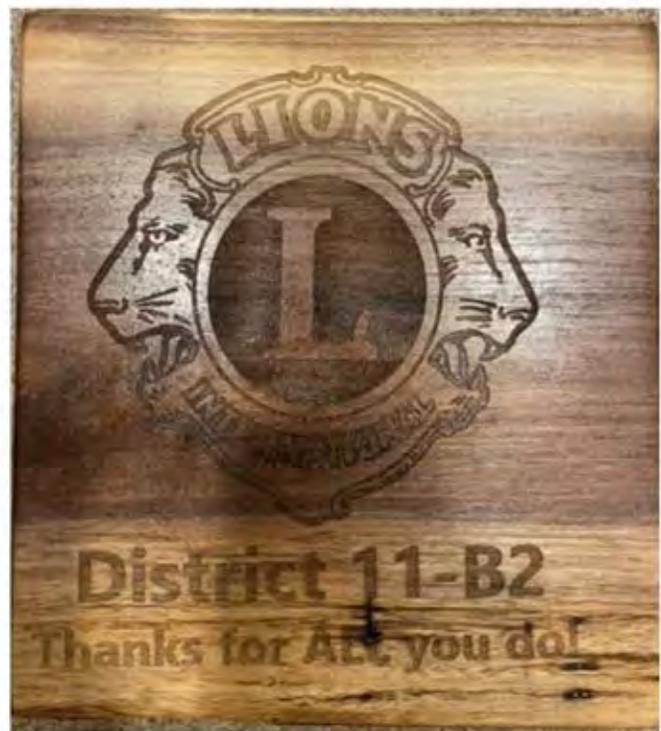


# Three Rivers Lions Club Fundraiser

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)**



# 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

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

Alcohol available for purchase.

**\$25 Dinner for Spectators Only**

### Dinner Includes

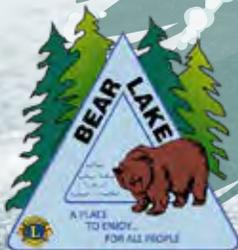
Soup Bar  
Bread Bowls  
Salad Bar  
Hot Chocolate Bar  
Dessert  
Cash Bar

### FAMILY FRIENDLY EVENT

### ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS

### 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



Sign up online at  
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For More Information Contact  
Chrissy Andre 989-627-3808 [chrissyandre113@gmail.com](mailto:chrissyandre113@gmail.com)  
Traci Tribley 989-277-7437 [traci@bearlakecamp.org](mailto:traci@bearlakecamp.org)

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



## 11B-2 CLUB NEWS

### Buchanan-Galien

Miss Buchanan 2024, Hannah Herman, her court and two chairpersons were guests at the Lions monthly meeting on 1/11/24.

What a great representation we have in these fine young people. Good luck to Hannah as she prepares to represent our community in Miss Blossomtime. We'd also like to wish Lainey good luck when she competes in the Miss Spirit contest.

Thank you Kim Gaul and Kelly Catalano for bringing this amazing group to our meeting and for all you do for the Miss Buchanan Committee.



### Paw Paw

We were excited to present the Paw Paw High School Band with a check to help cover the cost of their new instrument trailer. The PPHS Band does a fantastic job of fostering a heart of service in the musicians.

### Paw Paw (cont.)



Welcome our newest Paw Paw Lions Club members! Left to right: Lion Louie Puckett (returning Lion) his sponsor President Lion Vickie Lietzau, Emma Puckett, also sponsored by Lion Vickie, Lion Starr Rife, Lion Paula Steffey, sponsored by Lion Starr, Lion Nicholas Gehring, PDG Fran Grabowski, who sponsored Lion Nicholas.





## 11B-2 CLUB NEWS

### Paw Paw (cont.)



*On December 31, we honored Lion Frank Wunderlich as he retired after 43 years of calling the first set of bingo almost every Sunday. That's dedication!*

### South Haven-Black River

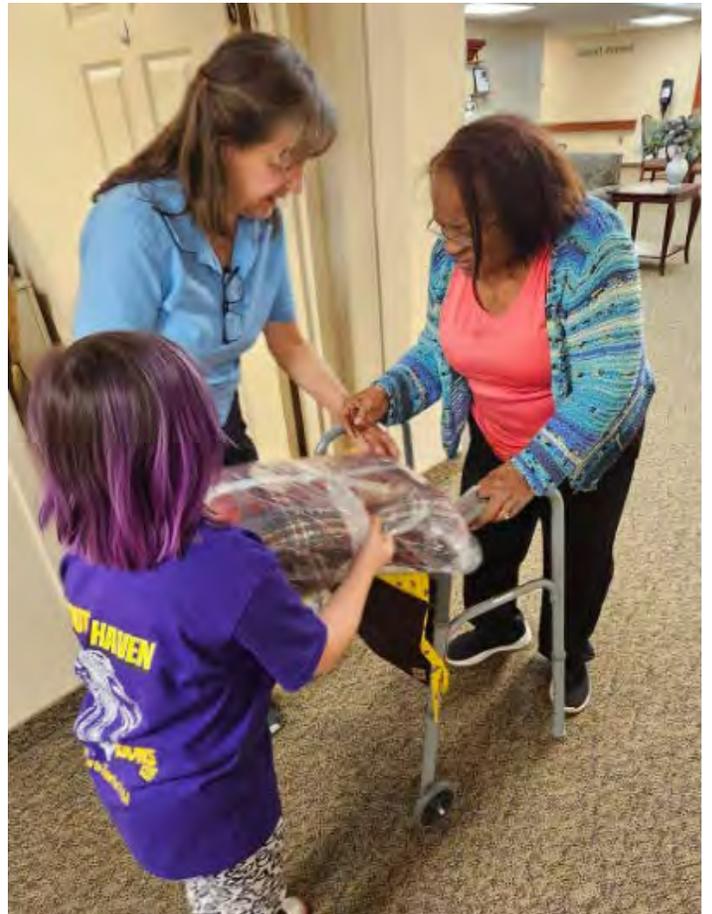
The South Haven Black River Lions are proud sponsors of South Haven Ice Breakers Festival, Our Town Players community theatre, and convention sponsorship of the Great Eye Glass Challenge presented by the Buchanan Galien Lions.



The club hosted the Cabinet Holiday party that was open to everyone in the district to attend. DG Amy cooked Ukrainian cuisine for everyone to enjoy.



Lion Cub Zoey continued to read at a local senior home every Wednesday. She reads to two groups each visit. She even gave everyone a nice warm blanket, Christmas card, and a bracelet for Christmas.





## 11B-2 CLUB NEWS

### St. Joseph



Our special guests at the January 25th meeting were 30 students in the 4th grade at Brown School in Mr. Cody Saroni's class. The students brought samples of some of the things they are doing with the technology they have access to on their Dell computers. We saw kids designing Minecraft worlds, producing videos, exploring inventions, coding, and doing game development. Lions got to roam from group to group and ask questions and see what the kids had to share. There was SO much energy in the room and we all really enjoyed our time with the kids.



*New Lions Welcomed! (L-R:) Lion Ren Baldwin, new Lion John Sleder, Zoya, Lion Ed Staude, new Lion Chuck Knebel, & Lion Dan Fortenbacher.*

### Three Rivers



Lion Ken Bickle and his mother-in-law Kandi Bell fundraising with their snow cone stand and freeze dried candy selection for our Three Rivers Schools competitive Bass Fishing team. Three Rivers Lions Gary Reames and Ken Bickle are both volunteer boat captains where they each take a team of 2 youth anglers competitive bass fishing in the locally run "wildcat tournaments" and have the option to pursue state and national tournament circuits.

So far this year their fundraising efforts at school based events have raised over \$3000 to support the youth program in addition to matching grants targeted. Money raised goes to fund angling equipment, Jersey costs, camping equipment/-food provisions(for the travel youth), camping fees, and various tournament prizes. The team is going into its 3rd year with over 50+ anglers from 4th-12th grades signed up locally.



## LEO CLUB NEWS

### Buchanan-Galien LEOs

For their January project, the Buchanan Galien LEO Club made Valentine's Day cards for our local Veterans. this is our second year, making Valen-tine's Day cards for our wonderful veterans!

Additionally, they made birthday cards to a local resident, who will be celebrating her 100th birthday in February! .



### Mattawan LEOS

# Valentine's Day Dance

*Fundraiser*

**6-8:30pm**

**Suggested donations**  
**\$7 Adults**  
**\$5 Senior Citizens**

**Refreshments • Door Prizes • Games**

**MOST POPULAR MUSIC BY THE DECADES (1940 -2020)**

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**Sponsored by the Mattawan LEO Club**



The Mattawan LEOs chose to have a Valentine's Day Dance for adults at the Antwerp Activity Center in Mattawan on February 10th (see flyer this issue) near the holiday to benefit the [Hospitality House of SW Michigan](http://hhhkz.org) as their logo has a heart in it so the club decided to "share the love" with them.

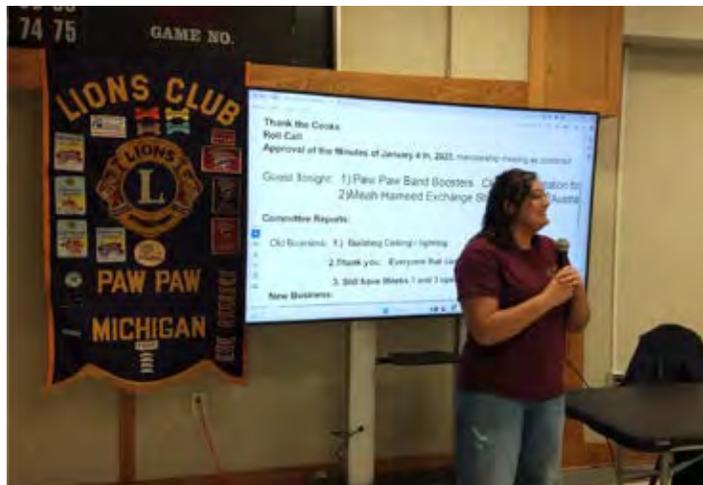


The Secretary of the Paw Paw LEOs and the VP of the Mattawan LEOs attended the District Wide Zone meeting and helped the Marketing break-out with a flyer showing the differences in social media.



## LEO CLUB NEWS

### Paw Paw LEOS



High School LEO member, Meah Hameed, gave a presentation to the club about her upcoming adventure in taking part in the Lions Youth Exchange Program. This is similar to being a foreign exchange student but it only last for one month during the summer rather than a whole year. LEO Meah will be going to the Netherlands and staying with a Lion family over there. She will spend 3 weeks with the family and another week at an International Youth Exchange Camp with kids from all over the world. What an amazing opportunity for her!

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.

### **Why choose LEOs?**

There are a lot of ways people can give back to their community — but being a LEO is much more than just service. Choosing Leo clubs will help you grow as an individual and as a leader as you join a global family of young people making the world a better place. If you're interested in joining a LEO club, use our Club Locator to find a local LEO club near you.

### **Developing leaders**

LEOs have many leadership opportunities, including the ability to serve as Leo officers in their club, district and multiple district through annual elections. Lions International offers resources for Leos looking to grow their impact as a project organizer, motivator and leader of their peers on the club officer page, or district and multiple district leaders page. There are also in-person Lions Leadership Institutes (including the LEO Advancement Sessions) and online courses through the Lions Learning Center that LEOs can access. Visit the Learn section of your Lion Account for more information.



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## GENERAL NEWS!



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

## DISTRICT 11B-2 ZONE CHAIR MAP

**Z1 Chair** Theresa Dunham  
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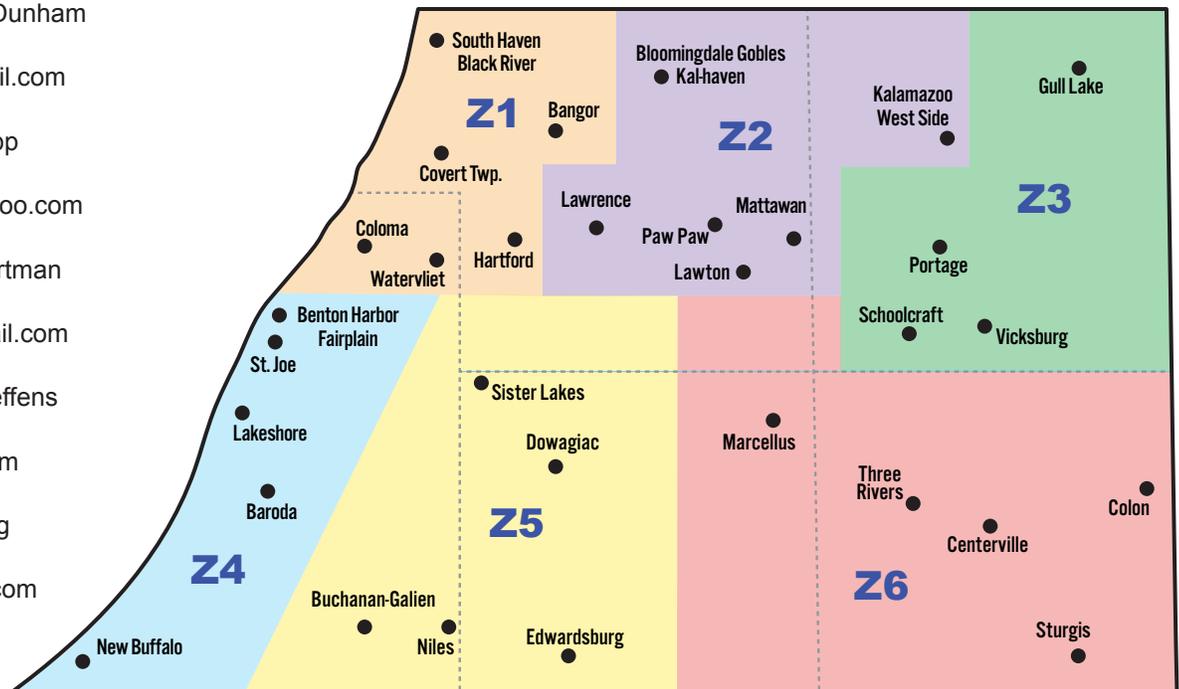
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**Z5 Chair** Alice Kring  
269.470.0571  
kring.alice@gmail.com

**Z6 Chair** VACANT



# Youth Camps & Exchange Program

Lion Elvie Marfil, District Chairperson

District 11-B2 is looking for 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/District Chair Lion Elvie Marfil at 818-800-1060 or email [epmarfil5@gmail.com](mailto:epmarfil5@gmail.com)

## District 11-B2 will be hosting 4 students:

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

## District 11-B2 going abroad:

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

## Multiple District 11 need host family for the following students:

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

## Youth Camp and Exchange Sponsor Lions Clubs

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

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



Filing deadlines for all applicants vary by country. Most Countries have a filing deadline range from 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.**

## 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**

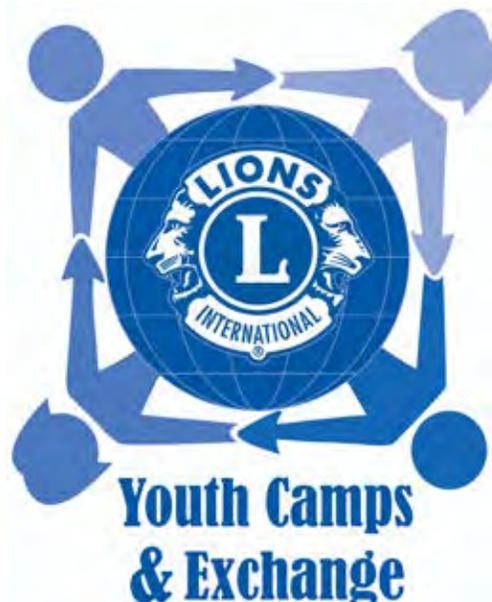
Lion Elvie Marfil, State LYE Chairperson, [epmarfil5@gmail.com](mailto:epmarfil5@gmail.com), 818-800-1080

# 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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## Procedures For Lion Mints Program

### How to Approach Merchants

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

### Where to Place Trays

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

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

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

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