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The B2 Beacon

"May the beacon of hope always shine bright"

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

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FROM THE GOVERNOR'S DESK



I hope everyone had wonderful holidays filled with family time and making new memories despite the blizzard we had. The roads were a bit of challenge for many I'm sure but at least the weather held off and didn't put a damper on the

many clubs that were distributing food and toys to those the weekend before. That would really have been disastrous not to be able to get those items in the hands of those who were counting on them. I know all of your hard efforts paid off and there were many happy families that might not have been as happy without the Lions help.

With January comes the thoughts of our District Wide Zone Meeting to be held on the 30th at Antwerp Township Hall in Mattawan. We still start-off with social time at 5:30, followed by a soup and salad dinner (donations for the meal will be accepted) at 6:00 pm. Then we have a great program lined up "Strengthening Our Clubs" that is sure to enlighten you and allow you to take many ideas back to your clubs. PCC/GMT Jeff Mayuiers and PDG/GET Fran Grabowski will be presenting ideas for everyone to grow our clubs. We will learn from the presenters as well as share ideas and hopefully even meet some new Lions you've never met before.

Our Co-Convention Chairs PDG/GET Fran Grabowski and Cabinet Secretary Tammie Grabowski are hard at work planning our District Convention for March 17th and 18th to be held again at the Four Points by Sheraton in Kalamazoo. Our special guests for the weekend will be Past International Director Jenny Ware and her husband Lion Jeff from the UP. I'd like to see lots of Lions in attendance to show PID Jenny that the "trolls beneath the bridge" know how to have a great time!!! The hotel is honoring the same meal prices as last year and hotel rooms have only increased by \$9 but also include breakfast for 2 in the hotel restaurant.

A fun night of entertainment is being planned for the 17th followed by a hospitality suite. Then on Saturday we will kick off the morning with Part 2 of the





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FROM THE GOVERNOR'S DESK (cont.)

Great Eye Glass Challenge. Remember your totals from the event in November are added to what you bring in March. PID Jenny will be speaking to us about Lions. Following that will be a couple of totally new breakout sessions sure to peak your interest. We will wrap up the morning followed by lunch with several awards being presented including Shining Stars for Lions who have been a member for a year or less and really gotten involved with their clubs activities and any new Centennial Circle Lions who have been a member for 50 or more years. Also at lunch will be the time to drop off your LCIF milk jugs that your club has been filling with loose change. Please have your club name and the change counted and indicated on the bottom of the milk jugs. We will announce the winner at the end of lunch.

After lunch we will have the annual Business Meeting followed by election of our new DG for the 2023 – 2024 Lions Year. We are still in search of a First Vice District Governor and Second Vice District Governor for next year. If you are interested in either of these positions please reach out to either our current FVDG Amy or myself for details. The deadline to submit your letter of intent to the Elections Committee is 30 days prior to the Convention and you wouldn't want to miss that deadline! Both of these positions are a great way to meet all the Lions in the District as well as others around the State. We will have a couple hours of free time on Saturday afternoon to just kick back and socialize in the hotel or maybe take a quick trip to the Air Zoo or the quaint shops downtown Kalamazoo has to offer. Dinner will be the traditional white jacket dinner but please don't let this scare you from attending the evening celebrations as we will also have a few more awards to present before the evening adjourns to the hospitality suite. I just want the Lions of B2 to show PID Jenny what a great District we have so please come and enjoy the weekend!

I hope you will mark your calendars for both of these events that are being planned and we look forward to seeing you at these events!

Don't forget the Forum to be held February 24 – 25th in Grand Rapids. Also, May 19 – 20 is the MD11 State Convention in Muskegon with our Immediate Past International President and LCIF Chairperson Douglas Alexander is our guest.

DG Julie





FROM THE GOVERNOR'S DESK (cont.)

11B2 Centennial 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 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. 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



GOVERNOR JULIE'S CALENDAR

January

7 - **Cabinet Meeting - CANCELLED**

9 – Vicksburg Club Visit

26 - Kalamazoo Westside Visit

30 – District Wide Zone Meeting @ Antwerp Township Hall from 6 – 8 pm.
Further details to follow.

February

24 – 26 – **Council of Governors & Michigan Forum** – Doubletree Hotel
Airport, Grand Rapids

March

9 - Coloma Club Visit

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

18 - Great Eyeglass Challenge Part 2 held at District Convention

April

15 – Cabinet Meeting – Sister Lakes Lions Club

May

19 – 20 - **Council of Governors and MD11 State Convention** – Delta Hotels by
Marriott, Muskegon Convention Center – PIP and LCIF Chairperson
Douglas Alexander is the guest

June

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

July

7 – 11 – International Convention, Boston, MA



UPCOMING EVENTS TO ADD TO YOUR CALENDAR

January

14: Mattawan Lions Soup Supper - 4:30-6:30pm, Antwerp Activity Center, Mattawan. See flyer in this issue.

30: District Wide Zone Meeting - 6-8pm, Antwerp Township Hall, Mattawan

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28: Pancake Breakfast - Hosted by the Sister Lakes Lions-details TBA

July

7-11: International Convention - Boston, MA

Don't see your event listed here....email flyers and details at least one month in advance to Lion Wes at captcartoon@me.com 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

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 or 269-254-1938

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

Advertiser Name:

Address:

Phone:

Email:



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
- 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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Strengthening your club!

District Wide Zone Meeting

January 30, 2023

Antwerp Activity Center

(24821 Front St, Mattawan, MI)

5:30 Social Time & Registration

6:00 Chili variety, cornbread, salad, dessert,
water/coffee Dinner and Program.

Dinner Cost is a DONATION

Bring all your members, especially those currently in leadership positions and those who will be in the future.



RSVP to CS Tammie Grabowski:
cheftammie@gmail.com or
269-303-0731 by January 25!





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COME JOIN US FOR A
MATTAWAN LIONS CLUB

Soup & Chili SUPPER



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JANUARY 14, 4:30-6:30pm

Antwerp Activity Center, 24821 Front St, Mattawan, Mi 49071

All meals come with crackers, dessert, and a bottle of water!

Mark your calendar for our other upcoming soup supper dates:

February 11 & March 11, 2023

Suggested donation \$5/person. Donations for these soup supper dinners will be used to support the Mattawan Community



We Serve

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!



Michiganlionsband



Michiganlionsband



@lionsmiband



Lions of Michigan All State Band

Complete details, along with audition music, can be found at 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.

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

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

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

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

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

we need to donate a total of 100 per district

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



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FINAL RESULTS-11B2 PROJECT NIGHT GIVING

Lions District 11B2 - Project Night 11/14/22

Project Name	Total Donations
All State Band	\$3,136.00
Bear Lake Camp	\$2,851.00
Camp Leo	\$5,041.00
Eversight	\$5,441.00
District Diabetes Project/JDRF	\$3,394.00
Leader Dogs	\$5,266.00
Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF)	\$6,293.00
Lions of Michigan Service Foundation (LMSF)	\$5,291.00
Paws With A Cause	\$2,991.00
Project KidSight	\$3,966.00
Youth Exchange	\$2,091.00
Pediatric Cancer - cash and gift cards	\$2,260.00
Total Tally	\$48,021.00

25 Clubs with 100% participation (up from 23 last year)

Total donations for 2022 up 7.4% from 2021

Thank You 11-B2 Clubs for supporting these great programs



Dear District Governor

Thank you for your incredible dedication to making this year one of our best ever. Back in July, we hit the ground running and we've pushed ourselves every day since. During the past six months, we've accomplished many great things. And now as we take some time to slow down for the holiday season, I want us to reflect on what we've achieved together.

Through your leadership, we have chartered more than 664 new clubs and given more than 77,550 new Lions the opportunity to serve and lead as part of our team. Your

encouragement has helped your clubs bring attention to their life-changing service through great marketing and service reporting. And your ongoing support of LCIF is helping all Lions to think bigger and be more ambitious about their service.

I am so proud of everything we've accomplished together so far. Take pride in all that you've done and be sure to thank your team for all their hard work. Believe it or not, we're halfway through our year together. I told you it would go faster than you thought. So enjoy this moment with your family and friends, then let's get ready to give it our all again next year!

Make a great day,
Brian Sheehan
International President



**Watch a special video message
from President Sheehan**



The Season of Giving

Your Lions make a difference every day in the lives of the people in your district. And your support of LCIF ensures that their service will continue to help far beyond this holiday season. Be the example that inspires even more generosity when you give an **end-of-the-year gift** today and encourage your clubs to give a gift of their own.

Be sure to watch a **special video message** from President Sheehan that celebrates the service of Lions all over the world and what we've achieved together.

**Your end-of-year gift, like your service, matters.
Give the gift of hope through LCIF this holiday season.**



From LCIF Chairperson Douglas X. Alexander

Greetings, Lions and LEOs!

As we prepare to enter a new calendar year, we reflect on the successes of 2022. Lives around the world were changed because of Lions humanitarian service in our communities, empowered by LCIF .

Of course, one of the biggest highlights of the year was the successful completion of the *Campaign 100: LCIF Empowering Service*. Thank you to every Lion and LEO who embraced the philosophy of serving by doing AND giving and contributed to this historic campaign. People everywhere will benefit from your support.

In 2023, continue to share with your fellow Lions and others around the world how much more is made possible by supporting our global foundation. Through LCIF, single clubs or districts can do so much more. LCIF grants enable Lions to think big and to tackle large-scale projects that we wouldn't be able to do alone. In fact, LCIF is the only Lions foundation that empowers the service of Lions worldwide and remains committed to magnifying your service, while strengthening our humanitarian mission.

Please join me in continuing to support LCIF in 2023. Together, we can build on the success of Campaign 100 and bring hope to a world in need throughout the next year-and beyond!



Celebrate Kindness at LCIcon 2023

Celebrate your achievements with Lions and leaders from around the world at the 105th Lions Clubs International Convention in Boston. There's no better place to connect with old friends and international leaders, enjoy world-class speakers and entertainment, and celebrate our service and our vision for the future.

Early pricing ends on **January 13, 2023**, so register today and encourage your Lions and Leos to [register](#) for the Lion event of the year.

Club Retention Award

Healthy clubs are the key to getting more done. And even though the first term for the Club Retention Award ends on December 31, 2022, the second term begins on January 1, 2023. So stay focused on club health to qualify to earn the honor of awarding a President's Leadership Award to the Lion of your choice.

And don't miss your chance to be memorialized on the inaugural [Jesse Robinson Membership Growth Cup](#). For more information about presidential awards and the resources to help you achieve your goals, visit your [awards website](#).





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GMT-PCC JEFF MAYUIERS & IPDG KAROL CHOPP

GMT-PCC JEFF MAYUIERS



Well, here we are at the beginning of a new calendar year. Have you given any thought to things you might want to improve on or change, or areas you might want to increase your knowledge base on? Have you thought about how you yourself want to enter into this New Year?

Are you just quietly going about the opportunity the New Year might bring and you're coming in like a Lion because that's what you are? And as a Lion have you given any thought about the Lions Club you belong to? How's it going? Are there any changes, improvements, or goals you'd like to see happen in the year 2023?

If you haven't really given any of these areas much thought that's okay, believe me you are not alone!

As your GMT along with PDG/GET Fran Grabowski we want to offer you some ideas on "STRENGTHENING YOUR CLUB"! Together we will offer everyone some new concepts and thoughts on ways you can strengthen your club. To be a part of the group we invite you to attend the upcoming District Wide Zone Meeting on January 30th at the Antwerp Township Hall in Mattawan starting at 5:30 with social time, followed by dinner at 6:00 and the program shortly thereafter. There is a flyer elsewhere in the Beacon with further details.

We hope to see many of you attend and gather more information and even share information.

GMT Jeff

IPDG KAROL CHOPP



Wow, the year is going by so fast! The holiday season is incredibly busy for everyone and at times it's hard to catch your breath. I hope you all had time to enjoy yourselves.

Coming up before you know it will be the [Michigan Lions Forum 2023](#). I encourage all to attend. Not only is a good time with fellow lions but there are great learning sessions available. I hope to see you there!

February 24-25, 2023

Double Tree Hotel, Airport Grand Rapids
4747 28th St SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49512

IPDG Karol

Quick links to info on other Lion topics of interest:

Lions of Michigan
<http://lionsofmi.com/>

Lions Pride
<https://lionsofmi.com/index.php/downloads/lion-pride>

Lions of Michigan Service Foundation
<https://www.lmsf.net/>

District Web Page
<https://www.e-district.org/sites/11b2>



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PROJECT KIDSIGHT

PKS COORDINATORS **TANDA & DAVID STIFFLER**

Lions of Michigan Foundation PROJECT KIDSIGHT



Well, if the weather had not played havoc on all of us, we would have completed a few more Project KidSight events before the end of the year 2022. But Mother Nature rules! Lol. We had scheduled the Edwardsburg Middle School to screen on December 14th with over 600 students but the school was cancelled because there were not enough school bus drivers to pick up the students because so many drivers were sick. The school was doing e-learning for four days because many teachers, students and bus drivers were sick. So even the PKS event at the Edwardsburg Primary School we were to do on December 16th was also postponed. Then our event on December 17th at the Bloomingdale Gobles Kal Haven Club was cancelled because of the snow being so high in their area.

Project KidSight was at the Vicksburg Pathways School on December 15th, however. We had a team of five volunteers at this event. Some of the Vicksburg Club members attended, Deb Stafinski and Virgil Briggs and both did an excellent job by learning and doing Project KidSight. The other three were Dave, Pat McFarland and me (Tanda) We were able to screen 50 students with only one referral. But that one referral needs to be seen by an eye doctor. So, it was so worth going to the Pathways School. Lion Dave was able to speak to

Keevin O'Neill, the Superintendent of the Vicksburg Schools to see if PKS can come into the school to screen all the students. Keevin said he has a staff meeting coming up in January so he will speak with the principal's and teacher staff to see about getting something scheduled for us. We will be looking forward to that. Keevin remembered our team coming in with PKS before COVID.

Coordinators Tanda and David met with Tracy Brewer at the Mattawan Schools and what a pleasure it was meeting her! We gave our presentation of the SPOT camera and how our PKS team works, and she asked if we would be willing to screen the entire Mattawan School System as the Superintendent put her in charge to get our Project KidSight Team in their schools in January and February. We have scheduled the dates! We will be asking Mattawan Lion Members to volunteer and then we will be putting together a team of possibly 12 to 14 members as we will borrow a fourth camera to screen the five schools of Mattawan. This is one of the larger schools with 3,595 students so we can use some help Lion members.

Here are the dates:

January 19th – 8:30 arrival at Mattawan Early Elementary School which has 743 students.

January 27th – 8:30 arrival at Mattawan Young 5's, 96 little ones.

February 1st – 8:30 arrival Mattawan Later Elementary School, 778 students.

February 3rd - 7:30 arrival (not a typo, we need to be there at 7:30) Mattawan Middle School, 817 students.



PROJECT KIDSIGHT (con't)

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

February 9th & possibly 10th – 7:30 arrival
Mattawan High School, 1,152 students.

We will need four screeners, four assistants to sit and help the screeners with names, two volunteers to help with writing up referral packets, one volunteer to keep the master sheet completed as a class is finished and 2-3 volunteers to direct students into the room we are in and help direct the students to an empty seat for the screener to take the pictures. The volunteers do not need to take pictures, there is plenty of other very important positions that you can help with. Please, consider on volunteering.

We have rescheduled two of the Edwardsburg Schools to get screening done in their school:

January 13th - 8:30 arrival *Edwardsburg Primary School. This is just a couple volunteers needed as we are just going in to screen the students that were absent when we screened the entire school. They had a lot of students out sick but still wanted to get their eyes checked as well. Dave and I will be there, no need to have anyone else for these 30 some students.*

January 18th 7:00 arrival *Edwardsburg Middle School, 600+ students*

We have not scheduled the Edwardsburg High School yet but will do so once school is back in session.

The Marcellus School would like the PKS Team to come and screen all their students in their three schools. More details on dates when we can nail those dates down.

Also, I was just asked to contact a gal that works at the Van Buren ISD to bring PKS to their school.

That is in the works as well. More details soon.

SO FAR, PKS Totals are Kids Screened - 1,616,
Passed - 1,468, Referred - 144, Other – 4.

Locations 16 and we used the PKS trailer 11 times.
Thanks to Patrick McFarland for keeping our totals as we go!

Respectfully submitted,
Lion Tanda & David Stiffler
PKS Coordinators

**“MAKING A DIFFERENCE, ONE
CHILD AT A TIME...”**





We Serve

BUCHANAN-GALIEN LIONS

Buchanan-Galien Lions Assist The CFTLF Team

Lions President Lewis Lambert, Mark Skene and Mark Tumbleson were on hand to help with the Galien Christmas For The Less Fortunate day. The CFTLF Team and local donors helped 37 local families this year with food and Christmas presents.

Thanks to all who supported this very special community outreach.





KAL HAVEN LIONS

23rd Kids Christmas Party And Bloomingdale Parade Highlight December



Kal Haven Lions held their 23 annual Kids Party on Dec 17th at the Gobles 1st Methodist Church.

Each child received a stuffed animal, their choice of a gift, a visit with Santa and a sloppy joe, chips, cookies and juice. Every family who wished was entered in a raffle to win one of 10 donated turkeys.



Lions Kathy Richardson and Patsy Richardson help with the gifts.



Lion Rob Fergeson registers families in the turkey raffle.



Lions Jan Westcott, Deb Fergeson and Nathan Fergeson serve the sloppy joe meals.



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KAL HAVEN LIONS

23rd Kids Christmas Party And Bloomingdale Parade Highlight December (cont.)



Santa, Lion John Stassek, was the hit of the day.



Santa comes through by giving a bicycle to the first child who said they would like a new bike for Christmas.



Lion elves Patsy Richardson and Bill Gingas brought smiles to every one.



Kal Haven also participated in the Bloomingdale Christmas parade.



We Serve

PAW PAW LIONS (cont.)

Paw Paw Lions bring on the holiday smiles

The Paw Paw Lions, along with the LEOs and 2 Paws Elementary Service Club, participated in the Paw Paw Christmas Parade. We handed out candy canes to all the children along the parade route, as well as lots of smiles



On December 17th, the Paw Paw Lions gave food and gift baskets to 89 families in need. They were given enough food to feed them for two weeks the Lions work in conjunction with many groups in our community to make this an amazing event each year. Many lives are blessed.



We Serve

MATTAWAN LIONS

Mattawan Lions Host Mattawan Pantry Toy Distribution

The Mattawan Lions Club hosted the toy distribution portion of the Mattawan Area Pantry Christmas Distribution on Dec. 17th. We had many LEO members and Lions club members helping to get toys to over 600 kids in the Mattawan School District area.



On December 3rd, the Mattawan Lions, along with the Mattawan Business Association and Antwerp Sunshine Library also hosted a Holiday Carnival, with Santa and Mrs. Claus (played by Bonnie Osborne and Spencer Streeter) handing out stockings and goodies to all the community children





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PORTAGE LIONS

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-gener-

ational 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



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IN MEMORIAM

Portage Lions Club

PDG William (Bill) Phillips Obituary



William Ward Phillips was born in Chicago on October 16, 1938, to Walter and Eva Phillips and was raised in Decatur, Michigan. He married his loving wife Ruth, and they celebrated 59 years this past June.

Throughout his life, Bill served his community by serving in several different capacities in the Masons, Shriners, and both the Portage and Paw Paw Lions Clubs. Bill was the first Paw Paw Lion to become a District Governor. He held positions under the Multiple District, District and Club level. He was also very proud to hold an award for 50 years of Perfect Attendance, 50 years as Lion in service and was the recipient of Melvin Jones Fellow and Melvin Jones Progressive in 2021.

Bill loved model railroading, bowling, and music. He also coached youth bowling, umpired Little League and served on the board for the Kalamazoo Men's Bowling Association.

He is survived by his wife, Ruth (Thierjung) Phillips, his son, Fred (Kathy) Phillips, and his daughter, Linda (Jeff) Marcon; three grandchildren, Parker Marcon, Katlyn Phillips-Osborne, and Hannah Marcon; one great grandchild, Lila Sue Osborne, and many nieces and nephews.



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STURGIS LIONS

Sturgis Lions Club recognizes helpers who delivered Holiday Extra paper

Sturgis Lions and Leos met Saturday morning December 10 to deliver copies of our holiday edition of the Sturgis Lions Club Extra to all homes in Sturgis. For the past several years (except for the pandemic) the News has been one of our best fundraisers. Advertising is sold within our area and articles are written to illustrate the many ways our Lions Club serves our community. 2500 papers were printed.

December 14 we held our Christmas party with a delicious catered dinner, games, and carol singing. Our members brought in gifts and monetary donations to make a brighter holiday for a family in need.



Picture presenting certificate of appreciation to Aaron Schwartz by his grandfather Gary Large.



Presenting a certificate of appreciation to Lillian Brown for her help in delivering Sturgis Lions Club Holiday paper.





LEO CLUB NEWS

EDWARDSBURG LEOS

Membership: 75 LEOS

Advisors: *Tanda & Dave Stiffler*

The Edwardsburg Leos managed to squeeze in six more events before enjoying their Christmas break. The Edwardsburg High School Principal Ryan Markle allowed ten Leos to be excused from school the morning of November 21st to go to the Edwardsburg Food Pantry. The Leos helped setup cones in the parking lot for Community Members to drive up to collect Thanksgiving Baskets which the Leos helped load into their vehicle. The Leos afterwards, boys against the girls stacked up boxes to see who could make the highest snowman. The Pastor took this picture and sent to Leo Advisor Tanda.



The Leos then participated in Stuff-a-Bus to collect food again for the Christmas Holidays. It was a very cold day but that did not detour the Leos not one bit!

Next the Food Pantry needed help unloading a lot of donated food into the Food Pantry at the church. It took some muscles, but Leo girls were up for the challenge.

The Leos then again helped the Edwardsburg Food Pantry on December 19th by being able to leave the Edwardsburg High School for the morning to help distribute the Christmas Baskets to the Edwardsburg Community Members that needed assistance with food baskets. Leos even went after school was out to help with the distribution of the rest of the Christmas Baskets for folks that couldn't stop by to get their basket until after work.

The Leo Club meeting held on December 20th was a working meeting for the Leos to discuss and plan out their next event coming up in January. The Leos made beautiful posters for a "Sock Drive for KIDS". This event will start January 14th and go to January 24th. The Leos are asking all Edwardsburg High School students to help with this sock drive as the socks collected will stay in the Edwardsburg School System as the socks will be delivered by Leos to the Edwardsburg Elementary students. The thought was to get posters up in the school before the Christmas break started so Leos could possibly get in some Christmas sales going on while they were on their break.

BUCHANAN LEOS

The Buchanan Leo's were very busy in the month of December.

They helped at Red Bud Area Ministries on December 17th by wrapping Christmas presents. Also, this is the third year that the Leo club has helped/adopted a family for Christmas! The Buchanan-Galien Lions Club and the Buchanan Scarecrow Charities also worked together to help out two additional families this year!

We couldn't be prouder of this LEO group, because they really give back to the community!



LEO CLUB NEWS

Buchanan LEOs (cont.)



This is the third year of the Leo club has helped a family for Christmas! The Lions Club, and the Buchanan Scarecrow, Charities also helped out two additional families this year! We couldn't be prouder of this group, because they really give back to the community!



LEO CLUB NEWS and MORE

MATTAWAN LEOs

Advisor: Nancy Garman



The Mattawan LEO Club was busy in December, helping out by ringing bells for the Salvation Army, bringing in \$2,813, and also distributing toys to needy families for the Mattawan Pantry's Annual Christmas Distribution. The club wishes to thank Wagoners Grocery, Mr Tim Molnar, and Mrs Kate Galla for their support during their advisor's, Ms. Nancy Garman, illness.

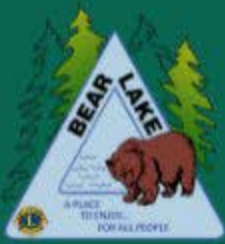
Where there's a need, there's a LEO

"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.

Starting a LEO club

Sponsoring a LEO club provides Lions with opportunities to mentor and empower young leaders while fostering a commitment to community service. Through involvement with a LEO club, Lions can energize and inspire members and even increase the sponsoring club's community exposure, attracting potential members such as young professionals, students, parents and families.

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



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JULY 9-15

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More Information 810-245-0726 desiree@bearlakecamp.org





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January 1st, 2023**



Register Online

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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
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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

email: 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), donating using our Pay Pal account (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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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 shops, shoe stores, etc.

Revised: January 1, 2023

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Portage Lions

January 23, 1961

62 Years

Congratulations to the Portage Lions Club for 62 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.

Jeff Mayuiers
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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



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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...

As a retired graphic designer that's been in the business for over 50 years, it's my pleasure to display the 2022 MD-11 Peace Poster winner "Lead With Compassion" by Elle Francis. You may have already seen this

in the "Lion Pride" newsletter but I liked it so much, I thought I'd bring it up again.

Elle is 11 years old and attends Rolland Warner Middle School. Her drawing was submitted by the Metamora Lions Club and voted upon by the District Governors at their recent meeting. Elle will receive a \$300 check from MD 11 and her poster will be sent to LCI for consideration of this year's national winner.



Elle with her art teacher, Mrs. Breanne Jostock. Mrs Jostock is a supporter of the Lions Peace Poster contest and had 31 of her students enter, a new record for the Lapeer area.

Cheers!

Lion Wes



"Doves resemble peace. No one argues, no one fights. Everyone deserves Peace."

-Elle Frances

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

