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FROM THE GOVERNOR'S DESK



We Serve



Can you all believe we are starting a new year already? I hope you all had a great Holiday Season & New Year! I'm so excited to see what 2024 bring to our Lion family and all of he service you will all do in your communities.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the District Wide Zone Meeting on January 29th at the Antwerp Township hall. We will have 3 break out options to choose from this year. Kid Sight & Reporting training as well as a marketing presentation and round table discussion on how everyone is marketing their clubs to get and share ideas. Please get your RSVP to Cabinet Secretary Lion Tammie ASAP and let her know which session you plan to attend so we can pre-



Edwardsburg



Covert where I found out my 5th grade teacher is a Lion.

pare the training and meal. If you haven't already check out the details for the Lions of Michigan Forum coming up in February. It will have a ton of amazing sessions to choose from and it's right here in our district!

I have been having so much fun visiting all of you at your clubs and look forward to seeing even more of you in the last half of my term as District Governor. Please know that the cabinet and myself are here to support your clubs and members however we can so please don't hesitate to reach out.

Enjoy these pictures as a highlight from each club visit in JANUARY. To see more check out what I share on facebook! It's so hard to pick just one from each visit because I have so much fun at all of them.



We Serve

OCTOBER CLUB VISITS



Watervliet



Kalamazoo Westside



Portage



Coloma



Sturgis



AMY'S DISTRICT CALENDAR

January

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

February

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

March

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

ARTICLE VIII

District Administration Fund

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

Cabinet Recommendation: Yes

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

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

ARTICLE IX

Miscellaneous

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

Cabinet recommendation: Yes



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

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

Dear Club Officer,

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

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

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

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

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

Regards,

The Membership Development Division



MD-11/SD-10 Mission 1.5 Challenge

July 1, 2023-April 30, 2024

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

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

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

PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGE

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

Events

- 1/29 District Wide Zone Meeting (Mattawan)



We Serve

LMSF PROJECT KIDSIGHT

Lions of Michigan Foundation PROJECT KIDSIGHT



The Project KidSight Team exceeded last year's total of 12,535 which is amazing as we surpassed that total in four months. Our total as of December 13th, 2023 is 15,238 students screened with 1,494 students being referred. The number we are most proud of is how many students our SPOT camera found as a referral because of an abnormality. These are the kids that we want to get to an eye care professional to get help if needed so they can see better. It will impact their life if they get the care they need as soon as possible.

We are hoping the local Lions Club in each town that we are doing vision screening will send volunteers to help us so they too can see how important it is to find the students that cannot see well. Then our hope is that the local Lions Club will have the funds in their sight fund to be able to help the families that are having financial difficulties. If a club has a lot of families asking for assistance and the club does not have enough to help several families, then they need to contact the PKS Coordinators so they can seek help from either the district or from the State Level in Lansing as there are VSP vouchers that can get the families to a eye doctor that will accept the VSP vouchers.

We already have January dates in place for Brandywine Schools and Colon MS/HS that want our

PKS Team to come to their school to do vision screening. We also have a large school in Kalamazoo County that we will be screening. This school has over 4,000 students so we will be reaching out to volunteers to help us as it will take several dates over a two-week span to screen all their students. The Superintendent has been sick and has not worked with their schools to figure out what dates will work best for us to come in with our team. As soon as they are on the calendar, I will reach out to PKS volunteers to



help with this school.

The PKS Team has worked hard over the last four months so Dave and I hope that everyone is rested up as it appears we will be busy over the next few months. We set our sights on screening over 20,000 students by the end of the Lion year, if not more. Many thanks to the devoted volunteers that really enjoy being a part of the PKS Team!

Happy New Year Everyone! Our hopes for 2024 will be that it's a great year helping kids see well!

Respectfully submitted,
Tanda & David Stiffler
PKS Coordinators

District 11B-2 Club Service Grant Application

Club Name: _____ **Date Submitted:** _____

What is the grant being used for: _____

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

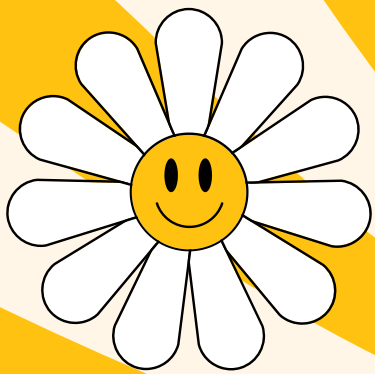
If the money from the Grant is not used within 6 months, it needs to be returned in full to Lions District 11B-2.

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

Please send this form to Committee Chair:

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

DISTRICT WIDE ZONE MEETING



MONDAY, JANUARY 29, 2024

ANTWERP TOWNSHIP ACTIVITY CENTER

24821 FRONT ST. MATTAWAN

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

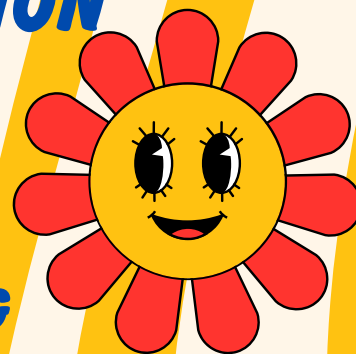
DINNER BY DONATION

BREAKOUT SESSIONS:

A) KIDSIGHT TRAINING

B) CLUB MARKETING/ROUND TABLE IDEA SHARE

C) MEMBERSHIP & SERVICE REPORTING

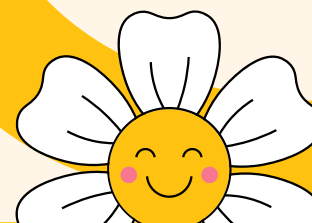


50/50 RAFFLE

RSPV TO CHEFTAMMIE@GMAIL.COM OR

269-303-0731 BY JANUARY 22, 2024.

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



MICHIGAN LIONS FORUM



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

NEW location: Delta Marriott Kalamazoo

2747 S 11th Street, Kalamazoo, MI 49009

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

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

Room rate \$114 by 2.10.2024

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

5730 Executive Drive • Lansing, MI 48911

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

Name _____

Address _____

Club Name _____

District _____

Contact Phone _____

Email _____

Names of Registrants

1. _____

2. _____

Register online at www.lionsofmi.com

_____ 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:

REGISTER EARLY

To help us plan, prepare materials
and guarantee lunch!

FRIDAY EVENTS:

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

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

7:00 a.m. – Registration

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

*In the spirit of the season, we
extend a heartfelt thank you for
all you do to support your community
and our Lions association, and we
wish you and your family a
healthy and peaceful New Year*

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays

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Eye Care Assistance



Affordable Hearing Aids



Emergency Disaster Relief



Military and Veterans Families
Emergency Individual Assistance



Medical Care and Equipment



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JANUARY 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.

Together in service,

PCC Dave Hill, President

517-262-8928

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
100 - 249 Tickets Sold = \$5.00 Per Ticket For Club
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: _____

Honoree's Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

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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), with Pay Pal (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

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

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: _____ - _____ - _____ - _____

Expiration Date: _____ CVV Code: _____

Signature: _____

This gift is for the:

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> KidSight Fund | <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Robert Mathog Lions Hearing Centers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Medical Assistance Fund | <input type="checkbox"/> Grant Yager Military Family & Veterans Relief Fund |
| <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: _____

Mailing Address: _____



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MATTAWAN LIONS CLUB

Soup & Chili **SUPPER**



JANUARY 13, 4-6pm

ANTWERP ACTIVITY CENTER - MATTAWAN, MI

(Dinner includes soup, crackers, cookie & water)

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

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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)



For registration
& further information
Scan QR Code

SCAN
ME!





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.

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JUST \$25 PER BAG

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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.

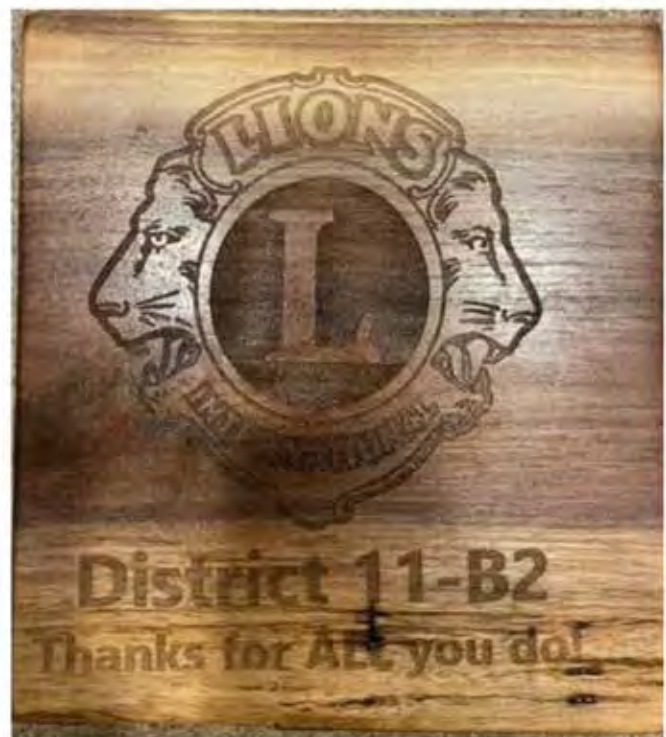


Three Rivers Lions Club Fundraiser

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





11B-2 CLUB NEWS

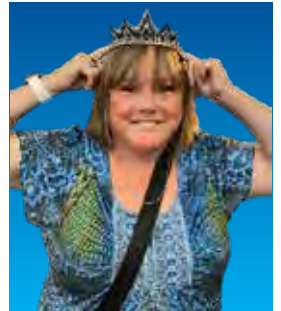
COLOMA

The Coloma Lions Club President Peter Becker is shown presenting a \$500.00 check from the Coloma Lions Club to Carol Sternaman, Director of Hope Resources in Coloma to assist in supporting their efforts assisting many families in the community over the Holiday Season. Looking on is District 11-B-2 District Governor Amy Thackston who was visiting The Coloma Lions Club. Rather than picking a single family The Coloma Lions Club a few years ago felt it would better serve out Community by adding to the ability of the local food bank to serve a larger number of families.



EDWARDSBURG

The Edwardsburg Lions Club was very excited to have Amy Anderson rejoin the Club! Amy was queen of the games for the Christmas party as she had fun Christmas Bingo, the quarter challenge of heads or tails and planned the gift exchange game done by a deck of cards. Everyone had such a great time as Amy can make any game a fun time for young at heart!





11B-2 CLUB NEWS

KAL-HAVEN



Kal Haven Lions held their annual kids Christmas Party On Saturday December 9th from 2 to 4 PM at the Gobles Methodist Church. Lions are shown with toys generously donated by members of our local communities. Each family was entered into a free turkey raffle. Lion Rob Fergeson is shown giving out raffle tickets. 8 turkeys were awarded, Lion President Bill Gingas announced a winner every 15 minutes. Each child was given a stuffed animal, a choice of a new toy and a visit with Santa.



Lion John Stassek was Santa for the day. Lions Jan Westcott and Deb Fergeson served hot dogs and chips. Cookies and apple juice made for a nice afternoon snack.

Lions Kathy Richardson, Jody Krohn, and Patsy Richardson helped kids with the toys.



11B-2 CLUB NEWS

MATTAWAN



A big shout out to the club members and LEOs who helped us out and gave toys to over 500 kids December 16! It's always a long few days getting ready and working the actual distribution day! You all work so hard and are appreciated.

WATERVLIET



Watervliet Lions with a portion of the gifts purchased for families this Christmas. Thanks to Lions Kat and Barb for making Christmas special for 6 families this year!

SISTER LAKES

The Sister Lakes Lions Club would like to take this opportunity to send a **BIG THANK YOU** out to all of our friends, community, members and all of our supporters for all the help with our Christmas Basket Fundraiser. This year we sponsored 31 families with Turkeys and boxes of fixings for their holiday. Special thanks goes out to Sister Lakes Dollor General patrons and staff, especially Lisa, for working so hard to make this a special year. We also want to send a huge Thanks you out to Sister



Lakes School for assisting us with names of families in our community that needed a Christmas Boost!

We would like to also thank all of our members who took the time to shop for toys and put all of the baskets together and help hand them out. And a big hug to Mr. and Mrs Santa Claus for making the day for many children. We look forward to seeing everyone this coming year at the club for all of our events.

Happy New Year from the Officers and Members of the Sister Lakes Lions Club!



11B-2 CLUB NEWS

SOUTH HAVEN - BLACK RIVER



Lion Cub Zoey reads to a local Senior home every Wednesday.



Lion Nila is responsible for the South Haven Santa Letter Project. Lions Amy, Blake, and Cub Zoey helped her respond to over 2,200 letters this year.



Lion Nila also started a collection of blankets for local Senior homes each year. Lion Cub Zoey helped hand them out and looks forward to giving some to the Seniors she reads to soon.





11B-2 CLUB NEWS

ST. JOSEPH



The Annual Christmas Concert this year was performed by the St. Joseph High School Orchestra, directed by Burke Lokey, and accompanied by Ms. Rachel Cabanilla. Lion Dennis Lundgren introduced Mr. Lokey. Earlier this year Director Lokey Burke had been named Teacher of the Year by the Michigan Chapter of the American String Teacher Association (MASTA).

Under his leadership since 2010, the SJ orchestras continue to earn top ratings at Michigan school band and orchestra festivals, as well as perform across the U.S. This past summer, he led a group of over 100 students on a performance tour of Spain. The orchestra treated us to a festive classical selection of music which included two guest Lion musicians accompanying the orchestra on “Sleigh Ride”: Lion Lundgren on bells and Lion Nordberg on wood blocks. Outstanding, plucky, and fun performance by all. Lion President Gordy thanked the orchestra by presenting them with a donation from the Lions.



Lion President Schreiber presents a scholarship check to director Burke Lokey



11B-2 CLUB NEWS

THREE RIVERS



Our food and toy distribution was a huge success again this year. We provided over 120 families with food and toys that our community and school collected or made donations of money to support. Special thanks to the Three Rivers ladies Wildcats JV and varsity and coaches, Nova Softball team, Lions, friends, family and guys from Twin County Probation center. All leftover items have been sent to Veterans, Domestic Assault shelter and a homeless shelter. Thank you to the everyone!





LEO CLUB NEWS

BUCHANAN-GALIEN LEOs

The Buchanan-Galien Leo Club provided caroling for the local senior center and neighboring community. This is the fourth year the Leos have caroled for our community seniors.



The Leo club went shopping recently for their fourth annual Adopt A Family for Christmas.



The Buchanan Galien Leo club helped guests pick out presents for their families at Redbud Area Ministries(RAM) today! This is their fourth year helping at this event





LEO CLUB NEWS

MATTAWAN LEOS

The Mattawan LEO Club lead a Salvation Army drive this December and rang in \$2190.84.



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!

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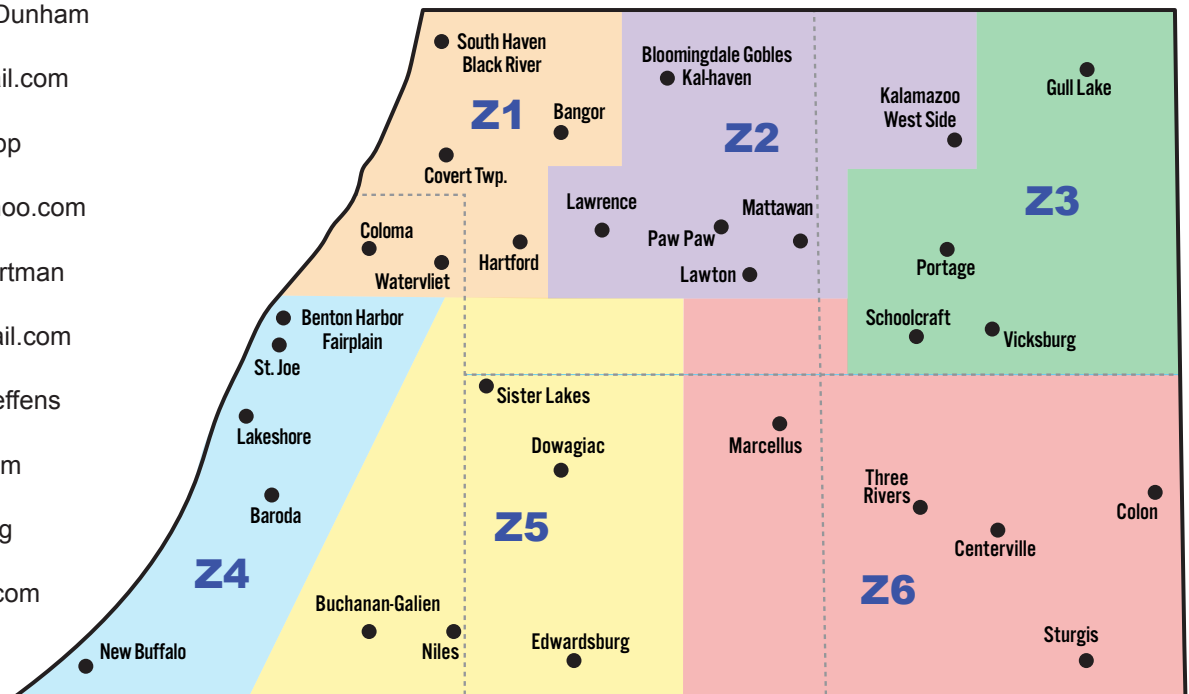
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DISTRICT 11-B2 CONVENTION

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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.

2024 Lions District 11-B2 Convention Sponsorship

Which event(s) would you like to sponsor?

ENTERTAINMENT **\$1000**

_____ Murder Mystery Event _____

MEAL **\$500**

_____ Friday Evening Dinner _____

_____ Saturday Lunch _____

_____ Saturday Evening Banquet _____

HOSPITALITY **\$150**

_____ Friday Night Hospitality Room _____

_____ Saturday Night Hospitality Room _____

THE GREAT EYEGLASS CHALLENGE **\$100**

_____ Great Eyeglass Challenge, Part 1 _____

TOTAL _____

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

_____ Full page = \$100

_____ Half page = \$50

_____ Quarter page = \$25

TOTAL _____

Name of Organization: _____

Contact Person: _____

Contact Email: _____

Contact Phone Number: _____

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

CS Tammie Grabowski

2417 Townhouse Lane, Kalamazoo, MI 49001

Email all ready for print artwork for ads to cheftammie@gmail.com

Questions: cheftammie@gmail.com or 269-303-0731

Lions Bear Lake Camp

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

February 10th, 2024
2:00 PM Jumper Check-In
3:00 PM Polar Plunge
5:00 PM Dinner

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

Costume Contest

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

50/50 Raffles
Basket Raffles

Dinner Includes

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

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

Alcohol available for purchase.

FAMILY FRIENDLY EVENT

ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS

\$25 Dinner for Spectators Only

JUMPERS WHO RAISE

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

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

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

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

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under the "Events" Tab



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

Youth Camp and Exchange Sponsor Lions Clubs

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

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



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

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

Age requirements are typically 15 - 22

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

Deadline for outgoing students application form: March 30, 2024

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

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

Deadline for host families application form: April 30, 2024

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

Youth Camps and Exchange Sponsor Lions Clubs

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

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

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

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

How to Become a Sponsor Club!

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

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

Application Deadline to go Abroad: March 30, 2024

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



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

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

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

State Chair Lion Elvie Marfil at 818-800-1060 or email epmarfil5@gmail.com

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. 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, 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, 818-800-1080

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- 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.

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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)
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- 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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