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"May the beacon of hope always shine bright"

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LIONS OF DISTRICT 11-B2 ————— FEBRUARY ISSUE 2025 ————— "TOGETHER WE SERVE"

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Lions of Michigan Foundation



Project KidSight has taken Vision Screening to a whole new level!

I am very happy to report that our Project KidSight Team is TOP NOTCH! The Team has passed the word to other Lion Members how much fun we have while doing vision screening in the schools and we have several new members because of it. Bonus....going out to eat breakfast or lunch afterwards is great to get to know each other even more!

My last report was awhile back and at that time we only reported that we had screened 1,795 with 221 referrals (in September) but since then we have screened 19,443 students and have found 2,159 referrals! The Team wants to reach 30,000 this year! High expectations I'd say!

The Project KidSight Team is looking forward to what we can do in 2025. PIP Brian Sheehan's goal was to make a huge nationwide impact by performing Project KidSight Vision Screening in as many of our communities as possible during the week of January 12th through the 19th to celebrate the birthday of our founder Melvin Jones. Right away we thought about the Edwardsburg Schools as there are over 2,500 students in their six schools. The Superintendent Courtney Szucs had already given her blessing as she loves what Project KidSight has done for their students especially those that we found needing to get into an optometrist as soon as they can. The next step was to find volunteers that could help during the five-day challenge. The most outstanding reward was that volunteers from TEN Lion Clubs stepped up to the challenge! We had volunteers from Mattawan, Paw Paw, South Haven, Niles, Centreville, Buchanan-Galien, Bloomingdale/Kal-Haven, Portage, Vicksburg and Edwardsburg. We ended up screening 2,127 students and found 175 referrals. The staff, teachers and students thanked our PKS Team for coming into the Edwardsburg Schools and screening so quickly. The screeners thought it was so nice to hear from students thanking them for screening their eyes. We all loved to hear that as it touches our hearts to know we are doing a good thing, making a difference in a child's life.





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screened 4 of them so far and have another one set for January 22nd and another one for January 28th. Then we have two other elementary schools that I have contacted to see if they will let our PKS Team come to their school. I'm hoping to hear from them soon. After we complete screening at the elementary schools, we hope to get the opportunity to get into the 3 middle schools and 3 high schools. Superintendent Mark Bielang came to the first school that we screened at, which was Haverhill Elementary School, and was very impressed with our procedures, our team and how quickly we screened the students. He then came to Angling Road Elementary School to see the team in action again as he was pleased with our dedication to taking care of his students.

Anyone interested in being a part of a PKS Team, please email me at tandastiffler76@gmail.com as I would love to have you join our team.

This is GREAT!

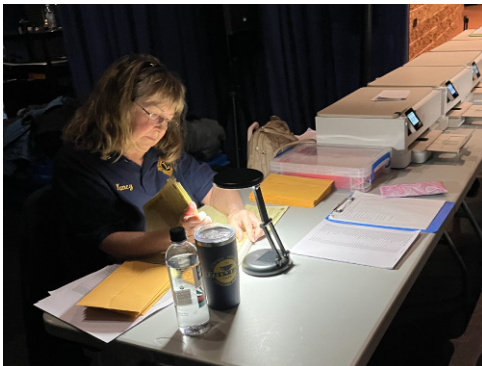
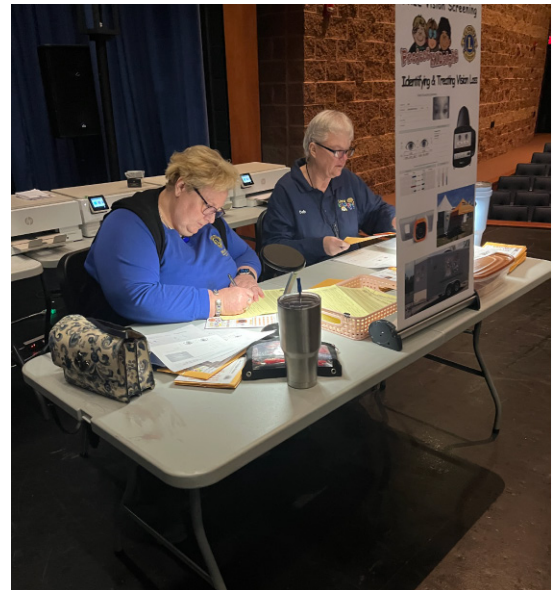
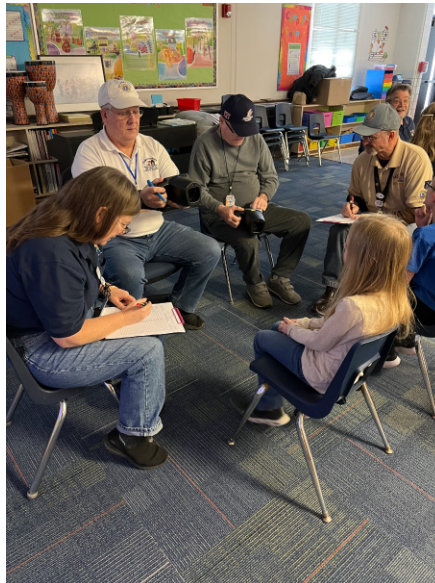
*Respectfully submitted,
Tanda & David Stiffler
District 11B2 Coordinators*

In the last two months we have been very fortunate to get into 4 Portage Elementary Schools, which we had never been to before. There are a total of 8 elementary schools, and we have





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LCIF



Lions Clubs International FOUNDATION

Thank you to the 24 clubs that donated to LCIF at our District Projects Night November 18. Your generosity totaled \$6,390.00 and the checks have been sent to LCIF in Oak Brook, Illinois. With other donations previously received, we are over one third of the way towards meeting our District goal of \$24,383.00 for the year. Your continuing donations, both as clubs and individuals, are important for the continued success of the many programs and grants that LCIF offers. Our District has benefitted twice this year from LCIF grants, both for the May 7 tornado that caused damage in 3 of our 5 counties, and for a matching grant for artificial skylights in the pediatric cancer unit at Bronson Hospital in Kalamazoo. Thank you for your continuing support of LCIF!

PCC Ron Gibson
11B2 LCIF Coordinator

District Governors LCIF Club Challenge

How are you doing with the District Governors LCIF Club Challenge? At the president's dinner in the fall, DG Cory issued a challenge. As a district, we are trying to collect \$1,000 to donate to LCIF. If we reach that \$1,000 mark, the club that raised the most money, per club capita, would receive the opportunity to name a Melvin Jones Fellowship recipient. Hopefully, you've been collecting over the last several months and are ready to send that money in. Please total up the monies you have collected and send a check, made out to "District 11 B2" in that amount, designating LCIF Challenge on the memo line. If we, as a district, don't collect the full \$1,000, the money will still be sent to LCIF, but no Melvin Jones will be given.

Send your checks to CT Carol Patridge, 10904 West O Ave, Mattawan, MI 49071. She needs to receive these checks by February 14.

Wildfire-Ravaged Communities in California Receive Support from Local Lions Through \$100K+ Lions Clubs International Foundation Grant Funds

As wildfires continue to sweep through the Los Angeles area, causing injuries, fatalities, and widespread destruction to homes and businesses, Lions in the region are stepping up to assist those in need. With more than \$100,000 in Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) grant funding, they are expanding their efforts to provide critical support and resources to affected communities.

LCIF Emergency Grant funding was quickly awarded to the Lions in the affected communities, who are using the funds to meet immediate needs, including emergency food packs, water bottles, power cords, hygiene kits, blankets and face masks, as well school supplies for children. LCIF also approved a \$100,000 Major Catastrophe grant to enable Lions in the region to help provide longer-term relief as the fires continue to rage, fueled by high winds and extremely dry weather.

LCIF Disaster Relief grants are designed to support Lions-led relief efforts during the various stages of disaster relief operations. Lions are key figures in their communities and play a vital role in this process. They are responsible for assessing the needs in their district to maximize their relief efforts. LCIF grants enable Lions volunteers to have a greater impact in the communities where they live and serve.

To support Lions in their efforts to help victims of the fires and natural disasters yet to come, visit lionsclubs.org/donate or contact your local Lions club.

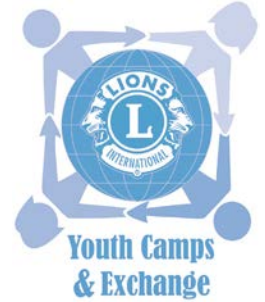


YOUTH CAMPS & EXCHANGE



Become a Host Family

*Contributed by Lion Elvie Marfil
State Youth Camps & Exchange Chair*



Is Hosting Right for Me?

Are you interested in learning about other cultures and ways of life while sharing your own customs and experiences? Are open-mindedness, tolerance and cultural competence of high importance to you? Do you have a desire to contribute towards peace, international understanding and the creation of global citizenship in youth? If you answered yes to any of these questions, you may enjoy being a host family for the Lions Youth Camps and Exchange (YCE) Program!

Benefits of Hosting

Hosting an exchange youth is guaranteed to be a rewarding experience because:

- You experience the joy of sharing your culture and daily customs
- You learn about the exchange youth's customs and culture
- You open a new world of possibilities and thinking to the exchange youth
- You make a new friend - maybe a friend for life

Expectations of a Host Family

Room and Board

You are expected to provide room and board for the youth. It is recommended that youth be roomed with youth of similar ages and similar genders. Meals should be balanced and healthy.

Transportation

Typically, you are responsible for all of the youth's transportation during the exchange. Travel may include but is not limited to, transfers to and from the airport or train station, transfers to other Host Families or International Camp, transportation to and from any planned activities by you and/or the Host Club.

Financial responsibilities

Payment for cultural activities is dependent on the agreement made between you, the youth and the Host Club. Some programs offer stipends or scholarships for participating Host Families.



YOUTH CAMPS & EXCHANGE

Selecting an Exchange Youth

The criteria for selecting youth differs from YCE program to YCE program. Hosting a youth is dependent upon desired age, gender, interests and nationality and upon the availability of the youth meeting those requirements. Your local YCE Chairperson will advise you of available youth or if arranged early enough, may seek a youth meeting your request.

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

Host Family Eligibility

Potential Host Families must be screened by the Host Lions Club and YCE Chairperson. The Host Lions Club and local YCE Chairperson must approve all host families. Screening items include, but are not limited to:

Age: Having experience with youth of similar age as the incoming youth.

Character: Your family should be understanding, interested in other cultures, open-minded, tolerant and have ability to communicate and/or deal wisely with youth.

Language ability: It would be helpful if one or more members of your family speaks the youth's language and/or English (most YCE programs require English as the preferred language), and could be necessary in some cases.

Knowledge of the YCE program and [policy](#): Your family should have some familiarity with the YCE program and/or hosting youth. If you are a non-Lion Host Family, you should be well informed on the scope and objectives of Lionism, and on the YCE program and [policy](#) by the local YCE Chairperson.

Living conditions: Your family should be able to accommodate an additional person in the home without discomfort or financial burden.

Family preferences: Your family are permitted preference regarding the youth's nationality, language, religion, gender or age.

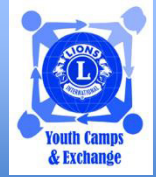
Availability: It is important that you make sure your family's schedule allows accommodation to spend enough quality time with the youth.

How to Apply

Contact Lion Elvie Marfil: epmarfil5@gmail.com or 818-800-1060.



Youth Camps & Exchange (YCE) SUMMER PROGRAM 2025



Dates to Remember:

Application deadlines:

Outgoing participants: **March 30, 2025**

Host Family: **June 30, 2025**

Incoming Youth Exchange participants:

Arrival date: **July 26, 2025**

Departure date: **August 16, 2025**

D-Bar-A Scout Ranch

Camp dates: **August 3-9, 2025**



Become a Host Family

Bring a new culture into your home!

Multiple District 11 is looking for families in the community who can open their hearts and homes for a few weeks during the summer of 2025 to host a Youth Exchange Ambassador. These young adults are part of Lions International Youth Camps & Exchange program, bringing young adults from various parts of the world to the United States during the summer program July 26 – August 16, 2025.

Host families need not be Lions 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:

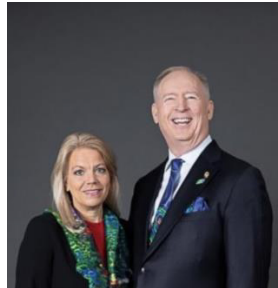
Your District chair or State Chair Lion Elvie Marfil at 818-800-1060, email epmarfil5@gmail.com.

Facebook page: Youth Camps & Exchange - Michigan, USA

Link: [Lions of Michigan Youth Camps & Exchange](https://lionsofmi.com/index.php/youth-exchange) (https://lionsofmi.com/index.php/youth-exchange)

Your help is needed!

2025 MICHIGAN LIONS FORUM
MICHIGAN LIONS-MAKE YOUR MARK! Feb. 28-Mar. 1, 2025
Featuring LCI Guests, PIP Brian & Lori Sheehan"



Join us February 28-March 1, 2025 at the Delta Marriott Kalamazoo
2747 S 11th Street, Kalamazoo, MI 49009

Reservations available at the Marriott Delta Kalamazoo
(269) 375-6000 Rate: \$114.00 Use Code: Lions Michigan Forum 2025
Alternate Hotel:

Best Western Suites 269-350-5522 Room Rate: \$114.00
2575 11th St. S., Kalamazoo

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. **Register and pay online:**

<https://lionsofmi.com/index.php/up-coming-events/2025-forum-registration>

Name _____

Address _____

Club Name/District _____

Contact Phone _____

Email _____

Names of Registrants: _____ Food Allergies: _____

1. _____ 2. _____

3. _____ 4. _____

_____ Registrants at \$50.00/person* = \$ _____

***Registration includes lunch, Forum, and proceedings booklet.**

Register by February 14 to guarantee lunch and booklet.

Large Group Service Project Friday Night – Lions MI Forum Saturday!

February 28-March 1, 2025
Delta Marriott, Kalamazoo, Michigan
2025 LIONS OF MICHIGAN FORUM
ADVERTISEMENT OPTIONS

Listed below are several options to sponsor a personal or business ad in the 2025 Lions of Michigan Forum Proceedings Book. Placing an ad shows fellow Lions you support the Michigan Forum!

ADVERTISING RATES AND SIZES

- 1. 1/8 page ad business card size 3.6 x 2.3" \$15.00
- 2. 1/4 page ad 3.6 x 4.8" (vertical) or 7.5 x 2.3" (horizontal) \$20.00
- 3. 1/2 page ad 3.6 x 10" (vertical) or 7.5 x 4.8" (horizontal) \$25.00
- 4. 3/4 page ad 7.5 x 7.4" \$40.00
- 5. Full page ad 7.5 x 10" \$50.00

EXHIBITOR'S SPECIAL!

Rent an exhibitor's table (**includes one lunch ticket**)
and run a full-page ad in the Michigan Forum book for just \$85.00!

LIONS OF MICHIGAN FORUM ADVERTISING FORM

Name: _____

Billing Address: _____

(City, State, Zip)

Phone: _____

Email address: _____

CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

_____ Included is a print ready ad or message

_____ Please design my personal or business ad to read: (use separate paper if needed)

Ad Size: 1/8 page 1/4 page 1/2 page 3/4 page full page TOTAL COST: \$ _____

Signature: _____ DATE: _____

Thank you for supporting Lions of Michigan! Deadline to submit: 2-10-2025
Please send completed form and checks to: Lions of Michigan
5730 Executive Drive • Lansing, MI 48911

EXHIBITOR'S AGREEMENT

MICHIGAN LIONS FORUM 2025: February 28 - March 1

Please reserve a display table for the undersigned at the 2025 Michigan Lions Forum, held at the Delta Marriott Kalamazoo, 2747 S 11th St., Kalamazoo, Michigan. (Set up available on 2/28/25) Enclosed is a check covering the exhibition fee of \$55.00 OR \$85, which includes an ad in the Forum proceedings booklet and one lunch ticket. The charge is fully refundable only if, for any reason, the Forum is canceled or moved to another city or in case of fire or other catastrophic occurrence to the property. All conditions stated in the letter of invitation shall be accepted and followed by all exhibitors and their representatives. Exhibitor Hours: Friday, 7:00 – 9:00 pm; Saturday, 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

The undersigned releases the Lions of Michigan Multiple District 11 and its agents from any and all liabilities that may arise or be asserted as a result of participation in this exhibition. The Lions of Michigan Multiple District 11, Inc. will determine the eligibility of any company or product for exhibit. Acceptance of an exhibitor for the MD 11 Michigan Forum does not imply endorsement of the product or services, nor does rejection imply lack of approval of the product or manufacturer.

Exhibitors shall take precautions to provide security to safeguard their property during show hours. It is understood that neither the Lions of Michigan Multiple District 11, Inc. nor the Delta Marriott Kalamazoo (nor legal entities which own, lease and/or operate it), nor their members, officers, directors or employees shall be responsible for injury to any person or persons for loss or damage to property belonging to the exhibitor or any person or persons while in transit to or from the hotel or while in the hotel property or otherwise. The exhibitor assumes complete responsibility and liability for all injury to any and all persons or property in any way connected with exhibitor's display caused by the exhibitor, his agents, representatives or employees. The exhibitor indemnifies and agrees to hold harmless the Lions of Michigan Multiple District 11, Inc. and the Delta Marriott Kalamazoo (and legal entities which own, lease and/or operate it), their members, officers, directors and employees against any and all liability whatsoever arising from any or all damage to property or personal injury caused by exhibitor or his agents, representatives, employees or any other persons.

EXHIBITOR'S SPECIAL

Exhibit Table; 1 Lunch Ticket and

Full-page Ad in the Michigan Forum • Proceedings Booklet for just \$85.00!

EXHIBITOR TABLE ONLY: \$55.00

Registration Deadline to guarantee lunch and booklet: February 10, 2025

MAIL FORM AND CHECK TO: LIONS MICHIGAN FORUM

5730 EXECUTIVE DR., LANSING, MI 48911

PHONE: 517.887.6640 FAX: 517.887.6642 EMAIL: wburns@lionsofmi.com

Form with fields for Name, Business, Club, Billing Address, Home Phone, Business Phone, Email address, Cell Phone, and checkboxes for electrical hook-up and enclosed check.

MAKE YOUR MARK!



2025 Lions Michigan Forum Session Topics

	Reaching Out to Help	Personal Growth	Lions Causes	Club Management
8:30	Human Trafficking Lion Stephanie Graef, Leslie King	LCI/LCIF Available Grants and how to apply successfully	Childhood Cancer Dream Team Amanda Rounds	Localeyes Lion Doug Klein Marketing Clubs Effectively
9:30	Victims Advocacy Group VanBuren County Victim Service Unit Tara Burg; Neva Carey	A Ball for All PID Gary Anderson PDG Roshni Patel	Lions Passport PDG Brent Beracy	ABCs of Event Planning Kayleigh Gratz, Pres., Michigan JayCees
10:30	Elder Law Attorney David Carrier	Lions Club Resale Shops = Service Dollars VDG Kim Hooper Lion Laurie Althaus	Great Balls of Fire PIP Brian Sheehan	Incorporating Your Club DG Jonathan VanTol
11:30	Pillars of Service CC Terri Huffman	Chat GPT PDG Amy Thackston	Lions in Motion Lion Lori Sheehan	LCI Portal PDG Don Spinks

LUNCHEON AGENDA

- 12:40 p.m. Seating for Luncheon and announcements
- 12:50 p.m. Lunch
- 1:20 p.m. Welcome – PDG Jim Leach, Chair
- 1:25 p.m. Introductions of White Cane Scholarship Recipients – PDG Lula Gardfrey
- 2:00 p.m. Keynote address by PIP Brian Sheehan
- 2:45 p.m. Raffle Drawings
- 3:00 p.m. Dismissal

CONVENTION SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



MEAL SPONSORS

Friday Evening Dinner	500.00
Saturday Lunch	500.00
Saturday Evening Banquet	500.00

ENTERTAINMENT

Friday Entertainment	1000.00
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THE GREAT EYEGLASS CHALLENGE

The Great Eyeglass Challenge	100.00
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HOSPITALITY

Hospitality	150.00
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CONVENTION BOOK ADVERTISING

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

SPONSORSHIPS DUE BY 1/30/25

Contact Us

(269) 303-0731
cheftammie@gmail.com

All sponsorships will include a full page ad.

Advertising in 11B2 Convention Program:

The program is an overall size of 5 ½ w x 8 ½ h

Indicate size of ad below_____

Full page (5 ½ W x 8 ½ H) \$100_____

Half page (5 ½ W x 4 ½ H) \$50_____

Qrt. Page (5 ½ W x 2 1/8 H) \$25_____

All ads must be camera ready artwork saved as a .jpg or .pdf and emailed to Tammie Grabowski at cheftammie@gmail.com no later than March 1st.

Checks made payable to District 11B2

Checks mailed to: Treasure Carol Patridge at 10904 W. O ave, Mattawan, MI 49071

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

Deadline is March 1st to receive both payment and ad layout. No ads will be placed without full payment.

Any further questions please contact Tammie Grabowski at cheftammie@gmail.com or 269-303-0731.

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

Advertiser Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone : _____

Email: _____

Fight Off That Winter Chill!
The Mattawan Lions Club
Invites You To
Come Join Us For A Warm

Soup Supper



February 8th / 4-6pm

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

Antwerp Activity Center, Mattawan, Mi

Coming in March: Our Soup Supper Euchre Tournament

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Lions/Lioness Club Name _____

District _____ Date _____

SHIPPING ADDRESS:

BILLING ADDRESS:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip _____

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City: _____ Zip _____

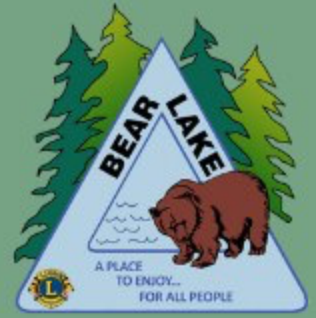
YES! I WANT TO PICK UP AT THE LIONS MICHIGAN FORUM ON MARCH 1! _____

UNITS	ITEM	UNIT	PRICE	TOTAL
	String Tags	1000/box	\$60.00	
	White Cane Stickers (roll)	1000/roll	\$32.00	
	Bib Apron	Each	\$14.00	
	Waist Apron	Each	\$8.00	
	White Cane Placemats	500/bundle	\$21.00	
	Eyeglass Collection Box (large)	Each	\$8.50	
	Eyeglass Collection Box (small)	Each	\$6.50	
	Extra Eyeglass Box Stickers (set of 3)	Each	\$3.00	
	White Cane Law Pamphlets	250/bundle	\$20.00	
	Certificate of Appreciation	Each	.60¢	
	White Cane Bookmarks	100/bundle	\$10.00	
	Leader Patch	Each	\$3.00	
	Leader Pin	Each	\$1.50	
	*NEW White Cane Lapel Pin with red tip	500 Quantity	\$85.00	
<i>If shipping is required, you will be billed for shipping and handling fees.</i>		TOTAL:		

Order Form Online: www.lionsofmi.com

Mail to: Lions of Michigan • 5730 Executive Drive, Lansing, MI 48911 • (517) 887-6640 ext. 10 • fax: (517) 887-6642

LIONS BEAR LAKE CAMP OPEN HOUSE



JULY 12TH 2025
2:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Tour Camp
Meet the Staff
Family Friendly Event
Snacks Provided

RSVP Online or contact:



810-245-0726

traci@bearlakecamp.org



BEARLAKECAMP.ORG



ORDER & APPLICATION FORMS

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Lions of Michigan Foundation Dr. Robert Mathog Lions Hearing Centers

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



Lions of Michigan Hall of Fame Nomination Form

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

Mints For MILITARY

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



Lions of Michigan Foundation

Give to the Lions of Michigan Foundation

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



11B-2 CLUB NEWS

Buchanan-Galien

The Buchanan-Galien Lions and Leo's supported Buchanan's Annual Holiday Christmas parade and tree lighting at The Common on November 30th. Lion Jerry Flenar and wife LeeAnn were parade grand marshals.



Some Buchanan LEO's were in costume for the event as well: Frosty (Leo Quinn McGinnis), The Grinch (Leo Bailey Wesner), The Lion (Leo Evan Kring).



Buchanan-Galien Lion Alice Kring was inducted as 2nd Vice District Governor of District 11B2 at the recent District Governor council meeting in Lansing. (Left to right) International Director Dave Wineman, 2nd VDG Alice Kring and 11B2 DG Cory Knuth. Congrats Lion Alice!

SCAN HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION & REGISTRATION

TRIVIA NIGHT

BUCHANAN-GALIEN LIONS CLUB

\$150 Table of 8
Add up to two seats \$20 per seat.

DOORS OPEN 6:30P.M.
TRIVIA AT 7:00P.M.

BRING YOUR OWN SNACKS
NO FOOD SERVED THIS YEAR

CASH BAR - AUCTION - PRIZES
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND
Buchanan Legion Hall
403 E. Front St.



11B-2 CLUB NEWS

Edwardsburg

The Edwardsburg Lions Club had a great time again this year with our Christmas Party. Good food, great friends and just a whole lot of fun! Trivia was a ball and White Elephant Gift Exchange was Crazy! Pictures show it all.





11B-2 CLUB NEWS

Lawton



The Lawton Lions Club Annual Thanksgiving Dinner was an overwhelming success. The turnout was the largest in recent years with the club almost running out of food. It is a wonderful event that brings our community together. Through the donations, the Club will again be offering two \$1,000 scholarships to members of the 2025 Graduating Class. The Lawton Heritage Museum also reported that they had a steady flow of people viewing their displays - many for the first time. The club wishes to thank the men who volunteered to cook the turkeys, the National Honor Society members who served the meal, the Scouts who bussed the tables and Honee Bear for providing the turkeys. We look forward to seeing you again in 2025.



Mattawan (cont)

Oh, the weather outside was frightful, which kept the club attendance down for the Mattawan Lions annual Holiday Dinner, but for those who made it to the Paw Paw Brewery, it was a fine time!



Portage

Fountain View of Portage is an Assisted Living community in the Portage area that also offers Board and Care Home and Memory Care. Members of Portage Lions Club visited Fountain View of Portage and distributed bags of goodies, shoulder throws, fuzzy socks and much more.





11B-2 CLUB NEWS

St. Joseph

More generous Lions have arrived in the early hours of our donor event at Versiti Blood Centers of Michigan in St. Joseph! Even during a snowstorm the St Joe Lions find the time to share with the community!



California Relief Effort: Lion Dennis Lundgren is coordinating our donation to LCIF to assist those affected by the California Wildfires. We have our GO FUND ME page activated and you can donate there (see QR code) or send in a check made out to the "St. Joseph Lions" - write CALIFORNIA RELIEF on the memo line. We will be collecting for the next 2 weeks.

gofundme



Scan to donate to Thomas's fundraiser
"Help St. Joe Lions Club Serve the
Community"

At our January 23rd meeting, Lion Dave Koch introduced Phil McDonald the Athletic Director at Our Lady of the Lake HS. Also with him were Volleyball coaches, Erin Cashen and her husband Clayton Cashen. Clayton is an optometrist Coach Erin Cashen tells and together they own All-Eyes Vision



Coach Erin Cashen talks about the season.

about the season. Center. Coaching volleyball is something they do as a service to the community and the young players at Our Lady. Along with them were five players; Nora Proos, Aislin Sargeant, Rachel Kalamoros, Elie Howard, and



JoJo Marsh. The Our Lady team was unique for the size with us again this week. and composition - they had only 5 players and they were all seniors. Since you need 6 players to field a team, they were allowed to bring up 2 8th graders from the Jr. High to round out the team. Coach Erin Kashen has coached 70 volleyball teams in her career and her husband has assisted with many of those. The sport requires a lot of grit as players play both offense and defense throughout a match. The girls worked hard and developed a cohesive and determined team. They finished with a record of 37-4 and took second place in their division for the entire state of Michigan!



11B-2 CLUB NEWS

Three Rivers

Three Rivers Lions were very busy this past Fall with their annual gourmet nut sales and gearing up for the December 21st Christmas baskets and toys distribution they provided in their community and surrounding communities. They served over 150 families with food and 366 children with toys this holiday season. The community was very generous in assisting with donations of food and toys. Toys were also collected by the Michigan State Police "Stuff a Blue Goose Project". The club also held a food and toy collection at Harding's Market. Local businesses collect toys and also donate food products they sell.



As in the past 14+ years the Three Rivers Lady Cats JV & Varsity basketball team helped distribute the toys.

PCC Jeff Mayuiers inducted 2 new members Barb McGowan and her son Miles McGowan who were both sponsored by PDG Julie Mayuiers.

Three Rivers Lions will be selling handmade treats on Sunday, February 2nd at the MYWAY wrestling program held at the high school. Stop by our booth and try one or two or maybe even three or more of these delicious treats!! Proceeds go to support our projects and our community. Thank you for your support!!





LEO CLUB NEWS

Buchanan LEOs

The Buchanan-Galien Lions club hosted a Hacienda Give Back Night on December 11th. Lions, families, and friends from the community came out for the event.

LEO Advisor Alice Krings and a crew of Leo's were there also after delivering the blankets they had made to Riley Children's Hospital in South Bend. Thanks to all who supported this Lions fundraiser.



Buchanan LEOs and Lions recently volunteering at Toys for Tots and putting wreaths on veteran's graves at Oak Ridge cemetery.



Some of our LEO members spent part of their 12/22/24 Sunday afternoon caroling for the residents of Metea Court and the Meadows in Buchanan. Thank you, LEOs, for spreading some holiday cheer!



LEO CLUB NEWS

Buchanan LEOs (cont)



Some of the Buchanan LEO's recently made Valen-tines Day cards for our Veterans. They will be sent up to the Veterans hospital soon.

Thank You Buchanan LEOs for remembering them and making their day special!



Mattawan LEOs

Members of the Mattawan HS LEO club, along with those who want to join the National Honor Society, helped out the local Salvation Army with some solid bell ringing! The kids brought in \$3101.42 for the Salvation Army this year for 52 hours of bell ringing. Merry Christmas!



Members of the Mattawan HS LEO club also collected food and donations for their annual food drive for the local Mattawan Pantry. It was a full days worth of work but very fruitful, which is good news for the pantry as it was estimated that there would be a greater need this past holiday season.

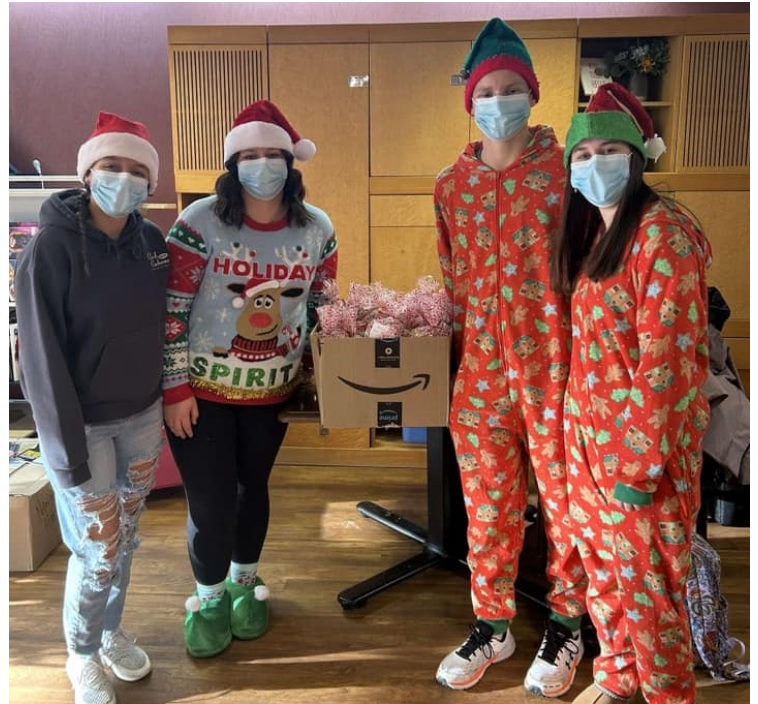




LEO CLUB NEWS

Sturgis LEOs

Way to serve Sturgis LEOs! SHS Leo Club delivered Christmas treats to the residents at Thurston Woods.



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GENERAL NEWS!



Paw Paw	12/5/68	56 Years
Three Rivers	12/6/48	75 Years
Buchanan-Galien	12/13/33	90 Years
Lakeshore	12/14/61	62 Years
Coloma	12/29/52	72 Years
Portage	1/23/61	64 Years
Marcellus	2/2/70	55 Years

Thank you for all your years of service!

2024-25 DISTRICT 11B-2 ZONE CHAIR MAP

