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FROM THE GOVERNOR'S DESK



June has been yet another busy month for Lions. On June 3rd we held the final Cabinet Meeting of the year. Then later that afternoon 20+ Lions and family and friends attended the Growlers baseball game in Kalamazoo. It was definitely a HOT event both in the temperature outside as well as the final inning of the game being a nail biter. We had our fill of hot dogs and burgers and plenty of water to try and stay cool. But despite the Growler's loss it was a fun evening and huge THANK YOU to Cabinet Secretary Tammie for arranging this event again this year.

June 13th PCC Jeff and I traveled to Coloma to install the 2023 – 2024 officers and enjoyed a delicious steak fry provided by the Lions, thanks to Lion Austin for cooking! I had the opportunity for yet another first...inducting a new member via Facetime. Welcome new Lion Pat Clark to our family!



June 15 – 17th was the Three Rivers Water Festival and my own home club of Three Rivers 3-day Ox Roast and Ham & Bean soup fundraiser. On the 15th we started serving food at 11 am and that evening I had the honor of being the chauffeur for the TR Lions Bruce C. Snook Citizen of the Year recipient Lion Jeff



Mayuiers in the Water Festival parade. Then we spent the following 2 days serving food for the community at our drive through and outdoor eating event. On Saturday morning we hosted a Turtle Derby for kids 12 and under. We had a brand new track made by several Lions in our club that we raced 6 turtles at a time on. If you want to learn more about this event and consider hosting one yourself contact Lion Jeff Mayuiers. I'm sure we would loan out our track. More details can be found in the Three Rivers article later in the Beacon.



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

June 19th the MD11 State Convention Committee held a Zoom meeting to do a wrap up on our State Convention held this past May in Muskegon and start the planning for next year's convention. Mark your calendars now for May 16 – 18, 2024 with location and more details to be announced soon.

I had the honor of joining the Edwardsburg Lions to install their officers and present 3 Melvin Jones Fellowships on June 21st. Although the actual certificates, pins and plaques had not arrived President Lion Roy asked me to announce the recipients of the MJF's on behalf of the club. These are being awarded to Lions Keith Loder, Dave Stiffler and Tanda Stiffler.



I am very proud to say that my efforts to get more Lions certified in our district was successful in many ways but there is still more need to get more Lions certified in a lot of our clubs. Every club needs to have at least a couple of members certified as screeners so if your club wants to hold a PKS event you have some of your own members trained. I hope going forward that we can continue to have trainings held by Zones to be able to train Lions from several clubs at the same time. Be sure to let your Zone Chair know if this is something your club would be interested in hosting for other clubs in your Zone.

Learn more about the LCI name change to Lions International and Lions Clubs International Foundation.....at the following link

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/lions-international-brand?elqTrackId=180280c722b34afebacaea3f79167675&elq=11e26c9d11224c61989cffd86cf76a54&elqaid=29177&elqat=1&elqCampaignId=3873>

Looking to what the future holds for me....I will be the Immediate Past District Governor supporting our new District Governor Amy Thackston with whatever I can this next Lions year. I will remain a Trustee for LMSF and also the Secretary of LMSF for next year and Club Treasurer. I've been asked to be the GLT (Global Leadership Trainer) for the district, so we have scheduled an Officer Training for July 22nd from 9 – 11 am to be held at the Paw Paw Lions Club, 59050 Co. Rd. 665, Paw Paw. Look for the flyer in the Beacon and sent to Club Presidents and Secretaries to share with their clubs. We will have training for President, Secretary, Treasurer and Zone Chairs. We encourage all 2023-2024 Club Officers to attend even if you have been an officer before because there may be some new things since



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GOVERNOR'S DESK (cont.)

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the last time you held an office. Hopefully there will be information on the new Lions website available by that date. We also encourage those Lions that are considering becoming an officer in the future and want to know what all is entailed to join us. Please RSVP to CS Tammie Grabowski, cheftammie@gmail.com or 269-303-0731 no later than July 15th so we can have materials ready for you. Everyone in attendance will be entered into a drawing for door prizes.

As we wrap up the final month of the 2022 – 2023 Lions year I wanted say a huge THANK YOU to all the great Lions in District 11-B2 for your service you provide daily in your communities and throughout the world, and for your support to me for the second time around as my term as District Governor comes to an end. It has been a great year and I've had the pleasure to meet even more AWESOME Lions this past year. I've made many new friends and renewed friendships with many Lions over the years.

On behalf of PCC Jeff and I, we've enjoyed all the visits we've made to your clubs and events over the years and look forward to attending more of your events. We both wish DGE Amy, Lion Blake and Cub Zoey all the best for this coming year and we know they will also make many new friends this coming year and years to come.

Lastly, I encourage every one of you to consider stepping up to a Leadership role within your club and our district. As you know we are in immediate need of both a First and Second Vice District Governor.

Now I'm looking forward to attending LCIcon in Boston July 7 – 11 and meeting many new Lions and reconnecting with current Lions friends I have made over the year as well as my fellow Council of Governor's of this year...and possibly from my previous year in 2021 – 2022! I will also have the honor of pulling the ribbon of our new District Governor Amy on July 11 in the Final session before the Convention draws to a close for another year.

You know how to reach me if you need me so please don't hesitate to contact me.

DG Julie

Save the date...

Club Officers TRAINING

JULY 22
9-11am

PAW PAW LIONS CLUB



FROM THE
GOVERNOR'S DESK (cont.)

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36th ANNUAL WISH-A-MILE BICYCLE TOUR

I recently received an email at work from Matt Seagrave of the Make-A-Wish Foundation about the [36th Annual Wish-A-Mile Bicycle Tour](#) that would be coming through St. Joseph County on July 30th for the first time on this route. This immediately peaked my interest as to how the Lions could show support of such a wonderful event and organization. Matt was able to provide me with the break/rest/lunch stops currently being planned in St. Joseph County at the present time. I also learned of a few stops in Kalamazoo County on July 29th and Branch County on July 30th. There are some perfect opportunities for specific clubs in the areas of the stops to show support and get Lions name out there. I'm hoping the Kalamazoo Westside, Portage, Three Rivers, Centreville, Colon, Schoolcraft and Vicksburg clubs will be out there supporting the Make-A-Wish Foundation!! I will also be sharing this information with DG Kelly in 11-B1 to see if they can get support for the Coldwater, Litchfield and Homer locations.

The stops that I am currently aware of are as follows:

July 29th

Mile Marker 91 at South Ridge Church, 6726 Texas Drive, Kalamazoo.

July 30th

Mile Marker 12 at the Schoolcraft Township Hall, 50 VW E., Vicksburg.

Mile Marker 25 at Covered Bridge Farm County Park, 56705 Covered Bridge Road, Three Rivers.

Mile Marker 39 at Colon Community Park, 200 W. State St., Colon.

Mile Marker 58.3 at Legg Middle School & Aquatics Center, 175 Green St., Coldwater.

Mile Marker 78 at Litchfield H.S., 210 William St., Litchfield.

Mile Marker 95 at Eckford Community Center, 99 Maple St., Homer.

I'm encouraging all clubs in these areas to reach out to Matt and see if there is any need for donations of bottled water or snacks that Lions could provide or even to just have clubs line the paths that the riders will be traveling and holding up signs showing our support. If you know of anyone else or other service organizations that could also show support please share this information with them. I will ask CS Tammie to send out an email to all Club Presidents and Secretaries for this year since we know who those are and ask that they pass this information on to the 2023 – 2024 officers so hopefully we can show a huge support of this event one way or another.

I'm including Matt's contact information and a couple of flyer's I received.

Matt Seagrave
Manager of Rider Experience
Make-A-Wish Michigan



Join us for the *most inspirational* weekend of the year at the **36th Annual Wish-A-Mile® Bicycle Tour**

Take your fitness journey to the next level while helping grant life-changing wishes for Michigan children battling critical illnesses. Wish-A-Mile is Make-A-Wish® Michigan's largest fundraising event that brings together hundreds of cyclists who ride across Southwest Michigan to help make wishes come true.

Whether you have logged thousands of miles on your bike or you are new to cycling and looking for a challenge, Wish-A-Mile offers something for everyone.

THREE ROUTES. ONE MISSION.

July 28 - 30, 2023

300-Mile Route

Three-day, 300-mile ride



200-Mile Route

Two-day, 200-mile ride



100-Mile Route

One-day, 100-mile ride



Register now or
learn more at
www.wishamile.org

WHY WISH-A-MILE IS THE RIDE FOR YOU

- Fully supported tour through Southwest MI that includes route support, medics, meals, massage therapists and more!
- Fundraising coach to help you achieve your fundraising goals
- Training coaches available
- Break stops every 10-15 miles
- Community support
- Inspiring wish kids to motivate you along the way
- Kid's route and virtual route options available

Have questions? Please contact Kedrin Gall at 810-522-6510 or WAM@michigan.wish.org

Chapter Facts

- ★ Since 1984, the organization has granted more than 11,000 wishes to Michigan children.
- ★ In 2023, our goal is to grant 475 wishes.
- ★ An estimated 800 Michigan children will be diagnosed with a critical illness this year alone.
- ★ The organization works with more than 650 volunteers.
- ★ Michigan's first wish child was Joshua, an 11-year-old from Tecumseh who had a brain tumor. He wished to go to *Walt Disney World[®]* Resort.
- ★ Make-A-Wish grants wishes to children with critical illnesses under 12 different specialties.
- ★ Headquartered in Brighton, Michigan, the organization has an office in Grand Rapids and serves families in all 83 counties in Michigan.
- ★ Funds donated to Make-A-Wish Michigan stay in Michigan to grant the wishes of local kids.

The Wish Experience

- ★ While doctors provide the medicine, Make-A-Wish Michigan supplies the magic that provides a positive life-changing experience.
- ★ 91% of wish parents believe that the wish experience gave their child a better chance of surviving their critical illness.
- ★ While each wish is truly unique, the majority of wishes fall into one of five categories: I wish to be, I wish to go, I wish to have, I wish to meet, and I wish to give.

Wish Qualifications

- ★ An eligible wish child must be referred between the ages of 2 ½ and 18 and live in Michigan.
- ★ The child's critical illness must be confirmed in writing by his or her primary care physician.
- ★ The child cannot have received a previous wish from any wish-granting organization.

National & International Facts

- ★ Make-A-Wish Michigan is one of 58 chapters in the United States.
- ★ The national organization was founded in 1980 in Phoenix when 7-year-old Christopher wished to become an honorary police officer.
- ★ Since then, Make-A-Wish has evolved into the largest wish-granting organization in the world, granting wishes in nearly 50 countries on five continents through 39 international affiliates.
- ★ Make-A-Wish has granted more than 520,000 wishes worldwide.

Connect With Us Online

WEBSITE: [MICHIGAN.WISH.ORG](https://michigan.wish.org)



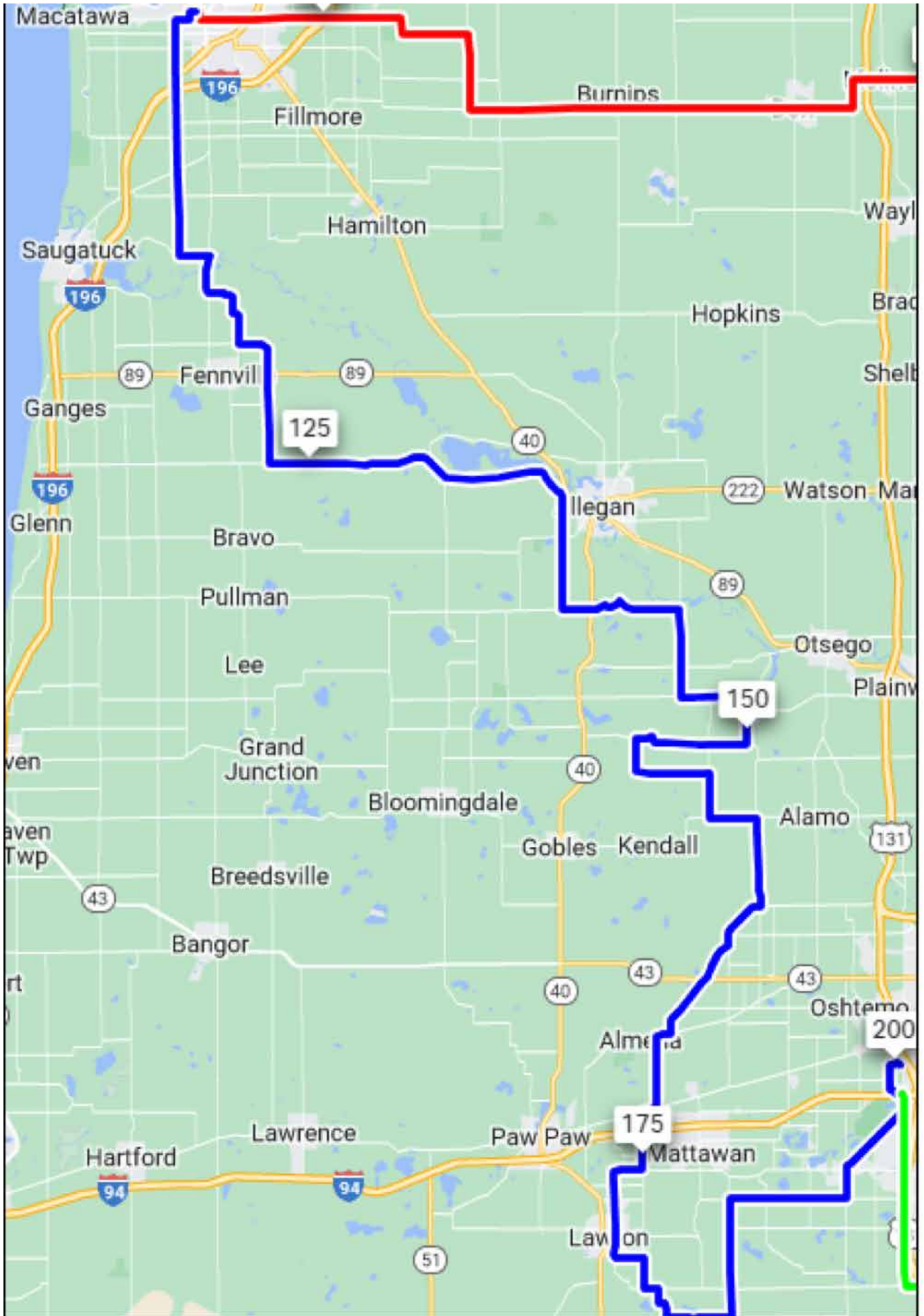
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DISTRICT CALENDAR

July

7 – 11 – **Lions International Convention**, Boston, MA

August

1 – **Camp Leo**

2 – **Banner Exchange** hosted by South Haven Black River Lions at American Legion Post 49, 129 Michigan Ave, South Haven.

5 – **LMSF Hall of Fame**, Mt. Pleasant Comfort Inn (PCC Jeff Mayuiers will be inducted into the HOF)



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UPCOMING EVENTS TO ADD TO YOUR CALENDAR

July

7-11 – Lions International Convention - Boston, MA

16 – 6th Annual Kayak Poker Run, hosted by the Buchanan-Galien Lions Club, 9:30am - 3pm, Buchanan Boat Launch (*see flyer with QR code to register*)

22 – Club Officer Training, 9-11am, Paw Paw Lions Club (*see flyer to RSVP and more information*)

August

5 – LMSF Hall of Fame (*PCC Jeff Mayuiers will be inducted into the HOF*)

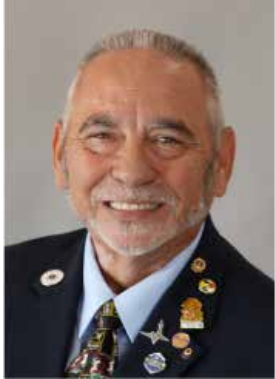
6 – Larry Frisbie Memorial Golf Outing, hosted by the Centerville and Sturgis Lions, 1pm shotgun start, St. Joe Valley Golf Club (*see flyer to register*)



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GMT-PCC JEFF MAYUIERS & DGE AMY THACKSTON

GMT-PCC JEFF MAYUIERS



GMT Final notes.....

When Governor Julie told me she wanted to repeat another year I really wasn't that surprised. We both care a lot about District 11-B2 and all the clubs and people in it! I venture to say we have true friends in many clubs everywhere we travel in South-west Michigan. As the GMT, it's

been an honor again to serve the district. As Lions you all have worked very hard this year. For many of us, it was a comeback year. Coming back from COVID and re-establishing ourselves as Lions with the needs of our communities. So many of you have comeback with a vengeance I must say. New idea's, new members...older clubs now getting new blood so to speak, new younger members with new fresh ideas. I must say as your Membership Chair, I am very excited and proud of the efforts you've all made this year!

Speaking about a comeback...Lions Clubs International's staff has been struggling all year in every department trying to catch up. To be honest I haven't received a membership report I believed accurate all year. What I am reporting to you is based on all the information I gather from traveling with the Governor and talking to PDG Fran as our GET and talking to the Zone Chairs. We have inducted many new Lions this year. It's hard for me to envision this Lions year as a membership ending with a negative number. I want to also give kudos out to all the Club Secretaries and Club Presidents for taking the time to enter the new members into LCI before the end of JULY 2023. That is truly critical for our true final numbers! My last report from LCI was truly confusing, one section tells me we are at a plus 3 overall in new members that's comparing drops to adds while another report says were are at a negative 43 in membership for the year. That's why I say I am not sure what is the true number LCI is going to report to us at

the end of the year. Whatever the final number is I want to thank every Lion in every club for all you do as a volunteer in the name of service. Our motto of "WE SERVE" is evident in every club we have! Great job district 11-B2....GREAT JOB!!

GMT Jeff

DGE AMY THACKSTON



I want to start by thanking DG Julie for such an awesome Lions year! Please remember her theme to "Keep One" by making sure your new and old members have purpose and want to continue serving their community as Lions.

June has been a great Month! I had the pleasure of making some club visits on behalf of DG Julie and can't wait for my year as DG to start so I can visit all of your clubs. I was able to visit Buchanan-Galien and Baroda clubs for the first time and it was so great to meet all of them and learn what they are doing for their community. I stopped by the Lakeshore Lions Car Show and my family had a great time checking out all of the cars and seeing the group in action. I was also invited to end of year celebrations at the Paw Paw, Mattawan, and Bloomingdale/Gobles/Kal-Haven Trail clubs. I look forward to visiting each of your clubs and as many events as I can in my upcoming year as your District Governor. Please don't hesitate to reach out if your club needs anything.

I hope to see as many of you as possible at our upcoming officer training on July 22nd from 9am-11am at the Paw Paw Lions Club. There will be door prizes, training, and great company!

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LIONS OF MICHIGAN SERVICE FOUNDATION

LMSF TRUSTEE REPORT



Lions of Michigan Foundation

As your Trustee's for LMSF, Governor Julie and I have attempted to keep you all up to date on all the service the Lions of Michigan Service Foundation provides. From eyeglasses to hearing aids...from mints to emergency relieve funds, this year has experienced an increase in request from our district. So it's great to know we are getting the word out to all of our clubs and you're starting to take more advantage of some of the services LMSF can provide.

The other big one we provide is Project KidSight. And this is one Governor Julie and I can say "great job District 11-B2", we currently have a larger of pool of KidSight screeners and service volunteers than ever before! We need more but we are definitely growing. You need to also know through your efforts and Lions Dave and Tanda Stiffler's efforts, our District of 11-B2 leads the State of Michigan in the number of children screened and the number of children referred. That my Lions friends is saying a lot! When you compare our district to one like 11-C1 or 11-A2 in Detroit or Ann Arbor or Traverse City, it's sure saying a lot about our program and the people in it! While we are talking about Project KidSight, Julie and I will be setting up the trailer and assisting in KidSight training in Vicksburg on July 20th at their Beer & Brat Festival. Set up is at the Farmer's Market Pavilion just outside of town. We encourage anyone who can come as screeners, volunteers of any Lions looking to become certified screeners to come and be a part of the fun evening!

As LMSF Trustee's, I want to also remind you if you are doing our mint program we are encouraging you to increase the price on your mint tray signs from \$.50 to at least \$.75 or \$1.00 per roll.

Okay that's all for now but if you have any questions or need assistance don't hesitate to give one of us a call or send us an email.

Yours in Service,

LMSF Trustee's Jeff & Julie Mayuiers

**LIONS OF MICHIGAN FOUNDATION
37TH ANNUAL SIGHT & HEARING SWEEPSTAKES
MAY 2023**

District Totals

<u>District</u>	<u>2023 Participants</u>	<u>2022 Tickets Sold</u>	<u>2022 Participants</u>	<u>2022 Tickets Sold</u>
Miscellaneous	2	10	2	5
District 10	21	1,201	20	1,095
District 11-A1	10	1,366	11	861
District 11-A2	14	421	17	484
District 11-B1	21	1,230	19	1,151
District 11-B2	18	1,076	22	1,011
District 11-C1	12	407	12	379
District 11-C2	24	1,329	23	1,184
District 11-D1	18	1,295	18	1,315
District 11-D2	22	541	25	879
District 11-E1	25	1,474	24	1,343
District 11-E2	<u>22</u>	<u>3,049</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>2,725</u>
	209	13,399	213	12,432

120 Ticket Clubs

Oscoda Lions Club	E2	1,012
Alpena Lions Club	E2	599
Livonia High Nooners Lions Club	A1	410
Detroit Mid City Lions Club	A1	398
Wells Lions Club	10	386
Edmore Lions Club	E1	330
Frankenmuth Lions Club	D1	310
Lincoln Lions Club	E2	300
Central Lake Lions Club	E2	298
Colon Lions Club	B2	281
Auburn Williams Lions Club	D1	250
Hillman Area Lions Club	E2	226
Detroit Westtown Hartford Lions Club	A1	220
Flushing Lions Club	D1	219
Bark River Lions Club	10	210
Ewart Lions Club	E1	180
Ovid Lions Club	C2	180
Homer Lions Club	B1	177
Durand Lions Club	C2	170
St. Joseph Lions Club	B2	150
Bangor Lions Club	B2	150
Cereal City Lions Club	B1	146
Quest South East Jackson Lions Club	B1	140
Beaverton Lions Club	E1	129
Detroit Hispanic Lions Club	A1	125
DeWitt Breakfast Lions Club	C2	120
Ortonville Lions Club	A2	120



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PROJECT KIDSIGHT

PKS COORDINATORS **TANDA & DAVID STIFFLER**

Lions of Michigan Foundation **PROJECT KIDSIGHT**



Lions Office said his hope is to get all the other Districts in 11B2 to follow our procedure to do what we do. Many Districts find it hard to believe that our PKS Team could accomplish this many screenings in one Lion year. BUT WE DID IT PKS TEAM! Dave and I are so proud of the team stepping up to come to events for screening the kiddos. Our team comradery just makes it so much fun for the team members.

Our last PKS event of the Lions year was held on Saturday, June 3rd in Kalamazoo for their Annual Touch-A-Truck event. This is a small venue so only four Lion Members attended this event. Dave



What a phenomenal year for Project KidSight! Our amazing year ended with screening 12,535 kids, passing 11,553, referrals 971 and 11 others (meaning we tried to get a good reading but was unable to. We used the PKS trailer a total of 12 times. In all we attended 59 different locations. Some schools had 5 schools and since they are at different locations, they get a new three-digit number. Director Chad McCann at the Lansing





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PROJECT KIDSIGHT

PKS COORDINATORS TANDA & DAVID STIFFLER (cont.)



later, probably in August to see if they would like us to put their school on our calendar. We hope to train more Lion members and friends of the Lions to get involved with PKS. So many are getting hooked on Project KidSight. I'm loving it too.... I hope all of you all have a fantastic, fun summer. We will see you in the fall for sure!

Stiffler was out reaching out to parents to tell them what PKS can offer for their children. Ginger Smietana and Pat McFarland did the screening in our PKS trailer, with the AIR CONDITIONING ON....lol....Tanda Stiffler was at the table to have parents sign their child/children up for screening. We were unable to use the QR Code at this event because it was very sunny that day and parents could not read the consent form on their phone well enough to complete the form, so we just stayed with the paper consent forms. This worked for us as we still wanted to get their child into the trailer for our screening.

Here are three pictures from our event that day. We screened 62 kids with 55 passing, and 6 were referrals. Ginger Smietana was waiting and waiting for the line for the face painting to get down so she could go to get her face painted.... She was so pleased with the artwork too!

We have schools that have requested dates for the fall already and I will be contacting more schools



Respectfully submitted,

*Lion Tanda & David Stiffler
11B2 PKS Coordinators*



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11B-2 CLUB NEWS

BANGOR

The Bangor Lions Club recently held its awards dinner and a golf outing. Raul Hernandez a life-time resident of Bangor was awarded the Citizen of the Year for 2023. Raul is a volunteer for the Lions club, keeping the lions barn clean and organized - now if we can just get him to become a member..... Award was presented by President Letitia Derry

Also Bangor Lions Club Members - Dave and AC Aldag were recognized as the club members of the year for all of their continued volunteer service for the club.

Laughter with friends at the Annual Dinner.

Dan golf team - Dan Thorbjornson is the chair of the Bangor Golf Outing - with his team... Dan in the blue on the right side





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BUCHANAN-GALIEN

BUCHANAN-GALIEN LIONS Annual Dinner 2023

The Buchanan-Galien Lions, spouses, and guests celebrated "89+ years of Lionism and community service to the Buchanan-Galien area" on June 8th at the home of Lion Tom and Grace Gordon.

Over 30 members and guests attended the annual year end dinner and awards program. Lion President Lewis Lambert welcomed everyone and served as Master of Ceremonies for the



evening. The Lions special guest for the evening was DGE Amy Thackston. Lion Lewis lead the Pledge of Allegiance and also offered the invocation before an outstanding buffet dinner prepared by John Byrdak was enjoyed by all.

After dinner the following presentations were made:

Lions & Leo Co-Advisors Brian Fisher and Alice Krings announced that there were 8 graduating

Leo's this year. LEO's Alyvia Hickock, Megan Franklin, and Kayla Baich received special recognition as each have been Leo Club members for five years.



Their leadership and volunteerism in making the Leo Club events and charity something wonderful will truly be missed. We know wherever they land, they will make have the same impact, and hopefully, it will be in that community's Lions Club!

Milestone certificates were presented to Lions Rudy Kappe (40 Years), Mark Tumbleson (25 years), Randy Chain (20 years), Bill Marx (10 years) and Penny Correa and Michelle Holloway (5 years).

Lion Alice announced the winner of the annual Buchanan-Galien Club Shining Star Award was Lion Rhonda Harrington.

President Lambert and 1st VP Lion Mark Nixon



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BUCHANAN-GALIEN (cont.)

next presented the annual Buchanan-Galien Lion of the Year Award to Lion Jessica Hendrixson.)



Lion Jessica has been a very active Lion and Board member since joining and has brought several new ideas and skill sets to the club.

The 22nd annual Bob Koenigshof award was then presented to Fran Terry.

This award is presented annually to a resident of the Buchanan-Galien area who has demonstrated a personal commitment to improving life within our communities through contributions and service to others.



Lion Alice Krings presented the award to Fran for her over 40 years of service to both communities. While not YET officially a Lion- Fran has been involved and supportive of most all of the Lions club activities.

The following club officers and board members were then inducted by DGE Amy Thackston:





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BUCHANAN-GALIEN (cont.)

President- Mark Nixon
Treasurer- Alice Krings
1st VP- Rhonda Harrington
Secretary- Dianne Ross
2nd VP- Brian Fisher
Tail Twisters- Mark Nixon, Jerry Flenar
3rd VP- Michelle Holloway
Lion Tamers- Ralph McDonald, Mark Skene
Board of Directors- Ralph McDonald,
Rhonda Harrington, Jerry Flenar, Jessica
Hendrixson, Mark Tumbleson, Jeff Welsh

DGE Amy also presided over the Presidential Gavel and Pin Exchange.

Upcoming event announcements included:

Thrill On The Hill July 14th & 15th
Annual Kayak Poker Run July 16th
Camp Leo August 1th
Kickball tournament August 12th
Corn and Sausage Roast August 26th
Annual Member Guest Steak Fry September 7th

President Lambert then made some closing remarks and announcements and thanked the Lions for their support of both the club and their communities.

Lions - serving the communities of Buchanan-Galien for over 89 years!



*The Buchanan-Galien Lions recently donated \$500 to the Roti Roti Art Center of Buchanan in support of their sidewalk repair project.
(L-R (Lions Treasurer Alice Krings, Art Center Board Member Ed Tapia)*

BUCHANAN-GALIEN LIONS CLUB

KAYAK POKER RUN

6th Annual



SUNDAY, JULY 16TH 9:30AM-3PM

SCAN TO REGISTER



City of Buchanan Boat Launch



\$25 Per Person with 12 and Under Free



BYO Kayak/Canoe



Last Launch @ 11am



Prizes!

\$1 Raffle Tickets (Cash Only)



Meal Provided @ Camp Betz



Best 5 Cards Hands WIN



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COLOMA

At our Family Steak Fry held at The Coloma Fraternal Order of Police Lodge on June 13th, 2023 The Coloma Lions Club celebrated our 71st Years of Service. Our newest President Lion Peter Becker shown on the right succeeded Past President John "Buzz" Sternaman, shown to his left. President Becker and the 2023/24 Officers and Board Members



were installed by District Governor Julie Mayuiers and Past Council Chairman Jeff Mayuiers.

The Officers for the next fiscal year are Brandon Sternaman, 1st V.P., Austin Browne, 2nd V.P. Treasurer Ross Streu, Secretary Dale Kreitner. The Board of Directors are Lions Jason Hicks, Sal Rendo, Matt Moser and Philip Staub.

Past President John "Buzz" Sternaman presented Lion Austin Browne with The 2022/23 Fiscal Year Lion of The Year Award. He announced Lion Austin, who had just finished cooking all of our Steak Dinners, had just finished a 5 year Pipefitter Apprentice Program that had classes on our normal meeting nights. He stated Lion Austin was always there to help any time he was asked.



Lion Austin Brown receiving his "Lion Of The Year" Award from PP John "Buzz" Sternaman

Past President Lion John "Buzz" Sternaman also presented The Distinguished Service Award to Lion Jason Hicks for his body of work over the past Covid Years. In addition to his involvement with the Coloma Lions Club he serves The Community as a Member of The City of Coloma serving as a City Commissioner. This is a continuation of the Lions Club motto, "We Serve".



PP John "Buzz" Sternaman presents Lion Jason Hicks with the "Distinguished Service Award."



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11B-2 CLUB NEWS

EDWARDSBURG

The Edwardsburg Lions Club meets once per month for the summer. Our club has a family get together and on Wednesday, June 21st the club celebrated with a “steak fry” cookout. The steaks were very good and so were the delicious dishes that families brought in.



DG Julie Mayuiers and hubby PCC Jeff Mayuiers attended to install the new board members for the 2023-2024 Lion year. Our new president is Lion Buddy Davis, VP is Lion Dave Stiffler, Secretary is Lion Patricia (Patty) Bathe, and our Treasurer is Lion Jim Devenney. Congratulations to them and we look forward to their leadership in the coming year!

Another highlight of the evening was the Edwardsburg Club elected three members to receive the Melvin Jones Award. The three recipients' were: Lion Keith Loder, Lion Dave Stiffler & Lion Tanda Stiffler. It was quite a surprise for these three Lion Members! PCC Jeff explained that there is a backlog on getting the Melvin Jones plaques and pins in on time, so they will be forthcoming hopefully soon.



Lastly Lion Tanda & Dave Stiffler gave out Helen Keller awards to two PKS volunteers that have attended almost every PKS event over the last year. The awards were given to Lion Jan & Lion Jim Rutten who have shown their dedication to PKS, and they are ready to go again this next year!





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11B-2 CLUB NEWS

KAL-HAVEN TRAIL

DGE Amy: "Always a pleasure to visit my friends at the Bloomingdale Gobles Kal-Haven Trail Lions! They had their end of year celebration where I had the honor of installing their new officers and presenting 2 Melvin Jones Fellows. They had two potential new members visiting who I hope to see at my next visit."



DG elect Amy, presents Melvin Jones plaques awarded by the Kal Haven membership to Lions Robert Ferguson (L) and Dave Mead (R)



The Kal Haven Lions were the lead marching unit in both the Gobles and Bloomingdale memorial day parades.



11B-2 CLUB NEWS

MATTAWAN



From Mattawan's Installation & Awards Dinner held June 14. Clockwise from upper left: Lion Cindy Fewless awarded the Howard Bristol Fellow Lion of the Year. Therese pins newest member Debbie Robertson, Lion Rosemary McMullen and Lion Al Fewless were recognized by Lion Dan for 10 and 35 years of service respectively, and PDG Karol Chopp received the President's Award from President Lion Carol Patridge.



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PAW PAW



Lifetime Membership recipients for the year, left to right: Tony Millek, Mike Seymoure, Incoming President Vickie Lietzau and Marsha Brown.



Incoming President Vickie Lietzau with Dan Schinca-riol, winner of the Ken Lautzenheiser Fellowship.



Congratulations to the new board of the Paw Paw Lions Club. Not pictured: Lions Jeremy Davison, Fran & Tammie Grabowski.



Paw Paw gave four scholarships this year. Left to right: Lion Tom Shoemaker, President Alan Wartman, Lion Matthew Hartman, Emily Davison, Rebecca Davison, PCC Don Brown. Not pictured, recipient Ethan Whitman



Lion Tom Shoemaker received two plaques from the Paw Paw Youth Baseball President Gabe Macias. Also pictured is President Gabe's son Manny.

There's a new eyeglass collection box behind the post office in Paw Paw!



The word "TRAINING" is written in large, bold, white capital letters. Each letter is contained within a vertical rectangular bar of a different color: T (orange), R (teal), A (green), I (dark blue), N (orange), I (teal), N (green), G (yellow).

CLUB OFFICER TRAINING

JULY 22, 2023 9 - 11 AM

Paw Paw Lions Club

59050 Co Rd 665, Paw Paw, MI

Are you a current officer, an upcoming officer or thinking that someday you might want to be an officer? Come check it out!

Have you been an officer for a while? Come share your knowledge and be prepared to learn something new.

Trainings Offered:

- President/Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Zone Chair

Everyone in attendance will be entered into a door prize drawing!

RSVP to CS Tammie Grabowski, cheftammie@gmail.com or 269-303-0731 by July 15th so we can have materials ready for you.



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PORTAGE

Bracelets Fundraiser



Crystal Beads Bracelet \$10.00 each or 3 for \$25.00

Additional charms are sold at \$1.00 each

Contact: Lions Elvie or Alyssa Marfil @ 818-800-1060 or
email: epmarfil5@gmail.com

Portage Lions Club of Michigan embarked a new fundraising event to support:

Visually impaired

Environment

Childhood Cancer

Disaster Relief

Diabetes

Humanitarian Relief

Hunger

Youth

The Portage Lions Club of Michigan has been serving the community for more than 60 years. Our members are involved in projects such as collecting used eyeglasses and pill bottles. We support our local community, schools, and provide assistance for those impacted by natural disasters.



Childhood Cancer



Diabetes



Environment



Hunger



Vision



Disaster Relief



Humanitarian Relief



Youth

Lions Club International is the BEST KEPT SECRET and LARGEST SERVICE ORGANIZATION the world over! Lions Clubs International members meet the needs of their local communities and impact the world at large. Our 1.4 million members—who perform community service in more than 200 countries and geographic areas — are different in many ways, but share a core belief:

Community is what we make it!

The Portage Lions Club of Michigan has been serving the community for more than 60 years. Our members are involved in projects such as collecting eyeglasses and pill bottles for missionaries, fundraising for charitable giving, supporting local community needs and providing extensive assistance to those impacted by natural disasters.

Ask yourself these questions:

- ▶ Are you interested in serving your community?
- ▶ Are you interested in having the opportunity to network with key people in your community?
- ▶ Are you interested in meeting people and having fun?

In celebration of the 100th anniversary of our association, and the 50th anniversary of our foundation, we want to expand our projects, and we would like for you to be a part of our team!

We would like to personally invite you to join us at:

**City Gate Church
308 W. Milham
Portage, MI 49002**

**Our Next OPEN Meetings are on: Saturday, April 15, 2023 at 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Saturday, May 20, 2023 at 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Saturday, June 17, 2023 at 10:00 am – 12:00 pm**

Monthly Meetings

**1st Wednesday of every month 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
3rd Saturday of every month 10 am- 12:00 pm (noon)**



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ST. JOSEPH



2023-2024 Officers from left: Dan Fortenbacher (Membership & Attendance Chairman), Bob Bralick (Director), Ed Staude (Director), John Johnson (Secretary), Chuck Heit (Immediate Past President), Gordon Schreiber (President), Chriss Lyon (Tail Twister), Tony Balbo (Lion tamer), Bob Rolek (First Vice-President), Larry Kramp (Director), Bruce Bittenbender (Director), Allen Edlefson (Second Vice-President), Ed Heiden (Third Vice-President). Not pictured: David Offord (Treasurer)

It was a wonderful night at Tosi's Restaurant. Forty-eight SJ Lions and guests congregated for an evening of feast, comradery, and the installation of officers for SJ Lions year '23 -'24. Past President Dennis Lundgren admirably filled in for the departed Lion Larry Wagner. Lion Dennis attempted to duplicate Lion Larry's horrible jokes - and succeeded. Current District Governor Julie sent a letter of best wishes. We cajoled with Past District Governors Lions John Postelli and John Johnson. We sang gold old number 28, President Chuck Heit recognized the many projects we did during the last year. He gave

Kudos to the individuals who led these projects. Lion Schreiber was given many thanks for acting as president in Lion Chuck's behalf. Lion Gazella was given special recognition for his yeoman job of secretary. As there is only one week left of his duties it may be surmised that he is "pretty much done. Lion Dennis got the meeting back on track with another terrible pun. We acknowledged past presidents. Lion John Postelli pinned Lion Chuck with a past president's pin. Membership Chairman Lion Dan Fortenbacher then began the installation of officers. Newly Installed Lion Schreiber "Continue to Serve" Newly



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11B-2 CLUB NEWS

ST. JOSEPH (cont.)

installed Lion Schreiber thanked everyone for his and her support and encouraged everyone to keep on serving. He acknowledged numerous SJ Lions for their dedication and hard work. Lion Gordie's



Incoming President Lion Schreiber received the Presidential Pin from spouse Nikki

three goals are a) Revitalize the Leo Club at SJHS: b) Renew the Michigan Projectkids Sight: and c) Commit to increase our membership of younger community members. He welcomed the SJ Township Lions. He sought to continue nine-six years of dedicated service. Thanks, past presidents for the delicious cake.

The evening's guests included: Lois Breuker, Michele Demchinski, Suzanne Fortenbacher, Karen Gazella, AJ Heiden-Jaeger, Michelle Heit, Vicki Koch, Coleen Lundgren, John Martin, Dori Medo, Julia Medo, Pat Nordberg, and Niki Schreiber.



Past District Governor Lion Postelli presents Lion Heit with the coveted "Past President Pin"





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11B-2 CLUB NEWS

STURGIS

Our guest speaker for June was Doug Bates from Design by Vogts in Sturgis. Doug had the privilege of helping with a couple floats for the Rose Bowl parade this year. He shared his experience with us.



It was amazing to learn of all of the work that goes into the floats. Did you know that every single surface of the floats has to be covered with something natural? For example, they might use coconut for something that they want to appear white.



Also at our June meeting, the scholarship committee presented the scholarships to our chosen outstanding seniors. Paul Nyguen and Halle Brooks were this year's recipients. Paul was unable to attend; but Halle and her mom attended. The scholarship committee included: Martina Stevens, Kay Large, Harlan Blood, and Ron Lafler.





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CENTREVILLE AND STURGIS FOR THE**

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**6 AUGUST,
2023**
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4-PERSON Scramble, No Divisions

Men under 60 use White Tees, Men 60-74 use Red Tees,

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P.O. Box 441, Centreville, MI 49032

Entry Fee is

\$75/person or \$300/4-person team.

**Includes Golf, Cart, Food, Prizes
and Door prizes!**



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11B-2 CLUB NEWS

THREE RIVERS



The Three Rivers Lions Club was busy in June by first hosting the Three Rivers Lions Club Bruce C. Snook Citizen of the Year Banquet. Three Rivers Lion Jeff Mayuiers was selected to be this year's recipient and a celebration was held on June 8th to honor Lion Jeff. The event was attended by Lions, friends, family, State Representative Steve Cara, Mary Judnich representing Senator Debbie Stabenow and Three Rivers Mayor and previous Citizen of the Year Tom Lowry. Jeff was presented with several tributes and roasted by his nephew Justin and long-time friend former Representative Rick Shaffer. Jeff has served his community for several years working at Three Rivers Health as a respiratory therapist, Maintenance Director at Bowman House Assisted Living and most recently as the Maintenance Director at Twin County Probation Center. Jeff is always willing to give of his time for others and this shows by some of the comments that were read about Jeff.

The Lions also were hard at work preparing for their biggest fundraiser of the year the Ox Roast and Ham &

Bean soup dinner along with the Turtle Derby. 20+ red eared slider turtles arrived at the Mayuiers' house about 2 weeks prior to the race date of June 17th. This was like having small children around again Julie said by having to feed them twice a day, make sure they got out in the sunshine several hours each day as they thrive in the sun. It was fun to see them perched on the pieces of wood in the tub they were in basking with their legs outstretched and heads also with eyes closed. Then they had to have their water changed and clean water given to them every couple of days. Needless to say, Julie was ready for them to be adopted out by the racers following the races. Nearly 50 children entered the races, and the top prize was a



Twin County Probation Center gave these ladies the opportunity to assist at the Ox Roast by taking and delivering orders, making sandwiches and washing dishes.

\$150 gift certificate to Walmart! The Ox Roast began on Thursday and ran through Saturday afternoon. The weather was beautiful, and many people ate under the tent set up in addition to taking their meal home. For the third year in a row the club has purchased unbaked frozen pies from the Bangor Lions and then baked them and sold pieces by the slice. Just another way clubs can support each other with projects....and the pies were delicious. So delicious that they sold out by early Saturday morning.



LEO CLUB NEWS



Rockford, Illinois

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6TH USA/CANADA

LEO LEADERSHIP FORUM

Rockford Radisson Hotel
& Conference Center

AUGUST 2-6, 2023



Dear Lion Leader,

I would like to share some exciting news with you. The Leos & Lions of **ILLINOIS** are hosting the 6th USA/Canada Leo Leadership Forum on August 2nd to August 6th, 2023 at the Rockford Radisson Hotel & Conference Center in Rockford, IL. **Registration is now OPEN!** This 2023 Leo Leadership Forum will bring Leos together from across the United States, Canada, and the Caribbean. During the course of the week, we have seminars in various areas of leadership and community-organizing as part of our core curriculum toward the diploma earned at this Forum. We also have elective seminars prepared by Leos. It's our goal to also empower our Leos to educate each other in areas of interest to them related to leadership.

International officers will be in attendance as guest speakers which will give our Leos the opportunity to ask questions and learn more about our association and the legacy that our Founder Melvin Jones left for the world. Leos also get the opportunity to network and bond with other Leos, Leo-Lions, Lions, and LCI Staff Members. We provide a full day of fun touring the host city area and a day of community service planned by the Leo Host Committee. We have an Opening Ceremony/Dinner together with a Closing Night Dinner Gala that includes the presentation of diplomas and concludes with an entertaining night of dancing. Our Leos return home more knowledgeable about our Association, the Leo Club Program, and ways to continue building up their own clubs while bringing bright new ideas for service projects and fundraisers. This Leo Forum will help Leos become great leaders ready to serve their community and continue to grow as individuals while feeling proud to be Leos. We welcome Leo Club Advisors, Lions and parents to attend the Forum and enjoy the experience as well.

Please share this email with your Leos and Lions interested in learning more about the Leo Club Program. If your Leo Club is school-based, our team is happy to speak to principals or faculty advisors to better explain our Leo Forum or answer any questions. Our contact information is listed below. We look forward to welcoming all Leos and Lions to Rockford, IL.

Sincerely,

Leo-Lion Pablo Romano

President, USA/Canada Leo Leadership Foundation

PCC Pamela Graney

Chair, Leo Forum MD-1 Host Committee

Illinois, USA

ONLINE REGISTRATION



INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION



Boston is fast approaching and the excitement to see our Lions family is intensifying! Convention is such an inspirational time for me and I anticipate that this year will be just a little more exciting than most!

It's an honor and a privilege to introduce myself to all of you as the endorsed candidate for International Director for CA2 for the year 2023-25.

I have always been a volunteer, raised that way by my emigrant parents who settled on a dairy farm in small town Northwestern Ontario. My parent's mantra was always to give to those in need and do what you can, when you can for whoever you can; the words that became my DG theme in my year 2018-19.

I am a Registered Nurse by occupation and have done so for the past 38 years, continuing to actively nurse on an area First Nation. My nursing career has included many years in Intensive Care, starting a home care program for 10 area First Nations and now a full service clinic in the community I now serve, Naicatchewenin First Nation. Serving the underprivileged has always been a passion and that passion served me well as a relief nurse in Haiti after the earthquake and in Guatemala where I was able to help build homes for those without.

My Lions career is relatively short in comparison, becoming a charter member of Emo and District Lions in 2010 and currently a part of the very active cyber club, Northwestern Ontario Cyber Lions. Though young in years as a Lion, I have packed those years with decades of opportunity and experience in both the District and the Multiple District. Constitution and Bylaws chair, MDGMT as well as being the Chair of the Lions Foundation of Manitoba and NWO and a Director on the Kid-sight MD5M board have been a huge part of my Lions Education.

My passion in Lions has been and always will be service. Sharing the stories of how Lions make a difference every day is a magnet to membership, especially to a population years younger in age than myself! More so are the reasons that keep us a Lion, that spark that fans our passion in to a roaring flame.

I look forward to sharing those stories if elected as International Director in Boston, as well as sharing the ideas and successes of clubs and Districts. The impact of a single idea can leave a ripple of success for so many more and I am grateful for the opportunity to serve at another level of Lionism. Hopeful and thankful for your support in Boston.

Joanne Ogden MD5M



Dear Lion's Leaders of Michigan!!!

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Here is a Save the Date for our Lions of Michigan Leadership Institute 2023!! Please share in your newsletters, social media pages, with all of your clubs and any other communication you have with the Lions of your District!!!!

Please note that this year's institute consists of the Leadership Institute (RLLI - Regional Lions Leadership Institute) and Faculty Development Institute (FDI).

Next year we will again hold the three levels of the Institute - Leadership (RLLI), Graduate and Master's levels. Our team has chosen to try this alternating curriculum and will evaluate annually how we would like to proceed.

Any questions, please let me know!!!

Yours in Service,
Lion Jenny

Jennifer Ware, Past International Director
LCIF Board of Trustees 2022-25
District Governor Elect Group Leader 2022-23
9249 CR 513 T Rd.
Rapid River, MI 49878
906-399-8214

Save the Date

Lions of Michigan Leadership Institute will be November 2 - 5, 2023

Location RAM Center, Higgins Lake

Two tracks will be offered: Leadership and Faculty Development Institute (FDI)

Cost: Leadership \$250.00 FDI \$350.00

FDI will need to arrive Thursday night for a Friday morning start
Leadership will need to arrive Friday morning for a Friday afternoon start





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IMPORTANT NEWS!

New Membership Dues Billing and Fees --Effective July 1, 2023, \$46.00

Billing for a new member begins the first of the month in which the member enters a club at the average rate of \$3.84 per month and billed through the end of that semi-annual period. Billing is issued semi-annually thereafter. Below is a schedule of the new member dues throughout the year:

Member accepted by club in the month of...	Billing date for new members	Semi-annual dues billed for each new member	New member entrance fee (not pro-rated)	Total dues & fees billed
July	July 1 st	\$ 23.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 58.00
August	August 1 st	19.16	35.00	54.16
September	September 1 st	15.34	35.00	50.34
October	October 1 st	11.50	35.00	46.50
November	November 1 st	7.68	35.00	42.68
December	December 1 st	3.84	35.00	38.84
January	January 1 st	23.00	35.00	58.00
February	February 1 st	19.16	35.00	54.16
March	March 1 st	15.34	35.00	50.34
April	April 1 st	11.50	35.00	46.50
May	May 1 st	7.68	35.00	42.68
June	June 1 st	3.84	35.00	38.84

Billing for a new Family or Student member begins the first of the month in which the member enters a club at the average rate of \$1.92 per month and billed through the end of that semi-annual period. Billing is issued semi-annually thereafter. Below is a schedule of the new member dues throughout the year:

Member accepted by club in the month of...	Billing date for new members	Semi-annual dues billed for qualifying family member	New member entrance fee (not pro-rated)	Total qualifying family member dues & fees billed	Student member pro-rated dues with entrance fee waived.
July	July 1 st	\$ 11.50	\$ 35.00	\$ 46.50	\$ 11.50
August	August 1 st	9.58	35.00	44.58	9.58
September	September 1 st	7.67	35.00	42.67	7.67
October	October 1 st	5.75	35.00	40.75	5.75
November	November 1 st	3.84	35.00	38.84	3.84
December	December 1 st	1.92	35.00	36.92	1.92
January	January 1 st	11.50	35.00	46.50	11.50
February	February 1 st	9.58	35.00	44.58	9.58
March	March 1 st	7.67	35.00	42.67	7.67
April	April 1 st	5.75	35.00	40.75	5.75
May	May 1 st	3.84	35.00	38.84	3.84
June	June 1 st	1.92	35.00	36.92	1.92

NOTE: INTERNATIONAL DUES DO NOT INCLUDE DISTRICT OR MULTIPLE DISTRICT DUES.



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IMPORTANT NEWS!



Important year-end notice

We're hard at work getting ready to launch the new Lion Portal. For now, use existing tools to:

- Report all service activities in MyLion.
- Make sure all member rosters are up-to-date in MyLCI.
- Finalize all 2022-23 reporting by July 15, 2023

An exact date for the new Lion Portal launch will be coming soon.

LEARN MORE

NEW MEMBER INDUCTION KITS



We wanted to make all Club Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers aware that they may order New Member Induction Kits – SKU - NM10EN – FREE through the lionsclubs.org website “shop”. It is suggested each club order them in increments of 10 at a time. Do keep in mind that LCI will not ship large quantities to clubs, especially if clubs are not adding new members to their rosters.

Kit is designed for presentation to new members which includes the Welcome Booklet, Membership Certificate, Sponsorship Certificate, Sponsor Pin, Decal, Coupon, Pen and Lapel emblem.

Shoppers logged in as an authorized officer (Club President, Secretary and Treasurer) may order Kits at no charge in all languages. Orders with only New Member Kits will have an option for free shipping at checkout.



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IMPORTANT NEWS!



Dowagiac

July 2, 1952

70 Years

Centreville

July 20, 1945

78 Years

Congratulations to these 11B-2 clubs for 158 combined years of service to their communities & the world!



The Twin County Bicycle Program keeps rolling on.....

Well as the Summer wears on, our bicycle program becomes more and more important to our residents that are in need of some sort of transportation to get to their jobs. To all of you that have donated bicycles to this program I can only say thank you for truly making a difference in a person that is trying hard to turn their life around. I have also began an off shoot of our bicycle program by allowing residents to gain community service by spending time fixing bikes that might be in need of repair and restoring them to useful service. I never thought I'd be in the bicycle repair business, but you know me....in for a penny, in for a pound! I bought tools for them to use, totes and storage bins for bicycle parts.

So that's my update and remember if you have a bike you'd like to donate please don't hesitate to give me a call. Jeff Mayuiers 269-254-1936.

Thanks again!



LIONS BEAR LAKE CAMP



BLIND & VISUALLY IMPAIRED

YOUTH CAMP 2023

JULY 9-15

Join us for a week long overnight camp for blind and visually impaired youth ages 5-16. Kids enjoy a jam packed week of fun while making friendships, developing independence, and learning life skills.

REGISTRATION OPENS JANUARY 1st, 2023

Activities

- ✓ Archery
- ✓ Outdoor/Indoor Games
- ✓ Arts & Crafts
- ✓ Swimming
- ✓ Team Building/Challenge Course
- ✓ Climbing Tower & Zip Line

Lions Bear Lake Camp

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Register Online



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



**JULY
16-22**

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Youth Ages 5-16



Fun Activity Programs

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*This program is for children who use listening and spoken language as their primary mode of communication, it focuses on building vocabulary and socializing with peers.

LIONS BEAR LAKE CAMP

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Lapeer, MI 48446

www.bearlakecamp.org

**Registration opens
January 1st, 2023**



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CONTACT US

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NOTES FROM THE EDITOR / WEBMASTER



Hello fellow Lions...

In today's fast-paced world, where time is a precious commodity, it's crucial to capture readers' attention quickly. That's why we're here to guide you on crafting compelling and concise articles for your district's newsletter. Remember, the less you write, the more likely it is that others will read it. So, let's

dive into some helpful tips for submitting engaging content.

• **Keep it Snappy:**

When composing your article, strive for brevity. Limit yourself to the most essential details and key messages. Avoid lengthy paragraphs and aim to deliver information in bite-sized chunks. Readers appreciate concise writing that gets straight to the point.

• **Emphasize Impactful Content:**

Highlight the most impactful aspects of your club's activities. Focus on sharing the results and outcomes of your initiatives rather than providing an exhaustive account of every detail. Showcasing the positive impact your club is making will inspire others and pique their interest.

• **Engage with Eye-Catching Headlines:**

Craft attention-grabbing headlines that spark curiosity. A compelling title encourages readers to delve further into your article. A concise, descriptive, and thought-provoking headline can significantly increase the chances of people reading your content.

• **Utilize Vibrant Visuals:**

Remember that a picture is worth a thousand words. Incorporate captivating visuals such as photographs, infographics, or charts to enhance your articles. Visual elements can help break up the text and make your content more appealing and accessible to readers.

People pics work best. And, for maximum size & impact on the page, try to stay away from lines of people and take "bunched" group shots.

• **Promote Human Interest:**

Share stories that connect with readers on an emotional level. People are naturally drawn to narratives that evoke empathy or touch their hearts. Highlight personal experiences, anecdotes, or testimonials that convey the positive impact your club has had on individuals or the community.

• **Provide Clear Calls to Action:**

End your articles with a concise and specific call to action. Encourage readers to get involved, attend events, or join your club. Clearly communicate the next steps and provide relevant contact information, making it easy for interested individuals to engage with your club.

Remember, your club's submission serves as a vital communication tool to inform, inspire, and engage Lions Club members. By adopting these guidelines and focusing on concise yet captivating content, you increase the likelihood of grabbing readers' attention and leaving a lasting impact.

So, let your words be succinct, your stories be compelling, and your articles be a source of inspiration for all who read them. Together, we can create a newsletter that truly connects our Lions community.

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<http://lionsofmi.com/>

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

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