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FROM THE GOVERNOR'S DESK



We Serve



Wow! Just like that my year as your District Governor is about to be over. I'm so lucky that you all gave me the opportunity to serve as your District Governor for the 2023-2024 Lion year. I had such a great time getting out to all of your clubs to learn about the amazing things you are all doing. There is no right or wrong way to be a Lions Club as long as we are all here to give back to our community and this District goes above and beyond. We have very traditional clubs, some clubs are formal, and some clubs a laid back all meeting to find ways they can help their community and I just love seeing it all. Thank you for welcoming me to your clubs! I'm so happy to know you will all be in great hands with DGE Cory Knuth starting July 1st.

Don't worry you are not done seeing me yet! I'm excited to share that the District Governor Elects voted me in as the State Leo Club Chairperson for the 2024-2025 Lion Year. I'm so excited to continue encouraging Lions and Leo's to work together and I will be including Cub groups! I will also be staying on as Global Extension Team a newer GAT position that focuses on new clubs. If you have an idea for a new club even a branch club which only needs 5 members to start let me know and we'll make it happen.

State Convention was a great time (Pictures to follow). The proposal to raise state dues did pass which means there will be a \$2 increase the next two years for a total of \$4. State has not raised dues for many years and it was a necessary increase. PDG Karol & ZC Dan Chopp were crowned Prom King and Queen! Each District was challenged to fundraise and the District that raised the most for their designated project won. PDG Karol crowned Cub Zoey as well for her efforts. Cub Zoey alone raised \$2,000 to donate to our \$12,000 fundraising goal. I'm excited to announce that we have officially met our goal and will find out in August if our \$10,000 matching grant request will be approved. Thank you to everyone that helped make this possible!

Club visits have been winding down, so I only have one to report which was a great dinner with the Dowagiac Lions! I was honored to present them with a 100% projects night participation certificate and banner magnet, a youth exchange banner Patch for their support, and several Chevrons ranging from 10-60 years of amazing service.

Thank you all again for an Amazing Lion Year!

DG Amy Thackston



MD-11 STATE CONVENTION





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DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S CALENDAR

June

6/5 South Haven Club Meeting

6/8 Final cabinet meeting

6/11 Three Rivers Club Visit

6/18 Bloomingdale, Gobles, Kal-Haven Trail Club Visit

6/19 Edwardsburg & Paw Paw Award presentations (Running to stop by both)

6/30 Banner Exchange in Bangor



SAVE THE DATE

Leadership Institute
returns
November 8-10, 2024

Registration opens August 1, 2024
Additional information to follow

**Looking for someone
to take over the
district newsletter.**

**If interested, please
contact Lion Wes at
captcartoon@me.com
for more info.**

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>



GLOBAL SERVICE TEAM NEWS



Fellow Lions,

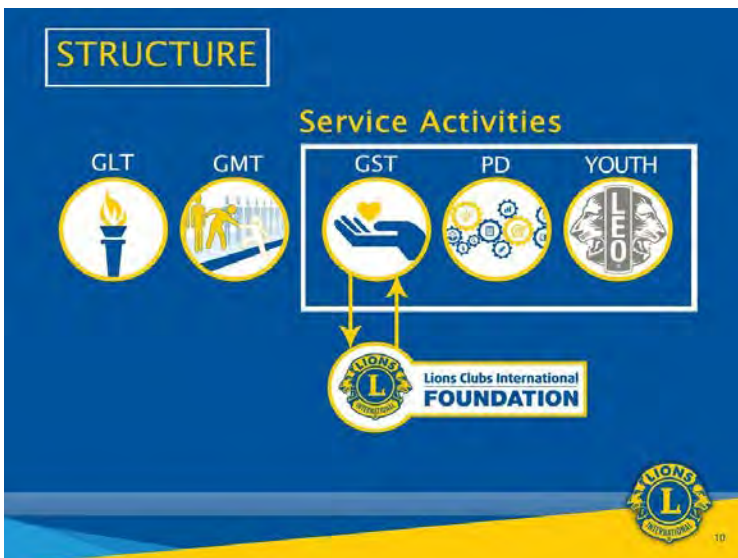
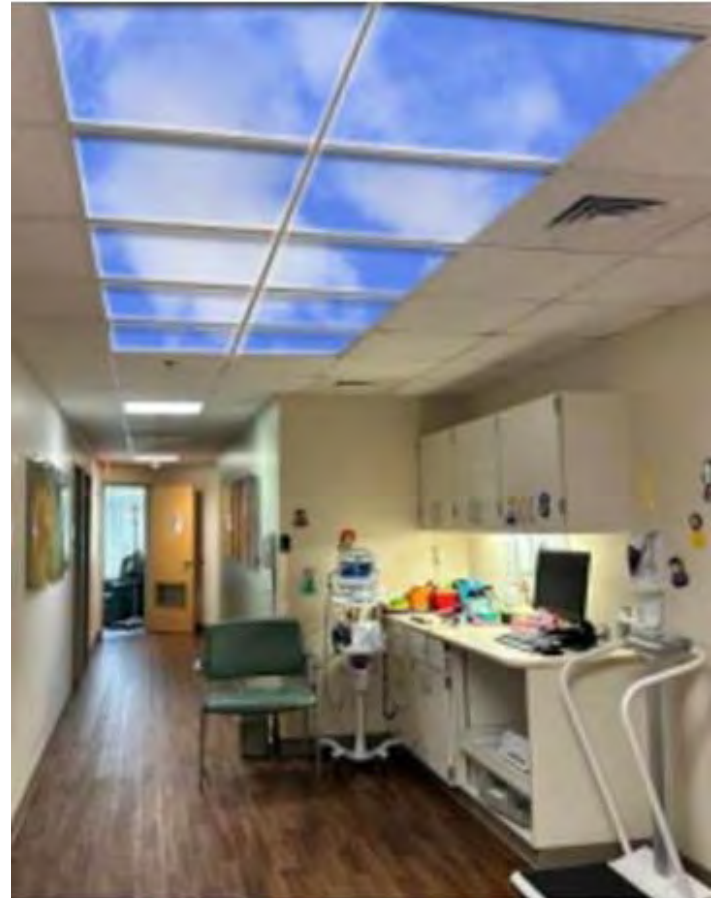
I can't tell you how proud Zone Chair Dan and I were to represent our district at the State Convention for our fundraising for the skylights at Bronson's Hematology and Oncology clinic.

We have reached our goal of \$12,000!! You all are amazing! We will find out in August if we receive a matching grant for this project. When we all work together, we can do big things.

On another note, I know many of you are doing great service for your club. Please make sure you go to the new Lions Portal to report your service. If you haven't been on, it is an easy process.

Let's finish the year out strong and show the rest of the lions how great District 11B2 is.

*PDG Karol
11B2 GST & Pediatric Awareness Chair*



The Global Service Team (GST) helps clubs identify resources and use best practices to improve their projects and, by extension, their impact. Quality service projects increase member satisfaction and help attract new members who are looking to serve. The GST champions the service programs, resources and grants of Lions Clubs International and Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), empowering Lions and Leos around the world to maximize their service impact.



LIONS OF MICHIGAN SERVICE FOUNDATION

LIONS OF MICHIGAN SERVICE FOUNDATION POLICY MANUAL - PROPOSED AMENDMENT To be voted on at the August 3rd LMSF Board Meeting

Amendment to Page 8, Program Services and Assistance Programs, **Emergency Disaster Relief Program.**

CURRENT WORDING:

The Grants and Assistance Committee may award an Emergency Disaster Relief Grant, not exceeding \$2,500, to a Lions Club or Lions District for an incident involving a single family.

The Grants and Assistance Committee may award an Emergency Disaster Relief Grant, not exceeding \$10,000, to a Lions District for an incident involving multiple families.

A Lions Club or Lions District may apply for an Emergency Disaster Relief Grant by making an application to the Lions of Michigan Service Foundation. The application will be a brief summary of the Disaster and number of people/families affected by the incident. Within 30 days of receipt of the emergency funds the applicant Lions Club or District shall make a report detailing how grant funds were expended. Any portion of the grant that is not utilized for the purposes(s) outlined in the application must be returned in a timely manner.

If a deficit exists in the Disaster Relief Fund, budgeted Emergency Assistance funds may be used for Emergency Disaster Relief.

PROPOSED CHANGE:

The Grants and Assistance Committee may award an Emergency Disaster Relief Grant, not exceeding \$1,500, to a Lions Club or Lions District for a property loss incident involving a single family. All grants for single-family incidents must be matched with a contribution from the Lions Club or Lions District equaling, at least, 10% of the grant award from the foundation.

The Grants and Assistance Committee may award an Emergency Disaster Relief Grant of \$1,500 per family, up to a maximum of \$10,000, to a Lions District for a property loss incident involving multiple families. **NOTE – The Lions Club or Lions District does NOT need to match the 10% of the grant awarded from the foundation for a multiple families.**

A Lions Club or Lions District may apply for an Emergency Disaster Relief Grant by making an application to the Lions of Michigan Service Foundation. The required application will be based on the number of families affected by the incident. Within 30 days of receipt of the emergency funds the applicant Lions Club or District shall make a report detailing how grant funds were expended. Any portion of the grant that is not utilized for the purpose(s) outlined in the application must be returned in a timely manner.

If a deficit exists in the Disaster Relief Fund, budgeted Emergency Assistance funds may be used for Emergency Disaster Relief.



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LIONS OF MICHIGAN FOUNDATION WWW.LMSF.NET

38TH ANNUAL SIGHT and HEARING SWEEPSTAKES

MAY 4, 2024 – TICKET SELLERS DRAWING

Prize	Winners Name	City/State	Ticket No./Club Seller
1 st Prize - \$1,000.00	Geneva Tabor	Buchanan, MI	21085 – Buchanan-Galien Lions Club
2 nd Prize - \$500.00	Tanoi Jackson	Jackson, MI	8912 – Quest SE Jackson Lions Club
3 rd Prize - \$250.00	Al Premo	Saginaw, MI	13454 – Saginaw Lions Club
4 th Prize - \$100.00	Jason Gault	Ortonville, MI	9560 – Ortonville Lions Club

MAY 18, 2024 – SWEEPSTAKES DRAWING

Prize	Winners Name	City/State	Ticket No./Seller
1 st Prize - \$5,000.00	Marilyn Cummings	Petoskey, MI	19951 – East Jordan Lions
2 nd Prize - \$2,500.00	Eva Lumbert	Blanchard, MI	19159 – Edmore Lions Club
3 rd Prize - \$2,000.00	Laura Loeffler	East Tawas, MI	05684 – Oscoda Lions Club
4 th Prize - \$1,500.00	Greg Scott	Sand Lake, MI	20135 – Howard City Lions
5 th Prize - \$1,000.00	Josh Barron	Gladstone, MI	06152 – Wells Lions Club
6 th Prize - \$500.00	Allen Prather	Indio, CA	05627 – Oscoda Lions Club
7 th Prize - \$400.00	Jason Cooper	Oak Park, IL	03610 – Detroit Mid-City Lions Club
8 th Prize - \$300.00	Durand Lions Club	Durand, MI	08655 – Durand Lions Club
9 th Prize - \$200.00	Christopher Smith	Eaton Rapids, MI	09035 – Quest SE Jackson Lions Club
10 th Prize - \$100.00	Joe Nirta	Metamora, MI	17701 – Hadley Lions Club



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38th Annual Sight & Hearing Sweepstakes

May 2024

Ticket Seller	District	# Sold
51 Lions Clubs	100+	\$95,000.00
Oscoda Lions Club	E2	1,030
Alpena Lions Club	E2	535
Wells Lions Club	10	400
Edmore Lions Club	E1	390
Homer Lions Club	B1	362
Colon Lions Club	B2	322
Lincoln Lions Club	E2	304
Livonia High Nooners Lions Club	A1	303
Detroit Mid City Lions	A1	291
Central Lake Lions Club	E2	284
Flushing Lions Club	D1	279
Hillman Lions Club	E2	250
Detroit Westtown Hartford Lions Club	A1	225
Bark River Lions club	10	210
Ovid Lions Club	C2	207
East Jordan Lions Club	E2	189
Durand Lions Club	C2	185
Ortonville Lions Club	A2	182
Evert Lions Club	E1	180
St Joseph Lions Club	B2	177
Quest South East Jackson Lions Club	B1	158
Beaverton Lions Club	E2	148
Auburn Williams Lions Club	D1	147
Ubyly Lions Club	D2	135
Cereal City Lions Club	B1	129
Marquette Lions Club	10	126
Detroit Hispanic Lions Club	A1	125
Ann Arbor Host Lions Club	B1	122
DeWitt Lions Club	C2	120
Grayling Lions Club	E2	110
Vandercook Lake Lions Club	B1	110
Saline Area Lions Club	B1	109
Kalamazoo Westside Lions Club	B2	105
Marshall Lions Club	B1	105
Mason Lions Club	C2	105
North Jackson Lions Club	B1	105
Stephenson Lions Club	10	105
Bangor Lions Club	B2	101
Fenton Lions Club	D1	101
Howard City Lions Club	E1	101
Kewenaw Lions Club	10	101
Bay City Lions Club	D1	100
Big Rapids Lions Club	E1	100
Buchanan/Galien Lions Club	B2	100
Central Montcalm Lions Club	E1	100
Frankenmuth Lions Club	D1	100
Grand Rapids Lions Club	C1	100
Napolean Lions Club	B1	100
Rockford Lions Club	C1	100
Vulcan-Norway-Loretto Lions Club	10	100
White Cloud Lions Club	E1	100



LMSF PROJECT KIDSIGHT

Lions of Michigan Foundation PROJECT KIDSIGHT



Vicksburg Lions Present 11B-2 PKS With New SPOT Camera

The Vicksburg Lions Club invited Project KidSight Coordinators Tanda and David Stiffler to come to their meeting on JUNE 13st as the Vicksburg Club voted to purchased Project KidSight a “new SPOT camera!” This club went above and beyond to give such an extraordinary gift to PKS to continue to



branch out to serve more schools in the five counties that 11B2 covers in Michigan. The evening was so special to visit and hear about projects this amazing club does for their community and their district. We truly felt blessed to learn one of their projects for this year was to enhance the PKS teams with another camera to get into schools in search of the students

that need glasses. Words cannot express how thankful we are to this amazing Lions Club.

Then much to our surprise, Patrick McFarland decided to purchase “two more SPOT cameras” as he wanted his legacy to be Project KidSight, his passion is and always has been to help take care of children that need to be seen by an eye care professional. Pat has purchased our 11B2 trailer and had purchased a camera before as well. He told me he wanted the cameras to be dedicated to Lions Bill Kowalski and Frank Murray. In the early days these three, Bill, Pat and Frank worked together at events offering free vision screening. I’m sure Bill Kowalski has been watching down from the heavens above on the PKS team doing such amazing things for this project.

Our goal was to teach more and more volunteers in our district to be able to eventually have two teams and this vision is coming into effect starting for the new 2024-2025 Lion year with now 8 cameras. It will be wonderful to get into larger schools such as Mattawan, Paw Paw and Edwardsburg as one team can go into one school and the second team into another school the same day or if two schools in different counties want the same date, we can make it happen. Now the challenge will be to get plenty of volunteers...SO, if you are interested in volunteering, now is the time to get your background checks done to be ready for the fall!

Final Tallies Put 11B-2 PKS Over 22,000 Students Screened in 2023-24

We are officially done with screening at the schools as it is the end of the school year. The PKS Teams have done amazing work at the schools. Our final tally is 22,308 screened, 19,893 passes and 2,415 referrals. This is a lot of referrals, but we are ever so glad that we have found the students that need to be seen by an eye care professional. Our goal at the beginning of the Lion year was to screen 20,000



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kids. We shocked ourselves by screening another 2,308 kids. We finished off the year with screening at the Dowagiac Middle School.

Our task now will be to contact the schools that we did last year as “every” school that we have gone to has asked us to come back next year. We laugh as we say, next year we shoot for screening 25,000 students. I think we will because we are trying to contact schools that we have not been able to get to this year.

With three new cameras this year, we now have “eight SPOT cameras” to work with, which will open the doors to more schools and at times work at the same schools but taking care of two or more of their schools the same day.

Our new challenge will be to get “more” volunteers to help us make our mission possible. Please consider helping, especially when the school is in your community. All our volunteers that have worked this year are more than willing to teach the “newbies” when they come to an event. We have a core team but next year we need to broaden our numbers to become more core members.

Pictured here are 17 PKS members that came for our last school to screen at for the year. Everyone came and worked perfectly together to get in and get out before the lunch hours started. We were actually done by 9:05 so we all celebrated our win of 22,308 by going out to breakfast. What a great team. We are like family now and hope that many of you will join us.



*Respectfully submitted,
Tanda & David Stiffler
PKS Coordinators*



TORNADO DISASTER RELIEF

Portage Lions Lead The Way In Tornado Disaster Relief



Note: An LCIF Needs Survey for Disaster Relief is now available as an interactive PDF that is fillable online. You can download the form [HERE](#) and can be emailed to portagelionsdisasterrelief@gmail.com

On May 7, 2024, Tornadoes touched down in Portage, Centreville, Colon, Dowagiac and Kalamazoo. A state of emergency was declared by Gov. Gretchen Whitmer for Cass, Kalamazoo, and St. Joseph Counties, which fall within District 11-B2. A total of 280 structures were impacted, 80 homes are uninhabitable, and

more than 100 families have been displaced, which is approximately 239 individuals.

The Portage Community Outreach Center is collecting food, clothing, and personal care products. The American Red Cross has established a shelter for displaced residents at the First Assembly of God. The City of Portage is focusing and assisted with cleanup efforts and safety of residents.

The Salvation Army in Kalamazoo and Portage Zhang Senior Center conducted a Resource Event for displaced families to learn what assistance is available.

Portage Lions Club applied for an International Lions grant for \$10,000 and also received a \$10,000 grant from the Lions of Michigan Foundation, both were approved for a total of \$20,000. Relief goods to be provided are: hygiene/toiletry products, infant needs, food, paper goods, cleaning supplies, new clothing items, footwear, and toys. A displaced elderly person needed help to clean and move her things to a storage facility. Members boxed her things, cleaned, and organized her storage unit. It is so good to see our community and especially our Lions Clubs come together in the wake of a disaster. Where there is a need, there is a Lion!

Meeting notes for the special meeting, held on Saturday, 5/18/2024, to discuss relief using the LCIF grant for those impacted by the tornadoes in Kalamazoo, St. Joseph, and Cass counties are as follows:

Attendees: Laura Berry, Amy Blankshain, David Dibble (Dowagiac), Traci Frazier (Colon), Warren Frazier (Colon), Nancy Garman (Mattawan), Wes Garman (Mattawan), Vonni Hisey, Noemi Kudzia, Elvie Marfil (Zoom), Holly MacEwen (Zoom), Ruth Phillips, Sage Shaw, Laurie Sweitzer, Santa Sweitzer, PID Jenny Ware (Zoom), and Amberlee Wesseling.



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After welcome and introduction of guests by Lion V. President, Amy Blankshain, invocation by Lion L. Sweitzer, and pledge by Lion Sage Shaw, Amy shared her experiences being located near an area of devastation in Portage, support that was being provided, and the first community resource event held at the Salvation Army on Friday, May 17th, to help those impacted by the tornado.

Lion Laura Berry detailed the specifics of the LCIF Emergency Grant (see attached approved grant). This \$10,000 district grant was approved to provide infant needs, new undergarments, footwear, children comfort items, hygiene products, food, paper goods, and cleaning supplies. The needs survey used at the first community resource event that details the specific items for each category was shared (see attached survey). Laura noted that an "other" line item was added to capture needs not identified on the form. Lion Nancy Garman suggested that a line be added to the form to indicate that this was not an order form and that we would do the best we could to fulfill the needs identified. Laura noted that (1) we had 30 days after grant approval (6/16/2024) to spend the \$10,000 or return the unspent funds, (2) deviations from the preliminary budget needed to be approved before spending the money, (3) a minimum of 100 recipients would benefit from the grant, and (4) LCIF wanted to make sure that we promoted this approved LCIF project. Laura noted that no checks from the grant would be turned over to other service organizations.

Laura shared that at the first community resource event, 19 surveys had been filled out that impacted 59 people (mostly from Pavilion Estates Trailer Park)

Laura noted that the need survey promoted the LCIF Emergency Grant and that we wanted to make sure to have Lions present for deliveries/pickups, capturing in photos (if permitted) for promotion of Lionism/LCIF. Amy suggested that a letter be included in each package delivery/pick up to acknowledge LCIF.

Project Timeline is as follows:

6/1/2024 - Identify grant beneficiaries and specific needs in our communities (Interactive PDF Needs Survey available [HERE](#))

6/3/2024 - Approve revised budget with LCIF

6/8/2024 - Complete shopping of needed goods

6/15/2024 - Complete distribution of goods to recipients

To expedite revised budget approval, as we collectively identify the beneficiaries and their needs, we need a team to start identifying the products being purchased, where they will be purchased from, and the costs for each item. Portage Lions Vonni Hisey, Laurie Sweitzer, and Amberlee Wesseling (future member) volunteered to start window shopping. There was discussion about ways to get the best price for some items. Although being cost conscious was important to stretch the dollars and serve as many people as able, the idea was to not spend too much time getting the best deal and to stick to big box stores, i.e. Sam's Club, Costco, Wal-Mart, to get the goods into people's homes. The group agreed that purchases would be made locally (stay away from Amazon!)

Once the revised budget is approved, the clubs identifying the beneficiaries and needs should be procuring and delivering the goods to those in their communities.



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Logistics on how to obtain grant funds was unknown at the time. Subsequent to the meeting, Lion Elvie Marfil contacted District 11-B2 Treasurer, Carol Patridge, to determine options. All checks will be written by Carol and require two signatures (hers and DG Amy Thackston). A district credit card is available but all purchases using the card will be made by Carol. Additional meetings will be scheduled to support the spending of this grant in our communities.

A \$10,000 Lions of Michigan Service Foundation Grant has also been approved for relief of those impacted by the tornadoes in our community. We had not received the funds for this grant at the time of the meeting. This is also a district grant so much of what was discussed still applies. The LMSF grant is less restrictive than the LCIF grant. LMSF allows food, shelter, clothing and other personal needs. Gift cards and pet care are permitted.

Lion Wes Garman suggested that the Needs Survey be added to the disaster relief website noted at the bottom of the survey and noted that if converted to a Google form, requests would automatically be sent to the club and be tallied.

The meeting concluded after everyone shared their understandings of the impact that the tornadoes had in their communities. Portage and Colon reported significant damage. Dowagiac reported some damage but was unclear to what extent.

These notes are presumed to accurately reflect what transpired in the meeting. For comments, clarifications, or corrections, please reply to all.

Best regards,
Lion Laura Berry
Portage Lions Club Treasurer
269-373-4228

Action Items:

1. Identify beneficiaries and their specific needs using the needs survey and send completed surveys to portagelionsdisasterrelief@gmail.com - All Lions Clubs in Kalamazoo, St. Joseph, and Cass counties - 6/1/2024
2. Identify specific products to be purchased, where they will be purchased from and cost of each item - Vonni Hisey, Amberlee Wesseling & Laurie Sweitzer - 6/1/2024
3. Modify Needs Survey to reflect that there is no guarantee that all items selected will be provided - Laura Berry - Done
4. Add the Needs Survey to www.portagelionsclubdisasterrelief.org - Holly MacEwen - ASAP
5. Replace Needs Survey on website to a Google form - Laura Berry - 5/26/2024
6. Schedule a follow up meeting with Lions Clubs in Kalamazoo, St. Joseph, and Cass counties - Elvie Marfil / Laura Berry - 5/26/2024



TORNADO DISASTER RELIEF



May 9: Emergency meeting called by Portage Lions Club



May 10: Lions Laura and Elvie talked to public official and relief agencies. May 11: After assessing damages, we filled for LCIF emergency relief grant



May 12: Clean up of our adopted Liberty Park



May 17: Salvation Army Resource Event



May 18: Follow Up meeting attended by Lions from Distric 11-B2 and PID Jenny Ware



May 18: Follow Up meeting attended by Lions from Distric 11-B2



May 24: Portage Senior Center Resource Event



May 22 thru 26: Members helped a displaced elderly lady

Three Rivers Lions Club Ox Roast & Ham & Bean Soup



We Serve

This year we will be going back to all original traditional recipes!!

In conjunction with the Three Rivers Water Festival we will be serving from the Lions Service Center



Located at 420 Sixth Avenue, Three Rivers across from the football field

Drive through and outdoor seating available

Thursday, June 13 from 11 am – 8 pm

Friday, June 14th from 11 am – 8 pm

Saturday, June 15th from 11 am – 3 pm or sold out



** NO price increases over last year!!!

Menu

Ox Sandwich (BBQ Beef)	\$7.00
Hot Dog	\$4.00
Ham & Bean Soup	\$5.00
Large Whole Dill Pickle	\$1.50
Pop/Tea	\$2.00
Bottled Water	\$1.50
Apple/Cherry pie by the slice	\$3.50
Potato Chips/Frito's/Dorito's	\$1.00



Don't forget the Turtle Derby on June 15th - 8:30 registration, 9:30 races



Would you like to make a difference in YOUR community?
Speak to a member about joining the Three Rivers Lions Club TODAY!!

All proceeds go towards our community projects.

Colorful Faces by Heather will be at Turtle Derby



**Banner Exchange
&
Bangor Installation of Officers
New Member Induction
June 30, 2024
3:00 PM
Old Fellowship Hall
above the Bangor Museum**

**Refreshments: Donations accepted
All monies collected will go to the Bronson Artificial Sky**



**RSVP to cheftammie@gmail.com
or 269-303-0731 by June 23, 2024**



JOIN US FOR A

CELEBRATION TO HONOR

★ Cory Knuth ★

LIONS CLUB
DISTRICT
GOVERNOR

After almost 30 years of service and holding a long list of positions within the Lions Club organization,

Cory will be installed as the District Governor.

SUNDAY JUNE 30TH

ODDFELLOWS HALL - 3PM TO 5PM

HORS D'OEUVRES, CAKE, PUNCH & COFFEE



Dear Friend,

The Bangor Lions Club will be hosting its 34th annual golf outing on Sunday June 9, 2024. We are currently seeking sponsors for this special event.

The golf outing will be held at Lake Cora Hills Golf Club in Paw Paw, MI. Registration begins at 7:30am with a shotgun start at 8:30am. Lunch will be served to the golfers as they complete their 18 holes of golf. Event winners, door prizes and the 50/50 raffle drawing will start shortly after.

Please consider donating to this fun event. Our sponsorship levels are as follows:

- Prize Sponsor - \$25 cash donation or gift certificate valued at \$25 & recognition during the event
- Hole Sponsor - \$75 cash donation - Same as above plus donor info posted on a sign at the tee box
- Silver Sponsor - \$100 cash donation - Same as above plus highlighted name on the sponsor list
- Gold Sponsor - \$125 cash donation - Same as above, plus additional recognition during the event

The money raised from the golf outing will be used to pay for eye glasses & eye exams for community members in need of financial help. Additional Lions Club projects include supporting our local Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops, college scholarships totaling \$1,500 each year, the annual Bunny Hop event at Eastertime, Toys for Tots and a variety of charitable events within our community.

No donation is too small or too large, as we sincerely appreciate any support that may be offered.

Donations can be mailed to:

Bangor Lions Club
PO Box 13
Bangor MI 49013

If you have any questions, please contact Chris Rigozzi at:

Cell: 269-365-5231

Email: crigozzi@rwapine.com

Thank you for your time and support for the Bangor Lions Club and our projects.



**BANGOR LIONS CLUB
34TH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING**

*Lake Cora
Hills Golf Club*

**\$75 PER
PLAYER**

*Thank you for your continued
support of the Bangor Lions Club!*



**SUNDAY JUNE 9, 2024
FOUR PERSON SCRAMBLE**

**18 HOLES OF GOLF!
LUNCH AND A GOLF CART
ARE INCLUDED!**

EVENTS

Longest Drive - Men/Women
Closest to the Pin - Men/Women
Longest Putt Made - Combined
Orange Ball Team Event
Door Prizes & 50/50 Raffle

AGENDA

7:30 AM Registration
8:30 AM Shotgun Start
TBD Lunch & Awards

Proceeds to benefit
Project KidSight,
College Scholarship
Program, and other
charitable community
events.



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bangormichigan](https://www.facebook.com/lionsclubbangormichigan)

To register or for more information contact Chris Rigozzi
at 269-365-5231 or crigozzi@rwlapine.com

Buchanan-Galien Lions Club Kayak Poker Run 7TH ANNUAL



SCAN TO
REGISTER



SUNDAY, JULY 21 | 9:00 AM-3:00PM

 **CITY OF BUCHANAN**

 **\$25 PER PERSON WITH 12 AND UNDER FREE**

 **LAST LAUNCH @ 10:30 AM**

 **MEAL PROVIDED @ CAMP BETZ**

 **BYO KAYAK/CANOE**

 **PRIZES!
\$1 RAFFLE TICKETS (CASH ONLY)**

 **BEST 5 CARDS HANDS WIN!**



**JOIN THE LIONS CLUBS OF
CENTREVILLE AND STURGIS FOR THE**

21st Annual

**LARRY
FRISBIE
MEMORIAL
GOLF OUTING**

**4 AUGUST,
2024
1PM SHOTGUN
START**

The Ayres Group
FOR ALL YOUR INSURANCE NEEDS

**Thank you to Ayres Insurance
for Underwriting the
event and prizes!
All proceeds to go to the
Sturgis and
Centreville Lions Clubs!**

**Hole in 1 on #5
pays \$10k!
Putting contest grand
prize of \$50k!**

**TEAM PRIZES ARE
1ST PLACE—\$400 GIFT CERT,
2ND PLACE—\$200 GIFT CERT,
3RD PLACE—\$100 GIFT CERT.**

REGISTER NOW

St. Joe Valley Golf club

Call Don @ 269-467-6275 to register



4-PERSON Scramble, No Divisions

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

Men over 75 & Lady golfers use LIONS Tees.

Checks Payable to the Centreville Lions Club,

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!**

**Join the South Haven Black River Lions Club
at the American Legion Post #49**

**129 Michigan Ave
South Haven**

BBQ

on the Bluff



**August 24, 2024
4-9 PM**

**\$10 in Advance/\$15 at Door
Silent Auction!
50/50 Raffle!
Live Entertainment!**

**Shoreline Dance Academy performance!!
4 pm-5 pm
Live Band: Cut'n Loose
5 pm -9 pm**

Food stops being served at 8pm



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

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

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

Thanks IPDG Julie

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Thank you Portage Lions for your support last year!



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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

Bangor

Bangor Lions presented 3 - \$500 scholarships to Bangor High School students on May 15. 1 person was a 4th time recipient of the scholarship, as it is open to all residents who either reside in Bangor or have graduated from Bangor Public Schools.

Buchanan-Galien

The Buchanan-Galien Lions Club awarded four Buchanan seniors with a \$1,000 scholarship for each at the BHS Honors Convocation on May 19th. Receiving scholarships were Nicholas Finn, Riley Capron, Lucy Thomas and Madison Cornelius.



At their May 9th regular club meeting, the Lions heard from Janet Cooper from the Best Friends 4H Club regarding their Therapy Dog program.

Buchanan-Galien (cont)



President Mark Nixon also inducted new member Lion Jeremy Hoven.



On May 13th Lions Jerry Flenar, Mark Nixon and Alice Kring presented a club check for \$500 to Police Chief Harvey Burnett for new body cameras.



11B-2 CLUB NEWS

Buchanan-Galien (cont)

The Buchanan-Galien Lions Club, in partnership with the Niles-Buchanan YMCA, is proud to announce the creation of our new Camp Eberhart Scholarship awarded to one deserving BMS 7th grade student. This scholarship will enable the student to spend one week this summer attending an overnight camp at Camp Eberhart. Lion Michelle Holloway presented our first ever recipient with this scholarship at the BMS award ceremony on Monday June 3rd. Congratulations to Cody Strauss for receiving this honor.



Edwardsburg (cont)

well in school and everyday life!

The Edwardsburg Lions Club will do what it takes for our children and our community!



The Edwardsburg Lions Club participated in the Annual Memorial Day Parade again this year. Always fun and this year our float even made it on the 6:00 news!

Edwardsburg

The Edwardsburg Club Members collected funds during White Cane Days for our Sight Fund as Project KidSight Vision Screening found many referrals, meaning the student needed to be seen by an eye care professional. The Edwardsburg Club helped many families from the Edwardsburg Schools and Cassopolis Schools that needed assistance in getting their child in to see an eye doctor for the appointment and glasses if needed.

Bottom line, we make sure every child gets the care they need! When a child can see well, they do





11B-2 CLUB NEWS

Edwardsburg (cont)



Each year the Edwardsburg Lions Club awards three Edwardsburg High School Seniors with the Herbert L. Stiffler \$500 Scholarship.

This year's recipients from left to right are:

Natalies Walk who is going to Indiana University South Bend, to pursue a master's degree in speech-language pathology.

Brenna Farmer who is going to Grand Valley State University to pursue her degree in nursing.

Kirra Halfman who is going to Saint Mary's College of Notre Dame to pursue her degree in English on a Pre-Law track.

We wish the best for these young adults!

Kal-Haven



Kal Haven Lions participated in both Gobles and Bloomingdale Memorial Day parades on a cold and rainy day. Leading the Gobles parade, shown above Kal Haven Lions preparing Lion President Bill Gingas's (left) float. Lion Dave Mead, in uniform, was part of the veterans color guard in both Bloomingdale and Gobles parades and ceremonies.

Lions Bill Gingas, Kathy Richardson and Patsy Richardson collecting at Gobles Village Market grocery. In the right picture,





11B-2 CLUB NEWS

Kal-Haven (cont)

New members Jody Krohn and Tim Tinney (left) at their first White Cane experience are being helped by veteran member Jan Westcott.



South Haven

Come out to the South Haven American Legion the 3rd Friday of every month 5:30pm-7:30pm for Taco night presented by our club! 3 Tasty Taco's for \$10! Procedures from May's dinner went to the Portage Community Center to help after the Tornado.



Lions DG Amy, Nila, Blake, and Cub Zoey did Kidsight Vision Screenings for a YDC/PAL Open House Event.



Lion Cub Zoey has collected a total of \$2,000 for the Skylight Challenge. She had her recycled crayon projects up for donations along with other items she made at District and State Convention. She even spoke at the Council of Governors Meeting. She got a special Donation from the Council Chair because he just can't seem to hold on to his Bell. She will continue her fundraising efforts as A South Haven Lion Cub supporting other service projects in our District.



11B-2 CLUB NEWS

St. Joseph

The St. Joseph Lions Club commemorated the Memorial Day holiday by placing flags onto the graves of over 250 veterans in River View Cemetery on Thursday May 16th. This annual event was attended by over 30 Lions and many of their spouses as well. Flags will remain on the graves through Labor Day at which time our local Boy Scouts assist in removing them for the winter months. The group photo was taken by the gravesite of veteran and Lion Jimmy Lee Butt and gathering here is an annual tradition after the flags are all in place.





In Memoriam
 Morris McMurray
 "Morrie"

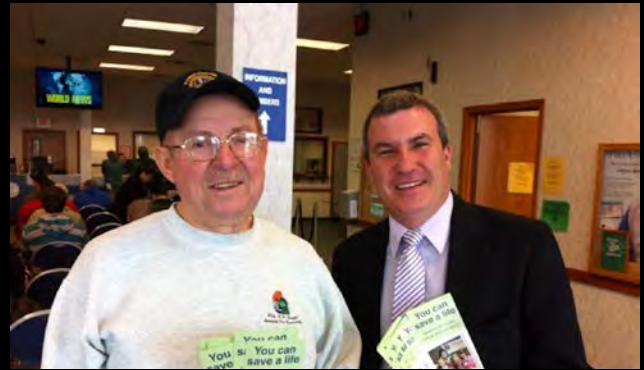
November 15, 1933 - June 1, 2024



We cherish his friendship.

We are grateful for his service.

We honor his memory.





11B-2 CLUB NEWS

Three Rivers

On May 14th Attorney Deb Davis gave members a presentation on Estate Planning. She was presented with a club Friendship Banner and a can of our nuts we sell.



Also on May 14th Geneva Tabier spoke to the club about her upcoming trip to Australia with the Lions of Michigan All State Band. The club gave a donation to her and she was presented with a club Friendship banner.



In Memoriam
PDG Barbara Penny
1946 - 2024

Our community mourns the loss of Barbara Ellen Penny of Three Rivers, Michigan who passed away from heart failure on May 14, 2024, at the age of 77.

Barb has been a proud member of the Lions Club since 2005 where she served as District Governor in 2016 and 2017.

A resident of Three Rivers since 1969, Barb was known for her honesty, care, strength, independence, and vigor for life. She was a vocal advocate of those who faced adversity and a true woman of service.

A Celebration of Life for Barb will be held at the Three Rivers Lion Club. This event will take place on July 13th at 11 a.m. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to a nonprofit organization that aligns with Barb's values.



LEO CLUB NEWS

Buchanan LEOs

On May 19th, thirteen Buchanan Senior LEO's received white cords in recognition of their years of service to the community. Most of them have participated in LEO's since the 8th grade and have been very active in serving.

Thank You LEO's, we wish you the best of luck in the future and hope to see you back as fellow Lions real soon. Special thanks also to their LEO Advisors, Lions Brian Fisher and Alice Kring.

Also pictured is the Michigan Lions All State Band performing at the Michigan Lions State Convention. Buchanan is very proud of LEO Gigi Tabor for her commitment and hard work to be a part of this opportunity.



Mattawan LEOS

These new officers are ready to provide needed community service for the next year. They are our shining stars. Meet Vice President - Selena Chan, President - Claire Thompson, Secretary - Allison Brewer, and Treasurer - Hailey Neifert. The new position of Membership Chair will be voted on in September.



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.



We Serve

GENERAL NEWS!



Kal Haven	06 JUNE 1994	29 Years
St. Joseph	15 JUNE 1928	95 Years
Baroda	19 JUNE 1984	39 Years

Thank you for all your years of service!

DISTRICT 11B-2 ZONE CHAIR MAP

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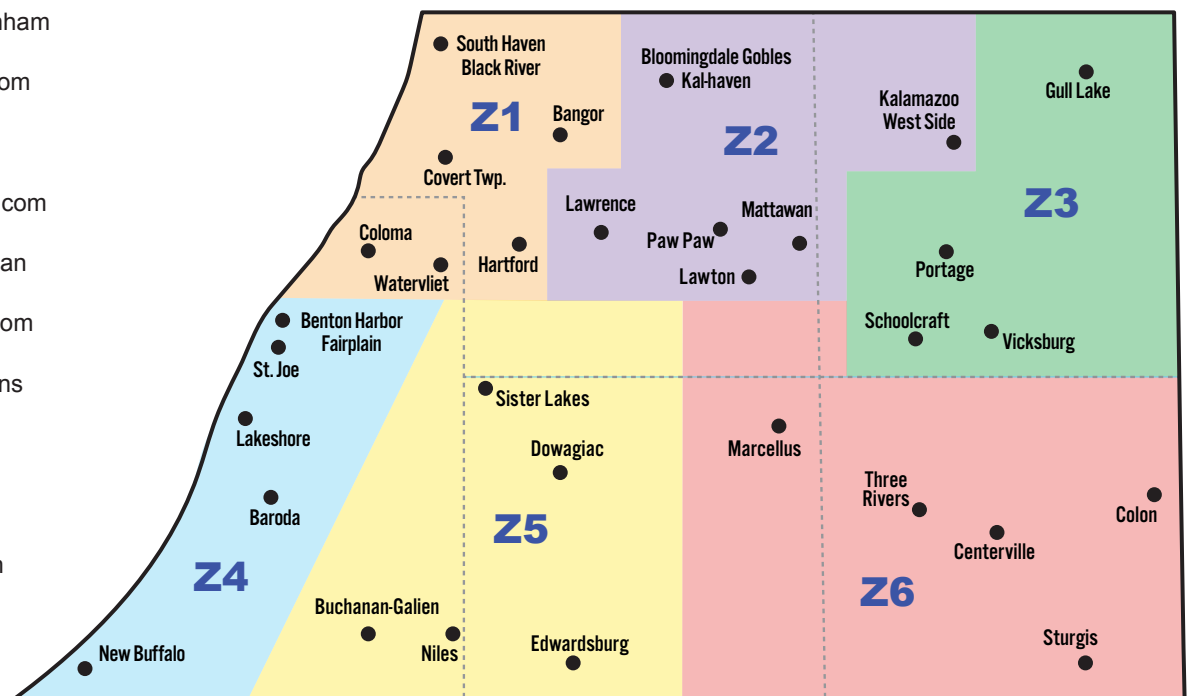
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YOUTH CAMPS & EXCHANGE NEWS

Extra Extra Read all about it!

An invitation has been extended to LEO Club members to join the Youth Camp & Exchange at Lions Bear Lake Camp, 3409 N Five Lakes Rd, Lapeer, MI 48446, August 11-17, 2024.

The YCE Program will cover one LEO per District to participate. If you have more than one LEO who would like to participate, we can raffle their name and pick one winner per District



In addition, the LEO Club or District can sponsor a LEO to attend the camp if they choose to participate. This will be a great way for our LEOs to mingle with other youth from other countries

Cost: \$150.00 (Please make check payable to: Lions of Michigan, memo: Youth Camps & Exchange)

Bring essential items such as pillow, twin fitted sheet, blanket, towel, toiletries, bug spray, & sunscreen.

Host family is responsible for picking up & dropping off students from/to airport & camp.



Multiple District 11 is looking for some families in the community who can open their hearts and homes for the month of summer 2024 to host a Youth Exchange Ambassador. These young people are part of Lions International Youth Camps & Exchange Program, bringin 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 Lions members, nor must they have children at home. You would be responsible for their room and board. Visiting young adults come with spending money so 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

Additionally, clubs that donate \$100 will receive a 4x4 YCE Banner Patch or a 2023-2024 year patch.

YOUTH CAMPS & EXCHANGE PROGRAM

contributed by: Lion Elvie Marfil. State Chairperson

HOSTING STUDENTS IN MICHIGAN

"Hosting" is having the student stay in your home for all or part of the time. Share your culture and experiences as a Michigander with an international student through our hosting program. Participating students are invited to live as a member of your own family and be part of your day-to-day life.

SUMMER 2024

The Lions Youth Exchange Program was started to provide today's youth, our leaders of tomorrow, an opportunity to learn about people and countries other than their own to promote world peace. The goal is to have each participant return home, apply greater awareness and appreciation of others to fellow students, friends and family. In doing so, we hope to foster harmony and understanding toward goodwill in international relations.

The Lions Clubs International Youth Exchange Program was officially adopted in 1961 as a unique cultural learning opportunity for our youth and not conducted for tourism, formal education or employment. It is promoting World Peace, One Student at a Time.

To our very exceptional and generous host families, we cannot thank you enough. Without you, this program cannot work. You are taking these students to become a part of your family. We would like to recommend that you take two students from two different countries. This is so that they will need to speak English to each other. When taking Japanese students, it is wise to pick an older and younger student so the older can help the younger speak English.

Upon arrival and before anything else, please explain the house rules to your new family members. This is so that there is no misunderstanding as to whether smoking, drinking, etc. is allowed in your home.

Other suggestions we have are:

1. Your Lion Youth Exchange Chairperson will require you to attend an orientation meeting prior to being accepted as a host family. This meeting will cover Youth Exchange Policies and things to assist you and your student and to become acquainted with our program. Other families will be there too so that you can get acquainted and share activities together. If you have hosted before, your input will be appreciated to help the new host families.

- a) It is required by the Youth Exchange Policy that you accept the visiting youth as a member of your family, not as a guest. Meet your new family member on arrival and share your home with your new son or daughter. They are not to be used as babysitters or housekeepers; however, they should help with chores and to keep their room clean. Males and females

should be hosted in separate homes and/or bedrooms. They should be provided with a bed not a couch or an air mattress. Youth JUNE share a bedroom with host siblings of the same sex and over 10 years of age.

2. Arrange a schedule of things to do and places to go. Ask your new son or daughter if there is anything special or places they would like to see or do. If you are able, try to accommodate them as you would want your own children to be accommodated if they were also being hosted. They are not, however, to leave your care to travel on their own to other countries, or to travel to meet close friends or family if they are in this country. Match your schedule with your local Lions club or district so as not to overlap planned activities. Keep in mind that you are not a travel agent or tour guide, and the concept of the program is a cultural exchange. Your new family members would like to interact with students their own age if possible. Look to your community and surrounding areas for events other than the Lions events.

Please call your district Lion Youth Exchange chairperson to see if they have a planned itinerary.

a) Plan to spend time at home getting acquainted with your student. Do not make the hosting period a continuous round of events. Time to rest and relax at home is important for both students and family. They will need time to wash clothes and write in their journals.

b) The Lions Youth Exchange Program is meant to be a learning experience. Allow your visiting youth to have ample opportunity to learn about the nature of our people, our democracy and our heritage and culture. Be sure to learn about theirs but please do not get political or try to proselytize.

c) Allow them periods of privacy each day.

d) Your student should have adequate funds for personal expenses. You will be responsible for their meals and entertainment when you are with them as you are with your own children. When and if they are not with you, the funds they brought should be used for whatever meals, entertainment, and souvenirs they wish to purchase. The students will also be responsible for their own phone bills and any other expenses they JUNE incur in your home. They are not to leave you with any of their bills. If there is a problem, please contact your Lion chairperson.

e) It is important that you take your youth to a Lions Club or District meeting, if possible. Arrange with the District Governor or Club President to have your student speak as a program. Your student JUNE have pins and/or banners to exchange with the District Governor or Club President.

3. The hosting process is normally four-five weeks but can be split into multiple families. Our international camp (Lions Bear Lake Camp) will be in between hosting periods.

LION MINT ROLLS



Wintergreen
Fizzy Fruit
Peppermint
12 Pieces/Roll
576 Rolls/Case
48 Boxes/Case



Acrylic Tray
Mint Drops



Acrylic Tray
Mint Rolls



Piggyback Rack



Red Display Tray

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Nail Salons	Courthouses
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Telephone Stores	Chamber of Commerce
Dry Cleaners	Funeral Homes
Golf Pro Shops	Hardware Stores
Car Dealerships	Car Waiting Rooms
Chiropractors	Medical/Dental Offices

Restaurants (especially fast food places—try to place a double tray because of volume)

Any retail business that has a good volume of walk-ins such as card shops, shoe stores, etcetera.

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Qty.	Item	Unit Price	Total
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	Wintergreen - 576 Rolls (Shipping Not Included)	\$ 120.00	
	Fizzy Fruit Candy - 576 Rolls (Shipping Not Included)	\$ 120.00	
	Red Plastic Display Tray: Hold 24 Lion Mint Rolls (Shipping Not Included)	\$ 4.00	
	Piggyback Rack: Stack Two Plastic Display Trays (Shipping Not Included)	\$ 4.50	
	Price Sign: Tray Backer Card - 50¢ Imprint (Shipping Not Included)	\$ 1.00	
	Acrylic Display Tray 1: Hold 1,500 Lion Mint Drops (Shipping Not Included)	\$ 45.00	
	Acrylic Display Tray 2: Hold 4 Boxes Lion Mint Rolls (Shipping Not Included)	\$ 45.00	
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THE LION MINTS PROGRAM

How To Approach Merchants

- ◆ Ask if the merchant is familiar with the Lions mission.
- ◆ Request Counter space for Lions Mints, and be sure to say it will only take a small space.
- ◆ Look around—find a desirable spot which has visibility and accessibility.
- ◆ Assume a humble attitude, don't be pushy or demanding.

How To Service Accounts

- ◆ Always keep your candy displays filled with candy. Some will only need monthly service, while others will need service every 3–4 days in high volume places.
- ◆ It is not a good policy to leave too many extra mints at a site for employees to fill trays with as too much money will accumulate.
- ◆ If theft is suspected, seal the bottom of the tray with a sticker that would have to be broken if the tray is tampered with. This tends to deter such activity.
- ◆ Keep your display clean, signs should be clean and have supplier's name and phone number on the back. Collection trays and containers should be clean, if not, switch for a clean one. Boxes sometimes collect debris—be sure dust hasn't collected, and remember, empty trays are lost sales.

How To Build Public Support

- ◆ Form a relationship with business owners and their employees. Tell them about Lions and the things your Club does for the community—glasses, hearing aids, youth programs (baseball teams, swim teams and band camps). People will be more inclined to monitor the mint displays for you, and it is a great way to recruit new members for your Lions Club.