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## FROM THE GOVERNOR'S DESK



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Well, another month has come and gone and finally we have nice weather! I've taken advantage of this and worked out in the yard and flower garden whenever I can.

The month started right off with a visit to South Haven Black River Lions Club on the 3rd where I inducted two new members Don Albrecht and Dave Mahon...welcome Lions!!! These two men have lots to contribute to their club I can see already.

May 4th we attended the Spaghetti dinner fundraiser for Lion Kurt Dunham at the Paw Paw Lions Club. It was great food and great to see so many friendly faces among the Lions supporting Lion Kurt. Thanks to the Paw Paw Lions and the Paw Paw Knights of Columbus for putting on this event to help out the Dunham family.

I was all excited to ride in the Blossom parade with Leo Lion on May 13 and then some family issues popped up, so I had to forego that ride. My apologies again St. Joseph Lions. I saw pictures and it looks like you had the perfect day for the parade.

PCC Jeff and I have been on the MD11 State Convention Committee for a couple of years and May 19 – 20 was this year's event held in Muskegon, so we've been busy helping with final details. The weather was perfect the entire weekend. We started the weekend with a dinner on the LST393 docked in the harbor in Muskegon. The Muskegon Northside Lions cooked a delicious meal for the 150 Lions and guests



that participated. We welcomed our Immediate Past International President and LCIF President Lion Douglas Alexander as our special guest for the weekend. He told us that Lions have not met with the President of the United States yet, but he is going to do this. Obama may have been the President of the United States, but



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he is the President of the World all because of planting a tree, referring to LCIF. He is such an inspirational speaker and I encourage you to take a look at his story on the lionsclubs.org website. There was an opportunity to tour some of the ship that evening. If you've never been there to see it, I highly encourage you to take a day and go spend it in Muskegon as there is lots to do. There is also a submarine docked there that you can tour.



Friday was the final Council of Governor's meeting in the morning followed by great breakout sessions in the afternoon. I attended the Project KidSight Screening breakout and was so pleased to see so many Lions stepping up to try out the cameras and become certified technicians. Great job by Past International Director Gary Anderson, Past Council Chair and State PKS Coordinator Jeff Mayuiers and Executive Director of LMSF and Lion Chad McCann. These 3 have put together a very informative presentation. Friday evening was the "Lions Got Talent" show. Wow, there were some amazing acts and some that really needed to be buzzed shortly after taking the stage. The judges this year were all Past International Directors along with IPIP Douglas

Alexander. Along with my fellow DG Shawn Blaszczyk we MC'd the evening as Archie and Edith Bunker. Later PCC Jeff told me people asked how long I practiced Edith's voice so well and he told them I don't practice, that I talk to our dogs in that same voice.



Saturday started off with the Awards Breakfast followed by the Business Meeting. We quickly wrapped up these events and the first Lions parade took place in the afternoon. We thought there were only a couple of entries and to our surprise when things started to line up, we had lots of entries. We had floats, fire trucks, police cars, Santa, walkers from Ukraine, and our IPIP Douglas in a bright canary



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yellow Mustang. Saturday night was the formal dinner with our guest speaker presenting to us a challenge for 20 Lions to pledge to become Melvin Jones Fellows or even Progressive Melvin Jones Fellows. This was in an effort to raise funds for LCIF. Boy did we show him when 30 Lions pledged a little over \$30,000 to LCIF. Those members received a commemorative pin and will be receiving an autographed photo plus their pins according to what level they are at. He also spoke to us regarding the changes coming at LCI with the "Master Plan" of changing the name from Lions Clubs International to Lions International and still keeping Lions Clubs International Foundation. More details will continue to be released going forward but this is an ongoing process and not going to happen overnight.



This had to be one of the longest banquets ever as we finished after 10:30 pm after starting at 6:00 pm. But it was another great evening with

Lions from around the state. A special tribute to our Veteran's was also given on Saturday night



On May 23rd my home club Three Rivers Lions hosted a Zone 6 Project KidSight Training with 29 Lions participating from Three Rivers, Centreville, Colon, Marcellus and even some from Portage joined us. Lions Dave & Tanda Stiffler brought three cameras and explained the cameras and procedures of screening children. I was very impressed by the gathering and encourage other Zone Chairs to also work



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to get your clubs together and get more Lions certified as technicians and just helpers for screenings.

On May 27th I took PCC Jeff out for pancake breakfast with the Marcellus Lions Club. Vicksburg President Katie Grossman invited me to join their club on the 31st to celebrate their 70th Anniversary and install their new officers induct a new member!!

Speaking of new officers, I want to remind clubs that the [new PU101 Form](#) will be due to LCI once your new officers have been decided on and at the same time send DGE Amy a copy to update the Roster Book.

Also looking to the new Lions year I'd like to remind clubs to review the Club Treasurer E-book Year-end Check List where the following items are stated, and should be prepared by the current Treasurer. This is especially true regarding the auditing of the books. Over the years I've heard from many Club Treasurer's that their books are never audited. This is addressed in the "Bank Signatories" section below. The auditing of the books is not meant to say anyone is doing anything illegal, just for transparency, and no one should take offense to having the books audited. You don't need to hire a CPA to do this, you can ask a CPA you know that may do it for no fee or for a reduced fee since we are a non-profit. You can also ask another Club Treasurer from another club to do it.

Prepare Documents and Orient the Incoming Treasurer - A full set of all revenue and expense receipts, bank statements, tax filings, financial reports provided to the board of directors and general ledgers of all transactions should be prepared for file retention with the club secretary and a set available as a reference for the incoming club treasurer.

Bank signatories - It is important for the board of directors to approve a resolution authorizing new signatories for club accounts. This may be completed at a board meeting after the club completes its officer elections and prior to the new fiscal year. The resolution should contain the names of officers that



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are being added as signatories as well as those that are being removed at the end of the fiscal year. This resolution should be recorded in the club minutes and then provided to the club's banking institution upon request. (Just something that I learned a long time ago also is that if a husband and wife are both on the club's bank account that they should not both sign the same checks. There should also be a third signature authorized to sign checks and that individual should sign with either the husband or wife. This is just another way to show transparency). Club financial records must be audited annually, and findings reported to the board of directors and all club members.

Prepare and retain all financial records for permanent records. Turn over all accounting ledgers, checkbooks and banking institution statements containing current account balances to the incoming treasurer.

Just a look ahead to early June.... The final Cabinet meeting for this Cabinet will be held June 3rd with the location being changed to the Three Rivers Lions Club, 420 6th Avenue, Three Rivers (across from the HS track field on M-60). Breakfast will be at 8:30 and the meeting at 9:00. Everyone is invited to attend, but please RSVP to CS Tammie Grabowski by June 1st if you plan to attend so we can have enough food.

Then later in the day is the Growler's Game in Kalamazoo if you purchased tickets previously from CS Tammie. There are still a few tickets left for the Three Rivers Lions Club Bruce C. Snook Citizen of the Year Banquet to be held on June 8th honoring my own...I mean our own, PCC Jeff Mayuiers for all his accomplishments in our community of Three Rivers and elsewhere. Contact me if you'd like to purchase a ticket before June 2nd.

We are now in the final countdown of the 2022 – 2023 Lions year and we need to get all updates in the LCI website by June 15th in order for LCI to have time to make corrections they may need to final year end numbers and dues statements for July 1. Remember if you drop a member and they are on your dues statement you still need to pay for everyone on your statement and then LCI will adjust accordingly. Do not deduct for members that have been dropped and still appearing on your statement as this gets too confusing for LCI to track.

Thanks again for ALL you do and continue to do as a member of the GREATEST and largest service organization in the world!!

DG Julie





## GOVERNOR JULIE'S CALENDAR

### DG Julie Calendar

#### June

3 – Final Cabinet meeting and Thank you Brunch – *NOTE\*\*\* Location change to Three Rivers Lions Club*

3 – Growler's Baseball Game

4 – LCIF Tell-A-Thon

8 – Three Rivers Lions Bruce C. Snook Citizen of the Year honoring PCC Jeff Mayuiers

13 – Coloma Officers Installation

15 – 17 – Three Rivers Lions Ox Roast

17 – Three Rivers Lions Turtle Derby & Project KidSight Screening

21 – LMSF Fund & Develop Meeting

21 – Edwardsburg Officers Installation

24 – Sister Lakes Music in the Park

#### July

7 – 11 – International Convention, Boston, MA

#### August

1 – Camp Leo

2 – Banner Exchange

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



## UPCOMING EVENTS TO ADD TO YOUR CALENDAR

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## DGE AMY THACKSTON

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What an honor to be DGE for such a great District! I'm so excited about the opportunity to serve as your District Governor for the 2023-2024 Lion year starting in July. Thank you to everyone who has supported my growth in this amazing organization.

Our District needs more people willing to step up and serve on our cabinet to continue helping our District serve successfully. Taking on a leadership position can be extremely intimidating, but know you are not alone! I have always had so much support in my growth as a Lion from club level to cabinet. I was a Bangor Leo in high school and did not join the Lions club until 10 years after I graduated. The Bangor club welcomed me with open arms and encouraged my growth from day one. In my first year they asked me to be 1st Vice President, each President had a two year term so that gave me time to learn the ropes. I was hesitant but their support and guidance gave me the courage to give it a try. My 2 years of preparation turned into about 6 months as our president sold their home faster than planned and moved out of town. My fellow Bangor Lions continued to be encouraging and the support I needed to be successful in my 2 year term as their club President. I met DG Julie and PCC Jeff at the USA/Canada Forum right before I became club President and they began talking to me about what it takes to be a Zone Chair. About a year later I was welcomed onto our cabinet as a Zone Chair where I had the opportunity to meet so many more amazing Lions. I then served as your GST, 2nd Vice DG, on up to the current DGE. It is all of you amazing Lions that I get to meet at District and Club events that continue to grow my passion for Lionism.

I shared my story because I want all of you to look within your clubs not just at your new members but members that have been around a while that continue to give their all and share the lead. Give Lions in your club who are interested in leadership a chance. With the help of your club members and past leaders you can help them be successful. I see so many of our clubs with the same people in the same roles for years and it's time to share the knowledge you have with someone else to continue the success of your club. Maybe no one has said they want to step up specifically because they don't want you to feel like they are taking your job. It's time to step down and encourage someone else to step up and be there to support them when they do.

Thank you to the Bangor Lions for not being afraid to put a new member in line to lead and always being there to support me. It is your support and encouragement that has led me to being your DGE. I moved and joined the South Haven Black River Lions, but I continue to use what I learned about being a club who leads together and supports each other. So everyone be like Bangor and any other club not afraid to SHARE the lead, knowledge, and support to help us all grow and give back!

If you are interested in stepping up further in leadership and need any guidance feel free to reach out to me or any other cabinet member for help taking that next step.

Now we have 2 more months to help DG Julie finish her year strong. Keep One! Go out there and finish strong by working to keep your membership what it was at the start of the year. Find out what your current members want out of their membership, what is their passion, keep them busy, and most importantly KEEP THEM. Listen to new ideas and welcome change to continue growing as a club with the new and old members.

*DGE Amy Thackston*





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## GMT-PCC JEFF MAYUIERS

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As your Global Membership Team leader I want to begin by commending every club and every club member for their perseverance and dedication to serving others.

We are now in the last quarter of the Lion year and I just want to inform you about something you may not be aware of at all.

We all understand that as volunteers we do what we do for no payment or monetary gain but do you know how a Governor's success is rated? Well, it all revolves around membership. The Governor's success is determined by Lions International as successful if the membership year ends in a positive number. If it does, the Governor receives special recognition from the International President along with some expense reimbursement they otherwise would not receive.

Now when I was Governor, my year ended in a positive 12 net membership gain. For that I received from International President Dr. Yamada a special plaque and an origami crane pin to wear on my lapel. I take pride in my crane pin because it was not my work that gave me a successful year...it was your work! Every club and every club member had a part in that positive number. When I wear my crane pin, I wear it in honor of every club and every club member in the district.

DG Julie's first year as Governor she was hit hard with COVID. So her year then ended in a negative number as did just about every other Governor in our state. But now, we have a second chance to put a well-deserved smile on District Governor Julie's

face. Our membership numbers are slowly coming up! Our members lost is down and members gained puts us currently at a +6!

Remember her theme "Keep One"...keep one club, one member or ask one. So I say Kudos to all our Lions because we are doing it! I know we are up more than +6, but if we don't make it a point to get every new member reported in LCI's data base they aren't counted. So please...please as soon as you get a new member into your club don't delay....get them reported in the LCI Club Roster.

If you need or would like a District Cabinet member to do the induction just say the word and we'll be there. We have until June 15th to keep these positive numbers flowing so please keep up the good work. Remember KEEP ONE!!





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## LIONS OF MICHIGAN SERVICE FOUNDATION

### LMSF TRUSTEE REPORT



Lions of Michigan Foundation

#### Trustee's Lions Jeff & Julie Mayuiers

The drawing for the Sight & Hearing Sweepstakes was held on Saturday, May 20th at the MD11 State Convention. It was another record-breaking year by Lions throughout the state selling more than \$130,000 in tickets!!! Over 200 clubs sold tickets this year, so we are going to need a larger ticket drum for next year. District E2 sold over \$20,000 in tickets.....wow!!! 43 clubs sold over 100 tickets totaling \$80,000, 15 clubs sold over 200 totaling \$15,000. The Colon Lions Club was yet again in group of clubs that sold more than 200 tickets...they sold a whopping 281 tickets!!!! Way to go Colon Lions!!!! The Oscoda Lions Club sold over 1,000 tickets.

Unfortunately, our District did not have any winning tickets this year.

#### Project KidSight

Past International Director Gary Anderson, Past Council Chair & State Project KidSight Coordinator Jeff Mayuiers, and LMSF Executive Director Chad McCann gave a presentation at the MD11 State Convention on Project KidSight Training. Following that our own Project KidSight District Coordinators Lions Dave & Tanda Stiffler held PKS certification.

*Trustee's Jeff & Julie*

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## 37th ANNUAL SIGHT & HEARING SWEEPSTAKES

### MAY 6, 2023 - TICKET SELLERS DRAWING

PRIZE	WINNERS NAME	CITY/STATE	TICKET NO./CLUB SELLER
1st Prize \$1,000.00	Elk Rapids Lions Club	Elk Rapids, MI	1327 - Elk Rapids Lions
2nd Prize \$500.00	Andrea Ordiway	Ovid, MI	9088 - Ovid Lions Club
3rd Prize \$250.00	Gaines Area Lions Club	Gaines, MI	10923 - Gaines Area Lions
4th Prize \$100.00	Manistee Lions Club	Manistee, MI	11123 - Manistee Lions Club

### MAY 20 - 2023 - SWEEPSTAKES DRAWING

PRIZE	WINNERS NAME	CITY/MI	TICKET NO./SELLER
1st Prize \$5,000.00	Linda Pell	Battle Creek, MI	8505 - Cereal City Lions
2nd Prize \$2,500.00	Dinah DuRussel	Munger, MI	6200 - Oscoda Lions Club
3rd Prize \$2,000.00	Melissa Cooper	Swartz Creek, MI	1580 - Hillman Lions Club
4th Prize \$1,500.00	Steve Shallcrok	East Tawas, MI	10573 - Oscoda Lions Club
5th Prize \$1,000.00	Chuck Richards	Flint, MI	11616 - Swartz Creek Lions
6th Prize \$500.00	Mackinaw City Lions Club	Mackinaw City, MI	1894 - Mackinaw City Lions
7th Prize \$400.00	John Bitner	Grand Blanc, MI	15041 - Cass City Lions Club
8th Prize \$300.00	Alan Macdavitt	Saline, MI	16475 - Pittsford Area Lions Club
9th Prize \$200.00	Dennis Arnold	Howard City, MI	9907 - Howard City Lions Club
10th Prize \$100.00	Dimondale Lions Club	Dimondale, MI	12812 - Dimondale Lions Club



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## PROJECT KIDSIGHT

PKS COORDINATORS **TANDA & DAVID STIFFLER**

### Lions of Michigan Foundation **PROJECT KIDSIGHT**



The 11B2 Project KidSight Team has been working to the finish line at offering our free vision screening in the schools before they are finished here in early June. We surpassed our goal of screening 10,000 kids when we were screening at the Paw Paw Schools. It was an exciting moment for us all. Then much to our surprise we surpassed our goal of 10,000 kids by ending up on May 18th with a total number of kids screened at 12,417 kids! The best part is we have found 979 kids with some type of abnormality. We are hoping parents will get their child to an eye doctor right away. We are making a difference in these children's lives, according to Chad McCann, Director at the Lions of Michigan Foundation. He said what we are doing is working as doctors are sending back their report after the parents are bringing their child in for an exam. Our referral picture in almost every case is right on with what the doctors are finding. This is exciting for our team as we will know the child is getting the help they need.

The month of May was an exceptional month for our Project KidSight Team. The schools were more than anxious to get our team in before the end of May hoping that parents could have their children into an eye doctor to start fresh next fall with possibly glasses that could improve their

learning experience. Our team was getting up very early each morning and sometimes for three or four mornings in a row to get to the school early enough to start our screening and have all the students screened before their lunch hour started. Initially we planned on only scheduling 2 screenings a week but then realized we needed to com-



plete the three schools before the end of the year that we signed up to do. We were screening at Paw Paw Schools, South Haven Schools and Gobles Schools. Plus, we took on two small church schools, Saint Mary's School and Trinity Lutheran School, who requested our team to screen all their students as well.

In every school that we have screened, we have been asked to come back again but, in the fall, rather than later in the year. It will be a very busy fall for us as some of these schools have a lot of students and it will mean visiting a lot of their schools at different locations. We have a LOT of



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## PROJECT KIDSIGHT

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

DEDICATED Lion members and friends of the Lions coming to help with Project KidSight. A volunteer does not need to be a Lion member to be part of the team. We try whenever possible to go into a school with four SPOT cameras, which means we need approximately 12 to 14 volunteers to either screen, be an assistant to the screener or help complete the referral forms to be turned into the school by the end of our screening.

Please contact Lion Tanda Stiffler at [tandastiffler76@gmail.com](mailto:tandastiffler76@gmail.com) or call my cell at 574-350-9215 to join our amazing PKS Team. You won't regret it once you see how you are a part of this child's ability to see well to do well in school and in life.

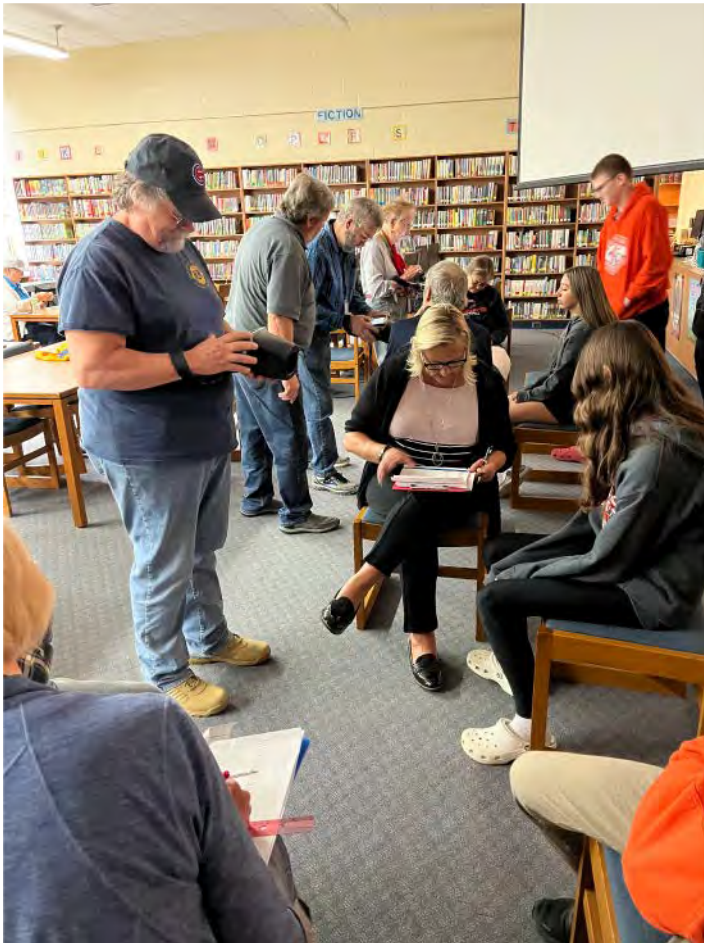
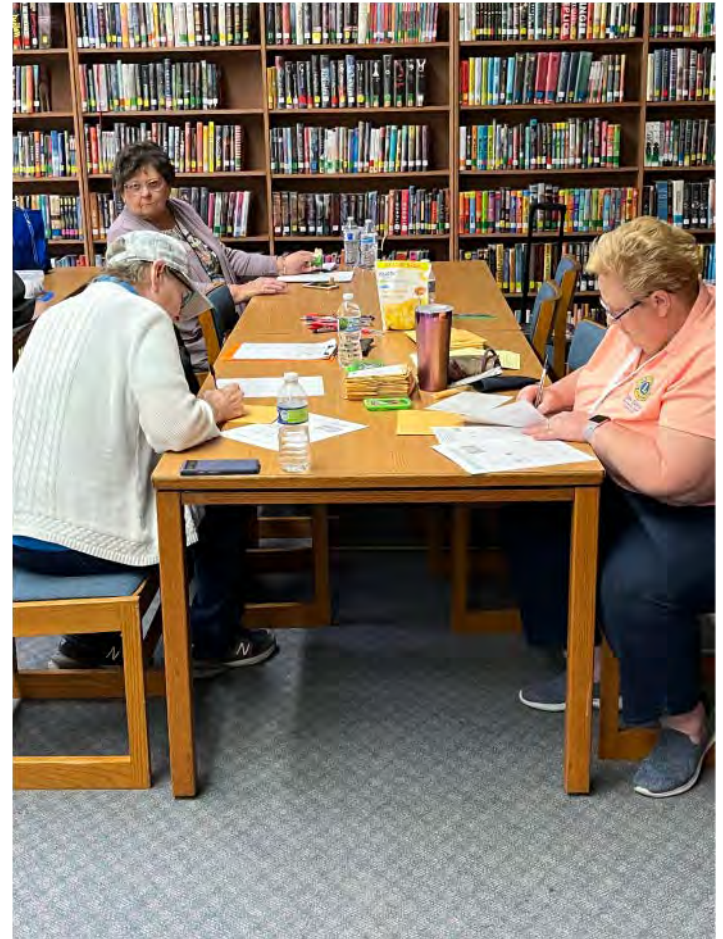
Respectfully,  
Lion Tanda & David Stiffler  
11B2 PKS Coordinators





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

It's time to reflect on how the Project KidSight Team has managed to offer Free Vision Screening to 12,417 kids with 979 referrals since we started in August of this Lion year. It couldn't be done without the VOLUNTEERS that have stepped up to help in the schools. Check it out, Fellow Lions, volunteers have come to help and find that they really enjoy the comradery with fellow volunteers. In this issue, I want to thank all these Volunteers for their dedication in joining a PKS Team. YOU are the BEST!!

AMY ANDERSON  
PJ STORM-ARTIS (PAMELA)  
COOKY BAILEY  
VIRGIL BRIGGS  
DAN CHOPP  
KAROL CHOPP  
MERYL CHRISTENSEN  
KIM COPENHAVER  
JIM DEVENNEY  
CAROL PATRIDGE  
SARAH ENGSTROM  
JOEL ENGSTROM  
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DIANNE ROSS  
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JIM RUTTEN  
MARK SKENE  
GINGER SMJETANA  
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SUE SMOTHERMON  
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DOUG STAFINSKI  
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TANDA STIFFLER  
DENNIS TAFT  
LINDA TAFT  
JERRY TAVERNIER  
LAURA WELLS  
BILL WELSCH



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## 11B-2 CLUB NEWS

### BUCHANAN-GALIEN

The Buchanan-Galien Lions have had another busy month. The club recently donated \$500 to the Buchanan District Library second floor expansion project as part of the Mayhew family matching funds drive.



*L-R Assistant Library Director Erin Ross, Lions Treasurer Alice Krings, Library Director Meg Paulette Perez*

The Lions shared a table with the Buchanan College Club at the Show Me The Money Event organized by the Michigan Gateway Community Foundation on May 6th.



*L-R Buchanan College Club Members JoAnn Pressey and Patricia Baltazar and Lion Alice Krings*

The club also donated \$1,000 to the Buchanan American Legion in support of their new entrance doors project.



*L-R Lions Jessica Hendrixson and Jerry Flenar, Legion Commander Marv Pruitt*

At the regular club meeting on May 11th the club heard from Ashley Regal about the new "Live Buchanan" version of the Michigan Main Street program.

This program is geared towards revitalizing the downtown area and preserving our community history and identity.





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## 11B-2 CLUB NEWS

### BUCHANAN-GALIEN



*L\_R Lion Secretary Dianne Ross presenting a club donation to Ashley Regal- Live Buchanan Director*



*L\_R Live Buchanan Members Randy Hendrixson, Ashley Regal, Lion Tony Houser*

The club also heard from Buchanan Leo Geneva “Gigi” Tabor who will be a participant in this year’s All-State Band.



*L-R Gigi Tabor, Lion Treasurer Alice Krings*

Gigi is a Junior at Buchanan High School, in her second year as a Leo and believed to be the first ever Buchanan All-State band participant. The club presented her with a check for \$500 in support towards her cost of being a part of this program.

And new club member Jacob Day (sponsored by Lion Mark Tumbleson) was inducted into the club.



*L-R Lions Mark Nixon, Jacob Day, Mark Tumbleson*

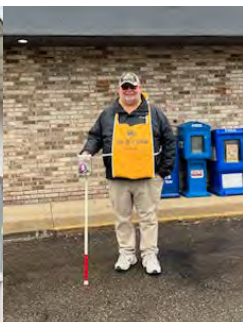


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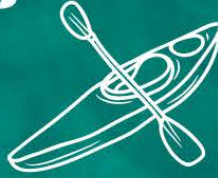
### BUCHANAN-GALIEN

The Buchanan-Galien Lions Club held their Annual White Cane Drive on Friday May 5th and Saturday May 6th. The Lions received generous support from the community which made for another good event. Thanks to all who continue to support our Lions "We Serve" mission!



# 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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## 11B-2 CLUB NEWS

### STURGIS

The featured guest of the Sturgis Lions May meeting was Jeff Wanamaker, manufacturing technology instructor of Sturgis High School. His program equips students with skills that enable them to enter the work force at a very good starting wage. One of his students, Rocky Urbana, showed some of his projects which had been ground to 1000th inch tolerance. Rocky was awarded first place in regional and second place in state competition for these projects.



*New members Melinda Oxender, Megan Wynes, Laura Schwartz, Martina Stevens, Daniel Large.*

The highlight of our May meeting was the induction of five new members: Martina Stevens, Daniel Large, Laura Schwartz, Melinda Oxender, and Megan Wynes. We were fortunate to have Past District Governor Jeff Mayuiers conduct the ceremony.

Kari Hatt, Chamber of Commerce Director announced the scheduled activities for this year's Sturgis Fest, noting that many volunteers would be needed to ensure its success.

In other recent meetings Don Riach of Klinger Lake, spoke on the need for voter education and decentralization of government agencies as noted in his recently published book about chaos in government. In March Amy Robertson, Director of Development for Thurston Woods Village, spoke to us about Willowbrook, their new memory care unit, soon to open.



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Centreville Lions Clubs!

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Putting contest grand  
prize of \$50k!

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**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!**

# Three Rivers Lions Club Ox Roast & Ham & Bean Soup



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

**TR Goes Tropical**

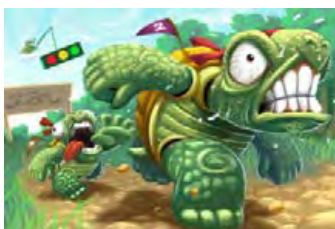


Located at 420 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Three Rivers  
Drive through and outdoor seating available  
**Thursday, June 15 from 11 am – 8 pm**  
**Friday, June 16<sup>th</sup> from 11 am – 8 pm**  
**Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup> from 11 am – 3 pm or sold out**

**Menu**

<b>Ox Sandwich (BBQ Beef)</b>	<b>\$7.00</b>
<b>Hot Dogs</b>	<b>\$4.00</b>
<b>Ham &amp; Bean Soup</b>	<b>\$5.00</b>
<b>Large Dill Pickle</b>	<b>\$1.50</b>
<b>Pop &amp; Tea</b>	<b>\$2.00</b>
<b>Bottled water</b>	<b>\$1.50</b>
<b>Apple/Cherry pie by the slice</b>	<b>\$3.50</b>
<b>Bag of chips</b>	<b>\$1.00</b>

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



Don't forget the TURTLE DERBY – Sat. June 17<sup>th</sup> with races starting at 9:30 AM – \$5 to register. Registration will open at 8:30 AM (no pre-registrations). Event will be held at the Lions Club Service Center.



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## 11B-2 CLUB NEWS

### KAL-HAVEN TRAIL



*Kal Haven Lions record a video for facebook announcing White Cane week and our plans for "hitting the streets."*

Lion President Dave Mead recognizes Lion Marianne Abbott as Lion of the Year. Lion Marianne has been a Lion for over 22 years and held positions as President and for many years as a most enthusiastic Lion Tail Twister. She is a recently retired Paw Paw educator and is moving from the area to North Carolina. Although leaving the Kal Haven Lions she is hoping to hook up with one of the Lions clubs near her new home. We will miss her energy.



*Shift change.*



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## 11B-2 CLUB NEWS

### 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](mailto: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?

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Lorem ipsum

**In celebration of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our association, and the 50<sup>th</sup> 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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## 11B-2 CLUB NEWS

### ST. JOSEPH



*Cooper Trumbley, Cecilia Ruchti and Lion Guzzo discuss St. Joseph HS athletic program.*

Our own Lion Kevin Guzzo was our program for May 4th. It was an enjoyable and fast-paced forty-five minutes. Lion Guzzo has been at St. Joseph High School for twenty-eight years. He was initially a math teacher. He coached basketball, football, and track at different levels during his teaching years. Currently, there are 968 students at SJHS. One in every two students participates in at least one sport. In the school year '21 - '22, fifty-seven per cent of all freshmen students participated in athletics. 45% of sophomores participated.

\*Process over outcome. Participation is number one, not winning.

\*A three-sport athlete in the same year at SJHS is called an Iron Bear. SJHS had 42 Iron Bears last school year.

\*Academic records show that athletes at SJHS maintain a higher GPA than non-athletes.

\*Pre-game and practice music must be approved by Lion Guzzo.

\*Lion Guzzo's MVP process encourages and enhances students to reach success in both athletics and academics.

\*Lion Guzzo's MVP program gives a clear definition of expected behaviors in the classroom and on the athletic field. All SJHS athletes have clear performance pathways.



*Lion Steve Nordberg sponsors Lions Wayne Demchinski inducted by Lion Fortenbacher*



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## 11B-2 CLUB NEWS

### ST. JOSEPH (cont.)



For May 18th's program, Lion Lundgren introduced the already famous, our own Lion Chriss Lyon. She presented "In search of the perfect storm", or Chasing Clouds. While working at Berrien County 911 Center, she was present on July 16, 1980, when Berrien County experienced a "Derecho". Called "The Green Storm" with 98 MPH winds. There were many trees down and much damage. This event spurred her on to do more study of clouds and storms. At the ripe young age of 40 she enrolled at College of Du page IL in a class to study storms. In the years 2008, 2009 and 2010, she traveled for 10 days to several states with the college group to study and chase the clouds and storms. The group traveled in vans equipped with computers, internet and equipment. They traveled on many back roads and witnessed many cloud formations. In 2009 they saw hail, super cells, shelf clouds, wall cloud, funnel cloud-but no tornadoes. In 2010, they saw hail, dust devil, rotating wall cloud, funnel cloud, along with seeing 6 tornadoes up to EF-4 velocity. There are many storm chaser vehicles that chase storms wherever they appear. Professional Meteorologists are also studying the

storms and how clouds develop into more serious storms. She showed photos of many different types of cloud formations. One photo showed an overpass where a woman died while hiding under it. It is not advised to ever hide under an overpass. The winds can become more violent with those structures. If anyone is interested in this experience, see [College of DuPage Storm Chasing Program](#). Thanks to Lion Chriss for informing us about this very interesting program.

Lion Kring introduced Geneva Tabor from Buchanan High School. Geneva is a member of the Lions Michigan All-State Band and the LEO Club. They will be traveling to the Lions International Convention in Boston and then to New York City. While in New York, the group will perform on the steps of Rockefeller Center. Following the New York trip the group will go to Cedar Point in Ohio and enjoy the rides and also perform. Geneva is currently dual-enrolled at LMC and hopes to transfer to Grand Valley to study in the medical surgery field. She is also active in the Buchanan Leo Club, which has about 30 members. She will also volunteer at Camp Leo in August.





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## 11B-2 CLUB NEWS

### VICKSBURG



*New member induction of Diane Fort with sponsor Adam Fort.*



*New Melvin Jones Fellow with hat on Virgil Briggs, new Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow Doug Stafinski.*



## LEO CLUB NEWS

### BUCHANAN LEO CLUB

The Fisher Rahiser Group and Buchanan LEO Club donated a generous amount of money for the purchase of multiple security cameras for the Buchanan Community Schools. The Buchanan School Board thanked the two groups for their support with the following words:

“With the help of generous donations from groups like the Fisher-Rahiser Group and Buchanan LEO Club, we move closer to addressing some of our needs. We can collectively improve our facilities for our current and future students. THANK YOU for your donations!”



*(L-R) Buchanan School Board, Fisher Rahiser Group and Buchanan Leo representatives*

The Buchanan LEO Club sold Red Bud Tree starter kits at the Buchanan Farmer’s Market on May 6th. They also had a Lions collection cane in support of the Lions White Cane Drive going on that same morning. The trees are a popular item each year and the LEO’s still have some trees available for those interested.



*L-R Leo’s Evan Kring and Max Arbanas*

### MATTAWAN LEO CLUB

This painted rock, sometimes called a kindness stone, is simply a rock that someone has decorated with an inspirational message. They can be any size or shape, as big or small as you like! The point of this stone painting is to sprinkle positivity around your community. Once you create one, the idea is to leave it somewhere for another person to find and enjoy. As we all know, sometimes a simple message of love and compassion can spark joy and brighten someone’s entire day. The Mattawan LEO Club has started their project of painted rock affirmations.





## LEO CLUB NEWS



Rockford, Illinois

**REGISTER NOW!** | [leosforum.org](https://leosforum.org)

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**

**LEO REGISTRATION FORM**

**LION REGISTRATION FORM**



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Past International Director  
**Jenny Ware**  
seeks your endorsement for  
Lions Clubs International  
3rd Vice President



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### **Lions Clubs International**

Lions Clubs International Foundation Board of Trustees  
Constitutional Area 1 Appointee 2022 - current  
Lions Clubs International Foundation Campaign 100 Co-Chair  
Constitutional Area 1 2018-2022  
District Governor Elect Seminar  
Appointed Group Leader 2019-2023  
International Director 2016-2018  
Appointed to the Services and Activities Committee 2016-2018  
Appointed to the Executive Long Range Planning Committee  
2017-2018  
District .10 Global Leadership Team Coordinator 2014  
Multiple District 10 Council Chair 1999-2000  
MD10B District Governor 1999-2000

### **Lions Club Certified Instructor** 2019 - Present

### **USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum**

Presenter 2022 - Calgary, Alberta, Canada  
Presenter 2021 - Des Moines, Iowa  
Presenter 2019 - Spokane, Washington  
Presenter 2018 - Columbus, Ohio  
Presenter 2017 - Portland, Oregon  
Moderator 2016 - Omaha, Nebraska  
Host Committee Registration Chair 2015- Grand Rapids, MI  
Host Committee Liaison 2007- Grand Rapids, MI

### **Lions Virtual Tell-A-Thon**

Planning Committee 2020 - Present  
Fundraising Committee 2020 - Present

### **Lions of Michigan Leadership Institute (RLLI)**

Co-Chair 2020 - Present  
Planning Committee 2009 - Present  
Facilitator 2009-2015; 2018; 2022

### **Recognitions**

Lions Clubs International Ambassador of Good Will 2018  
Lions Clubs International Presidential Medal - Multiple  
Lions Clubs International Leadership Medal 2005  
Lions Clubs International Presidential Cert. of Appreciation Multiple  
Lions Clubs International Foundation Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow  
Single District 10 Ralph M. Sheehan Humanitarian Award 2007  
Single District 10 Distinguished Service Award 2005

### **Personal/Professional**

Lion for 30 years  
Married to Lion Jeff, one daughter, Lion Heather  
Registered Nurse, Outpatient Community Mental Health  
Calvary Lutheran Church Council Member



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 <sup>st</sup>	\$ 23.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 58.00
August	August 1 <sup>st</sup>	19.16	35.00	54.16
September	September 1 <sup>st</sup>	15.34	35.00	50.34
October	October 1 <sup>st</sup>	11.50	35.00	46.50
November	November 1 <sup>st</sup>	7.68	35.00	42.68
December	December 1 <sup>st</sup>	3.84	35.00	38.84
January	January 1 <sup>st</sup>	23.00	35.00	58.00
February	February 1 <sup>st</sup>	19.16	35.00	54.16
March	March 1 <sup>st</sup>	15.34	35.00	50.34
April	April 1 <sup>st</sup>	11.50	35.00	46.50
May	May 1 <sup>st</sup>	7.68	35.00	42.68
June	June 1 <sup>st</sup>	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 <sup>st</sup>	\$ 11.50	\$ 35.00	\$ 46.50	\$ 11.50
August	August 1 <sup>st</sup>	9.58	35.00	44.58	9.58
September	September 1 <sup>st</sup>	7.67	35.00	42.67	7.67
October	October 1 <sup>st</sup>	5.75	35.00	40.75	5.75
November	November 1 <sup>st</sup>	3.84	35.00	38.84	3.84
December	December 1 <sup>st</sup>	1.92	35.00	36.92	1.92
January	January 1 <sup>st</sup>	11.50	35.00	46.50	11.50
February	February 1 <sup>st</sup>	9.58	35.00	44.58	9.58
March	March 1 <sup>st</sup>	7.67	35.00	42.67	7.67
April	April 1 <sup>st</sup>	5.75	35.00	40.75	5.75
May	May 1 <sup>st</sup>	3.84	35.00	38.84	3.84
June	June 1 <sup>st</sup>	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**



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## IMPORTANT NEWS!

### ATTENTION! CLUB PRESIDENTS & TREASURERS

I understand that there are times when we need to drop members due to many reasons and this changes the amount of dues we owe. Unfortunately clubs must still pay their entire dues statements in full even if you have dropped members that are still included in the total amount due. In order for LCI to keep track of all the changes in membership, it is their request that clubs still pay their dues statements in full and then LCI will adjust invoices and indicate that you have a credit on your account. Please do not attempt to figure out how much you should subtract from your dues notice and deduct any amount on payments. If you have recently made any deductions in dues to LCI, I ask that you send the amount you deducted and include a copy of the dues statement that shows the total amount and write your check number and amount previously paid on the statement so that LCI can match up your previous payment with the additional payment.

Thanks in advance for your understanding and cooperation.

DG Julie  
269-254-1938  
[jumayuiers@gmail.com](mailto:jumayuiers@gmail.com)



## 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](http://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!

Ladies and Gentlemen,

As we previously discussed at our Board of Trustees Meeting in November, effective January 1, 2023, the price of Lion Mints will increase to \$120 per case plus shipping. The price increase is necessary as our cost from the manufacturer has also increased. Regarding product availability, we have finally received a ship date for our order of Wintergreen Rolls, and if everything progresses normally, Wintergreen Rolls should be available in late January or early February. Unfortunately, we have no new information on the availability of Wintergreen Drops.

Our Venmo Charity Profile will give donors another option to make electronic donations to the foundation. Donors now have the option of using the donation link on the foundation website ([www.lmsf.net](http://www.lmsf.net)), donating using our Pay Pal account ([info@lmsf.net](mailto:info@lmsf.net)) or using Venmo (@LionsofMI-Foundation).

I wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Chad



**venmo**



**Lions of Michigan Foundation**

**LION MINT ROLLS**  
Wintergreen  
Fuzzy Fruit  
Peppermint  
12 Pieces/Roll  
576 Rolls/Case  
48 Boxes/Case

**LION MINT DROPS**  
Peppermint Size: 1" X 1 1/2"  
Individually Wrapped  
4,500 Pieces/Case  
6 Boxes/Case  
750 Pieces/Box

**Wintergreen**

**Acrylic Tray Mint Drops**

**Piggyback Rack**

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**Acrylic Tray Mint Rolls**

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[www.lionmints.net](http://www.lionmints.net)

**Suggested Retail Locations**

Airports Banks & Credit Unions  
Bus Stations Travel Agencies  
Beauty Salons Government Offices  
Nail Salons Courtrooms  
Barber Shops City Offices  
Insurance Offices Flower Shops  
Wrinkle Centers Eye Doctors  
Telephone Stores Chamber of Commerce  
Dry Cleaners Funeral Homes  
Car Washes Pet Supply Stores  
Car Washes Car Washing Recreations  
Convenience Stores 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, etc.

Revised: January 1, 2023

Click on the image above to download the flyer.



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## IMPORTANT NEWS!



Bloomingtondale/Gobles	June 6, 1994	28 Years
Comstock	June 11, 1970	52 Years
St. Joseph	June 15, 1928	94 Years
Baroda	June 19, 1984	38 Years

**Congratulations to these 11B-2 clubs for 212 combined years of service to their communities & the world!**



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

Well as the warm weather begins to return, 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!



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## LIONS THIS & THAT

### LCIF Cub Program

**Encouraging kids and adults to serve together and create a lifelong dedication to service through Lions clubs.**



The Cub Program is designed for kids through the age of 12 to learn the joys of volunteering and understanding the importance of helping those in need. Lions clubs that implement a Cub Program are encouraged to shape Cub activities to fit the lifestyles and needs of Cubs, Lion members and families involved. Who are Cub members? A Cub member is any child through the age of 12 who is dedicated to serving with the sponsoring Lions club. While many Cubs are related to members of the Lions club, all children are eligible to participate in the program. What is a Cub club? A Cub club can be formed when five or more Cubs are working together with the Lions club. If a Cub club forms, a Lion should be designated as the liaison to the Cubs.

Why integrate the Cub Program into the activities of the Lions club? The Cub Program can be

beneficial for a Lions club that has multi-generational members or is looking to build a family friendly Lions club. Starting a Cub Program helps Lions clubs: • Recruit parents and grandparents of young children • Add new energy for club activities • Inspire new service activity ideas and opportunities • Foster the tradition of volunteering.

Why encourage children to join a Cub Program? Volunteering helps children see the world from another person's perspective. Learning through doing provides them an opportunity to obtain new skills, take pride in their community and build confidence in themselves. Through the Cub Program, children can also learn to develop empathy, compassion and responsibility. Serving with Lions clubs draws on the experience of an international organization with members who are already devoted to helping others.

#### **How to implement a Cub Program**

To help you get started, Lions Clubs International offers the Cub Program Guide, available online or by request from the Membership Division. This guide provides suggestions for integrating a Cub program into your Lions club. Clubs may also order Cub patches to help Cubs get excited to participate and feel like they are part of the club. Cub patches may be ordered from Lions International.

[\*Click here to download the LCI Lions Family Cub Program Activity Guide\*](#)



**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

3409 N Five Lakes Rd  
Lapeer, MI 48446  
[www.bearlakecamp.org](http://www.bearlakecamp.org)



Register Online



**More Information** 810-245-0726 [desiree@bearlakecamp.org](mailto:desiree@bearlakecamp.org)





**JULY  
16-22**

Lions Bear Lake Camp

# DEAF & HARD OF HEARING CAMP 2023

Youth Ages 5-16



## Fun Activity Programs

**Archery, Swimming, Boating, Fishing, Challenge Course, Climbing Tower, Zip Line, Team Building, Nature, Evening Programs., and more!**

\*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

3409 N Five Lakes Rd

Lapeer, MI 48446

[www.bearlakecamp.org](http://www.bearlakecamp.org)

**Registration opens  
January 1st, 2023**



**Register Online**

## CONTACT US

810-245-0726

[behnanm23@gmail.com](mailto:behnanm23@gmail.com)



# LIONS BEAR LAKE CAMP JUVENILE DIABETES CAMP 2023

**JULY 23-29TH**

**YOUTH WITH TYPE 1 DIABETES  
AGES 5-16**

**LIONS BEAR LAKE CAMP**

**3409 N Five Lakes Rd  
Lapeer, MI 48446**



**Overnight camping experience for youth with T1D.  
Experience a fun filled week of activities, education, and  
nutrition, while building life long friendships, gaining  
confidence, and acquiring new skills.**

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**REGISTRATION OPENS JANUARY 1ST, 2023**

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## NOTES FROM THE EDITOR / WEBMASTER



### Hello fellow Lions...

Some thoughts on submissions to the Beacon...

- I've had some issues lately with images that have been submitted in documents created in Microsoft Word, because, unfortunately, Word has a feature built into the

app that automatically knocks the resolution down on all embedded images, presumably to keep the overall size of the document down. The result is that I've had some photos that end up being in the 70-90ppi (pixels per inch) range, which is extremely sub-par for publication electronically and does not reproduce well.

I would prefer that full size images simply be attached to the emails that are being submitted for publication as I'm able to better control the resolution that will go into the Beacon. If you would like to continue working in Word, that's fine, but I would suggest you look into how to *turn off* the resolution compression feature so that the images I receive will be much better. [Here's where you can go to learn about this feature.](#)

- It's okay to expand on the descriptive text of your submission (don't give me *War & Peace*) but some articles I've been receiving are of the one sentence variety. Remember the 4 W's of information: Who, What, When, & Where when writing up your copy. It's better for me to have to cut back than add.

- I've noticed a number of submissions to our District's Facebook page about Lion club events that I was not

aware of. So, for those that are posting on Facebook, could you do me a favor and simply throw the same text and images into an email and send them my way. Not everyone has access to the Facebook page and the Beacon can still fill that gap. Thanks in advance!

One other thing to note....I was very proud to be a part of our district's Project KidSight effort in screening 12,417 kids with 979 referrals for further exams by eye professionals, surpassing our goal of 10,000. The PKS Team hopes to go even farther next year.



Quick links to info on other Lion topics of interest:

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

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

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

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



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