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The B2 Beacon

"May the beacon of hope always shine bright"

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MARCH NEWS

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FROM THE GOVERNOR'S DESK



We Serve



March has certainly started coming in like a LION!!!! February kept me busy visiting clubs and attending the Forum in Grand Rapids just last weekend.

Paw Paw was our first stop on the 1st. I had the privilege of inducting a new member to their club. We heard from a young lady that has a fundraiser going for a book vending machine for a local school. What a great idea for every school to have one.

Next was a visit to Mattawan Lions Club on the 8th where I presented ZC and Past President Dan Chopp with a Club Excellence Award for his year as Club President. This award is for clubs on the patch to continued success while gaining prestige for excelling in the areas of membership, service, leadership and organizational excellence and marketing. The club receives a banner patch, and the President receives a pin. This award will revitalize your membership, grow your service impact and your members will see greater leadership opportunities. Congratulations Past President Dan and the rest of the Mattawan Lions for this outstanding award!!

The road then took me to St. Joseph Lions on the 16th for a nice luncheon with their members in a packed room. We heard from the gal on a new bike trail they are looking at establishing in the St. Joe area. I was also invited to ride in the Blossom Parade on May 13th.

The 21st we found ourselves traveling to join the Bloomingdale Gobles Kal Haven Lions in a wonderful "Thanksgiving" dinner with all the trimmings. I learned about many members of their club over dinner and then shared with them the details of our upcoming events including the Forum, District Convention and the MD11 State Convention.

I took a day off and on the 23rd we joined Marcellus Lions for their meeting. We heard about all the new things they are going to try in the next several meetings. They are going to try and focus more on becoming involved with the community which is a great idea for all clubs to consider. The following morning, we packed the car and drove to Grand Rapids for the Forum and Council of Governors Meetings. We packed snack bags for the Kids Food Basket Program with all the items donated by Districts in Michi-





FROM THE GOVERNOR'S DESK (cont.)

gan. We decorated paper sacks for those snacks to go home in and then hang the bag on their refrigerators with motional quotes and fun pictures on them. Cub Zoey had the best ideas and drew the best pictures I must say though. Saturday was full of great breakouts including Reading Between the Lions which will also be presented at our District Convention on March 18th and one on Project KidSight by PID



Cub Zoey displays her work

Gary Anderson, our own PCC Jeff Mayuiers and Chad McCann the Executive Director of LMSF. The weekend wrapped up with the COG meetings on Saturday evening and Sunday morning.

I wrapped up the month with my own home club of Three Rivers where we heard what the new DDA Director Cameron Mains has in store for Three Rivers over the next several months.

Now it's time to get everyone geared up for our District Convention on March 17 & 18th at the Four Points by Sheraton in Kalamazoo.

We have a couple of great new speakers and topics to give us all new ideas of how we can serve even better than we have in the past. In addition we will be honored to have Past International Director Jenny Ware and her husband Lion Jeff be joining us for the weekend. There is still time to register but the prices have gone up on March 4th if you've waited until now to get registered. Look for the flyer in the Beacon and get your reservations the Convention Co-chair and Cabinet Secretary Tammie ASAP. Meal counts must be turned in soon so don't wait. She and Co-chair PDG Fran have been working hard at making this a great convention for everyone and I can't thank them enough for all their hard work. I hope to see you all there and have a great time meeting new Lions and catching up with Lions you may not have seen in some time.

Oh, and don't forget to bring your eyeglasses for Part II of the Great Eyeglass Challenge to be held on Saturday morning and also your clubs milk jugs full of change collected for LCIF. You can have your change all counted and just bring paper money so the jugs aren't so heavy and save Cabinet Treasurer Carol from counting all the jugs. Just indicate on a piece of paper on the bottom of the jug how much you collected and your clubs name. There will be a prize for the club that collects the most.

I look forward to seeing you soon in Kalamazoo.

DG Julie



*Packing snack bags for the Kids
Food Basket Program*





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FROM THE GOVERNOR'S DESK (cont.)

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

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

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



LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL

Get Lions ready for the Lion Portal

We're preparing for the launch of the new Lion Portal. This refreshed experience will combine the functionality of MyLion, MyLCI, Insights and other tools into one cohesive and consistent experience.

To use the Lion Portal, Lions must have a unique email address (one that isn't shared with another member) in their Lion Account information. Additionally, phone numbers can no longer be used as log in credentials.

Here's how you can help Lions:

1. **Spread the word.** Make Lions — especially those who actively use their Lion Account — aware of the transition to the Lion Portal. Encourage them to make sure their member information is up to date and includes a unique email address.
2. **Prepare club officers.** Ask club officers to review the member records for their club, checking for any shared email addresses, and be prepared to help members update their information as needed.
3. **Stay up to date.** Check for news and updates on the [Lion Portal webpage](#).

We appreciate your support in preparing for the transition to the new Lion Portal.



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





GOVERNOR JULIE'S CALENDAR

March

- 1 – South Haven Black River Club Visit
- 6 – Watervliet Club Visit
- 7 – Colon Club Visit
- 8 – Lakeshore Club Visit
- 9 – Coloma Club Visit
- 10 – 11 - C2 Convention DG Traci Tribley
- 11 – MD11 State Convention Committee Meeting
- 17 – 18 – District Convention @ Four Points by Sheraton in Kalamazoo.**
PID Jenny Ware from D10 will be our guest.
- 18 - Great Eyeglass Challenge Part 2 held at District Convention
- 29 – LMSF Fund & Development Meeting
- 31 – April 1 – A2 Convention DG Shawn Blaszczyk

April

- 6 – Sister Lakes Club Visit
- 12 – Centreville Club Visit
- 15 – Cabinet Meeting – Sister Lakes Lions Club – 8:30 breakfast / 9:00 meeting
(Note this is a newly scheduled meeting taking the place of having one on Sunday following the District Convention)
- 21 – 22 – E1 Convention DG Jackie Glazer / E2 Convention DG Rod Leathers
- 29 – Convention DG Kelly Lubbe

May

- 6 – LMSF Trustee Meeting
- 19 – 20 - **Council of Governors and MD11 State Convention** – Delta
*Hotels by Marriott, Muskegon Convention Center – PIP and LCIF Chairperson
Douglas Alexander is the guest*
- 28 – Sister Lakes Pancake Breakfast

June

- 3 – District Kalamazoo Growler's Baseball Game - 9am, Homer Stryker Field
- 3 – Final Cabinet meeting and Thank you Brunch – Mayuiers' house

July

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



UPCOMING EVENTS TO ADD TO YOUR CALENDAR

March

11: Mattawan Lions Soup Supper & LEOs Bingo - Beginning 4pm, Antwerp Activity Center, Mattawan. (see flyer this issue)

17: Buchanan-Galien Lions Corned Beef & Cabbage Fundraiser - 3-6:30pm, drive-thru only, Pick up @ Buchanan Area Senior Center (see flyer this issue)

17 – 18: District Convention @ Four Points by Sheraton in Kalamazoo. PID Jenny Ware from D10 will be our guest.

18: Great Eyeglass Challenge Part 2 held at District Convention

April

1: Edwardsburg Lions Pancake & Sausage Breakfast 8-11am, American Legion Post 365 On Us-12, Edwardsburg (see flyer this issue)

21-30: White Cane Week

May

19-20: Council of Governors and MD11 State Convention – Delta Hotels by Marriott, Muskegon Convention Center – PIP and LCIF Chairperson Douglas Alexander is the guest

July

7-11: International Convention - Boston, MA

Don't see your event listed here....email flyers and details at least one month in advance to Lion Wes at captcartoon@me.com to have it included.



The 11-B2 District Convention is Coming!

The District Convention will be March 17 & 18 at the Four Points Sheraton in Kalamazoo

Our theme this year is the "Luck of the Lions" and the cabinet is working hard to make this convention both fun and informational. The hotel is fixing us the meals at the same price as last year and, while the rooms rates have increased a little, this year they will include breakfast for two.

Friday night will be a casual pasta buffet dinner. Wear your green and there will be a prize for the best dressed Leprechaun. You know there will also be some fun activities and a hospitality room

Saturday will include the Great Eyeglass Challenge and two breakout sessions that promise to plant some new ideas. Lunch will be a deli buffet and give us a chance to meet this year's District Peace Poster winner. The business meeting and memorial service will take place as well.

Saturday evening will be a plated dinner of either Champagne Chicken or Pork Tenderloin with stuffing. PDGs are encouraged to wear their white jackets.

Our International Guest will be Past International Director Jenny Ware and her husband, Lion Jeff. If you've never met PID Jenny, you're in for a real treat. If you have, you know how great she is. She has lots of energy, a love for Lionism and will surely challenge us to be AWESOME!

There will lots of fun, camaraderie, idea exchange, awards and opportunities for growth. Be sure to get signed up!





District 11-B2 Convention "Luck of the Lions"

March 17 & 18, 2023

Four Points by Sheraton, Kalamazoo

Rooms \$98 (includes breakfast for 2), Must reserve room by FEB 17 for that price!



[Book your group rate for Lions District 11-B2 District Convention](#) Or call 1-866-961-3003, block "Lions"

ID PID CC PCC DG PDG CS CT ZC Club Pres (circle one)

Name _____

Club _____

New Lion Induction? _____ Delegate? _____

Phone Number _____

Email _____

Guest? Yes No

Registration \$15.....\$_____

Friday Dinner \$23 (Pasta Buffet).....\$_____

Saturday Lunch \$22 (Deli Buffet).....\$_____

Saturday Banquet \$26.....\$_____

Circle one: Pork Tenderloin w/stuffing

Champagne Chicken

Total.....\$_____

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Saturday Banquet \$26.....\$_____

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Champagne Chicken

Total.....\$_____

Friday, March 17

3:30-5:30 PM Registration/Delegation Desk

6:00 Opening Ceremony, Salute to our Military, Worldwide New Member Induction

6:30 - 7:30 PM Dinner

7:30 - 9:30 PM Fun Night details TBD

9:30 - 11:00 PM Hospitality Room

Special International Guests: PID Jenny Ware and her husband Lion Jeff

[PID Jenny Ware's Bio](#)

[PID Jenny Ware's Pic](#)

Everyone must pay the registration fee. No meals may be purchased without the registration fee. Registration packets and meal tickets will be distributed at the registration desk. No packets will be mailed.

Registration Deadline: Feb. 17!

Late Fee: \$25

(Postmarked after Feb. 17, 2023)



Saturday, March 18

7:30 - 9:00 AM Registration/Delegation Desk

7:30 - 9:00 AM Great Eyeglass Challenge

9:00 - 9:30 AM Opening Remarks

9:40 - 10:15 AM Lion Tim DeYoung: A

Sustainable Model for Preventable Blindness

10:25 - 11:15 AM Dr. Robert Hohendorf:

Reading Between the Lions

11:30 - 12:00 PM Memorial Service

12:00 - 1:45 PM Awards Luncheon

2:00 - 3:15 PM Business Meeting

3:15 - 5:00 PM Free Time

5:00 - 6:00 PM Cocktail Reception for PID

6:00 - 8:45 PM Dinner Banquet

9:00 - 11:00 PM Hospitality Room

Make checks payable to "District 11-B2"

Send Registration and checks to:

Tammie Grabowski

2417 Townhouse Lane

Kalamazoo, MI 49001

BUCHANAN-GALIEN
LIONS CLUB
CORNED BEEF
&
CABBAGE
FUNDRAISER



Friday,
March 17, 2023



\$15 Per Dinner



Pick-Up @ Buchanan
Area Senior Center



Drive-Thru Only



3pm - 6:30pm



See local member for Tickets,
or stop by Redbud Insurance



COME JOIN US FOR A
MATTAWAN LIONS CLUB

Soup & Chili SUPPER

Fantastic soups,
chili, salad, bread
& desserts

WITH BINGO!

Sponsored by the Mattawan
High School LEO club

MAR 11th
4pm



Bingo starting
at 6pm!

ANTWERP ACTIVITY CENTER
24821 Front St. Mattawan, MI

SUGGESTED DONATION: \$7 ADULTS, \$3 CHILDREN 4-12

3 & UNDER FREE!

Proceeds from Bingo to benefit the Bronson Pediatric Cancer Unit



THE EASTER BUNNY IS COMING TO TOWN!

COME JOIN THE EDWARDSBURG LIONS CLUB FOR THEIR
PANCAKE & SAUSAGE BREAKFAST



APRIL 1st, 2023 AT

THE AMERICAN LEGION POST 365 ON US-12, EDWARDSBURG

TIME: 8am until 11am

\$7 per person for Adults and Kids over the age of 12

Kids under the age of 12 eat FREE!

NOT ONLY WILL THE EASTER BUNNY BE AVAILABLE TO PLAY
WITH THE KIDDOS, SO WILL THE LION MASCOT & THE
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****A GREAT PHOTO OPPORTUNITY****

LOTS OF FUN AND ACTIVITIES FOR THE KIDS!

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PROJECT KIDSIGHT OFFERING FREE VISION SCREENING TO KIDS



LIONS OF MICHIGAN

Multiple District Convention

*Together We Can...
Be Extraordinary*

MAY 18-20, 2023

**VANDYK MORTGAGE CENTER
MUSKEGON, MI**



Kickoff Picnic

Thursday Night Kickoff Picnic hosted by Muskegon Northside Lions Club. Join us aboard the USS LST 393 and enjoy a BBQ catered meal by the Ravenna Lions Club



Lions Got Talent

Do you have a hidden talent? Join the Lions Got Talent Show on Friday Night! Looking for singers, comedians, magicians, dancers, and more! Show us what you got! The stage is waiting for you to shine.



Lions of Michigan Parade

Grab your club members, your yellow vests, club shirts, old cars and community floats. Lions are going to roar into Muskegon with a parade like no other! Take part in this inaugural event with fellow Lions from around the state. Now's the time to bring out your creativity, humor, & talents. It's your time to shine and BE EXTRAORDINARY!



IPIP Douglas Alexander

Join us in welcoming keynote speaker for Saturday Night, IPIP Douglas Alexander who served as the Lions Clubs International President in 2021-2022 with the theme "Service From The Heart."



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**Exhibitors, Service Project,
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ALL ABOARD THE USS LST 393

MD11 CONVENTION KICKOFF PICNIC

HOSTED BY MUSKEGON NORTHSIDE LIONS CLUB & RAVENNA LIONS CLUB



Menu consists of Boneless BBQ Chicken Thighs, Grilled Pork Loin Chops, and all the trimmings! Catered by the Ravenna Lions Club.



Walk where heroes walked, right in downtown Muskegon! History jumps out at you from every deck and every corner. Discover LST 393's outstanding wartime record as you tour a nationally renowned veterans museum with artifacts and displays honoring those who served America and fought for the freedoms we enjoy today.

MAY 18TH, 2023 6:00 PM

560 Mart Street Muskegon, MI 49440

Cost \$15 per person - REGISTER TODAY

RSVP your attendance today or include with your convention registration form to:

Lions of Michigan
5730 Executive Dr.
Lansing, MI 48911

NAME _____

OF ATTENDEES _____ TOTAL _____





Lions MD Convention: Together We Can...

Be Extraordinary!

VanDyk Mortgage Convention Center, 460 W Western Ave, Muskegon, MI 49440

Get ready to be wowed by Lions across the state!

Do you have a hidden talent? Have a voice like Whitney? Moves like Swayze? Does your sleight of hand give Penn & Teller a run for their money? Are your dad jokes on point?

Show us what you're made of... ***THE STAGE IS YOURS!***

Pre-Register your act today - first 10 applicants will be accepted!!

The **Lions Got Talent Show** will be held **Friday, May 19** at the VanDyk Mortgage Center and will be the entertainment during the MD 11 Convention Welcome Reception and Dinner. You must pre-register your act by completing the registration form and sending it to wburns@lionsofmi.com; fax 517-887-6642; or mail to: Lions of MI, 5730 Executive Dr, Lansing 48911. Entries must be received by **May 1**. Prizes will be awarded to the top acts!

Participant Name/s (list all): _____

Contact Phone _____

Contact Email _____

Contact District/Club Name _____

**Return form to wburns@lionsofmi.com; fax 517.887.6642 or mail to:
Lions of MI, 5730 Executive Dr., Lansing 48911**



Lions MP 11 Convention Together We Can... Be Extraordinary!

VanDyk Mortgage Convention Center, 460 W Western Ave, Muskegon, MI 49440

LIONS OF MICHIGAN INAUGURAL PARADE

SATURDAY, MAY 20, 2023

Grab your club members, yellow vests, club shirts, banners, old cars, and community floats. Lions are going to roar into Muskegon with a parade like no other!

Take part in this inaugural event with fellow Lions from around the state. Now's the time to bring out your creativity, your humor, your talents, your time to shine and **BE EXTRAORDINARY!**

Pre-Register your club/entry today!!

The Lions of Michigan Inaugural Parade will be held Saturday, May 20th in downtown Muskegon. The parade route will span 5 blocks ending at the VanDyk Mortgage Convention Center. You must pre-register by completing the registration form and sending it to wburns@lionsofmi.com; fax 517-887-6642; or mail to: Lions of MI, 5730 Executive Dr, Lansing 48911. Entries must be received by **May 1**.

Club Name/District _____
Contact Person _____
Contact Phone _____
Contact Email _____
How many Club members participating? _____
Will you have a float or other vehicles? _____
Size of float or vehicle? _____

**Return form to wburns@lionsofmi.com; fax 517.887.6642 or mail to:
Lions of MI, 5730 Executive Dr., Lansing 48911**



Lions Clubs of Michigan

SD10 and MD11, Lions International

TOGETHER WE CAN... BE EXTRAORDINARY!

The Lions of Michigan MD 11 Convention Committee is please to offer the opportunity for corporate and personal sponsorships for the
2023 Multiple District 11 Lions Convention
May 18-20, 2023 - Muskegon VanDyk Mortgage Center/Delta Hotels

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:

Platinum Sponsor - \$1,000

Speaking opportunity during the Saturday Awards Banquet (up to 10 minutes);
Advertisement in the Lion Pride publication; advertisement in convention proceedings
booklet; complimentary exhibitor table; your banner on display throughout event; insert
included in welcome packet

Gold Sponsor - \$500

Speaking opportunity at Friday's Welcome Reception/Dinner or Saturday Awards
Breakfast (up to 10 minutes; advertisement in convention proceedings booklet;
complimentary exhibitor table; your banner on display throughout event

Silver Sponsor - \$400

Advertisement in proceedings booklet; complimentary exhibitor table; banner on
display throughout the event; insert included in welcome packet

Bronze Sponsor - \$300

Kick-off picnic, hospitality room or coffee break sponsor; advertisement in proceedings
booklet; complimentary exhibitor table; your banner on display; insert included in
welcome packet

Heart of a Lion - \$150 Club Special!

Breakout Session Sponsor/Parade Sponsor; Coffee break; advertisement in
proceedings booklet; banner on display

All sponsors who commit by April 1, 2023, will be listed on the promotional materials, in
the Lion Pride publication, on the Lions of Michigan website and Face Book page.
Checks should be made out to Lions of Michigan and mailed to: Lions of MI, 5730
Executive Dr., Lansing, MI 48911. Contact wburns@lionsofmi.com or call 517-887-
6640 for further details.

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Lions of Michigan All-State Band



The Lions of Michigan All-State Band is going to Boston and so can YOU!

All members participate in:

- Audition process
 - Band rehearsals in Jan/March/May
 - Pre-tour band camp at Lions Bear Lake Camp in Lapeer, MI, July 3 – 5, 2023
 - Band tour to Boston July 5 – 12, 2023
- Performances at:
- Lions International Convention, Boston
 - The Plaza, Boston
 - Lions International Parade



We Serve Through Music



Scan the QR code to apply!

Tour includes:

- Motor coach transportation
- Hotel accommodations
- Meals
- Admission to attractions around Boston and New York City, including the 9/11 Museum
- Blue Man Group performance
- Broadway play

Per student cost is based on double occupancy. Local Lions Clubs are ready to help!



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@lionsmiband



Lions of Michigan All State Band

Complete details, along with audition music, can be found at
www.lionsmiband.org



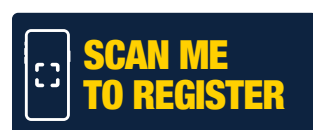
COMING TOGETHER. MOVING AHEAD.



Celebrate service in Boston

At LCIcon 2023, Lions and Leos will unite to forge a path to a better world. Come celebrate service with us, and enjoy the sights, history and culture of Boston.

- Enjoy historical trails and indulge in excellent food and drinks.
- Take part in empowering seminars, hear from Lions leaders and inspirational speakers.
- Enjoy world-class entertainment and meet your fellow Lions and Leos.
- Join the Parade of Nations on the historical streets of Boston.





GMT-PCC JEFF MAYUIERS & IPDG KAROL CHOPP

GMT-PCC JEFF MAYUIERS



If you missed the District Wide Zone Meeting on January 30th, you missed a GREAT Meeting!! The program presented was about Strengthening Your Club and Growing Your Membership! In total 16 clubs were represented and information was compiled from all of them based on four Club Assessment topics; List your club strengths, List your

clubs weaknesses, List opportunities you see that could help your club grow and List threats you see that hinder club growth.

Together as a group we reviewed all the responses and had some further discussions on why the clubs wrote down some of these things. Several topics were listed by several clubs, which tells us clubs often have the same issues. For the benefit of the entire District we have compiled this information and included it in the B2 Beacon this month. It was amazing as many Zones were moving through this exercise they saw items listed as weaknesses could be redirected over into opportunities!

Throughout the evening a lot of information was shared but even with that taking place, a Lion said to me "You know Jeff, with everything we've said and talked about the biggest issue we as Lions have is being complacent! Too bad we never listed it!"

Complacent:

- Comfortable with the way things are.
- Not interested in bringing about change.
- Self-satisfied.
- Unconcerned

.So now I have to ask you my fellow Lions, is that issue hitting us as hard as COVID? Are we all

suffering from "complacency"? If not all of us...the majority?

My fellow Lions, I urge you to stand up to disease! Let's all become non-complacent. Great Things Never Came from Com



Let's all be each other's BOOSTER

GMT Jeff

GLT-IPDG KAROL CHOPP



A note from GLT Karol

Hello fellow lions!

With our clubs getting ready to hold their officer elections, that makes me think we need to hold an officer training. I am planning on a training on April 22. The reason for the early date is that when the weather gets nicer, people will be wanting to be outside doing stuff and not inside at a training.

With that being said, plan on April 22 from 9am-11am at Antwerp Activity Center.

This training is for anyone who will be President, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership, PR person. We are going to cover them all! It is also for anyone who is thinking of doing these positions in the future. We will give you insight as to what each position job is.

Look for a flyer to come out to each club in the next month!

See you soon,
IPDG Karol



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PROJECT KIDSIGHT

PKS COORDINATORS **TANDA & DAVID STIFFLER**

Lions of Michigan Foundation PROJECT KIDSIGHT



It was a very busy time for the PKS Team from January 31st until February 21st. The team was up for getting up early and arriving at the schools early so that we could screen the students and be done before the students lunch hour. As I reflect back over our visits, I still cannot believe that we were able to get up to 737 students screened in just about two hours. Plenty of time before their lunch hour!

We started with January 31st , screening the Vicksburg Sunset Lake Elementary School which we screened 476 kids with 38 referrals. The PKS Team did an awesome job!



Next screening event was in Mattawan at the Mattawan Later Elementary School. The Team screened 720 students with 27 referrals. Another great job for the Team!



Our next screening event was on February 3rd at the Mattawan Middle School. The Team screened 737 students with 27 referrals. I think the team was having a great time!



Next a small team went to the Mattawan Young 5's School. We screened 86 students there with 7 referrals. Our screening was done very quickly at



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PROJECT KIDSIGHT

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

this school. We only used 3 cameras at this school. Sorry to say, I did not get any pictures at this school. Everything happened so fast and we were done!



Our next visit was at the Mattawan High School where we screened 732 students with 46 referrals. Unfortunately this is where I could not attend because I was sick.....so sorry....no pictures of the team here but there were 14 team members present!

Then the PKS Team traveled to the Edwardsburg High School where we screened 543 students with 41 referrals. This school has a lot more students than what we screened, however many students go to secondary school during the school day. Some go to Andrews University, others to Southwestern Michigan College and some go to Elkhart, IN for the Elkhart Career Center. The Team will plan to go back to the school at a later date to get screening done for them.

Lastly the Team went back to the Mattawan School District to stop off at the Early and Later Elementary Schools, and the Young 5's to screen the students that were absent when we went earlier in the month. Two classrooms were on a field trip the day we were there so when we went this time on February 21st, we screened 176 students with 7 referrals. We only took two cameras for this screening as we were not sure how many students there would be.

We could not have screened the amount of kids (which was 6,770 with 465 referrals) if we didn't have such a GREAT PKS Team. Everyone that came seemed happy and we could see how much they enjoyed being a part of the Project KidSight Team. All of these Volunteers melted my heart for their support and willingness to step up and be a part of this great project. We hope more will get involved as we have more schools to go to soon. Watch your emails team. I will email dates, times and places as we get them scheduled. Also one of the best part of being in the PKS Team....you get to know more and more Lion Members! I feel like we have bonded in friendship and I look forward to seeing you all again soon.

Bless You All.

Lion Tanda Stiffler

PKS Coordinator 11B2

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PROJECT KIDSIGHT

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 6,770 kids with 465 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
KAREN FARTHING
DEB FERGESON
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ROY SMOTHERMON
SUE SMOTHERMON
LISA STAFFORD
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11B-2 CLUB NEWS

BUCHANAN-GALIEN

The Buchanan-Galien Lions Club hosted their Annual Trivia Night on Saturday 2/25/23 at the Buchanan American Legion.

A “Very Special Thanks” to our (12) Sponsors, (15) Teams, (118) Players, (40+) Auction and door prize donors, and many Lion volunteers!!! The “Lazy Leis” team took home the top prize this year. Another very successful event for the Buchanan-Galien Lions Team!

The Lions will also be having a St Patrick’s Day Corned Beef and Cabbage “Drive-Thru” dinner March 17th at the Buchanan Senior Center (see attached flyer and leprechauns)





11B-2 CLUB NEWS

BUCHANAN-GALIEN (cont.)

The Buchanan-Galien Lions held their monthly meeting on Thursday February 9th. Lions 3rd VP and Leo Advisor Brian Fisher led the meeting.

A program was presented by the Therapeutic Equestrian Center. TEC President Autumn Zick, Member Donna Canter and Advisory Board Member Kris Reinelt presented the history of TEC, current programs, and volunteer opportunities. One of TEC's themes is "Horses Change Lives" and more information can be found at www.tec-farm.org.



The Leos had 7 young ladies present and each spoke about what they liked about being a Leo and their favorite Leo activities. The Leo's who also participated in the Miss Buchanan Contest shared what a positive learning experience and confidence builder it was for them.

Buchanan's Miss Congeniality Isabell Bryans also shared how the experience helped build confidence in herself that led to receiving a full ride college scholarship.

The club also inducted new Lion member Jeff Welsh, sponsored by Lion Mark Tumbleson.





11B-2 CLUB NEWS

KAL HAVEN TRAIL



District Governor Julie Mayuiers and Past District Governor/First Husband Jeff visited bearing gifts and good will. Governor Julie updated us on the upcoming conventions and District news and PDG Jeff reviewed the last multiple zone meeting discussions on membership and shared some inciteful thoughts on membership growth and retention.



STURGIS

Sturgis Lions Club heard Andrew Kuk, Interim City Manager, at it's February meeting. Andy brought us up to date on many projects which had been stalled due to lack of bidding and supply chain problems.



Sturgis Hospital is due to become a rural emergency hospital soon. A recreational trail project utilizing railway beds on the north side of Sturgis is under consideration. The splash pad at Thurston Woods Park-Doyle Center area has been bidded out and should be finished mid to late summer of 2023. Mike's Pizza plans to reopen in the 105 W. Chicago Rd. Project when it is finished. Heartland RV of Indiana is working on a facility at our industrial park near our airport. And a round-about will be constructed at North Franks and Lafayette Rds, to be completed in 2024.

11B-2 CLUB NEWS

MATTAWAN

The Mattawan Lions Club held another soup supper and then a Quarter Auction following that. It was great fun, and we had a good crowd. We are preparing for our March 11 Soup Supper and then following that our Mattawan LEO Club will be holding there fun prize Bingo after. Mark your calendars, it's always a fun time!!



We also had a special treat of having IPDG Karol's grandkids helping show off the items at the quarter auction. They really enjoyed themselves.



Dan Chopp was presented with a Club Excellence Award from District Governor Julie Mauiers at the Mattawan Lions monthly business meeting.

11B-2 CLUB NEWS

PAW PAW

The Paw Paw Lions were excited to have our new member Lion Jen Trout inducted into our club by District Governor Julie and PCC Jeff Mayuiers.



We are currently excited to be planning a new service project/fundraiser. We will be offering local families the opportunity to have the Lions "Egg" their house. They sign up and we come deliver candy and trinket filled eggs to their yard so that when the kids wake up, they are ready for an Easter Egg hunt.



Paw Paw Lions PDG Fran and CS Tammie attended the Lion of Michigan Forum in Grand Rapids. What a great event! Every Lion should go to this. There is so much to learn.

Lions Fran and Tammie took part in filling treat bags for kids at the Kid's Food Bank in Grand Rapids and they got great ideas for new service projects as well as learning more about how clubs should be implementing the GAT team at the local club level.





11B-2 CLUB NEWS

PORTAGE

CityGate Church Painting Day

By: Lion Pam Glines

On Saturday, February 18, 2023, the Portage Lions Club conducted a Service Activity at CityGate Church in Portage, Michigan. Club members (12) donated their time (22 hrs) and purchased gallons of paint and materials (\$100.00) in order to re-paint the basement recreation



room. We wanted to thank the Church for allowing our club to continuously conduct our meetings and speaker engagements at their facility. As most Lions Clubs are aware, finding a location to meet on a regular and consistent basis can be a challenge and CityGate Church has opened their doors to us for close to a year now! It has been a game changer for us and we felt that giving back to the Church was a great way to show them what a true blessing they have been to our Club so we can continue to Serve the Community and meet regularly to plan new and upcoming events.

The church was very grateful, and a few church members even pitched in for several hours! Allow-



ing the Portage Lions Club to be a part of their Church family and take ownership of a good deed for them and their facility, instills in us the Community Spirit that all Lions Clubs are looking for. The Service Activity really helped our Club to feel like we have a place to call home whenever we need a facility for a function, meeting or a speaker to join us. It's a win-win for all and Portage Lions Club is very thankful for the space and the opportunity to serve the church in return for all their kindness to us!





11B-2 CLUB NEWS

LAKESHORE

Lakeshore Lions Donate Shields to Lincoln Twp. police

The Lakeshore Lions Club presented three ballistic shields to the Lincoln Township Police Department at a township meeting on Tuesday.

The three shields are made of layered kevlar and have windows near the top, which Police Chief Gary Soper said protects officers while providing visibility. Each cost roughly \$2,000.

The Lakeshore Lions Club approached the department last year and asked what the officers needed. Sgt. Ralph Bansen said the officers researched options. In the event someone barricades themselves in a room, and officers need to enter, the shields would protect officers while they made entry.

"On behalf of the Lakeshore Lions, we'd like to present these ballistic shields, and our hopes and prayers are that you never have to use them," said Ray Clark, president of the Lakeshore Lions Club.

The club is now fundraising for a utility terrain vehicle, which will cost about \$24,000. Lincoln Township has 1,185 acres of park land, 985 of which is at Grand Mere State Park. The other 500 acres are at the recreational fields. In the event of an emergency, it's difficult to drive a cruiser through either park, whether because of the sand or the crowds. The Lakeshore Lions Club is applying for three grants and asked for the township board's stamp of approval for each, which was granted Tuesday.

The UTV would be housed in garages off Cleveland Avenue, near the fields. It is street-legal and larger than a golf cart. The UTV will have a first-aid kit, an AED and a fire extinguisher on it. Prior to the meeting, club members said those parks had 129 law enforcement calls last year, which could have benefitted from a UTV.

Soper thanked Bansen for his work researching the ballistic shields and the UTV.



Members of the Lakeshore Lions Club pose with ballistic shields Tuesday, which they donated to the Lincoln Township Police Department.



11B-2 CLUB NEWS

LAKESHORE (cont.)

Lakeshore Lions Support LHS's Robotics Team

The Lakeshore Lions visited Lakeshore High School's robotic team on February 2 and presented them with a check for \$1,500.00. The Lakeshore Lance-A-bots are part of the FIRST organization 'a global robotics community preparing young people for the future.' The first meet that the Lance-A-Bots will compete in will be at St Joseph High School, St Joseph, MI on March 9th to 11th with the March 11th being the best day to watch. The competition is free, and if you have not been to one quite an experience!



President Ray Clark, Lion & Lakeshore Principal & Lion Jeff Yauchstetter, Ainsley Cahill, Team Captain and Brad Smith, Lakeshore teacher & mentor.



Lakeshore Lance-a-bot team with mentors and Lakeshore Lions.



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11B-2 CLUB NEWS

ST. JOSEPH



On Thursday, February 2, Lion Dave Koch introduced coaches of our local schools girls basketball teams, who gave a rundown their respective programs, their strengths and weakness and what they hope to accomplish for the rest of the basketball season. They included Coach Mary Vojtko of Our Lady of the Lake, Ron Briney of Michigan Lutheran, Coach Mike Clark from Lakeshore Schools, and Coach Ken Jackson from Benton Harbor Schools.



Guests Mary Vojtko, Ken Jackson, Phil McDonald, Mike Clark, & Mike VanHoven

For the February 16th program, Lion Bittenbender hosted Marcy Hamilton from Southwest Michigan Planning Commission. Marcy was here to present a program on the Friends of Berrien County Trails www.berrien-trails.org. The group is trying to make the county more accessible to biking, walking running as well making the rivers and streams accessible as well. The friends have created a new County Wide trails plan and seeking endorsements of the plan by all of the counties municipalities. This plan can be used to get funds for the development.



Marcy Hamilton from SW Michigan Planning Commission



Lion Mike Dumke

For the February 23 meeting, Lion Mike Dumke presented a great program on Michigan's involvement in the Civil War. The Michigan Cavalry Brigade had soldiers from all over the state in the ranks. The brigade was made up of Units Michigan's 1st in August 1861 and units 5,6,7th in August 1862. The brigade, under the command of General Custer, shipped out to Washington DC late 1862. Beginning in the spring of 1863 the Michigan Brigade was very involved in the war. The unit distinguished itself at Gettysburg, and was also involved in the battles of Five Forks, Petersburg, & Spillers Creek in 1865. A most interesting program about our state's Civil War heritage.

In Memoriam



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Lion Jack D. Lents

1937 - 2023

Jack D. Lents, 85, of St. Joseph passed away on Monday, Feb. 6, 2023, at Caretel Inns of Lakeland in St. Joseph.

Memorial donations in Jack's name may be made to Alzheimer's Association-Michigan Great Lakes Chapter or Caring Circle of Corewell Lakeland Health, St. Joseph. Those wishing to sign Jack's memory book online may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Jack was born on April 12, 1937, in Flora, Ill., to James and Nellie (Beasley) Lents. His family moved to Southwest Michigan and he graduated from St. John's Catholic High School, Class of 1955, and later attended Benton Harbor Junior College.

Jack served his country in the U.S. Navy right after high school, and remained in the reserves until 1962.

On Aug. 16, 1958, he married the former Diane Wyrick at St. John's Catholic Church in Benton Harbor.

Jack worked for nearly 20 years at The Herald Press/Herald-Palladium, leaving as advertising sales manager. He then spent 25 years in the real estate industry, retiring from Southwest Realty after 10 years of employment. Jack was a member of St. John/St. Bernard Parish where he served as a lector and extra-ordinary minister of Holy Communion, and was a member of The Knights of Columbus. **He was also a long-time member of St. Joseph Lions Club, where he served as president in 1977, along with many other offices,** and was a member of Southwest Michigan Car Collectors and the Trailriders Snowmobile Club in Lake County, Mich. Jack enjoyed the time spent with his many friends at various car shows in the area and riding the trails of Northern Michigan.



LEO CLUB NEWS

EDWARDSBURG LEOS

Membership: 75 LEOs

Advisors: Tanda & Dave Stiffler

Sock Drive For Kids

The Edwardsburg High School Leo Club recently completed one of their projects of collecting socks for their "Sock Drive for Kids". The event was held over a two-week span by asking their entire Edwardsburg High School classmates to help support this venture by bringing in new socks to be given to the Edwardsburg Eagle Lake School, Edwardsburg Intermediate School and the Edwardsburg Primary School. To the surprise of the Leos, they collected well over 700 pair of socks to be distributed. This project involved four schools which Principal Ryan Markel of the Edwardsburg High School was very pleased with the Edwardsburg Leo Club. The Elementary Schools were thankful for the gift of socks to give to their students that may need them.

GREAT JOB, LEOS!

Pictured are Leos with Principal Deb Becraft from the Eagle Lake School, Principal Andrew Jordan from the Edwardsburg Intermediate School and Principal Tracy Spaulding from the Edwardsburg Primary School.



MATTAWAN LEOS

Membership: 75 LEOs

Advisor: Nancy Garman



At there February program meeting, the Mattawan LEOs made 50 survival bracelets which will be sent to Operation Gratitude to be given to people still in the service and veterans.



Lions Bear Lake Camp

Our Mission is to develop leadership skills, build confidence, and to provide a premier outdoor educational and recreational experiences year-round to all persons, regardless of ability.

12/28/22

Hello Governor,

Hopefully you know about the Lions of Michigan Bear Lake Camp located north of Lapeer, MI. If not, the Lions Bear Lake Camp program is a unique camp because it serves children who are medically fragile, learning challenged, managing a chronic disease and/or have serious health issues. Children ages 6 to 16 will attend the summer camp program from free to significantly reduced rates.

The Mission of Lions Bear Lake Camp is to provide a premier educational outdoor recreational experience for children with special needs.

About 15 years ago, the Romeo Lions Club donated golf carts for the camp to transport the children from/to - cottages, dining building, lake area, arts and craft building, etc. The carts have now worn out and need to be replaced; this is where I need your help!

After doing the research, there is a company in Ohio that has given the best quote for the golf cart models that will work for our purpose.

There are 400 Lions clubs in the State, if every club donates \$100, the cost of three new golf carts will be covered

Governor, please distribute this letter to all the Lions Clubs in your district.

Checks payable to: Lions Bear Lake Camp
Mail to: PDG Rich Pfeiffer
70350 Henry Ross Dr.
Romeo, MI 480656

Thank you so much. Please contact me with any questions.

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This \$100 is over and above your regular donation to the camp.





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JULY 9-15

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REGISTRATION OPENS JANUARY 1st, 2023

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Lions Bear Lake Camp

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Lapeer, MI 48446
www.bearlakecamp.org



Register Online



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





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16-22**

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Youth Ages 5-16

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

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Lapeer, MI 48446

www.bearlakecamp.org

**Registration opens
January 1st, 2023**



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GLOBAL ACTION TEAM NEWS

The MD 11 Global Action Team (GAT)

Applications now being accepted for the 2023-2024 Lions year

The GAT is a vast network of dedicated Lions of all levels who are focused on helping districts achieve their goals. This important team helps foster club membership growth, increase Lions' visibility in the community through impactful service and build strong, innovative leaders.

Term One year; selected by the multiple district (per the multiple district constitutional bylaws). May serve multiple terms. Applications are now being accepted for the 2023-2024 year, and must be submitted to the Lions State Office no later than May 1, 2023.

Recommended Qualifications:

- *Passionate about Lions, effectively promotes the Lions International Strategic Plan, and is invested in the association's future.*
- *Experience in leading and developing service activities within the last five years. Familiar with LCI and LCIF service programs, partnerships and grants.*
- *Graduate or faculty member of an Advanced Lions Leadership Institute or Faculty Development Institute, or other professional leadership program.*
- *Able to use technology (Email, Microsoft Office, MyLCI, LCI website, social media). Reporting • GST multiple district coordinator reports to GAT area leader.*

GLT, GMT, and GST multiple district coordinators report to multiple district Global Action Team chairperson (council chairperson).

Applications will be emailed upon request. Contact Lion Wendy Burns at wburns@lionsofmi.com



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.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me directly.

DG Julie
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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), donating using our Pay Pal account (info@lmsf.net) or using Venmo (@LionsofMI-Foundation).

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

Chad



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Click on the image above to download the flyer.



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IMPORTANT NEWS!



Richland/Gull Lake	March 3, 1954	68 Years
New Buffalo	March 6, 1942	80 Years
Schoolcraft	March 25, 1985	37 Years
Sister Lakes	March 30, 1966	56 Years

Congratulations to these 11B-2 clubs for 241 combined years of service to their communities & the world!

A Note from Lion Jeff Mayuiers.....



I want to personally thank everyone that has been able to donate a bike to the Twin County Probation Center. With your help this program has become a huge success. This program is allowing these probation center parolee's the opportunity to have transportation to and from job sites that otherwise would be a 40 minute to full hour walk each way. That being said, I continue to ask you to look around and see if you have a bicycle not being used or know someone that does, that would be willing to donate it to a very worthy cause. Even if they need some repairs, we are still very interested. Jeff Mayuiers 269-254-1936 wjmayuiers@gmail.com.



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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 THIS & THAT

Lions Of Michigan Youth Exchange Program

Dear Lion and Non-Lion Families:

The following information is presented to Lion or Non-Lion families of Multiple Districts 10 and 11 (Michigan) to help make the Youth Exchange Program known to students and families of your community. Lions Youth Exchange is a FAMIL Y program.

Objectives of a youth exchange program are:

- 1) To create and foster a spirit of understanding among the people of the world.*
- 2) To bring young people into contact with students and adults of other countries.*
- 3) To share family life and community life of another culture.*
- 4) To promote international understanding and goodwill through the World of Lionism.*

The Youth Exchange Program was organized by Lions, but is not necessarily only for Lions families. Students from any local school, community college, church, 4-H club, foreign language club, or other youth groups may be included in YEP.

The selection of a student that you will send to represent your Lions Club, community and country is of paramount importance. Be sure you select young people you believe will make good "ambassadors" for you as a sponsor. It is equally important to select Host Families carefully to represent us. We believe every opportunity should be extended to youths to expand their knowledge, their international understanding and their education. It's imperative that the people of the world come to know one another better, in order to arrive at a universal understanding and appreciation of the multitude of diverse cultures and ways of life

that contribute to this world we all share.

We believe that if we are to have better relations with our international neighbors, the task must be put in the hands of our young people. We do this with YEP.

The Lions of Michigan Youth Exchange Committee encourages every Lion, Lioness, and Leo Club to become involved in YEP.

DISTRICT YOUTH EXCHANGE CHAIRMAN:

When you accept the responsibility as Host or Sponsor, you must stay in touch with your District Chairman, who is there to advise you, answer your questions, and to aid you in any way necessary. It is your link to the exciting world of YEP.

This dedicated volunteer has been selected by the District Governor or President to serve the district and will be most happy to present the Youth Exchange story at Club, Zone or District meetings. Why not let your District Youth Exchange Chairman present a YEP program at one of your Club meetings.

STUDENTS WHO TRAVEL

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

Any student between the ages of sixteen and twenty-one may participate in the Youth Exchange Program, except for visits to France or Denmark, where participants must be seventeen. As English is spoken in all countries with whom we exchange, knowledge of the language of the country visited is helpful, but is not mandatory except in France. Students going there must have studied at least two years of the French language. Students must be in good health, mentally and physically, without afflictions requiring close care and attention, but sight or hearing-impaired youths may be qualified to travel. Students must have social and educational levels adequate to live with families that have different customs and culture.



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All students will leave between the middle of June and the middle of July, and normally stay about six weeks with Lions Families or in Lion-approved homes. In some cases, travelers may participate in a Youth Camp with other exchange student's part of the time. Depending on negotiations with these other countries, stays vary anywhere between four and eight weeks.

The Lions Youth Exchange Program is unique in that Lions Clubs at each end sponsors all our students. Sponsors select the candidates and assist with transportation, information and sometimes with financial aid. The Host Club and Youth Exchange Chairman are responsible for seeing that the travelers are met at the airport, and arrive at the homes of the Host Families. The Host Y E Chairman and Host Club Liaison are always close by to assist the student with questions and problems with language, travel or with family difficulties.

BEHAVIOR:

Driving of automobiles or other motorized vehicles is not allowed. International Youth Exchange rules forbid any use of alcohol and using illegal drugs will guarantee an early return home. At no time in the exchange is the student permitted to break and commence individual travel even to visit relatives.

HOW A STUDENT MAY APPLY:

- 1) Secure applications from the District Chairman or Club Secretary; Fill them out completely in triplicate originals.
- 2) Attach individual applicant and family photos to each of the applications (passport type or class pictures are fine), and give them to the Club Secretary for Processing.
- 3) You must include the non-refundable \$150.00 Application Fee with the completed forms. Also, a

\$250.00 Deposit for your airfare must be included. Total Check \$400.00. (Make checks payable to: Lions of Michigan YEP). Since we're limited on the number of youths we can sent to some countries, students should submit applications as early as possible. Applicants are selected on first come, first serve basis. No applications are accepted after February 1st. All the rest must be paid by February 1st.

HOST FAMILIES

HOW TO BECOME A HOST FAMILY:

- 1) Obtain a Host Application from your District YEP Chairman or Club Secretary and fill this out completely.
- 2) Have the Application processed by your Club President or Secretary and returned to the District Chairman.

GUIDELINES FOR THE HOST FAMILY:

The Lions of Michigan Youth Exchange Program is not tourism, but a serious effort to help a student share in the life of another culture. For this reason, the Family must welcome a student into the home as a member of the family from the first moment.

This family must also be willing to make allowance for some small differences in culture, habits, beliefs, and attitude of their visitor. Normally students will have at least basic knowledge of the language of the host country. If there is a language barrier that cannot be solved, the District Chairman may help (usually all that is needed is a dictionary).

The purpose of the Youth Exchange Program is to create and foster a spirit of understanding among the people of the world. Our Host Families are in a unique position to make this goal a reality by sharing their homes and life with a visitor from another country for a few weeks. The Host Families need not be Lions members to participate.



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PREPARING FOR THE STUDENT:

As soon as you have your visitor's name and address, you should begin correspondence by airmail. Tell your student about the home, family, children and their ages, interests, pets, etc. You might also tell the youngster the kind of weather we have, and type of clothing needed for our climate. Share any tentative sightseeing plans also.

It is also important for you to try to learn about the visitor's culture and language, and study a little about the country's history and government, major cities, etc. You may want to learn a few phrases in the student's own language, this way the youth will feel more welcome and at home.

We do recommend that you try to take your visitor on a few short trips in your area to give a better picture of Michigan and of America, but you aren't expected to drop everything and travel extensively during the visit here.

Students usually arrive between mid-June and mid-July.

PLEASE NOTE: It is very important that youths be exposed to others the same age during the exchange. If YOU have none at home, you still may become Hosts by sharing with other families who do. The important element is love of young people, and a wish to share your home in this way.

FINANCE: The Host Family is not under any obligation to provide the youth with pocket money or to finance clothing, medical or telephone expenses. These must be borne by the travelers from funds provided by parents and themselves. The Host Family also is not under any obligation to take the youth away on trips, but of course it would add tremendously to the value of the exchange if they can do so without financial embarrassment to them-

selves. There are many short side excursions in Michigan, which cost little and show off our state very well. It is a personal choice.

WORKING WITH THE HOST CLUB: The Family must be willing to cooperate with the Host club and District Youth Chairman at all phases of the exchange. This includes faithful adherence to all travel arrangements, participation at events organized by the Lions Club or District, and following schedules.

RESPONSIBILITY OF THE HOST CLUB: The Host Lions Club should invite the visiting student to share experiences and give talks about the student's country. It is also nice to include them in club projects so they know what the Lions Club does. As a Host Family, if the local Club doesn't make contact with you, take it upon yourself to initiate the necessary call to make the arrangements. Most of the students will bring pins and banners from home to exchange with the Host Lions Clubs.

FUNDING: The Lions of Michigan Youth Exchange Program is self-funded and has no paid employees. The Application Fees {\$150.00 for students}, help pay for postage, overseas and domestic phone calls, cable-grams, fax messages, student's pins and banners, orientation or organization meetings, printing, and necessary supplies.

COUNTRIES AVAILABLE: We currently have active exchanges with the following countries; other countries may be available and inquiry is welcomed. Flights originate from Detroit, and to help keep program costs down, we use charters when available. Australia Austria Belgium Brazil Denmark England Estonia Finland France Germany Ireland Italy Japan Turkey Netherlands New Zealand Norway Peru Switzerland Sweden South Africa Scotland Wales

Ask your YE Chairman about other possibilities.



NOTES FROM THE EDITOR / WEBMASTER



Hello fellow Lions...

Don't really have a lot to talk about in this issue, so I thought I'd share a little of my background story of how I became a Lion.

Fortunately, my family, my parents in particular, have always been service oriented throughout their lives by being involved with a number of organizations. Dad, first and foremost, was involved with the American Red Cross by not only giving blood on a regular basis, but also by volunteering to drive the blood run between Kalamazoo and Lansing. He and my mother also worked with several Red Cross Disaster Relief Teams down in Florida, helping to put lives back together after some major hurricanes hit the state back in the 80's.

Pop had always had a great deal of respect for the Red Cross as a World War II POW as they not only helped keep him and other prisoners alive through their distribution of RC packages, he saw the bravery and dedication of German RC volunteers who tried to get coffee and donuts to him and his fellow krieges who were on their way to their prison camp. He always looked at his time of service with the Red Cross as payback.

Mom did a lot of volunteer work through the United Methodist church, heading up the annual Merchandise Mart, which was kind of a forerunner to the modern day flea market, only all the sales from

donated items went to church programs to help the community poor. It was a mammoth task and took pretty much the entire year to plan and execute. And she did it year after year after year.

The folks were also part of a multi-denominational group that went all over the world to do things like build nurses quarters in the jungles of Columbia, repair housing in Africa, and a number of other places like Mexico, Finland, and the old Soviet Union.

In any event, you get the idea. My parents set the bar for my future service in the Mattawan Lions and going so far as working at the [Methodist's Children's Home of Costa Rica](#). When asked about joining the Lions, after some thought, I felt that the time had come for me to take up the torch and carry on my parent's legacy of service to my fellow human critters.

And it's paid off in dividends.

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>



District 11 B2 has a Facebook page (11B2 Lions). Like and follow this page for all that's new in 11B2! If you want items posted on the Facebook page, please send them to Lion Tammie Grabowski at cheftammie@gmail.com