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FROM THE GOVERNOR'S DESK



We Serve



I can't believe we only have three months left of this Lion year! I have had a great time visiting all of your clubs and learning the amazing things you are all doing. If I haven't visited your club yet please reach out and schedule a date.

Our District Convention is on March 22nd-23rd so I hope you have all had a change to get your registrations sent in! Convention is our chance to celebrate a successful year of service together! I plan to recognize as many people as possible for all of the amazing things you have all done. Friday nights 80's theme Murder Mystery will be such a great time! Dress in your best 80's gear to see who will take the prize for best dressed! Saturday will be full of service project and session fun. There will be some session changes for Saturday that will provide some great learning opportunities for everyone. I look forward to seeing all of you at convention to celebrate our amazing Lion year!

February 22nd-23rd was an amazing Lions Of Michigan Forum right here in Kalamazoo! It was held at the Delta Hotel where our convention will be in March due to a last minute cancellation at their planned location. The great news is they will be back here next year also because 2025 was already booked! They were so impressed with all of the District 11B2 participants setting a record number of attendees! Next year's forum is going to be even better so plan now to attend.

I look forward to seeing what spring service projects you all have planned. Remember if you ever need an extra hand don't hesitate to reach out!

DG Amy Thackston
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616-307-0027





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CLUB VISITS

Three Rivers



Marcellus





We Serve

MICHIGAN FORUM



LIONS OF MICHIGAN
Leadership Institute

SAVE THE DATE

Leadership Institute
returns
November 8-10, 2024

Registration opens August 1, 2024
Additional information to follow



DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S CALENDAR

March

- 3/5 Colon Club Visit
- 3/6 South Haven Club Meeting
- 3/19 DG Amy PTO Meeting-unable to schedule Club visit.
- 3/22-3/24 District Convention, Kalamazoo

April

- 4/3 South Haven Club Meeting

May

- 5/1 South Haven Club Meeting
- 5/15 Dowagiac Club Visit
- 5/16-5/18 MD-11 State Convention & Council of Governors, Grand Rapids

June

- 6/5 South Haven Club Meeting
- 6/8 Final Cabinet Meeting – Location TBD

For a complete look of what's going on in District 11B-2. click on "Calendar" in the upper left menu on the district's website:

<https://www.e-district.org/sites/11b2/calendar.php>



MISSION 1.5 CHALLENGE

MD-11/SD-10 Mission 1.5 Challenge

July 1, 2023 - April 30, 2024

Purpose: To foster friendly competition between clubs and Districts while working to increase new membership and retention.

Awards and recognition to be given out at the May 2024 MD-12 Convention as follows:

- Club with highest percentage increase in membership**
- District with highest percentage increase in membership**
- Club or District with newest creative or unique project/event aimed at recruiting new members**



LMSF PROJECT KIDSIGHT

Lions of Michigan Foundation PROJECT KIDSIGHT



The Lions of Michigan Project KidSight has been slow for MARCH, but rest assured we will be gearing up again soon. Unfortunately, Colon MS/HS cancelled as the principal elected to just stay with the Health Department this year. Maybe better luck next year.

On a happy note, volunteers, we are scheduled to go to the Buchanan Schools on March 5th and 6th. On the 5th we will be going to Buchanan High School and thereafter going to Ottawa Elementary School for a total of 814 students that are enrolled this year. On March 6th we are going to Buchanan Middle School and thereafter to Moccasin Elementary School for a total of 711 students enrolled. Keep in mind there are always absentees.

Then on March 13th & 14th we are headed to Benton Harbor to screen at the Countryside Academy. On the 13th we will be screening Young 5's, Kindergarten and First Grade at the Moccasin Elementary School. Then on the 14th we will be screening all the 2nd graders through the 12th grade. Total to screen at this school is 750 students enrolled.

On another good note, David and I will be meeting with a Superintendent hoping to get approval to screen at their school district for a total number of approximately 1,500 students. I did not mention the name of the school as I am hoping to give you all good news once, we make our visit with the Superintendent. I have been in contact with many other

schools, but many have said with State testing and spring break it might be best to contact them next year. So, I'll keep them on our radar.

I have heard from several volunteers that they are so ready to get back to doing PKS! Yes, Dave and I agree, and we have several new volunteers that are anxious to get on the PKS Team too! Our goal has not changed, we are moving forward to reaching 20,000 students for this Lion year. With all your help, I feel confident that we can do it!



Our totals so far are 16,226 screened and 1,614 referrals. We are getting closer and closer to reaching our goal team. I will continue to reach out to more schools to see if our PKS team are welcome to screen their students.

Take care PKS Volunteers and those of you still wishing to join our team, email me at tandastiffler76@gmail.com.

Best Regards,

Lions Tanda & David Stiffler
11B2 PKS Coordinators
Cell 574-350-9215



LMSF PROJECT KIDSIGHT



New volunteer learning to operate scanner.



New volunteers learning to do referrals



Master sheet volunteers



Brandywine Team



District 11-B2 District Convention

March 22 & 23, 2024
Delta Marriott Convention Center
2747 S 11th St, Kalamazoo, MI 49009

LIONS, LEOS, CUBS, FAMILIES AND GUESTS, you are cordially invited to the 11-B2 District Convention! Please notice the pricing options for families on the registration form. We want to encourage families to attend together.

Our VIP Guest this year is first year **International Director Joanne Ogden** from Ontario, Canada. [Biography](#)

Friday Night Entertainment: It's an 80's theme Murder Mystery. Dress up in your best 80's leg warmers, bright colors and big hair and get ready to figure out "who dunnit". The murder mystery will all be orchestrated by the Murder Mystery Company of Grand Rapids. Dinner will be a taco bar that will include items for vegetarians and those observing Lent.

Saturday will be filled with our usual activities, including the memorial service, breakout sessions, our business meeting and a service activity. We will also be joined by some leaders from our district Leo clubs. There is a round table time for Lions and Leos to brainstorm ways to be involved with each other and how to appeal to our younger generation to promote Lionism. Our projects will have representatives available for questions and for you to learn more about what they do. Lunch will be a pizza buffet.

Saturday Evening will be our more formal awards banquet with a buffet that will include both braised brisket and grilled salmon. Our International guest, International Director Joanne Ogden will be our guest speaker.

Both Friday and Saturday evening we will have the opportunity to fellowship with Lions from all over the district in our hospitality room. Bring a game, or deck of cards for some fun together. There will be a cash bar.

NEW THIS YEAR: Does your club have items to sell or fundraisers to promote? Rent a table for \$5 and display your items during the convention. Be prepared for lots of sales!

Sponsorships and Convention Ads: To help keep costs as low as possible, we are offering sponsorships and conventions ads for your clubs, area business, projects and individuals.

Don't forget the Great Eyeglass Challenge, Part 2! Bring your sorted, counted and boxed up glasses Saturday morning. These totals will be added to the number you had from Project's Night. Didn't bring glasses on Projects Night for Part 1, no worries, bring them now.





11-B2 District Convention Schedule of Events

Friday, March 22, 2024

3:30 - 5:30 PM	Registration/Delegate Desk
6:00 - 6:30 PM	Opening Ceremony, Military Salute
6:30 - 9:30 PM	Dinner & Murder Mystery Show (Dress up in 80's Theme) (Partial sponsorship by Benton Harbor Fairplains Lions Club)
9:30 - 11 :00 PM	Hospitality Room (sponsored by LMSF)

Saturday, March 22, 2024

7:30 - 9:00 AM	Registration/Delegate Desk
7:30 - 9:00 AM	The Great Eyeglass Challenge presented by the Buchanan-Galien Lions (Sponsored by the South Haven Black River Lions Club)
9:00 - 9:30 AM	Opening Remarks/Meet the International Director
9:30 - 9:45 AM	Memorial Service
9:55 - 10:45 AM	Session One - Opportunities Unlimited for the Blind
10:55 - 11:45 AM	Session Two - Lion/LEO Round Table, "Why We Need LEO Clubs"
12:00 - 1:45 PM	Awards Luncheon (Sponsored by the Paw Paw Lions Club)
2:00 - 3:15 PM	Business Meeting/Elections
3:15 - 4:15 PM	Service Project
4:30 - 5:45 PM	LEO Pool Party
5:00 - 6:00 PM	Cocktail Reception for ID Joanne Ogden
6:00 - 8:45 PM	Celebration Banquet (Sponsored by the St. Joseph Lions Club)
9:00 - 11:00 PM	Hospitality Room (Sponsored by LMSF)



District 11-B2 Convention
March 22 & 23, 2024

Delta Marriott and Convention Center, Kalamazoo

Rooms \$139. Must reserve room by MARCH 12, 2024 for that price

Book your group rate for District 11B2 Lions 22MAR24

Or call 269-375-6000, "District 11B2 Lions 22MAR24"

Lion ___ Leo ___ Cub ___ Guest ___
 Highest Lion Title _____
 Name _____
 Club _____
 Phone Number _____
 Email _____
 New Lion Induction? ___ Delegate? ___
 Are you a veteran? Yes No
 Dietary Restrictions _____

Registration \$15.....\$ _____
 Leo or Cub Registration \$5.....\$ _____
 Friday Dinner \$29 (Taco Bar)\$ _____
 Kid (12 and under) Price \$14.50\$ _____
 Saturday Lunch (Pizza Buffet) \$13*...\$ _____
 Kid (12 and under) Price \$9.50*\$ _____
 Saturday Dinner \$25*\$ _____
 Kid (12 and under) Price \$10*\$ _____
 Braised Brisket & Grilled Salmon Buffet
 Total\$ _____

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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.

Online Registration Also Available:
<https://forms.gle/zU7RyKsrvyPFrP7E8>

* Reduced price due to sponsorship

Registration Due by March 1. NO REFUNDS after March 8. Late registration fee of \$25 after March 1.
 Send Registration and Check payable to
 "District 11-B2"
 CS Tammie Grabowski
 2417 Townhouse Lane
 Kalamazoo, MI 49001

CONVENTION SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



MEAL SPONSORS

Friday Evening Dinner	500.00
Saturday Lunch	500.00
Saturday Evening Banquet	500.00

ENTERTAINMENT

Friday Entertainment	1000.00
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THE GREAT EYEGLASS CHALLENGE

The Great Eyeglass Challenge	100.00
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HOSPITALITY

Hospitality	150.00
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CONVENTION BOOK ADVERTISING

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

SPONSORSHIPS DUE BY 1/30/24

Contact Us

(269) 303-0731
cheftammie@gmail.com

All sponsorships will
include a full page ad.



DISTRICT 11B-2 CONVENTION

Centennial Circle Award



We would like to continue honoring those Lions with 50+ years of service to Lions Club International at the District 11-B2 Convention. If you have a Lion in your club who has recently reached the 50 year status of outstanding service, please let us know and we will present them with a special certificate.

The convention registration fee will be waived for Centennial Circle Members if they will be attending the awards lunch on Saturday, March 23. If they can not attend the convention, the certificate can be presented at another time. Please send their name, club name and years of service to CS Tammie (cheftammie@gmail.com) no later than March 1st.

Shining Star Award



The intent of the Shining Star is to offer a special award to a fresh new member within their first year or two as a Lion; one that provides the spark or enthusiasm and hard work that a new member brings. These awards will be presented at the awards lunch during the district convention on March 23. If they can not attend the convention, the certificate can be

presented at another time. Please email CS Tammie (cheftammie@gmail.com) with your club's selection no later than March 1st.



DISTRICT 11B-2 CONVENTION

*****This will be voted on at convention*****

District 11-B-2 Constitution and By-Laws Proposals 2024

I. A PROPOSAL TO AMEND DISTRICT 11-B-2 BY-LAWS, ARTICLE VIII, DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION FUND, SECTION 3, DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S SPECIAL FUND

Be it resolved, that the District shall amend the District By-Laws, ARTICLE VIII, DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION FUND, SECTION 3, DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S SPECIAL FUND, to read as follows (**proposed changes in BOLD**):

ARTICLE VIII

District Administration Fund

Section 3. **DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S SPECIAL INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION REIMBURSEMENT FUND.** Reasonable expenses of the District Governor attending the International Convention shall be a District Administrative expense and shall be limited to the **types of expense and amounts provided or reimbursed** by Lions International to the District Governors Elect for their attendance at the International Convention as stipulated in the Rules of Audit of Lions International. Receipts shall be required for verification. One Dollar and Fifty Cents (\$1.50) or more per member from each club in the District shall be set aside each year from the per Capita Dues. In any fiscal year, if there is any remaining balance above the mandatory minimum reserve of \$6,000 held exclusively for future District Governor International Convention expenses may be expended by the District for any District Administrative Expense or Project.

Cabinet Recommendation: Yes

II. A PROPOSAL TO AMEND DISTRICT 11-B-2 BY-LAWS, ARTICLE IX, MISCELLANEOUS, SECTION 1, DISTRICT GOVERNOR EXPENSES INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION:

Be it resolved, that the District shall amend the District By-Laws, ARTICLE IX, MISCELLANEOUS, SECTIONS 1 by deleting the section and renumbering the remaining sections of ARTICLE IX (**proposed changes in BOLD**):

ARTICLE IX

Miscellaneous

Section 1. ~~**DISTRICT GOVERNOR EXPENSES INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION.**~~ Expenses of the district governor in connection with his/her attending the international convention shall be considered a district administrative expense. Reimbursement for such expenses shall be made by the district on the same basis as outlined in the General Reimbursement Policy of Lions Clubs International.

Cabinet recommendation: Yes



DISTRICT 11B-2 CONVENTION

***Everyone please read this message sent out by international! Please note this means moving forward any discounted membership does not count towards your clubs membership count to determine the number of delegates that can vote at District, State, and International Conventions. This means only the head of a household if a family is taking advantage of the family member discount is counted for votes. Leo-Lion, students, and any other discounted members will no longer count.

Please also see that no member counts when determining club delegates until they have been a member for a full one year and one day.

Dear Club Officer,

As you may be aware, a vote of the delegates during the 2023 international convention resulted in a new "Discounted Member" category.

This category includes all members paying discounted dues, such as a discounted family member, Leo-Lion member, student member or young adult member. Discounted members have all of the same rights as an active member paying full dues, but do not count towards their club's delegate entitlement for district, multiple district or international conventions.

In addition, during the October board meeting, a resolution was passed to update the interpretation of what constitutes "one year and one day." This constitutional interpretation adjustment now requires members to be full dues-paying members of a single club for a continuous period of one year and one day before they count towards their club's total delegate entitlement.

For members to count toward the delegate entitlement for conventions during the 2024 calendar year, convert discounted members to a full dues-paying membership by MARCH 15, 2023.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter and for your leadership in serving a world in need.

Regards,

The Membership Development Division



Portage Lions Butter Braid Fundraiser

\$16 ea. (40% goes to the club)

Bavarian Creme w/Chocolate Icing

Four Cheese and Herb

Blueberry & Cream Cheese

Raspberry • Cinnamon

Strawberry & Cream Cheese

Orders being taken until March 2nd for March delivery

Please send checks to:

Portage Lions Charities

101 Inkster Avenue

Kalamazoo, MI 49001

For questions, please contact Lion Ruth Phillips

269-345-4622

Come Join Us For A

Soup Supper &

Euchre Tournament



March 9th

Antwerp Activity Center - Mattawan, Mi

Soup Supper: 4-6pm | Euchre Tourney: 5-8pm

Soup Supper

\$10 Entry Fee

Suggested donation:

Draw For Partners - Timed Rounds

\$7 Adults

1st, 2nd, & 3rd Payout

\$3 Children 4-12

(Amount will be based on the number of entries)

Door Prizes

Sponsored by the
Mattawan Lions Club

Proceeds from the Euchre Tournament
will go to Bronson's Pediatric Cancer
Artificial Lighting Mural Project

**Scan QR code
before March 6th
to Register online.**

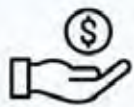


BUCHANAN-GALIEN
LIONS CLUB
CORNERED BEEF
&



CABBAGE
FUNDRAISER

Sunday,
March 17, 2024



\$15 Per Dinner



Pick-Up @ Buchanan
Area Senior Center



Drive-Thru Only



1pm-5pm



Tickets Available at Buchanan
Area Senior Center

LAKESHORE LIONS CLUB
EASTER EGG
HUNT

MARCH 30TH AT 10 AM

**ROOSEVELT ELEMENTARY
PLAYGROUND**

**2000 ELDORADO DRIVE
STEVENSVILLE, MI 49127**

**With special appearances by
The Easter Bunny
and Stevensville Royalty**

This event is free to the public





Spaghetti Dinner

BENTON HARBOR-FAIRPLAIN LIONS CLUB

The DANK

2651 Pipestone Road
Benton Harbor, MI 49022

Saturday, April 27, 2024
5:00PM - 7:00PM

Adults - \$10.00 | Children 6-10 Yrs. - \$5.00 | 5 Yrs. & Under FREE



We Serve

- Cash Bar
- 50/50 Raffle



We Serve

CARRY OUTS AVAILABLE

•• *Please bring used eyeglasses for donation* ••

LIONS BEAR LAKE CAMP

Spring Workbee

May 11th, 2024

Registration 8:00 AM

Cleanup 9:00 AM

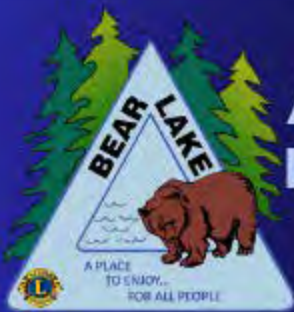


LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED

Easy, Medium, and

Advanced Tasks available

Please bring your own gloves and tools



TO PRE-REGISTER & SIGN UP FOR YOUR FAVORITE
TASK AHEAD OF TIME CONTACT TRACI OR JESSE

Lions Bear Lake Camp
3409 N Five Lakes Rd
Lapeer, MI 48446

traci@bearlakecamp.org
jwalling@bearlakecamp.org



**Portage Lions Club
Raffling Off Vintage
Meershaum Pipe
(Never Used)**



**Swing by the Portage Lions Club table at the District
11-B2 Convention to buy tickets (\$10/each)**

**Proceeds to fund a new environmental project
to plant trees in remembrance of past Lions**



Please contact **Lion Ruth Phillips (269-345-4622)
for any questions about the pipe**



LIONS OF MICHIGAN FOUNDATION

5730 EXECUTIVE DRIVE - LANSING, MICHIGAN 48911

VOICE: 517 887-6640

FAX: 517 887-6642

WEB: www.lmsf.net

MARCH 13, 2023

Dear Lions:

From July through November of this year, our Michigan Lions Foundation has provided services and financial support to District 10 and Multiple District 11 Lions Clubs amounting to:

PROJECT KIDSIGHT – 15,840 screened and 1,732 children referred for follow-up eye care.

HEARING SCREENING – 170 children and 80 adults have been screened and 19 referred for follow-up care.

DIABETIC RETINOPATHY SCREENING – 112 screened and 13 referred for follow-up care.

EMERGENCY INDIVIDUAL ASSISTANCE & DISASTER RELIEF – 18 grants totaling over \$32,000 to help people in 9 of 11 Lions of Michigan Districts.

EYE CARE ASSISTANCE – 38 adults and 18 children have received assistance

HEARING AID ASSISTANCE – 70 adults and 1 child have been provided hearing aids

We are totally dedicated to help Lions Clubs provide assistance to those in need in their communities. Our largest fundraiser is our Annual Sight and Hearing Sweepstakes, and this statewide raffle provides a great opportunity for your club to also raise money for your local projects. Raffle tickets sell for \$10 each, and participating Lions Clubs receive a portion of the proceeds from the sale of tickets in accordance to the following schedule:

30 to 99 tickets sold – Lions Club receives \$3.50 per ticket

100 to 249 tickets sold – Lions Club receives \$5.00 per tickets

250+ tickets sold – Lions Club receives \$5.50 per ticket

In addition, the Lions Club or person who sells the ticket becomes eligible for a drawing on May 4, 2024 at the Lions of Michigan State Office with prizes of \$1,000, \$500, \$250 and \$100.

The Grand Prize of the raffle is \$5,000. Subsequent tickets that are randomly selected receive prizes of \$2,500, \$2,000, \$1,500, \$1,000, \$500, \$400, \$300, \$200 and \$100. The drawing will take place on May 18, 2024 during the MD11 Convention that will be held at the Sheraton by Marriott in Grand Rapids, MI.

This is a great opportunity for your Lions Club to do some easy fundraising and support your Foundation. Every Lions Club has been sent some tickets to sell. If you have any questions, please contact Chad McCann or Kim Creger at 517-887-6640 or info@lmsf.net.

Together in service,

PCC Dave Hill, President

517-262-8928

coldhill@gmail.com

A Public Charity

Dedicated to improving the quality of life of people in Michigan with unmet needs.



38th ANNUAL Sight & Hearing Sweepstakes A GUARANTEED Fundraiser

GREAT PRIZES

1st-\$5,000 - 2nd-\$2,500 - 3rd-\$2,000
4th- \$1,500 - 5th-\$1,000 - 6th-\$500
7th-\$400 - 8th-\$300 - 9th-\$200 - 10th-\$100

SELLER INCENTIVES

1st-\$1,000 - 2nd-\$500 - 3rd-\$250 - 4th-\$100

EASY MONEY

30-99 Tickets Sold = \$3.50 Per Ticket For Club
100 - 249 Tickets Sold = \$5.00 Per Ticket For Club
250+ Tickets = \$5.50 Per Ticket For Club

DRAWINGS

TICKET SELLERS DRAWING

May 4, 2024

Lions of Michigan State Office
Lansing, Michigan

FINAL DRAWING

May 18, 2024

MD 11 Convention - Grand Rapids, MI

The PRICE is RIGHT
\$10.00 Per Ticket

Attention-Attention-Attention

Do you have a friend or relative who has everything?

What better gift could you give than one that helps those in need? For a gift of \$10, you can buy a Sight & Hearing Sweepstakes ticket for a friend or family member, providing them with a chance to win several cash prizes, including the grand prize of \$5,000.

Upon receipt of your gift, we will mail a sweepstakes ticket stub and sweepstakes information to your honoree with a card acknowledging your gift.



Lions of Michigan Foundation - Gift
38th Annual Sight & Hearing Sweepstakes

Donation Amount: \$ _____

Donor's Name(s): _____

Donor's Email Address: _____

Donor's Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Honoree's Name: _____

Honoree's Email Address: _____

Honoree's Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

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Lions of Michigan FOUNDATION

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November 9, 2023

Dear Michigan Lions:

There is a tremendous amount of need that exists in our state, whether it be financial, medical or social, and the number of Michigan families that struggle and require a helping hand grows each and every year. For our Lions foundation to adequately address the need that exists, we need help. We are asking for assistance from all Michigan Lions and friends who are in a position to help more than you are already helping in your Lions Club and community. Contributions to the Lions of Michigan Foundation can be made electronically with the donation link on the foundation website (www.lmsf.net), with Pay Pal (info@lmsf.net), with Venmo (@LionsofMIFoundation), or with the attached form.

Your support will help us meet the challenges that lie ahead, touching lives in communities from our southern border with Indiana and Ohio to our northern border with Wisconsin and Canada and everywhere in between. Your contribution will help a child see or hear better in school; it will help a person suffering from vision or hearing loss keep their job; it will provide temporary living expenses for victims of fires, floods and tornadoes; it will provide emergency assistance for people suffering from sight and hearing disorders and other medical conditions that require treatment with expensive surgeries or medical procedures, it will provide emergency financial assistance for military members and veterans dealing with an unexpected life event; and it will help improve the quality of life for disabled individuals throughout our state.

As Michigan Lions, we have the opportunity and the ability to make Michigan a better place to live, and through our Lions of Michigan Foundation we changes lives, but we cannot do it without your help. Thank you for your consideration and service.

Together We Serve,

Dave Hill
President

Chad A. McCann
Executive Director

Enclosure

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ORDER & APPLICATION FORMS

[CLICK HERE TO DOWNLOAD APPLICATION & ORDER FORMS](#)



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Lions of Michigan Foundation Dr. Robert Mathog Lions Hearing Centers

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



Lions of Michigan Hall of Fame Nomination Form

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

Mints For MILITARY

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



Give to the Lions of Michigan Foundation

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



Lions of Michigan Foundation



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

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

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

Thanks IPDG Julie

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Or call 269-254-1938 to purchase.

Proceeds are used to support the many projects we support.

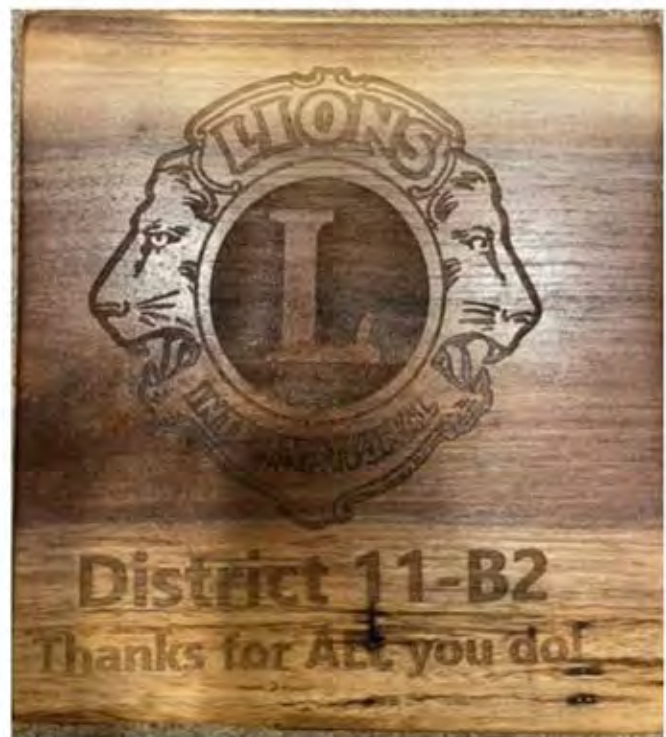


Three Rivers Lions Club Fundraiser

We are selling these bluebird houses for \$20 each. They are hand made by Lion Ken Bickle and the Lions Logo is a branding feature so it won't come off. We have them on hand and ready to purchase now.

Lion Ken is also making custom plaques on black walnut. He has other options for wood choices. These make great award plaques and can be customized as you see here. They are finished with linseed oil. These also sell for \$20 each. These do have a lead time of 30+/- days so keep that in mind. Contact Lion Ken for further details or discuss customization options.

Lion Ken P: 269-689-0644 or Bickel_ken@yahoo.com





11B-2 CLUB NEWS

Benton Harbor-Fairplain

Recognition of the Benton Harbor-Fairplain Lions Club donation to the Benton Harbor High School Athletic Department towards the purchase of a new scorers table in Farnum Gym at Benton Harbor High School

Pictured L-R are Athletic Director-Michael VanHoven, Benton Harbor-Fairplain Lions Member-Andy Menchinger, Donor-Carl Stigell, and Benton Harbor Varsity Basketball Coach-Corey Sterling



Buchanan-Galien

The Buchanan-Galien Lions hosted their annual Trivia Night on 2/24/24. Thanks to all of our participants, business and individual donors, and the American Legion for making the night so successful. The event was a sell out, that included a taco bar and online auction.

Congratulations to team Forever Young, this year's champions. Team Camp Eberhart took second place, and team A for Effort came in third.



Trivia Champions "Forever Young".



11B-2 CLUB NEWS

Buchanan-Galien (cont.)

The Buchanan-Galien Lions held their monthly dinner meeting on February 8th. The program for the evening was Beth Helm- Camp Leo Director who also works for RESA. She informed of the club of some exciting changes planned for this year's camps.



(pictured left to right- Camp Leo Director Beth Helm, Buchanan-Galien Lions Secretary Dianne Ross)

Coloma

Another successful ramp build by Coloma Lions Club for an older couple who's been struggling with their stairs!! It's not much but it'll do wonders.



Congratulations to Coloma's Lion Julia and welcome to the pride. Her sponsor is Lion Brandon.



11B-2 CLUB NEWS

Kal-Haven

Zone Chair Lion Dan Chopp initiates new members Jody Krohn and Tim Tinney as sponsor Lion Dave Mead and secretary Lion Patsy Richardson welcome them as new members of the Bloomingdale-Gobles Kal Haven Trail Lions.

Service awards presented by Zone Chair Lion Dan Chopp. Congratulations to all.



Founding members Lions *Lion John Stassek 15 yrs.*
Rob and Deb Ferguson
30 years.



PDGs Julie and Jeff Mayuiers, and Lion Kathy Richardson study the Lion pin collections of Kal Haven Lion Rob Ferguson and Zone Chair Lion Dan Chopp at a recent Kal Haven dinner meeting. The pins represent literally Lion clubs from around the world.



Robert and Pearl Etwuller
15 yrs



Secretary Patsy Richardson 15 yrs



Jan Westott 15 yrs



President Bill Gingas for 100% club participation in Project Night



11B-2 CLUB NEWS

Lakeshore



The Lakeshore Lions Club visited the Lance A Bot robotics team at Lakeshore High School yesterday evening. We are pleased to be able to donate \$1,000 to the robotics club to help offset some of their costs. Some of our members attended a presentation about the club and were able to walk around to see all the different components that go into creating their robot. They are a group of truly remarkable students and we wish them luck at their competition in Berrien Springs on March 2nd-3rd!

Mattawan

The Mattawan Lions Club monthly program night had Janet Wartman as their guest speaker, who works for the American Cancer Society. She spoke on the topic of Childhood Cancer and what the ACS is currently working on and also what Lions Clubs can do to help in the fight.



The club will also be hosting their final Soup Supper fundraiser, March 9th, followed by a Euchre Tournament (see flyer in Beacon for registration information). Supper will include a salad, crackers, water, and dessert.





11B-2 CLUB NEWS

South Haven-Black River

South Haven Black River Lions February program meeting was a presentation from Opportunities Unlimited Camp for the Blind. They do so many amazing things to help blind children learn to live a normal day to day life.



Lion Cub Zoey continues to read to seniors every Wednesday and loves it. She even handed out a Valentines Day Gift.



St. Joseph



New Lion Roger Morrissett is welcomed into the St. Joe pride.



Our guest presenters are the CW Tech Robotarian Team 2959 comprised of Coloma, Bridgeman, Our Lady of the Lake, Michigan Lutheran, Home Schoolers, and Foreign Exchange students.



11B-2 CLUB NEWS

St. Joseph

The St. Joseph Lions Club held a "rescheduled" Jr. High boys Basketball Tournament on Saturday Jan. 27th. The weather of the week before resulted in a cancellation of the original 14 team tournament but the downsized version a week later brought together 6 teams and raised a little over \$1100 for the club's support of Camp Leo. The boys had a great time and a lot of local friendly rivalries were featured in the championship game between Lakeshore 8th grade and the St. Joseph 7th grade teams. Lakeshore claimed a victory by day's end and everyone left feeling grateful that the tournament was able to be rescheduled. Here's hoping Mother Nature is kinder to us next year so the teams from the East side of the state can make the trip too! ▼

Three Rivers

Three Rivers Meeting guest Oliver Bickle is lucky enough to win the Valentines chocolate heart from Lion Brenda in addition to getting a bag of goodies from the other Three Rivers Lions. DG Amy Thackston was a visitor that night and also gifted him a LEO key chain and pin he now proudly wears on his hat.





LEO CLUB NEWS

Buchanan LEOS

The Buchanan - Galien LEO Club had an eventful February volunteering at the Buchanan Senior Center, helping members with a little technology.



The LEO club also did some heavy lifting for the Feeding America program for our neighbors in Galien.





We Serve

GENERAL NEWS!



Richland-Gull Lake	02 March 1954	69 Years
New Buffalo	06 March 1942	81 Years
Schoolcraft	25 March 1985	38 Years
Sister Lakes	30 March 1966	57 Years

Thank you for all your years of service!

DISTRICT 11B-2 ZONE CHAIR MAP

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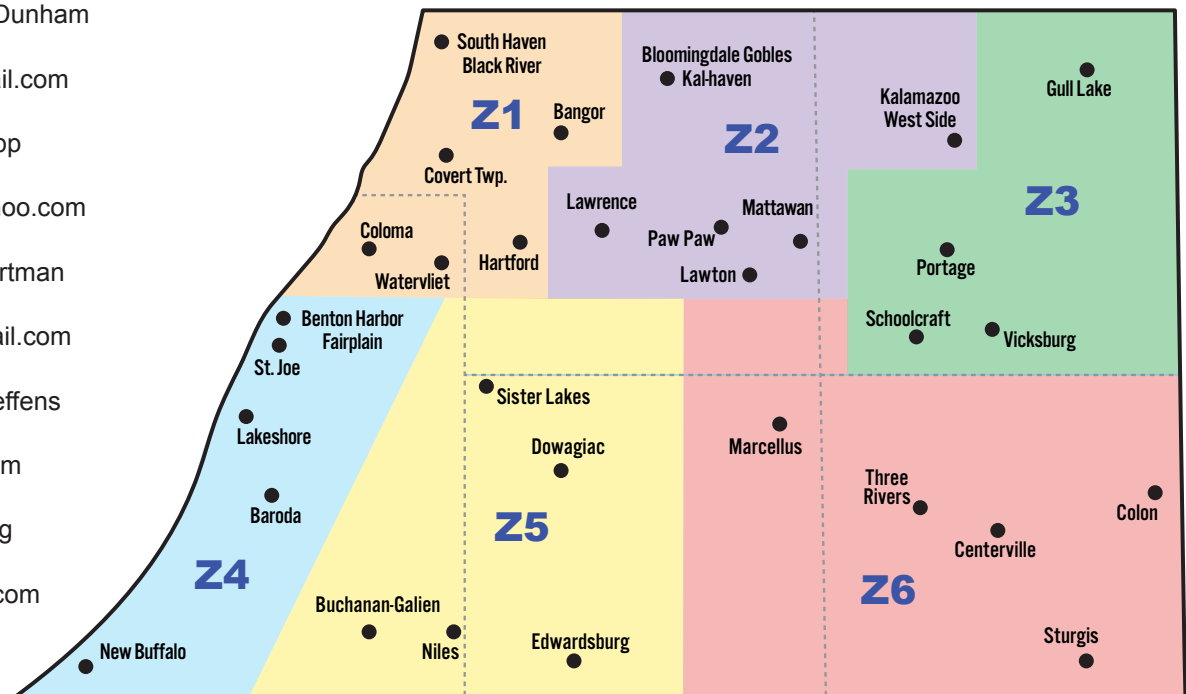
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Extra Extra Read all about it!

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

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

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

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

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

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



Multiple District 11 is looking for some families in the community who can open their hearts and homes for the month of summer 2024 to host a Youth Exchange Ambassador. These young people are part of Lions International Youth Camps & Exchange Program, bringing young adults from various parts of the world to the United States during the summer program July 25 - August 22, 2024.

Host families need not be Lions members, nor must they have children at home. You would be responsible for their room and board. Visiting young adults come with spending money so additional activities will be at your discretion.

If you are interested in becoming a Host Family, please contact:
State Chair Lion Elvie Marfil at 818-800-1060 or email epmarfil5@gmail.com

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

Youth Camps & Exchange Program

Lion Elvie Marfil, District Chairperson

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District 11-B2 will be hosting 4 students:

COUNTRY	HOST CLUB	HOST FAMILY
BRAZIL -Female	BUCHANAN LIONS	ALICE KRING
BELGIUM - Female	MATTAWAN LIONS	JANET WARTMAN
POLAND- Female	MATTAWAN LIONS	JANET WARTMAN
MONGOLI Male	PORTAGE LIONS	ED/NOEMI KUDZIA

District 11-B2 going abroad:

COUNTRY	SPONSOR CLUB	DONATION
NETHERLANDS-Female	PAW PAW LIONS CLUB	\$500

Multiple District 11 need host family for the following students:

COUNTRY	GENDER	
AUSTRIA	MALE	
BELGIUM	MALE	
BULGARIA	MALE	
FRANCE	2 -MALE	
ITALY	2 -FEMALE	1 MALE
MONGOLIA	MALE	
SPAIN	2- FEMALE	

Youth Camp and Exchange Sponsor Lions Clubs

Contributed by: Lion Elvie Marfil, Youth Camps & Exchange State Chair

Interested in experiencing life in a different country? Join the exchange program where you can participate in the day-to-day life of a local family and meet other students from around the world.



Filing deadlines for all applicants vary by country. Most Countries have a filing deadline range from MARCH 15 to March 31 depending on the country you pick. Please choose your country early and contact us right away.

A \$100 Youth Exchange Supplies fee is required with all applications. Fee includes shirts, backpack, MD11 Youth Exchange pins and banners and orientation booklet. There may be an additional charges for camps within your chosen country that are not included in the price of our program. You will be required to purchase your own airfare and international travel insurance. The travel insurance must be accepted in the country you are visiting.

Age requirements are typically 15 - 22

Our students usually depart the U.S. the last weekend of June or beginning of July for a 3 to 5 week stay depending on the Youth Exchange program in those countries. Please note that all counties are on a first come basis and fill up fast so the sooner you apply the sooner we can confirm your acceptance.

Deadline for outgoing students application form: March 30, 2024

Australia	Finland	India	South Africa
Belguim	France	Israel	Sri Lanka
Brasil	Hungary	Italy	Turkey
Canada	Japan	Denmark	Mexico

Apply to become a sponsor club and/or host family today by contacting Lion Elvie Marfil at 818-800-1060 or epmarfil5@yahoo.com.

Deadline for host families application form: April 30, 2024

PLEASE DO NOT FORGET YOUTH CAMPS & EXCHANGE PROGRAM IN YOUR BUDGET.

Time Line

September/October/November: District Chairs and committee members promote the program, focusing on and making personal contact with LEO Clubs and/or high schools in their District. Upon a young adult's commitment, the District Chairperson sends the initial application to the State Chairperson, Lion Elvie Marfil. A formal recognition of the young adult's acceptance into the Lions Club Youth Exchange Program will be sent from the state chairperson to both the District Chairperson and the young adult.

December 15 or before: The signed Application, Indemnity Form, and Compulsory Items must be received by State Chairperson Lion Elvie Marfil, epmarfil5@gmail.com. Some exceptions may apply with permission however, it must go through the District Chair to the State Chair. Signatures are needed at each level.

Upon Commitment until March 30 the LYE (Lions Youth Exchange) young adult's responsibilities include:

- Contact clubs via a phone call, letter or email correspondence to obtain donations for travel expenses. Make arrangements to meet with the club personally. A list of clubs and pertinent information is furnished by the District Chairperson. Many clubs will not donate unless there is face-to-face contact. The clubs want to know why this experience is important to the LYE young adult.
- Contact family and friends to solicit funds for travel expenses.
- Create, schedule, and execute fundraisers to raise money for the LYE experience.
- Attend the Fall District/Regional Lions Conference (usually in October) to make the LYE visible to the clubs. The clubs want to know why this experience is important to the LYE young adult.
- Obtain a passport and/or visa.

March 30: All funds should be gathered for travel expenses and submitted to State Chairperson Lion Elvie Marfil. February 28 is the deadline for all trip donations from the clubs.

March/April/May/June: Host families are found and flight tickets are purchased. Contact between the host country and the state LYE chairperson is not always immediate. Flight tickets cannot be purchased until a host family is found. Please stick closely to this timeline.

May: Youth and family must attend a mandatory meeting in Lansing for LYE parents/guardians, district LYE chairperson, and/or committee member. The LYE young adult will receive a backpack, shirts, pins, banners, flight tickets, insurance information, and general information about airports, security, filling out immigration forms, etc.

IMPORTANT: Any young adult not making the timeline as listed above will be dropped from that year's program, unless cleared by the District Chair and State Chair. This is a very time-consuming process for all involved, and it requires all involved to closely follow the deadlines.

Thank for your involvement

Lion Elvie Marfil, State LYE Chairperson, epmarfil5@gmail.com, 818-800-1080

Youth Camps & Exchange Program Outgoing Young Adult Ambassadors

Selection of a Lions Young Adult Ambassador

The appropriate selection of a young adult to represent a Lions Club, community, state, and America is of paramount importance. The choice should be a young adult who, it is believed, will make a good "ambassador" both in words and actions. Both areas of character are a reflection of the USA and are of equal importance. Academics are a factor in the selection process, but other areas of a person's character also demonstrate qualities of strength that make a good ambassador. These could be sports, music, leadership, technology, and the like. A young person with good character is what the Lions seek. A request to travel has never been denied if a young adult has interest. Young adult ambassadors that have not traveled with YCE previously will fill the slots for a country before a young adult ambassador that has traveled with YCE.

Lions believe that every opportunity should be extended to a young adult to expand his/her knowledge, international understanding, and education in cultural diversity. People of the world need to appreciate and understand one another. This can be done through exposure to the culture, through an immersion in the life of a family. As the world becomes smaller through technology, it is imperative that young adults have the opportunity to experience international cultural diversity in order to nurture an improved relationship with America's international neighbors. We do this with the International Lions Youth Exchange Program!



Thank for your involvement

Lion Elvie Marfil, State LYE Chairperson, epmarfil5@gmail.com, 818-800-1080

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