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"May the beacon of hope always shine bright"

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LIONS OF DISTRICT 11-B2

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"TOGETHER WE SERVE"

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District 11-B2 District Convention March 28 & 29, 2025

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 is second year International Director, [Judge Anthony Paradiso](#).

Friday Night Entertainment: It's MARDI GRAS! Come in your best Mardi Gras fun: bring the beads, the mask, the jester hats! There will be several fun stations (juggling lessons, caricature artists, fortune telling, etc) set up to participate in some great fun! Dinner will be an Italian Buffet featuring a meat lasagna and a veggie lasagna. (Sponsored by the Benton Harbor Fairplain Lions)

Saturday will be filled with our usual activities, including the memorial service, breakout sessions, our business meeting and a service activity. Our projects will have representatives available for questions and for you to learn more about what they do. Lunch will feature a chicken salad or turkey wrap buffet. (Sponsored by the St. Joseph Lions Club)

Saturday Evening will be our more formal awards banquet with a buffet that will include both Rosemary Chicken and Pot Roast. Our LCI guest, International Director Judge Anthony Paradiso will be our keynote speaker. (Sponsored by the Paw Paw Lions Club)

Red Wagon Float Parade: All clubs are invited to make a "float" using a little red wagon. There will be a parade Saturday night at our banquet. Get your club together and get your creative juices flowing!

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 (CASH ONLY). (Sponsored by the Lions of Michigan Foundation and the Bangor Lions Club)

Does your club have items to sell or fundraisers to promote? Rent a table for \$10 and display your items during the convention. Be prepared for lots of sales!

Don't forget the Great Eyeglass Challenge! Bring your sorted, counted and boxed up glasses Saturday morning. Make sure your totals are written down so we can see which club has collected the most. (Sponsored by the Buchanan-Galien Lions, the South Haven Black River Lions, the Watervliet Lions and the Lions of Michigan Foundation)



11-B2 District Convention Schedule Of Events

Friday, March 28, 2025

Registration/Delegate Desk	3:30 - 5:30 PM
Opening Ceremony, Military Salute	6:00 - 6:30 PM
Dinner & Mardi Gras Fun	6:30 - 9:30 PM
Hospitality Room	9:30 - 11:00 PM



Saturday, March 29, 2025

Registration/Delegate Desk	7:30 - 9:00 AM
The Great Eyeglass Challenge	8:30 - 9:30 AM
Opening Remarks/Meet the International Director	9:00 - 9:30 AM
Memorial Service	9:30 - 9:45 AM
Session One - Interquest Cares Dogs	9:55 - 10:45 AM
Session Two - Mattawan HS Dream Team	10:55 - 11:45 AM
Awards Luncheon	12:00 - 1:45 PM
Business Meeting/Elections	2:00 - 3:15 PM
Service Project - Hospital Go Bags for Hospitality House	3:30 - 4:30 PM
Cocktail Reception for ID	5:00 - 6:00 PM
Celebration Banquet	6:00 - 8:45 PM
Hospitality Room	9:00 - 11:00 PM



District 11-B2 Convention March 28 & 29, 2025

Delta Marriot and Convention Center, Kalamazoo
Rooms \$139. Must reserve room by February 28 for that price
Call 269-375-6000, "District 11B2 Lions"



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

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Are you a veteran? Yes ____ No ____
Dietary Restrictions ____

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:
Online Convention Registration

*Reduced price due to sponsorship

Registration \$15.....\$ ____
Leo or Cub Registration \$5.....\$ ____
Friday Dinner \$29 (Italian Buffet)\$ ____
Kid (12 and under) Price \$14.00\$ ____
Saturday Lunch (Wrap Buffet) \$18*..\$ ____
Kid (12 and under) Price \$10.00*....\$ ____
Saturday Dinner \$35*\$ ____
Kid (12 and under) Price \$18.00*...\$ ____
(Rosemary Chicken & Pot Roast)
Total\$ ____

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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



District Convention Awards

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 29. 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 29. 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 Calendar

March 28-29

District 11B2 Convention, Delta Marriot Convention Center, Kalamazoo

March 8

Cabinet Meeting, 9am, Sister Lakes Lions

May

MD-11 Convention & COG, Double Tree Hotel, Bay City, MI



Lions of Michigan Forum 2025

February 28 through March 1, Lions from all over 11-B2 attended the Lions of Michigan Forum in Kalamazoo. We did a service project, honored visually impaired kids with scholarships, reconnected with friends from around the state, made new friends, learned lots of things and had our batteries recharged by Past International President Brian Sheehan.





Project KidSight

Lions of Michigan Foundation



The 11B2 Project KidSight Team has BEAT the 2023-2024 numbers of Screening!

Last year the PKS Team managed to finish the year with 22,308 screened and found 2,415 referrals. With two screenings that happened on Wednesday 2/26/25 and Thursday 2/27/25 we peaked last year screening by adding 860 students screened and finding 108 students with referrals. Our new total is now 23,116 students screened and 2,534 students that were referrals. Our hope is parents will get their child into see an eye care professional such as an Optometrist or Ophthalmologist as soon as possible. Lions goals have always been to help children through the early detection and treatment of vision disorders that hinder their ability to develop normally and achieve success in school and life. Our goal has been on our trifold for many years and every

referral packet that we hand out has the trifold inside the packet. Our volunteers also put a check mark by what their child has as an abnormality in case the parent wishes to look online to see what our camera has found as an eye disorder to get a better understanding as parents might not know what Anisometropia is or are not sure what Astigmatism is. Our high-tech camera looks for 7 disorders that cause vision loss. Our goal is to offer our free service to as many schools as we can in District 11B2.

On March 20th the PKS Team will take part in participating in a Young 5s & Kindergarten Registration Night for 8 Elementary Schools in Portage. We have screened in 7 of these elementary schools so far and will tie it up by screening the 8th elementary school on March 6th. A PKS Team has been set in motion to participate, which new this year is a one-stop shop for families! The registration will be at the Northern High School Commons from 5:30 to 7:30. We plan on taking 3 cameras plus 1 more in case we need that evening. (We don't want parents to wait in long lines so we will do our very best to show off how quickly we can screen their child!)



Referrals are an Important part of our screening process.

Our amazing team is dedicated to giving up a morning to go into a school and screen all the students that are in the school. These volunteers in my book are AMAZING, AWESOME, FABULOUS, MAGNIFICENT, FANTASTIC & EXTRAORDINARY!!! The screening process is simple, get into the school, set up the cameras and printers. The entire team works to make this happen quickly so we can start screening as soon as possible. The Superintendent, Principals, Teachers and Staff are "AMAZED" at what our team can do in little time, and in time before the lunch hours start. ☺ This is the BEST JOB that I have EVER HAD and don't even get paid!

If you feel you would like to make a difference in a child's life, JOIN OUR TEAM. You will LOVE it. Contact Tanda Stiffler at tandastiffler76@gmail.com or call 574-350-9215.

PROJECT KIDSIGHT IS MAKING DIFFERENCES IN OUR CHILDREN'S FUTURE!

RESPECTFULLY,

Tanda & David Stiffler
PKS Coordinators

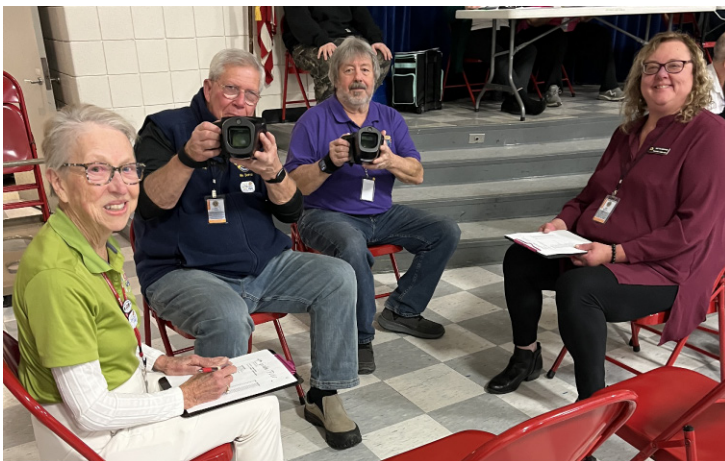


Project Kidsight / LCIF

More KidSight...



Enjoying a team breakfast after a good mornings work.



Ginger, Rod, Dave & Amy are at the ready.



Virgil and Bill screen a student.



Lions Clubs International FOUNDATION

Thank you to all the individuals and clubs who have donated to LCIF this year. Through January we were halfway towards meeting our 2024-25 District fundraising goal of \$24,292.00. That works out to \$30.00 per member, based on membership figures for the District July 1, 2024. Club coordinators and immediate past presidents, please continue to promote donating to LCIF.

LCIF will have a table at our District Convention. Stop by and pick up information on grant opportunities and Melvin Jones Fellowships. A number of clubs already have enough money donated in order to apply for one or more Melvin Jones Fellowships for members. Stop by the table for that information.

Thank you and continue to "Make Your Mark"!

PCC Ron Gibson
11B2 LCIF Coordinator
231-414-7581

EMPOWER SERVICE Give Your Way

Every donation matters. Your support sustains our global mission and LCIF appreciates your gifts. Explore our recognition programs for individuals, clubs or districts to see how your generosity is celebrated.

[Donate Online](#)



Pediatric Cancer



Hello Fellow Lions!

*PDG, Karol
Pediatric Cancer, Chair 11B2*

Imagine being a child undergoing cancer treatment, spending days, weeks, or even months in a hospital room. Now imagine a way to bring a little more sunshine and hope into their lives. That is exactly what we did by installing skylights on the pediatric oncology floor at Bronson's Children's Hospital (HEMOC), giving young patients a brighter, more uplifting healing space,

PDG Amy and I had the honor of going to Bronson's Children's Hospital to see the skylights that we raised \$11,052 for and then received a \$12,000 grant from LCIF for. It was amazing to see what we did. It rejuvenated my spirit.

We don't spread the word enough about the great things our District 11B2 does as well as our own clubs. You all should be proud.

I have attached some pictures of them, but it does not do them justice.

On behalf of the doctors that work in the HEMOC department and PDG Amy and myself, I can't say how proud I am of this accomplishment!

Thanks for all you did to make this a success!



MEMBER RESOURCE CENTER

For more information on childhood cancer and how Lions International is making a difference, click on the link below.

OUR CAUSES



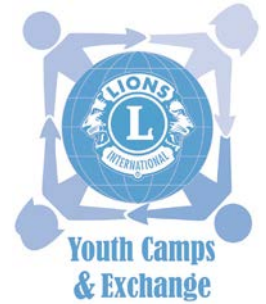


Youth Camps & Exchange



Become a Host Family

*Contributed by Lion Elvie Marfil
State Youth Camps & Exchange Chair*



Is Hosting Right for Me?

Are you interested in learning about other cultures and ways of life while sharing your own customs and experiences? Are open-mindedness, tolerance and cultural competence of high importance to you? Do you have a desire to contribute towards peace, international understanding and the creation of global citizenship in youth? If you answered yes to any of these questions, you may enjoy being a host family for the Lions Youth Camps and Exchange (YCE) Program!

Benefits of Hosting

Hosting an exchange youth is guaranteed to be a rewarding experience because:

- You experience the joy of sharing your culture and daily customs
- You learn about the exchange youth's customs and culture
- You open a new world of possibilities and thinking to the exchange youth
- You make a new friend - maybe a friend for life

Expectations of a Host Family

Room and Board

You are expected to provide room and board for the youth. It is recommended that youth be roomed with youth of similar ages and similar genders. Meals should be balanced and healthy.

Transportation

Typically, you are responsible for all of the youth's transportation during the exchange. Travel may include but is not limited to, transfers to and from the airport or train station, transfers to other Host Families or International Camp, transportation to and from any planned activities by you and/or the Host Club.

Financial responsibilities

Payment for cultural activities is dependent on the agreement made between you, the youth and the Host Club. Some programs offer stipends or scholarships for participating Host Families.



Youth Camps & Exchange

Selecting an Exchange Youth

The criteria for selecting youth differs from YCE program to YCE program. Hosting a youth is dependent upon desired age, gender, interests and nationality and upon the availability of the youth meeting those requirements. Your local YCE Chairperson will advise you of available youth or if arranged early enough, may seek a youth meeting your request.

You can learn more about the roles and expectations of a YCE Host Family by checking out the [YCE Host Family Handbook!](#)

Host Family Eligibility

Potential Host Families must be screened by the Host Lions Club and YCE Chairperson. The Host Lions Club and local YCE Chairperson must approve all host families. Screening items include, but are not limited to:

Age: Having experience with youth of similar age as the incoming youth.

Character: Your family should be understanding, interested in other cultures, open-minded, tolerant and have ability to communicate and/or deal wisely with youth.

Language ability: It would be helpful if one or more members of your family speaks the youth's language and/or English (most YCE programs require English as the preferred language), and could be necessary in some cases.

Knowledge of the YCE program and [policy](#): Your family should have some familiarity with the YCE program and/or hosting youth. If you are a non-Lion Host Family, you should be well informed on the scope and objectives of Lionism, and on the YCE program and [policy](#) by the local YCE Chairperson.

Living conditions: Your family should be able to accommodate an additional person in the home without discomfort or financial burden.

Family preferences: Your family are permitted preference regarding the youth's nationality, language, religion, gender or age.

Availability: It is important that you make sure your family's schedule allows accommodation to spend enough quality time with the youth.

How to Apply

Contact Lion Elvie Marfil: epmarfil5@gmail.com or 818-800-1060.



Youth Camps & Exchange



Lions of Michigan - Youth Camps & Exchange Program

Lion Elvie Marfil, State Chairperson 2024-2025

818-800-1060 epmarfil5@gmail.com

Do you know a young person who would like to embark on a life-changing adventure?

The YCE program allows youths aged 15 to 21 the opportunity to travel to a foreign country where they will experience another culture up close and personal in a family environment.

********Deadline to apply: March 30, 2025********

Would you be willing to be a host family and open your home to a youth from another country?

Hosting Dates: July 26 – August 16, 2025; Camp Dates: August 3-9, 2025, at D-Bar-A Scouting Ranch

We are actively seeking host families for incoming youth exchange participants.

********Deadline to apply: June 30, 2025********

Join in on the adventure of a lifetime!





Buchanan-Galien Lions Club
Corned Beef & Cabbage
St. Patrick's Dinner



\$15.00 a person
Monday, March 17th
4:00 to 7:00pm

Buchanan Area Senior Center
Drive Thru Only
810 Rynearson Street, Buchanan

Please pick up presale dinners by 6pm

Please see any Lions Club Member for tickets or stop by the
Edward Jones Investments and Buchanan Senior Center
More information call 269-470-0571



HOSTED BY:

MATTAWAN SCOUTS OF TROOP 161



TRIVIA NIGHT

Come out and show your talents! This evening will be an informal and fun competition about Trivia Facts.

Cash prizes & Silent Auction!

- 1st place table \$120.00
- 2nd place table \$80.00
- 3rd place table \$40.00

Proceeds support the Scouts of Mattawan Troop 161, sponsored by the Mattawan Lions Club
Concessions will be available.

When: March 22, 2025

**Where: Antwerp Activity Center,
24821 Front St., Mattawan, 49071**

Time: 5pm

**EARLY BIRD
(DEADLINE MARCH 15TH)**

\$20

Gather a team of eight or come and join other Trivia lovers!

Price at the door:

\$25

SCAN ME!



Michele Guyman
(586) 557-4054
mmguyman123@gmail.com



We Serve

When: Saturday, April 12 from 8 - 11 am.

Cost: Donation

**Where: Lions Service Center
420 Sixth Avenue
Three Rivers**

**Come and join the Easter
Bunny and the Lion for
pancake breakfast**



Proceeds to support our local projects and building funds

LIONS BEAR LAKE CAMP

Spring Workbee

May 10th, 2025

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

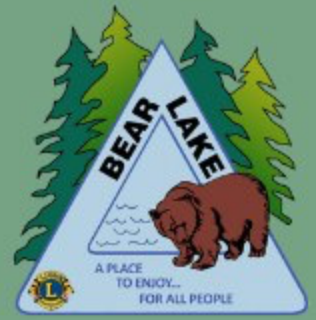


PLEASE RSVP TO:

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

**traci@bearlakecamp.org
jwalling@bearlakecamp.org**

LIONS BEAR LAKE CAMP OPEN HOUSE



**JULY 12TH 2025
2:00 PM – 5:00 PM**

**Tour Camp
Meet the Staff
Family Friendly Event
Snacks Provided**

RSVP Online or contact:



810-245-0726

traci@bearlakecamp.org



BEARLAKECAMP.ORG



The South Haven Black River Lions Club
Annual Fundraiser

BBO On The Bluff

American Legion Post #49
129 Michigan Ave., South Haven, MI

Saturday, August 23rd

4:00PM - 9:00PM

**\$10 PRESALE & \$15 AT THE DOOR
ALL YOU CAN EAT FOOD UNTIL 8PM**

Live Music
OCDK
2nd Band TBD

Kid Hour
4p-5p
**Face Paint,
Caricatures, &
More!**

*50/50
every hour*

Silent Auction



**Pre-Sale Tickets available in June until August 21st at the American Legion Post 49,
Wolverine Ace Hardware, Chamber of Commerce, Shoreline Dance Academy, or email
Lion Nila (nila.dubas490@gmail.com)

WHITE CANE ORDER FORM



Lions/Lioness Club Name _____

District _____ Date _____

SHIPPING ADDRESS:

BILLING ADDRESS:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip _____

Phone: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip _____

YES! I WANT TO PICK UP AT THE LIONS MICHIGAN FORUM ON MARCH 1! _____

UNITS	ITEM	UNIT	PRICE	TOTAL
	String Tags	1000/box	\$60.00	
	White Cane Stickers (roll)	1000/roll	\$32.00	
	Bib Apron	Each	\$14.00	
	Waist Apron	Each	\$8.00	
	White Cane Placemats	500/bundle	\$21.00	
	Eyeglass Collection Box (large)	Each	\$8.50	
	Eyeglass Collection Box (small)	Each	\$6.50	
	Extra Eyeglass Box Stickers (set of 3)	Each	\$3.00	
	White Cane Law Pamphlets	250/bundle	\$20.00	
	Certificate of Appreciation	Each	.60¢	
	White Cane Bookmarks	100/bundle	\$10.00	
	Leader Patch	Each	\$3.00	
	Leader Pin	Each	\$1.50	
	*NEW White Cane Lapel Pin with red tip	500 Quantity	\$85.00	
If shipping is required, you will be billed for shipping and handling fees.		TOTAL:		

Order Form Online: www.lionsofmi.com

Mail to: Lions of Michigan • 5730 Executive Drive, Lansing, MI 48911 • (517) 887-6640 ext. 10 • fax: (517) 887-6642



Order & Application Forms

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

Lions of Michigan Foundation Dr. Robert Mathog Lions Hearing Centers

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



Lions of Michigan Hall of Fame Nomination Form

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

Mints For MILITARY

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



Lions of Michigan Foundation

Give to the Lions of Michigan Foundation

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



11B-2 Club News

Buchanan-Galien

The Buchanan-Galien Lions hosted Miss Buchanan and her court at their dinner meeting on 2/13/25.

Miss Buchanan 2025 Chloe Aalfs and court Zoe Griggs 1st Runner Up, Ava Graham 2nd Runner Up, and Brooke Strefling Miss Congeniality, and Mr Buchanan King Representatives Bodie Bryans, Coy Weinberg, and Landon Fankhauser will be representing Buchanan in the Blossomtime Pageant this year. We are truly honored to have all of these outstanding young people representing Buchanan and Galien for 2025.

Advisors/Chaperones Kelly Catalano and Kim Gaul were also on hand and spoke of the Miss Buchanan organization, history, funding and success.





11B-2 Club News

More Buchanan-Galien...

The Buchanan-Galien Lions Club hosted their Annual Trivia Night on Saturday 2/22/25 at the Buchanan American Legion (see attached pictures)

A "Very Special Thanks" to our Teams, Players, Auction and door prize donors, and Lion volunteers!!! The "Welsh Electric" team took home the top prize this year and the Holloway team had a great time also. Another 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 flyer in this month's Beacon)



Lakeshore

Exciting times ahead as we welcome new members to the Lakeshore Lions Club! We were able to induct 7 new members at our last meeting. Together, we'll make an even bigger impact in our community. Ready to serve, inspire, and grow!



Mattawan

The Mattawan Lions hosted a Euchre tournament March 1st with lots of exciting rounds. Thank you to our table sponsors Hallgren Orthodontics and Mattawan Mechanical Services, LLC. and for door prizes from Murray Street Brewing Co., Subway Mattawan, and Happy Days Cafe.





11B-2 Club News

St. Joseph



At our February 27th meeting, our guest speakers represented a new business in town called “Yours Truly, Elizabeth” founded by Elizabeth Ross.

The store opened on July 12th right next door to Thornton’s Cafe. It is a stationery shop but includes so much more than just cards and paper products. The shop is tiny and mighty! It is as much about bringing people together as it is about beautiful products to connect you with someone in your life. Being downtown they get a lot of foot traffic and people have the ability to request things they might need. Papers, pencils, fountain pens, journals, and more fill the shop. There is something for everyone who wishes to re-inspire the use of “snail mail” and journaling in their life. They have a loyalty program and for every ten dollars you spend you get a stamp. Fill the card and you will get a \$25 gift certificate. They have a website you can also check out to see more about their projects. Take time to stop in and see this awesome new shop.

Three Rivers

Three Rivers Lions attended the TR Lady Cats JV & Varsity basketball games on January 21st to show their appreciation and support of these ladies for their assisting with our annual Christmas food and toy distribution. This is the 14th year that the teams have given time on a Saturday in December to help the Lions. This evening was also Homecoming and the Pep Band members and their parents were honored so what better time for the Lions to present the Band with a \$2,000 donation towards their Band trailer fundraiser they are holding. The club raises funds by selling freeze dried candy, various flavors of popcorn, slushies, snowcones to name a few of the items. Pictured are Lions Ken and Gary selling some of these items.



PCC Jeff Mayuiers inducted 2 new Lions in January...a mother and her son. Welcome to Lions Barb and Miles McGowan sponsored by PDG Julie Mayuiers.

Hope to see you at District Convention!





11B-2 Club News

More Three Rivers...



Three Rivers Lions present \$2000 donation to help procure a trailer for the Three Rivers Band





LEO Club News

Mattawan LEOs

Mattawan HS Dream Team Presents at 2025 Michigan Lions Forum

HUGE thank you to our amazing Mattawan Dream Team executive members Allison Brewer and Hailey Neifert (who are also Mattawan LEO Club executive officers) for presenting at the LIONS CLUB CONFERENCE early this morning about the importance of supporting our youngest cancer warriors. You both made Cancer Families United proud (<https://www.cancerfamiliesunited.org/contact>)!

Comments from their advisor, Amanda Rounds, "I have not been surrounded by so many HUGE HEARTED people as I was this morning. I needed that. It was like my entire soul was baptized in the warmth of humans who are DOING THINGS to make real and lasting positive change. I talked to Lions members from all over the state-- teachers, lawyers, CEOs. Mattawan Lions Club, THANK YOU for this incredible opportunity."



Where there's a need...***There's a LEO***

"Leadership, Experience, Opportunity." That's what makes a LEO. Members of LEO clubs embody the best qualities of our incredible organization. They are devoted young people who realize the power of action. Together, LEOs and Lions form a powerful partnership — one of mutual respect where Lions learn from the innovative insights of LEOs, and where LEOs gain access to the proven strategies of those who've successfully served the world for decades.

Visit the [Start a LEO Club](#) page for the steps to organize a new LEO club in your community.





We Serve

General News!



Richland/Gull Lake	March 03, 1953	69 Years
New Buffalo	March 06, 1942	81 Years
Schoolcraft	March 25, 1985	38 Years
Sister Lakes	March 30, 1966	57 Years

Thank you for all your years of service!



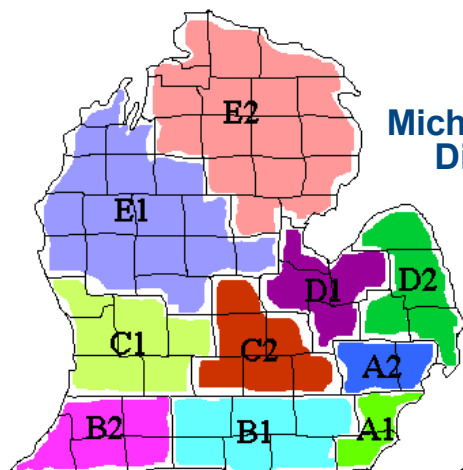
Lions clubs needing to replenish their mints inventory and save on shipping costs, please contact PDG Julie Mayuiers at jumayuiers@gmail.com no later than **March 13**. Clubs that contact Julie can pick up their mints at the District Convention on March 29th at the LMF table between 9 – 11:30 am.



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