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FROM THE GOVERNOR'S DESK



We Serve



I'm not sure if April brought us more showers or snow flurries but either way, I'm over the snow and hoping you are as well.

Let's go back up to March where I missed acknowledging some clubs and members in last month's article. The first week of March kept me on the road on the west side of the district.... I should have just gotten a hotel room over there since I was there 3 nights that week. On March 6th I joined the Watervliet Lions Club preparations are underway for their Annual Hog Roast on May 20th. Then on March 7th, I stayed closer to home and spent the evening with the Colon Lions Club where I learned they are selling the LMSF Sight and Hearing Sweepstake tickets like crazy again this year. I look for them to finish in the top 3-5 clubs in selling tickets again this year...way to go Colon Lions!!! Back on the road on March 8th for a visit to Lakeshore Lions where I inducted 8 new Lions. I can't tell you the shock when I walked into the room and there was not an empty chair to be found and I believe I counted 28 Lions in the room! Lion Ray Clark received a Shining Star Certificate and Lion Tony Korican received a Centennial Circle Certificate, again congratulations to both of you! This club is going to be busy for the next several weeks as they shared their many events that had coming up. March 9th, I inducted another new member, welcome Lion John Reid followed by presenting Centennial Circle Certificates to Lions Dale Kreitner and Bennett Leedy. March 25th was a visit with the Covert Lions Club and presented President Patrice with a 100% Participation banner patch for Projects Night and shared things going on in the district as well as in Lions of Michigan Service Foundation.



Covert 100% Participation Projects Night

April started off with a visit to the Sister Lakes Lions Club on the 6th where I presented Lion Mary Kay Dempsey with the John C. Johnson New Lion of the Year Award as she was unable to receive this award at our District Convention due to a special family event. Mary Kay has really stepped right up and helped her club since becoming a member and is well deserving of this honor. Then just a few days later the Sister Lakes Lions Club hosted a Cabinet meeting on April 15th where I also had



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FROM THE GOVERNOR'S DESK (cont.)



John C. Johnson New Lion of Year Mary Kay Dempsey

the honor of inducting new member Sandy Prillwitz into the club. Welcome Lion Sandy! Centreville Lions Club welcomed me, PCC Jeff Mayuiers also the State Coordinator for Project KidSight and our District Project KidSight Coordinators Lions Dave & Tanda Stiffler to their meeting on April 12th. I had the honor of presenting Lion Debbie Barre with the Shining Star Award and President Karen Gleason with a 100% Participation banner patch for Projects Night. PCC Jeff shared that our District is leading the state in KidSight screenings and quickly approaching the 10,000 mark for the year to date. Lions Dave and

Tanda shared more on becoming Project KidSight screeners and what all is involved with that. It's always great to induct a new member in your home club and I did just that on April 25th when Three Rivers Lions Club welcomed Lion Dean Norton into our club! Kalamazoo Westside was my final stop in April as I had the honor on the 27th to induct 2 new members, welcome to Lions Ed & Deborah Mendoza! Then I put a little twist on installing the new club officers and asked PDG's Donna Romanak, Fran Grabowski, and Jeff Mayuiers to assist in the installation.

Looking forward to May we need to focus on member retention and gaining new members. We are setting even but I'd like to see us end the year on a positive member count even if by +1...but I know we can



Westside new member induction

do much better than that. Remember it is important to also for Secretaries submit all drops and new members by June 15th in order for LCI to have time to make final updates to records.

We are still looking for a First Vice District Governor and Second Vice District Governor so please reach out to DGE Amy or myself and see what all is involved and help the district out by filling these voids.



Centerville Shining Star



Centerville 100% Participation Projects Night



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FROM THE GOVERNOR'S DESK (cont.)



Sister Lakes new member induction

We also need members stepping up within their clubs so we grow new leaders. If you've held an office for more than a couple of years it's time to let newer members step in and you mentor them. Otherwise we will never gain more leaders in our district. Reach out to any of the PDG's, myself or DGE Amy and we'd be happy to sit down and discuss more about this with you.

You may have heard that Lions are changing their name....here's a little more about that.

We are **Lions International**

Our two historic brands, Lions Clubs International and Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), are uniting under one "umbrella" brand—Lions International—so we can talk to the world about our collective service and impact. Because the world sees us as one. They see us as Lions. And the truth is, we are united in our mission of service.

This is not something that is going to happen overnight so please don't feel rushed to make any changes. If you click the following [link](#) you will be directed to the [Lionsclubs.org](#) website where it will tell you more about this upcoming change that is going to take place over the next several years.

Here are a few FAQ's about this in the next couple of pages.



Coloma Centennial Circle



Coloma new member induction

Lions International Brand FAQ



Frequently Asked Questions

Why are we moving to Lions International as our master brand?

To strengthen our association and foundation, we needed greater integration of the two. One of the most visible ways to do this is to unify Lions Clubs International and Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) under a single “umbrella” or master brand—Lions International—and align our causes to show the world that we are united in our mission of service.

If Lions International is our master brand, does that mean we will no longer be Lions Clubs International and Lions Clubs International Foundation?

We are introducing “Lions International” as our unified “umbrella” or master brand to represent our association and foundation together, but the individual names of the association and the foundation will not change, and they will continue to be separate legal entities. We will still use “Lions Clubs International” when referring specifically to the association, and “Lions Clubs International Foundation” when referring to our foundation. Together, they will be referred to as “Lions International.”

What is the timeline for introducing the new Lions International master brand?

This is an exciting change for the association and foundation, and one that will take time. We will begin rolling out the new brand to Lions and the world in fiscal year 2022-2023. Over time, we will apply the refreshed brand to new assets and adjust existing materials as needed. There is no need for members to take immediate action to make brand updates.

Is the Lions International emblem changing?

No. We will not be changing the iconic Lion emblem that is recognizable around the world. We are introducing a logo with the words “Lions International” displayed with the emblem, which we’ll use as part of our Lions International branding.

Is there a deadline to update our club, district and multiple district materials with the Lions International brand?

There’s no immediate action you need to take, and there’s no deadline for updating publications, documents and items like name badges and business cards. In fact, many materials will not need to be updated at all, as our Lions International emblem is not changing and our Lions Clubs International and Lions Clubs International Foundation brands are not going away. Over the course of the new brand roll out, we will provide updates on the brand and guidance that will help Lions align with the new Lions International brand.

Is our We Serve motto changing?

No. Our motto has been We Serve since 1954, and it will remain our motto moving forward. As part of the Lions international brand, we are introducing a new tagline: Serving a world in need. The tagline is an external or public-facing message that quickly tells the world what we do. The tagline will not be replacing We Serve.



What is our mission statement?

The international boards for the association and the foundation previously approved an aligned mission statement for Lions Clubs International, LCIF and Lions International:

To empower Lions clubs, volunteers, and partners to improve health and well-being, strengthen communities, and support those in need through humanitarian services and grants that impact lives globally, and encourage peace and international understanding.

What are the new mission pillars?

Lions serve in so many ways. Our mission pillars provide a high-level overview of some of the key ways we serve our communities. They rise above individual causes and specific projects to create a clear and simple way for our communities, and the world, to understand what we are working to achieve through our service. Mission pillars help answer the question: What do Lions do?

These are our mission pillars:

- Improve health and well-being
- Strengthen communities
- Support those in need

Will we continue to support our global causes?

Global causes will remain a focus of Lions International. Together, our association and foundation will support the global causes of childhood cancer, diabetes, disaster relief, the environment, humanitarian efforts, hunger, vision and youth.

How do I know when to use the Lions International, Lions Clubs International or LCIF brand?

Lions International serves as the “umbrella” or master brand and will be the primary brand when talking about our association and foundation. However, there are some key exceptions that will require the use of the Lions Clubs International brand or the Lions Clubs International Foundation brand due to business function and the restrictions associated with their respective nonprofit statuses.

Here is a brief overview of how to use the brands:

- **Lions International** – Use in all instances except for the exclusions noted below.
- **Lions Clubs International** – Use for all Lions internal governance and legislative advocacy efforts.
 - Note: Creating awareness for Lions, projects or service causes is not considered legislative advocacy, so Lions International should be used.
- **Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF)** – Use for programs, communications and campaigns focused exclusively on LCIF fundraising and grants.
 - Note: LCIF updates, programs and success stories can be shared under the Lions International brand when LCIF is clearly mentioned. Calls to donate to LCIF can be included as a secondary message in other communications using the Lions International brand (ex. newsletters).

Does the introduction of Lions International mean we’re moving away from our club model?



Absolutely not. Clubs remain at the center of our organization and our mission. For more than a century, people have come together to form Lions clubs in more than 200 countries and regions around the world, and we remain dedicated to growing our membership and forming more clubs worldwide.

Will new members be able to join Lions International or will they still need to join clubs locally?

Members must be part of a club to be Lions and Leos—this has not changed.

Should clubs, districts and multiple districts use the Lions International name when referring to themselves?

Clubs, districts and multiple districts should continue to use their own names when referring to themselves. Clubs, districts and multiple districts can certainly say they are part of Lions International, which represents our association, our foundation, and all Lions and Leos worldwide.

Do I need to use the Lions International brand for district and MD conventions or international forums?

There is no requirement to use the Lions International brand for your district and MD conventions or international forums. The implementation of the Lions International brand will happen over the next few years, so there will be plenty of time for Lions to begin using the new brand when they're ready. It's important to note that all the current Lions Clubs International brand elements that you've been using are still "on brand," so you can keep using them. For Lions who would like to start using the Lions International brand for their conventions or forum, you can find brand guidelines and resources on lionsclubs.org/our-brand.

Will we now have a single board of directors under the new Lions International brand?

No, there will continue to be a board of directors for Lions Clubs International and a board of trustees for Lions Clubs International Foundation. They will both hold their regularly scheduled meetings each year, as well as one joint virtual meeting annually.

Are we changing our brand colors?

We will continue using our iconic blue and gold as our primary colors, but you'll notice that we're using purple as an accent color in some of our branding. Purple is part of our Lion legacy, so we're leaning into our past to create a vibrant look for our future.





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FROM THE GOVERNOR'S DESK (cont.)

New Membership Dues Billing and Fees --Effective July 1, 2023, \$46.00

Billing for a new member begins the first of the month in which the member enters a club at the average rate of \$3.84 per month and billed through the end of that semi-annual period. Billing is issued semi-annually thereafter. Below is a schedule of the new member dues throughout the year:

Member accepted by club in the month of...	Billing date for new members	Semi-annual dues billed for each new member	New member entrance fee (not pro-rated)	Total dues & fees billed
July	July 1 st	\$ 23.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 58.00
August	August 1 st	19.16	35.00	54.16
September	September 1 st	15.34	35.00	50.34
October	October 1 st	11.50	35.00	46.50
November	November 1 st	7.68	35.00	42.68
December	December 1 st	3.84	35.00	38.84
January	January 1 st	23.00	35.00	58.00
February	February 1 st	19.16	35.00	54.16
March	March 1 st	15.34	35.00	50.34
April	April 1 st	11.50	35.00	46.50
May	May 1 st	7.68	35.00	42.68
June	June 1 st	3.84	35.00	38.84

Billing for a new Family or Student member begins the first of the month in which the member enters a club at the average rate of \$1.92 per month and billed through the end of that semi-annual period. Billing is issued semi-annually thereafter. Below is a schedule of the new member dues throughout the year:

Member accepted by club in the month of...	Billing date for new members	Semi-annual dues billed for qualifying family member	New member entrance fee (not pro-rated)	Total qualifying family member dues & fees billed	Student member pro-rated dues with entrance fee waived.
July	July 1 st	\$ 11.50	\$ 35.00	\$ 46.50	\$ 11.50
August	August 1 st	9.58	35.00	44.58	9.58
September	September 1 st	7.67	35.00	42.67	7.67
October	October 1 st	5.75	35.00	40.75	5.75
November	November 1 st	3.84	35.00	38.84	3.84
December	December 1 st	1.92	35.00	36.92	1.92
January	January 1 st	11.50	35.00	46.50	11.50
February	February 1 st	9.58	35.00	44.58	9.58
March	March 1 st	7.67	35.00	42.67	7.67
April	April 1 st	5.75	35.00	40.75	5.75
May	May 1 st	3.84	35.00	38.84	3.84
June	June 1 st	1.92	35.00	36.92	1.92

NOTE: INTERNATIONAL DUES DO NOT INCLUDE DISTRICT OR MULTIPLE DISTRICT DUES.



MORE NEWS FROM THE **GOVERNOR'S DESK** (cont.)

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PCC JEFF MAYUIERS TO BE INDUCTED INTO THE LIONS OF MICHIGAN HALL OF FAME!

Dear PCC Jeff Mayuiers:

I am pleased to inform you that you have been selected for induction into the Lions of Michigan Hall of Fame on August 5, 2023. Induction into the Lions of Michigan Hall of Fame is the highest honor bestowed on a Michigan Lion, and only a few extraordinary Lions are inducted into our Hall of Fame each year. You will join a very select group of the very finest Michigan Lions to faithfully serve our association.

As a Hall of Fame inductee, your picture will be forever displayed on our Wall of Fame in the Lions of Michigan State Office, and you will be our guest at the 14th Annual Lions of Michigan Hall of Fame Banquet, scheduled for 6:00 PM on August 5, 2023 at the Comfort Inn Hotel and Conference Center in Mt. Pleasant, Michigan.

We are excited about being able to recognize the outstanding accomplishments of Michigan Lions. Congratulations, we look forward to your induction on August 5.

*Chad A. McCann, Director
Lions of Michigan Foundation.
Robert Mathog Lions Hearing Center*

Lions of Michigan Hall of Fame

The Lions of Michigan Foundation officially opened the "Lions of Michigan Hall of Fame" on July 29, 2009. It was created to celebrate the rich history of Michigan Lions at the local, state, district and international levels. The first 18 inductees included our Past International Presidents and Past International Directors from Michigan. Nominations for the Hall of Fame are accepted annually, no later than March 1.

Nominations may be initiated by an individual, a club or a district, however all nominations must have the endorsement of the District Cabinet of the district where the nomination was initiated. Nominees not selected for induction will be reconsidered in the following year upon submission of a written request from the seated District Governor of the original nominating district.



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FROM THE GOVERNOR'S DESK (cont.)

The Responsibilities of having a Motto like “WE SERVE”

You know over 100 years ago when Melvin Jones decided “WE SERVE” should be the Lions motto, do you think he ever considered the full scope of what that could mean? Then in 1925 when Helen Keller challenged us to be Knights of the Blind do you think she knew what a challenge vision issues along might be?

Well, whether we thought about it or not we as Lions now have that responsibility to serve the needs of others. That responsibility has no boundaries. If we are made aware that someone is in need our Code of Ethics says we will do all we can to assist them. It doesn't commit our club or our funds necessarily but we are obligated to provide them with some resources.

In order to do that we need to know ourselves what resources we as Lions might have available. As a club our first obligation is to our community. But what about areas or communities that may be near us but don't have a Lions Club. Well that's a tough call sometimes to be honest. I'd like to share something about my home club of Three Rivers. Some of our surrounding towns no longer have active clubs. So we serve the needs as best we can for Constantine, White Pigeon, Cassopolis and Mendon. If it's like an eyeglass need we have a) our club resources, b) our Lions trustees, or c) District funds. We try if it's a child to handle that within our club it at all possible. If it's a ramp need, that's not an area we do but we contact the Mason's or our County Veteran's Committee. If it's a Veteran in need we do have a VA advocate but we are aware that the Lions of Michigan Service Foundation also has funds available so we contact one of our two Trustees. If you are unsure of how to offer assistance please reach out to our Zone Chair or a District Cabinet Member.



NEW MEMBER INDUCTION KITS

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

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

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





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GOVERNOR JULIE'S CALENDAR

May

- 3 – South Haven Black River Club Visit
- 4 – Spaghetti dinner fundraiser for Kurt Dunham
- 6 – LMSF Trustee Meeting
- 13 – Blossom Parade riding with Leo the Lion
- 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, PID Jenny is announcer Wear either red or red/white/blue parade shirts or club shirts if marching in the parade**
- 28 – Sister Lakes Pancake Breakfast

June

- 3 – Final Cabinet meeting and Thank you Brunch – Mayuiers' house
- 3 – Growler's Baseball Game
- 4 – LCIF Tell-A-Thon
- 8 – Three Rivers Lions Citizen of the Year
- 9 – Lakeshore Car Show in Stevensville
- 15 – 17 – Three Rivers Lions Ox Roast
- 21 – LMSF Fund & Develop Meeting
- 24 – Sister Lakes Music in the Park

July

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

August

- 1 – Camp Leo
- 5 – **LMSF Hall of Fame** (*PCC Jeff Mayuiers will be inducted into the HOF*)



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UPCOMING EVENTS TO ADD TO YOUR CALENDAR

May

4 – Paw Paw Lions/Knights of Columbus Spaghetti Dinner, fundraising event for Kurt Dunham, 4-7pm, Paw Paw Lions Club (see flyer this issue)

20 – 22nd Annual Golf Tournament, sponsored by the Westside Lions Club, Ridgeview Golf Course, shotgun start 9:30am (see flyer this issue).

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 speaker.

28 - Sister Lakes Pancake Breakfast

June

3 – Growlers Baseball Game (see flyer this issue)

15-17 – Three Rivers Lions Ox Roast

July

7-11 – International Convention - Boston, MA

LCIF CHALLENGE FOR CHANGE

Bring your change to the MD 11 State Convention and support your District in the Challenge for Change LCIF Event.

District Governors have been challenged to decorate a Gallon Milk Jug for donations to LCIF. Clean out your counter tops and pockets for change you have laying around and donate it to your Governor's collection jug.

The District raising the most money at the Convention will be awarded a Melvin Jones that they can present in their District to a well deserving Lion.

We make a difference Internationally through the funds and service we contribute. Our donation will be presented to IPIP Douglas Alexander at the Awards Banquet on Saturday night, May 20. Let's make a Difference!

Ladies' Lions Cardigan



Charcoal
Heather



Estate Blue
Heather



Deep Black
Heather



Medium
Heather Gray

We will be adding a small, white Lions logo to the upper left side.

Small - XL: \$43

2XL: \$45

3XL: \$47

4XL: \$49

ORDERS DUE BY MAY 15

Contact Tammie Grabowski with your order, cheftammie@gmail.com or 269-303-0731.

Payments by check, cash or Venmo @Tamala-Grabowski





The Paw Paw
Lions Club



&

Paw Paw Knights of Columbus
Spaghetti Dinner

Fundraising Event
for

Kurt Dunham

When: Thursday, May 4th

Where: Paw Paw Lions Club (59050 Co Rd 665, Paw Paw)

Time: 4:00—7:00 PM

Price: \$8.00 adults, \$6.00 seniors & kids (6-12)

*Price includes: Spaghetti, salad,
bread, dessert & beverage*



Proceeds to help with expenses for home modifications for Kurt to return home safely



SPONSORED BY SISTER LAKES LIONS CLUB,
99661 95TH AVENUE, DOWAGIAC, MI 49047

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

SUNDAY May 28, 2023

SISTER LAKES LIONS CLUB

99661 95TH AVENUE

8:30 AM TIL 1:00 PM

JOIN US FOR THIS FUN WAY TO START TO CELEBRATE THIS
GREAT HOLIDAY! COME OUT AND GET TOGETHER WITH
YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS!!!

22ND ANNUAL GOLF

TOURNAMENT

WESTSIDE
LIONS CLUB



20 MAY 2023

Location: Ridgeview Golf Course

Registration Fee: \$55 per player, 4
person scramble

Shotgun start at 9:30 am with Silent
Auction

To sign up, call:

Ben Skelton: (269) 808-9561, Mike Halpin: (269) 375-8821
Sharon Bennett: (269) 220-2094, Bill Dill: (269) 427-7869



It's District 11-B2 Night at the Kalamazoo Growlers' Baseball Game!

June 3, 2023

\$25

All You Can Eat (including water and soda) from the time gates open (5:35PM) through the 4th inning and a ticket for the game.

Wear your Lions gear proudly!

Let's show Kalamazoo who the 11-B2 Lions are! What a great recruiting opportunity! Bring your potential members!

Send your RSVP and money to CS Tammie Grabowski, 2417 Townhouse Lane, Kalamazoo, MI 49001 by **May 17**. Make checks to District 11-B2. If you have any questions, reach out to cheftammie@gmail.com or 269-303-0731. You may also send the ticket money through Venmo.



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LIONS BEAR LAKE CAMP

Spring Workbee

May 13th, 2023

Registration 8:00 AM

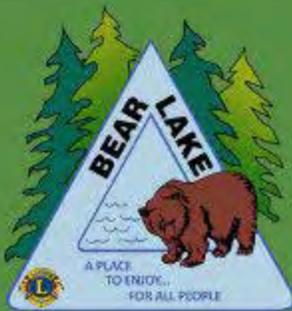
Cleanup 9:00 AM



LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED

Easy, Medium, and

Advanced Tasks available



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

BUCHANAN-GALIEN LIONS CLUB

KAYAK POKER RUN

6th Annual



SUNDAY, JULY 16TH 9:30AM-3PM

SCAN TO REGISTER



City of Buchanan Boat Launch



\$25 Per Person with 12 and Under Free



BYO Kayak/Canoe



Last Launch @ 11am



Prizes!

\$1 Raffle Tickets (Cash Only)



Meal Provided @ Camp Betz



Best 5 Cards Hands WIN

State Projects Virtual Zoom Series

Live and interactive
Trivia, Q & A and Discussion
Prizes, Music and FUN!
For more info and to register go to
lionsofmi.com/projects or scan:



LIONS
BRIDGING THE GAP
BETWEEN
MICHIGAN STATE PROJECTS
AND
OUR COMMUNITIES IN NEED



April 16, 2023
7:00 pm



April 30, 2023
7:00 pm



May 7, 2023
7:00 pm



Recordings of these and previous presentations available at lionsofmi.com/projects



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





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."



REGISTER TODAY
lionsofmi.com

**Exhibitors, Service Project,
Breakout Sessions and More!**



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 _____





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2023 MD 11 Lions Convention

TOGETHER WE CAN...BE EXTRAORDINARY!

May 18-20, 2023 VanDyk Mortgage Center, Muskegon, MI

Name _____ Lion Leo Spouse Guest

Club Name _____ District _____

Name _____ Lion Leo Spouse Guest

Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____

Is this your first MD Convention? Yes No **How many years a Lion member?** _____

QUANTITY

AMOUNT

_____ **Thursday Picnic @ \$15.00**, May 18, 2023 \$ _____

_____ **Registration @ \$15.00** for each Lion/Leo \$ _____

_____ **Registration @ \$15.00** for each Spouse/Guest \$ _____

_____ **Friday Evening Buffet @ \$25.00** per person \$ _____

_____ **Saturday Breakfast @ \$16.00** per person \$ _____

_____ **Saturday Night Banquet @ \$35.00** per person \$ _____

Entrée Choice: Braised Short Ribs ___ **Citrus Glazed Salmon** ___

Gluten Free ___ **Vegetarian** ___ **Total: \$** _____

Please Note any special needs (i.e., deaf interpreters, dietary restrictions, food allergies, etc.)

Everyone **MUST** pay the registration fee. No meal tickets may be purchased unless registration fee is paid. Deadline for pre-registration and purchase of tickets is **May 5, 2023**. No refunds after May 5, 2023. Tickets and registration packets will be distributed at the Lions Registration Desk at the Delta Marriott, Muskegon. They will not be mailed to you. The registration desk will be open Thursday at 5:00; Friday 8:00am-5:30pm and Saturday 8:00am until 1:30pm. Saturday Banquet tickets may be picked up Saturday evening at the Ballroom entrance.

**Mail to: Lions of Michigan, 5730 Executive Dr., Lansing, MI 48911
or Register and pay online at: www.lionsofmi.com**

TOGETHER WE CAN...BE EXTRAORDINARY!

**May 18 – 20, 2023 VanDyk Mortgage Convention Center, Muskegon
Come to learn, network, celebrate and be Extraordinary Lions!**

Reservations can be made at the Delta Marriott online at www.lionsofmi.com
Or call 833-999-0181

Thursday, May 18

Convention Kick-off Picnic at USS LST 393. Catering by **Ravenna Lions Club**

Cost: \$15

Sponsor/Host: **Muskegon Northside Lions Club**

Friday, May 19 – Learn and Grow Together at the Convention

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Council of Governors Meeting

9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Exhibitor's Hall Open

9:30 a.m. Breakout Session I: Guided Bird Watching Excursion

Experience the thrill of a guided visit to a popular destination for spring migrating birds to flock to!

1:30 p.m. District Governor-Elect 2023-2024 Meeting Planning

1:30 p.m. Breakout Session II: Becoming an Extraordinary Club Secretary

1:30 p.m. Breakout Session III: Becoming an Extraordinary Club Treasurer

1:30 p.m. Breakout Session IV: Project KidSight Training

2:30 p.m. Breakout Session V: Extraordinary Lions Serving Extraordinary Ukrainians

**Invited Guests: IPIP Alexander; Honary Consulate of Ukrain, Vasyl Perets; Grand Rapids Ukrainian Club President.*

6:30 p.m. Convention Welcome Reception/ Dinner, Entertainment "Lions Got Talent" Show

Saturday, May 20 – Learn and Grow Together at the Convention

8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Exhibitor's Hall Open

8:00 a.m. Awards Breakfast

10:00 a.m. Business Session featuring news from around our state and world.

2:00 p.m. LIONS OF MICHIGAN INNAURGAL PARADE! Downtown Muskegon

3:00 p.m. District 11 C1 Convention

Breakout Sessions-continued

3:30 – 4:30 p.m. Sock Hop Service Project to benefit area shelters.

6:00 p.m. Awards Banquet: Social Hour, Dinner, S.A. Dodge Awards Recipients:
PDG Ronald Coleman, A1 and PDG Connie Shelton, A2

Keynote Address by Immediate Past International President, Douglas Alexander

JOIN US FOR AN EXTRAORDINARY EXPERIENCE IN MUSKEGON!



Certification—Vision Technicians and Volunteers

WHEN: Friday, May 19 - 1:30 PM

WHERE: Multiple District 11 Convention - Muskegon, MI

WHO: Lions members and people interested in helping children.

WHAT: Through KIDsight, we aim to detect potential vision disorders in children that can cause permanent vision loss when treatment is delayed. A child's vision will be tested with an electronic vision screener (hi-tech camera) that will quickly (1 second) and accurately determine whether the child's vision is a Pass or a Refer. Children who receive a Refer result may have a vision problem, and they should be examined by an eye doctor.

WHY: 5% of all preschool age children experience vision loss from an undetected vision disorder, and treatment options increase when vision problems are detected early in a child's life. Normal vision can usually be restored with eye glasses, contact lenses and sometimes patching.





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SD10 and MD11, Lions International

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May 18-20, 2023 - Muskegon VanDyk Mortgage Center/Delta Hotels

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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

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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

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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



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- Motor coach transportation
- Hotel accommodations
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- Blue Man Group performance
- Broadway play

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Lions of Michigan All State Band

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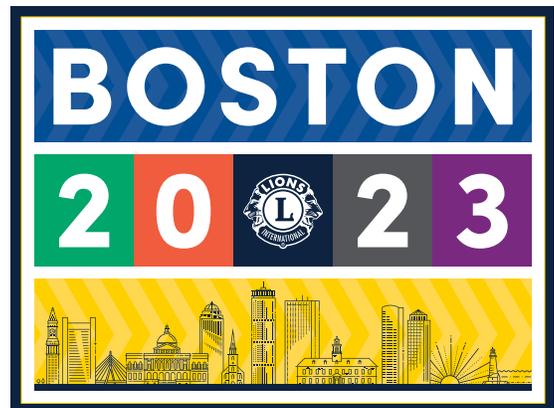
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Celebrate service in Boston

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- Enjoy world-class entertainment and meet your fellow Lions and Leos.
- Join the Parade of Nations on the historical streets of Boston.





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DGE AMY THACKSTON

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

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

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

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

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

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

DGE Amy Thackston



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GMT-PCC JEFF MAYUIERS

GMT-PCC JEFF MAYUIERS



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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





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LIONS OF MICHIGAN SERVICE FOUNDATION



Lions of Michigan Foundation

LMSF Trustee Report
Trustee's Lions Jeff & Julie Mayuiers

KidSight – This program is moving ahead at a record setting pace...that's the good news. The flip side is we need help. As PDG Marsha Brown always says "More Hands More Service".

We need more screeners and volunteers! If you're interested please contact us. We have a KidSight training scheduled for May 23rd at 7 PM at the Three Rivers Lions Club. If you plan to attend please RSVP to jumayuiers@gmail.com no later than May 16th so we are prepared or in case we don't get enough and need to cancel. We also have another training scheduled at the MD11 State Convention on May 19th at 1:30 PM in Muskegon (this was originally announced it would be held at 3:00 PM so please note the time change).

Next, please remember it's time to start returning your Sight & Hearing Sweepstakes Tickets to the Lions of Michigan State Office, especially if you are mailing them through the United States Postal Service: Sellers Drawing: May 6 and Purchasers Drawing: May 20. If we do not receive a Club's tickets by the final drawing, we have to return the money to the ticker purchasers. Just an FYI...Colon Lions Club sold 281 tickets that will generate over \$1,500 for their club!!!! WAY TO GO COLON LIONS!!!!

Mint update – Reminder the price for a case of mints has gone up to \$120/case. We encourage you to raise the price on your price posters to \$.75 or an even \$1.00 to simplify. We do have wintergreen mints available now...and my garage smells to minty fresh every day because we warehouse them to save you the shipping costs to your homes. So if you need mints remember to just let us know and we will make arrangements to either meet with you someplace or to drop them off someplace for you to pick up.

Thanks for all you do!

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PROJECT KIDSIGHT

PKS COORDINATORS **TANDA & DAVID STIFFLER**

Lions of Michigan Foundation **PROJECT KIDSIGHT**



The PKS Team has been busy, but May is bringing it on with several schools hoping to get their students screened before the end of the year. We have a heavy schedule for the next three weeks and hope we can get large enough teams to get the screenings done!

Here are a couple pictures of the Paw Paw Middle School which was done on April 25th.



Here is the upcoming schedule for the next three weeks. We do have some days completely full of volunteers coming from several Lion Clubs, thank goodness!

May 2nd – Cassopolis Elementary School, (also known as Sam Adams School). There are 381 students plus 30-40 preschool kiddos. Still needing 2 to 3 more volunteers. I'm on the hunt for volunteers before this date!

May 3rd – Paw Paw High School. A total of 685 students and we do have a full PKS Team for this date.

May 4th – Paw Paw Middle School. Total of 515 students. BUT once we are done with this school, we go directly to the Cedar Street Campus for 87 more students. I have a PKS Team for this date.

May 5th – Cassopolis Middle School (Also known as Frank Squires School). The number of



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PROJECT KIDSIGHT

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

students at this school is 209 students. We have a small PKS Team for this school and feel confident this team can handle it.

The 2nd Week:

May 9th – South Haven High School. There are 568 students at this school. Once we complete this school, we go directly to Lincoln Elementary School to screen another 288 students. We are short on volunteers for this event, so I am still looking for volunteers to help us out.

May 10th – Maple Grove Elementary School. (Paw Paw) There are 297 students and once we are done at this school, we go directly to North Shore Elementary School. We are short volunteers at this school and could use more help.

May 12th – Baseline Middle School (South Haven) This school has 455 students. We have a full PKS Team for this school. Yay...

The 3rd Week:

May 15th – Saint Mary's School in Paw Paw. They have 72 students, and we have a small PKS Team for this and will be done in less than a half hour....

May 16th – Gobles School in Gobles. The total number of students is 732 and we could use 3-4 more volunteers for sure at this school.

May 18th – Trinity Lutheran School in Paw Paw. The total number of students is 85 which are K-8 and preschool kiddos. This school Dave, Tanda & Ginger will get done. Then Dave & Tanda will go directly to the MD11 Convention in Muskegon! Yay.

Project KidSight could NOT be this successful without the many volunteers that are joining the PKS Team. Our GOAL has been to screen 10,000 kids. Currently we have screened 8,748 kids with 8,126 passing and 613 referrals. Once we have these screenings done in May, we may be closer to 13,000 kids.

But it is not about the numbers, it's about screening kids to detect potential vision disorders. Team members are getting involved because they are seeing referral pictures that show a child is in definite need to see an eye doctor. This gives our volunteers a purpose and as one member said to me, "I had so much fun. Thank you for opening up a new world for me."

We are always looking for more members to join our PKS Team! Please contact Tanda Stiffler at tandastiffler76@gmail.com if you want to be a part of this AMAZING TEAM!

Respectfully Submitted,

*Lion Tanda & David Stiffler
11B2 Project KidSight Coordinators
Tandastiffler76@gmail.com
Cell: 574-350-9215*





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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
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KIM COPENHAVER
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ROY SMOTHERMON
SUE SMOTHERMON
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DOUG STAFINSKI
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LAURA WELLS
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11B-2 CLUB NEWS

BUCHANAN-GALIEN

Congratulations Lion Dianne Ross-recipient of the 2023 Dale E Florey Award.

This annual award is presented by the Buchanan Area Chamber of Commerce for outstanding service to the community. Lion Dianne has sat on many boards within our community where she clearly showcases her servants heart.

She has been with Buchanan College Club for 25 years, helping Buchanan High School students receive interest free loans to further their education.

Lion Dianne has sat on the Buchanan District

Library board for 20 years. She has been a proud member of the Buchanan-Galien Lions Club since 2019 where she is currently the club secretary and co-chairs many fundraisers.

The Lions Club motto is “We Serve” and she has definitely lived this year, if not her entire life, serving others. Dianne also volunteers weekly at the Lakeland Hospital Gift Shop always offering a smile and helping hand to visitors. She also volunteers occasionally at Trinity Church where she serves lunch to those in need.

Lion Dianne has spent her life caring for our community and is much deserving of this recognition for her continuing service.



L-R BACC President Fran Terry, Lion Dianne Ross, Esther Florey



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11B-2 CLUB NEWS

BUCHANAN-GALIEN (cont.)

The Buchanan-Galien Lions Club participated in the 15th Annual Buchanan Chamber of Commerce Chili Walk on April 13th. An excellent community outreach opportunity for the Lions to interact with over 500 chili seekers searching for the perfect brew. Twenty three businesses and or organizations entered their favorite chili. Honor Credit Union took home both the Judges and People's Choice Awards and McCoy Creek Tavern won the Spirit Award.

Lions Penny Correa and Rhonda Harrington prepared the Lions chili entry entitled "Grrreat Chili- By Lions Pride" The We Serve team of Lions Correa, Harrington, Kring, Holloway, Skene and Tumbleson served chili, sold nuts and candy and collected eyeglasses.

Awesome weather, outstanding community support, and great chili provided A Fun Time in Buchanan- voted 2020 Nicest Place in America!





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BUCHANAN-GALIEN (cont.)

The Buchanan-Galien Lions Club held their monthly meeting on April 6th.

1st Vice President Lion Mark Nixon led the meeting. The program for the evening was on Project Kidsight and was delivered by Lions Dave and Tanda Stiffler.

Lion Nixon and sponsor Lion Jerry Flenar also inducted Tony Houser as the newest member to our club.

The evening concluded with Lion Nixon speaking of the upcoming White Cane Drive scheduled for May 5th and 6th.





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11B-2 CLUB NEWS

EDWARDSBURG

The Edwardsburg Lions Club had a visit from Zone 5 Chair, Alice Kring who brought one of her Buchanan Leos Geneva Tuber to our meeting on April 19th. Geneva was selected for the All-State Band, and she presented a slide presentation of the places the All-State Band will be playing. Alice also shared more information about the trip and what the young students will also be doing on their trip in Boston. The visit had all the members watching and listening to Geneva as she was a very pleasant Leo that everyone enjoyed. The Edwardsburg Club then presented Geneva with a check to help her on her way to some fun times in Boston! Best of Luck Geneva!

A few of the Edwardsburg Lion Members helped at the Edwardsburg Sports Complex on April 29th working at one of the three concession stands open during a La Crosse Tournament. The tournament was a two-day event. Looks like the Lion Members were having a great time!

*Respectfully submitted
Lion Tanda Stiffler*



Lion Buddy grilling away!



Lion Jim & Jan Rutten Having a Great Time too!



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11B-2 CLUB NEWS

MATTAWAN

Some pics of Mattawan's Community Carnival, hosted by the Mattawan Lions, with the LEOs running a lot of the games. The bunny was a big hit!





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11B-2 CLUB NEWS

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Childhood Cancer



Diabetes



Environment



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Disaster Relief



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The Portage Lions Club of Michigan has been serving the community for more than 60 years. Our members are involved in projects such as collecting eyeglasses and pill bottles for missionaries, fundraising for charitable giving, supporting local community needs and providing extensive assistance to those impacted by natural disasters.

Ask yourself these questions:

- Are you interested in serving your community?
- Are you interested in having the opportunity to network with key people in your community?
- Are you interested in meeting people and having fun?

In celebration of the 100th anniversary of our association, and the 50th anniversary of our foundation, we want to expand our projects, and we would like for you to be a part of our team!

We would like to personally invite you to join us at:

**City Gate Church
308 W. Milham
Portage, MI 49002**

**Our Next OPEN Meetings are on: Saturday, April 15, 2023 at 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Saturday, May 20, 2023 at 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Saturday, June 17, 2023 at 10:00 am – 12:00 pm**

Monthly Meetings

**1st Wednesday of every month 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
3rd Saturday of every month 10 am- 12:00 pm (noon)**



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11B-2 CLUB NEWS

THREE RIVERS

Mayuiers named Citizen of the Year by TR Lions



Jeff Mayuiers was selected Wednesday as the 2022-2023 Bruce C. Snook Citizen of the Year by the Three Rivers Lions Club. "I'm humbled," said Mayuiers, who has spent a lifetime helping others through the professions of medicine and maintenance. "The city of Three Rivers gives more than any other city or town I've ever seen. I'm privileged to be associated with Three Rivers."

Originally from Gary, Ind., Mayuiers moved to southwest Michigan in 1970 as a high school freshman and graduated from Centerville High School in 1974. During the next three years, he served his country in the Army as a military policeman followed by two years at the St. Joseph County Sheriff's Department. His mother Sarah Mayuiers, a nurse, encouraged him to look into an up-and-coming field then called "inhalation therapy." Studies at Kalamazoo Valley Community College prepared him to become a respiratory therapist, a field in which he spent 30 years total - including 10 years owning his own company, "Inspiration Plus".

Starting out at Borgess Hospital, he eventually came to Three Rivers Area Hospital as Director of Cardiopulmonary for 12 years. "I enjoyed helping people," he said. "At a time when people are having trouble, it's rewarding to be able to do something that makes them feel better. Having trouble breathing is one of those things that's a major issue." His next opportunity came at Bowman Place in maintenance. "Working with geriatric people - working with people in their apartments - was such a natural fit," he said. For the past five years, he has done maintenance and security at the Twin County Community Probation Center, which houses approximately 45 men and 25 women referred there by

the courts after drug and alcohol offenses. "I like working with people who need second chances - helping them understand there are positive outcomes. His role involves helping probationers get in their community service hours, but ultimately his efforts go beyond that. "The biggest thing is helping them to serve the community and renew their self-worth," he said. "They feel society doesn't want them or looks down on them. Bringing them to Lions functions - they see the community can benefit from what they do, it gives them a new look on life."

Nominator Rick Shafter, former CEO of Covered Bridge Healthcare who has worked with Mayuiers in many capacities over the years, praised his kind spirit, caring and compassionate demeanor, fairness to all involved, keen wit, and good humor. One of his probationers credited him with "showing me how good it feels to help people." Another said, "You have shown a lot of us girls what a true example of a man is. You never talk down to us. You respect and believe me - that means so much to us that have emotional scars." For a third, "If it wasn't for you and not wanting to disappoint you, I wouldn't have made it through the program."

Mayuiers is a member of the American Legion and formerly of the Marine Corps League, but the majority of his efforts have been with Lions Club. He joined the Three Rivers Lions Club two decades ago, following in the footsteps of his father, Bill Mayuiers. **A banquet honoring Mayuiers will be held Thursday, June 8 at the Three Rivers Lions Service Center, 420 Sixth Ave., Three Rivers. Tickets cost \$25 advance purchase (no tickets at the door) will be available from May 8 - June 2 at Ridgeway Floral or contact Julie Mayuiers at (269) 254-1938.**



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11B-2 CLUB NEWS

SOUTH HAVEN - BLACK RIVER

South Haven Black River Lions April program meeting was Kid Sight training with Lions David and Tanda Stiffler. Lions were able to practice using the camera on Lion Cub Zoey Thackston.





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11B-2 CLUB NEWS

ST. JOSEPH



Royalty paying an April 6th visit to the St. Joe Lions. Joining President Heit were Miss St. Joseph 2023 Olivia Ippel , 2nd Runner Up Sydney Youngstedt, Miss Congeniality Reagan Igoe, Mr. Nice Guy Cole Lakin & Co-King Declan Finnigan.



Lion Medo collects on the Pot O' Silver, acting Tail Twister Lion Breuker awaits to assess.



Great crowd to welcome blossomtime royalty.



Lion Claudia celebrates another birthday.



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11B-2 CLUB NEWS

PAW PAW



Welcome new Lions Dan Schultz and Michelle Adams. They are pictured with their sponsors PDG Fran Grabowski and Lion Craig Hess. Lions Dan and Michelle have jumped into service with both feet.



This is Cora Michalski, she is a member of the Lions of Michigan All State Band. She came to our club to ask for donations to help pay for her trip. She is a freshman at Kalamazoo Central HS. It would be great if all the clubs in our district could support her trip.



The Paw Paw Lions Invitational Track Meet was held on April 15th. Lions ran the field events, did the announcing and provided the medals for all the winners.



This year we tried a new project. We sold Easter Egg hunts. The night before Easter, several of our members went to homes and hid eggs in their front yard so that Easter morning, the kids were able to go find the eggs that the Easter Bunny left for them.



LEO CLUB NEWS

MATTAWAN LEO's

Buchanan LEOs Community Easter Egg Hunt

The Buchanan Leo Club hosted the Buchanan Community Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday April 8th at 11:00 a.m.

“The Fastest Three Minutes in Buchanan” was a huge success once again! Thanks to all the sponsors, candy donors, egg stuffers, and Lions and community volunteers who came out in support of the LEO’s annual event.





LEO CLUB NEWS

MATTAWAN LEO's

Advisor: Nancy Garman

The Mattawan LEOs and Lions Club raised over \$1100 for White Cane this past weekend giving the gift of sight.



Lion Jerry pitched in to help the LEOs



LEO CLUB NEWS



Rockford, Illinois

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6TH USA/CANADA

LEO LEADERSHIP FORUM

Rockford Radisson Hotel
& Conference Center

AUGUST 2-6, 2023



Dear Lion Leader,

I would like to share some exciting news with you. The Leos & Lions of **ILLINOIS** are hosting the 6th USA/Canada Leo Leadership Forum on August 2nd to August 6th, 2023 at the Rockford Radisson Hotel & Conference Center in Rockford, IL. **Registration is now OPEN!** This 2023 Leo Leadership Forum will bring Leos together from across the United States, Canada, and the Caribbean. During the course of the week, we have seminars in various areas of leadership and community-organizing as part of our core curriculum toward the diploma earned at this Forum. We also have elective seminars prepared by Leos. It's our goal to also empower our Leos to educate each other in areas of interest to them related to leadership.

International officers will be in attendance as guest speakers which will give our Leos the opportunity to ask questions and learn more about our association and the legacy that our Founder Melvin Jones left for the world. Leos also get the opportunity to network and bond with other Leos, Leo-Lions, Lions, and LCI Staff Members. We provide a full day of fun touring the host city area and a day of community service planned by the Leo Host Committee. We have an Opening Ceremony/Dinner together with a Closing Night Dinner Gala that includes the presentation of diplomas and concludes with an entertaining night of dancing. Our Leos return home more knowledgeable about our Association, the Leo Club Program, and ways to continue building up their own clubs while bringing bright new ideas for service projects and fundraisers. This Leo Forum will help Leos become great leaders ready to serve their community and continue to grow as individuals while feeling proud to be Leos. We welcome Leo Club Advisors, Lions and parents to attend the Forum and enjoy the experience as well.

Please share this email with your Leos and Lions interested in learning more about the Leo Club Program. If your Leo Club is school-based, our team is happy to speak to principals or faculty advisors to better explain our Leo Forum or answer any questions. Our contact information is listed below. We look forward to welcoming all Leos and Lions to Rockford, IL.

Sincerely,

Leo-Lion Pablo Romano

President, USA/Canada Leo Leadership Foundation

PCC Pamela Graney

*Chair, Leo Forum MD-1 Host Committee
Illinois, USA*

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- ✓ Climbing Tower & Zip Line

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





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IMPORTANT NEWS!

ATTENTION!

CLUB PRESIDENTS & TREASURERS

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

Thanks in advance for your understanding and cooperation.

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

DG Julie
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We Serve

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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Lions of Michigan Foundation



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We Serve

IMPORTANT NEWS!



Westside	May 15, 2002	20 Years
South Haven	May 16, 1996	26 Years
White Pigeon	May 29, 1945	77 Years

Congratulations to these 11B-2 clubs for 251 combined years of service to their communities & the world!



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

Well as the warm weather begins to return, our bicycle program becomes more and more important to our residents that are in need of some sort of transportation to get to their jobs. To all of you that have donated bicycles to this program I can only say thank you for truly making a difference in a person that is trying hard to turn their life around. I have also began an off shoot of our bicycle program by allowing residents to gain community service by spending time fixing bikes that might be in need of repair and restoring them to useful service. I never thought I'd be in the bicycle repair business, but you

know me....in for a penny, in for a pound! I bought tools for them to use, totes and storage bins for bicycle parts.

So that's my update and remember if you have a bike you'd like to donate please don't hesitate to give me a call. Jeff Mayuiers 269-254-1936.

Thanks again!



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](#)



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NOTES FROM THE EDITOR / WEBMASTER



Hello fellow Lions...

This month, I got nothin'. So, here's a bit o' fun, mates.

Been busy with our Project KidSight crew, working on this newsletter, and...whoa...filling in for our club President for the first time at our monthly business meeting as 1stVP. I learned a lot in the first hour-and-a-half about running a meeting. Made a mental note to myself that I have a lot more to learn. I was told it went well, but it was my wife that told me and she's a loving & supportive wife....and biased. But, I'll take her word for it because it's a positive thing.

In the meantime, here's some cartoons that I've done over the years, submitted for your amusement. You

may wonder about the "dragon boat" 'toon...that was something I put together for a shirt (I designed t-shirts for about 10 years) for a team that was involved with the dragon boat races in South Haven.

That's enough. I'll have something to comment on next month that actually has something to do with Lions.



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