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FROM THE GOVERNOR'S DESK



We Serve



Can you believe we only have two months left in this Lion year? The weather is finally warming up and the clubs in our District are out serving their communities even more. I look forward to seeing everything you continue to do. Make sure you get out and support your fellow Lions at their events. Get your flyer in the Beacon and share them on social media so everyone can attend as much as possible.

I couldn't be prouder of our District and the amazing things we are doing to make a difference in the world! Each Governor is responsible for an article in the Lions Pride News Paper that you should all be getting in the mail, and It was finally my turn. There are two things I can't say enough about and that is supporting our youth and bragging about how amazing our clubs are! There are so many more of you doing amazing things with the youth in your area that I couldn't fit it all in my article, but I want to thank you all for helping to mold our future Lions! If you haven't already received the Lions Pride in the mail you can read it here: [April-MayPride24.pdf \(lionsofmi.com\)](#) .

Thank you to all of the clubs that have jumped in to support our Artificial Sky Challenge! While the contest for who will represent us at the [State Convention](#) running for Prom King and Queen is over, the need to meet our \$12,000 donation is not! Congratulations to Mattawan our contest winners donating \$1,447! PDG Karol & ZC Dan Chopp will be our Prom King & Queen Nominees. Of course, I want to throw a shout out to our Cub Zoey coming in second with \$1,200. Cub Zoey will have a table at State Convention to continue raising funds with her Recycled Crayons & More!

In April I made a visit to the Lakeshore Lions Club to induct a new member! Way to keep growing Lakeshore! I also made a special visit to the Sturgis Lions Club to present them with the Leo Club of the year award, Leo Shining Star (Naedeline), and Two 20 year Chevrons to Lion Frank & Nancy! Lion President Frank reached out early in the year concerned about his Leo Club and because of that passion to keep the club around, an awesome Leo Advisor (Lion Tracie), and Leo President Naedeline they continue to grow and make a difference in the Sturgis Community. Way to work as a team Lions and Leos of Sturgis!

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DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S CALENDAR

May

5/15 Dowagiac Club Visit

5/16-5/18 MD-11 State Convention & Council of Governors, Grand Rapids

June

6/5 South Haven Club Meeting

6/8 Final Cabinet Meeting – Location TBD



SAVE THE DATE

Leadership Institute
returns
November 8-10, 2024

Registration opens August 1, 2024
Additional information to follow

**Looking for someone
to take over the
district newsletter
this September.**

**If interested, please
contact Lion Wes at
captcartoon@me.com
for more info**

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

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



GLOBAL SERVICE TEAM NEWS

District 11B2 Close To Hitting Pediatric Skylight Challenge Goal



I am so proud of the clubs that have already donated to the Pediatric Skylight Challenge!

We are so close to reaching our goal of \$12,000!! It is amazing how giving we all can be for a cause that is so special and unique.

Personally, I can't wait to see this project finished and my hope is that we find another one that is just as awesome.

*PDG Karol
Pediatric Cancer Chair*

Service reporting. The new portal is open for use, so please report your service. Our district is one of the tops in the state! What an awesome job this year on reporting, let's keep it up!

Start planning for next years' service ideas for your clubs. See what others have done and ask them questions on how they did it, let's share ideas.

PDG/GST Karol



The Global Service Team (GST) helps clubs identify resources and use best practices to improve their projects and, by extension, their impact. Quality service projects increase member satisfaction and help attract new members who are looking to serve. The GST champions the service programs, resources and grants of Lions Clubs International and Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), empowering Lions and Leos around the world to maximize their service impact.



We Serve

LMSF PROJECT KIDSIGHT

Lions of Michigan Foundation PROJECT KIDSIGHT



This year has been more than our PKS Team ever imagined. Earlier in the year, we decided to see if we could reach a goal of 20,000 as in 2022-2023, we did 12,535 screenings. This seemed like our goal might be tough to pull off. But Lion Members across our five districts stepped up to the challenge and helped make our goal happen. Dave and I are extremely proud of all our teams that have come together. The teams really enjoyed doing the screening and realized that this project made them feel good inside to make a difference in a child's life! We want to thank every volunteer that participated this year and I'm hoping this next year to see everyone again and even more volunteers! We are hoping that next year we can manage to have "two teams" to get into schools. This will be our new goal as we may have more cameras to make this happen. Keep our fingers crossed...

As of April 3rd, 2024 we have screened 20,226 and have found 2,142 referrals. That is amazing! It's crazy amazing!! We still have until June 30th to continue adding to our final tally. We will be at the Gobles Public Schools on Thursday, May 2nd. We will be able to screen their entire school in one day.

Then on May 3rd, 6th, 7th and the 31st we will be at Dowagiac Union Schools which will probably put our number over 22,000, (closer to 23,000). Please let me know if you would like to volunteer for any of these dates.

As the summer months approaches, we may have a few events that we will be doing but if any club in our District 11B2 has an event and would like to organize and set up an event for their club, please by all means, let us know as we can get a camera with the printer to you. As for Dave and myself, we have three events that we know we can do but then taking some time off to go to PA as we had to cancel our trip over the spring break. We are eager to see family in PA as it's been a while since we have been to PA.



I have been contacting schools that we screened in August, September & October in 2023 and all the schools have already selected their date that they want PKS back at their school this coming fall. Dave and I will be meeting with the Three Rivers Superintendent on May 21st and more than likely (hopefully) can set dates in the fall for their schools as well.

Volunteers for Project KidSight, YOU ARE AMAZING! I love that we have a BOND and a PURPOSE to help find the students that need to get checked by an eye care professional. You all ROCK!!

Sincerely,
Lions Tanda & David Stiffler
District 11B2 PKS Coordinators



**Banner Exchange
&
Bangor Installation of Officers
New Member Induction
June 30, 2024
3:00 PM
Old Fellowship Hall
above the Bangor Museum**

**Refreshments: Donations accepted
All monies collected will go to the Bronson Artificial Sky**



**RSVP to cheftammie@gmail.com
or 269-303-0731 by June 23, 2024**





SENIOR

VETERAN

EXPO

MAY 6 / 9AM-NOON

ANTWERP ACTIVITY CENTER

..... UP TO

50 VENDORS!

FREE GIVEAWAYS!

Need a ride? Call and schedule with Beth at Van Buren Transit
two weeks in advance: (269) 427-7921



We Serve

Hosted by the Mattawan Lions Club



South Haven Black River Lions Club Presents

Taco Bar

American Legion in South Haven

129 Michigan Ave, South Haven, MI 49090

Friday, May 10th!

5:30 - 7:30 pm

\$4 each or 3 for \$10

Eat in or Take out.

Drinks sold by the American Legion
(Must be a member to purchase alcoholic
beverages.)



Join us in making a difference in our community by supporting this
Lions Club event. Together, we can help provide aid, events, and
offer services to those in need.

Enjoy some great food while contributing to a better community!

LIONS BEAR LAKE CAMP

Spring Workbee

May 11th, 2024

Registration 8:00 AM

Cleanup 9:00 AM

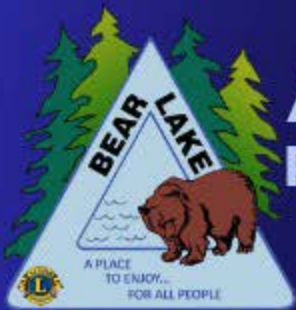


LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED

Easy, Medium, and

Advanced Tasks available

Please bring your own gloves and tools



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

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

traci@bearlakecamp.org
jwalling@bearlakecamp.org



Ridgeview Golf Course

23 ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT AND SILENT AUCTION

18 MAY 2024 || 9:30AM SHOT GUN START
AT CLUB HOUSE

Kalamazoo Westside Lions Club

Registration: \$60/person 4 person scramble

Includes: 18 Holes, Cart & Lunch

For Information and registration call:

Mike 269.375.8821 Tim 269.598.1638 Bill 269.427.7869



Registration by May 11:

1. Name/Cell:

2. Name/Cell:

3. Name/Cell:

4. Name/Cell:

accepting: cash, check, venmo, cashapp, credit card



We Serve

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

PANCAKE BREAKFAST



**SUNDAY MAY 26, 2024
LIONS PARK**

**99661 95th AVENUE, DOWAGIAC
8:00AM TIL 12:00PM**

**JOIN US FOR THIS FUN WAY TO START
TO CELEBRATE THIS GREAT HOLIDAY!**

**COME OUT AND GET TOGETHER WITH
YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS!!**



BANGOR LIONS CLUB



PIE SALE

\$13 EACH

HOMEMADE & READY TO BAKE!

YOUR CHOICE OF APPLE, BLUEBERRY, OR CHERRY

Call Chris @ 269-365-5231 to place your order.



LCIF Melvin Jones Fellowship Celebration



We are honored to host LCIF Chairperson PIP Lion Brian Sheehan and Lion Lori on May 31st & June 1st 2024.

There will be two events to meet and celebrate with Lions Brian and Lori in Port Sanilac, Michigan at the Sanilac County Historic Village & Museum. On Saturday June 1st Chairperson Brian will personally present any Progressive or Melvin Jones Fellow to those that are in attendance and have achieved such recognition. The only charge for the events is a specified donation to LCIF in the club or person's name.

**Friday May 31st, 2024 Chairperson's Reception 7:00 p.m.
\$2,000 donation to LCIF
Admits 2 individuals to the private reception (space is limited)
Hors d'oeuvre & Refreshments**

**Saturday June 1st, 2024 1:00 p.m.
\$100 donation to LCIF
Admits 1 individual to the celebration
Entertainment
Meal and Refreshments**

I would like to reserve the following:

Friday Chairperson's Reception \$2,000 donation. Please credit the following individuals P/MJF account(s).

Name Membership Number Amount

Name Membership Number Amount

Or _____
Club Name Club ID Number Amount

Saturday Celebration \$100 donation. Please credit the following P/MJF account(s)

Name Membership Number Amount

Or _____
Club Name Club ID Number Amount

This form and Checks can be mailed payable to LCIF and mailed to:

Lion Irene Cole, 2445 Ruth Road, Deckerville, MI 48427

Questions or to pay by credit card, please call PID Lion Justin Faber (989)600-9009 or PDG Brian Bezold (248)330-1101

Money sent directly to LCIF or paid online does not count towards this event



Dear Friend,

The Bangor Lions Club will be hosting its 34th annual golf outing on Sunday June 9, 2024. We are currently seeking sponsors for this special event.

The golf outing will be held at Lake Cora Hills Golf Club in Paw Paw, MI. Registration begins at 7:30am with a shotgun start at 8:30am. Lunch will be served to the golfers as they complete their 18 holes of golf. Event winners, door prizes and the 50/50 raffle drawing will start shortly after.

Please consider donating to this fun event. Our sponsorship levels are as follows:

- Prize Sponsor - \$25 cash donation or gift certificate valued at \$25 & recognition during the event
- Hole Sponsor - \$75 cash donation - Same as above plus donor info posted on a sign at the tee box
- Silver Sponsor - \$100 cash donation - Same as above plus highlighted name on the sponsor list
- Gold Sponsor - \$125 cash donation - Same as above, plus additional recognition during the event

The money raised from the golf outing will be used to pay for eye glasses & eye exams for community members in need of financial help. Additional Lions Club projects include supporting our local Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops, college scholarships totaling \$1,500 each year, the annual Bunny Hop event at Eastertime, Toys for Tots and a variety of charitable events within our community.

No donation is too small or too large, as we sincerely appreciate any support that may be offered.

Donations can be mailed to:

Bangor Lions Club
PO Box 13
Bangor MI 49013

If you have any questions, please contact Chris Rigozzi at:

Cell: 269-365-5231

Email: crigozzi@rwapine.com

Thank you for your time and support for the Bangor Lions Club and our projects.



**BANGOR LIONS CLUB
34TH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING**

*Lake Cora
Hills Golf Club*

**\$75 PER
PLAYER**

*Thank you for your continued
support of the Bangor Lions Club!*



**SUNDAY JUNE 9, 2024
FOUR PERSON SCRAMBLE**

**18 HOLES OF GOLF!
LUNCH AND A GOLF CART
ARE INCLUDED!**

EVENTS

Longest Drive - Men/Women
Closest to the Pin - Men/Women
Longest Putt Made - Combined
Orange Ball Team Event
Door Prizes & 50/50 Raffle

AGENDA

7:30 AM Registration
8:30 AM Shotgun Start
TBD Lunch & Awards

Proceeds to benefit
Project KidSight,
College Scholarship
Program, and other
charitable community
events.



Follow us on Facebook
[Facebook.com/lionsclub
bangormichigan](https://www.facebook.com/lionsclubbangormichigan)

To register or for more information contact Chris Rigozzi
at 269-365-5231 or crigozzi@rwlapine.com

**Join the South Haven Black River Lions Club
at the American Legion Post #49**

**129 Michigan Ave
South Haven**

BBQ

on the Bluff



**August 24, 2024
4-9 PM**

**\$10 in Advance/\$15 at Door
Silent Auction!
50/50 Raffle!
Live Entertainment!**

Shoreline Dance Academy performance!!

4 pm-5 pm

Live Band: Cut'n Loose

5 pm -9 pm

Food stops being served at 8pm



We Serve

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



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

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

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

Thanks IPDG Julie

Matt Seagrave
Rider Experience Manager

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[Click here for more info](#)

Thank you Portage Lions for your support last year!



11B-2 CLUB NEWS

Buchanan-Galien

Buchanan-Galien Lions Help With Buchanan C of C Chili Walk

The Buchanan-Galien Lions Club participated in the 16th Annual Buchanan Chamber of Commerce Chili Walk on April 11th. An excellent community outreach opportunity for the Lions to interact with those searching for the perfect brew. Twenty businesses and or organizations entered their favorite chili this year.

Horizon Realty took home the Judges Award, Redbud Hardware won the People's Choice Award, and McCoy Creek Tavern won the Spirit Award. Lion Alice Kring made the Lions chili entry entitled "Fowl Weather Chili" which fit the rainy-day setting. The We Serve team of Lions Nixon, Harrington, Kring, Skene and Tumbleson served chili and greeted those attending. The weather wasn't the best- but approximately 250 supporters from the community and some great chili provided another Fun Time in Buchanan- voted 2020 Nicest Place in America!





11B-2 CLUB NEWS

Bangor



The Bangor Lions is a sponsor of the Miss Bangor Pageant Organization and the Blossomtime Festival. The court members come out to support the club, take pictures with the kids and hand out treats.



AC Aldag from our club with some of the Boy Scout Leaders – Troop 194, chartered by the Bangor Lions.

Edwardsburg



Lions Buddy Davis and Jan Rutten from the Edwardsburg Lions Club sort through eyeglasses for a collection at the Trinity Lutheran school in Granger, Indiana.





11B-2 CLUB NEWS

Kal-Haven



Kal-Haven Hits The Road For Adopt-A-Highway Cleanup

Kal-Haven Lions Tim Tinney and Bill Gingas prepare for the Spring cleanup. 9 Lions, John Stassek, Dave Mead, Jerome Miller, Bill Gingas, Patsy Richardson, Tim Tinney, Deb and Rob Ferguson and their son, Nathan, clean up a 2 mile stretch of M40 north of Gobles 3 times a year as part of the Michigan Adopt-A-Highway program. This spring the group gathered up 18 33 gallon trash bags accumulated over the winter.

Lakeshore

Good luck this weekend to the Lance A Bot Robotics team at the World Competition in Houston this weekend! We were pleased to be able to donate an additional \$1,000 to them to help cover some of their competition costs.





11B-2 CLUB NEWS

Mattawan

Mattawan Lions Senior/Veteran Expo Is Back

Mattawan Lions Club is gearing up for the first Senior/Veteran's Expo since covid. We are so excited about hosting this event and the seniors are excited as well. This event is open to anyone who would like information on services available for veterans or senior citizens.



The club also worked on cleaning up their community garden that has been on hold for a couple of years. We have lots of ideas for this year and are looking forward to getting back to growing food for our local food pantry.



Niles

Quarter Auction A Big Hit For Niles

The Niles Lions had a fantastic Quarter Auction last night. This club is fighting it's way back to serve their community with all the strength they have. They are 5 members strong! They had a great turnout and got some exposure to potential Lions in their area. It was a great time! Lions from South Haven, Mattawan, Bangor, Paw Paw, and Three Rivers also came out to support their Niles Lions family!





11B-2 CLUB NEWS

Portage

Rain? Not A Problem For Portage Lions Diabetes 5K Walk Fundraiser

The Portage Lions Club of Michigan held their first Diabetes 5K Walk fundraiser on April 28, 2024.

The walk was originally scheduled at Celery Flats in Portage, but due to heavy rains, it was moved to Crossroads Mall in Portage. Participants walked around the mall 10x to equal the 5K walk. We even made the local news!



One hundred percent of the proceeds from the fundraiser will be used to help the Portage community pay for diabetes medication and testing supplies. In addition, this event promotes physical activity and wellness, improves collaboration with healthcare providers and organizations to support those affected by diabetes, and create a community that fosters understanding, empathy, and solidarity for those living with diabetes.

To our friends, families, sponsors, volunteers, participants, and donors, we want to thank you all for your support. Your flexibility made it possible, and we appreciate it more than words can express.

Special thanks to our sponsors: Traveler's Craft BBQ & Whiskey Bar, Walgreens, Tandem, Dexcom,

Bee Clean Business Service, Superior Receipt Book Company, WMUK, Tapehead Productions, and The Diabetes Care Alliance.





11B-2 CLUB NEWS

St. Joseph

St. Joe Lions Welcome Royalty & Have One Of Their Own Honored By The United Way Of Southwest Michigan

The St. Joseph Lions welcomed Royalty to their midst on April 18th, 2024 when all the students serving as Blossomtime Royalty came to their meeting. We were please to learn that Harry Kalin become the reigning King of the Blossomtime Festival and Parade that will be held on May 11th in St. Joseph. Each student shared what prompted them to get involved with this tradition, the range of volunteerism they have enjoyed as a result, and their post high school plans. The Lions also gifted the group with a donation in support of the Blossomtime Festival program for young people.



Mr. Ren Baldwin, a longtime member of the St. Joseph Lions, was honored by the United Way of Southwest Michigan as the 42nd recipient of the Margaret B. Upton Volunteer Leadership Award. Ren is a retired teacher of the St. Joseph Public Schools and an asset to the community. In addition to his involvement with the St. Joseph Lions, he also serves as the president of the Maud Preston Library Board of Directors. We are proud to see Ren honored for his commitment to the motto "We serve".



At our April 25th meeting, we welcomed Mr. Brad Byerle, the director of the new Policy Academy program at Lake Michigan College. We learned about this totally new program that will give local law enforcement a nearby place to train new recruits.





11B-2 CLUB NEWS

Three Rivers

Three Rivers Club-Lion Gary Reames and Lion Ken Bickle set up a Lions sponsored community outreach tent for the Three Rivers Little League opening ceremony to hand out treats to the youth. After the event there was enough left over to donate it to a soccer game at the field for 2 additional soccer teams playing next to the baseball fields that Cub Oliver Bickle was playing in. Over 200 bags of Carmel kettle corn and mini packs of freeze dried skittles were given out and enjoyed by the youth.





11B-2 CLUB NEWS

Three Rivers

Three Rivers Lions Learn About A Renewal Millage & Funeral Preplanning

Thank you to St. Joseph County Road Commission Chairman of the Board Eric Shafer for joining us on April 9th to inform us on the details on the Aug. 6th Road Commission Renewal Millage that will be on the ballot for St. Joseph County residents to vote on.

President Lion Jeff Mayuiers presented Eric with a thank you gift of a can of our delicious mixed premium nuts.

If you'd like to purchase a can or two of nuts contact for locations that still have available or any Lion. Now only \$20/can or 2 cans for \$30!



Lion Gabe Adams provided the program on March 12 speaking to the group about preplanning your funeral.

Sister Lakes

Sister Lakes Lions Announce Their Summer Season Events.

May 26-Pancake Breakfast (*see flyer this issue*)

June 1 & 2-White Cane Weekend

June 8-Blues & BBQ I

July 7-Pancake Breakfast

August 10-Blues & BBQ II

August 31-End of Summer Fireworks

Sept 7-Golf Outing

Details will be coming later.





LEO CLUB NEWS

Sturgis LEOs

Sturgis LEOs Awarded District Club of the Year

The Sturgis LEO Club received LEO Club of the Year for our district. Thank you, LEO Club members who joined us.

Cynthia Correa Carmona, Cindy Gonzalez, Vanessa Bucio, Yazmin Guerrero, Naedelin Luna, Mia Feyes, Samantha Cruz, and Maritza Sanchez



LEO Club President Naedelin Luna also received a Shining Star award for our club.

Mattawan LEOS

Busy Month For Mattawan LEOs



The LEOs raised \$592.80 over 12 hours of soliciting for funds for White Cane. Great work!



The LEO Club in combination with the Mattawan NHS cleaned up the school grounds.



LEO CLUB NEWS

Mattawan LEOS



In honor of Earth Day, the LEOs did their part to beautify our school grounds.



The LEOs helped the community have fun at the Mattawan Lions Spring Carnival.

Buchanan LEOs



Buchanan LEO Gigi Tabor and Lion Alice Krings sold trees at the Buchanan School Farm Plow Day on 4/20/24 to raise money for Gigi's upcoming All State Band trip.

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.



YOUTH CAMPS & EXCHANGE NEWS

Extra Extra Read all about it!

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

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



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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

YOUTH CAMPS & EXCHANGE PROGRAM

contributed by: Lion Elvie Marfil. State Chairperson

HOSTING STUDENTS IN MICHIGAN

"Hosting" is having the student stay in your home for all or part of the time. Share your culture and experiences as a Michigander with an international student through our hosting program. Participating students are invited to live as a member of your own family and be part of your day-to-day life.

SUMMER 2024

The Lions Youth Exchange Program was started to provide today's youth, our leaders of tomorrow, an opportunity to learn about people and countries other than their own to promote world peace. The goal is to have each participant return home, apply greater awareness and appreciation of others to fellow students, friends and family. In doing so, we hope to foster harmony and understanding toward goodwill in international relations.

The Lions Clubs International Youth Exchange Program was officially adopted in 1961 as a unique cultural learning opportunity for our youth and not conducted for tourism, formal education or employment. It is promoting World Peace, One Student at a Time.

To our very exceptional and generous host families, we cannot thank you enough. Without you, this program cannot work. You are taking these students to become a part of your family. We would like to recommend that you take two students from two different countries. This is so that they will need to speak English to each other. When taking Japanese students, it is wise to pick an older and younger student so the older can help the younger speak English.

Upon arrival and before anything else, please explain the house rules to your new family members. This is so that there is no misunderstanding as to whether smoking, drinking, etc. is allowed in your home.

Other suggestions we have are:

1. Your Lion Youth Exchange Chairperson will require you to attend an orientation meeting prior to being accepted as a host family. This meeting will cover Youth Exchange Policies and things to assist you and your student and to become acquainted with our program. Other families will be there too so that you can get acquainted and share activities together. If you have hosted before, your input will be appreciated to help the new host families.

- a) It is required by the Youth Exchange Policy that you accept the visiting youth as a member of your family, not as a guest. Meet your new family member on arrival and share your home with your new son or daughter. They are not to be used as babysitters or housekeepers; however, they should help with chores and to keep their room clean. Males and females

should be hosted in separate homes and/or bedrooms. They should be provided with a bed not a couch or an air mattress. Youth may share a bedroom with host siblings of the same sex and over 10 years of age.

2. Arrange a schedule of things to do and places to go. Ask your new son or daughter if there is anything special or places they would like to see or do. If you are able, try to accommodate them as you would want your own children to be accommodated if they were also being hosted. They are not, however, to leave your care to travel on their own to other countries, or to travel to meet close friends or family if they are in this country. Match your schedule with your local Lions club or district so as not to overlap planned activities. Keep in mind that you are not a travel agent or tour guide, and the concept of the program is a cultural exchange. Your new family members would like to interact with students their own age if possible. Look to your community and surrounding areas for events other than the Lions events.

Please call your district Lion Youth Exchange chairperson to see if they have a planned itinerary.

a) Plan to spend time at home getting acquainted with your student. Do not make the hosting period a continuous round of events. Time to rest and relax at home is important for both students and family. They will need time to wash clothes and write in their journals.

b) The Lions Youth Exchange Program is meant to be a learning experience. Allow your visiting youth to have ample opportunity to learn about the nature of our people, our democracy and our heritage and culture. Be sure to learn about theirs but please do not get political or try to proselytize.

c) Allow them periods of privacy each day.

d) Your student should have adequate funds for personal expenses. You will be responsible for their meals and entertainment when you are with them as you are with your own children. When and if they are not with you, the funds they brought should be used for whatever meals, entertainment, and souvenirs they wish to purchase. The students will also be responsible for their own phone bills and any other expenses they may incur in your home. They are not to leave you with any of their bills. If there is a problem, please contact your Lion chairperson.

e) It is important that you take your youth to a Lions Club or District meeting, if possible. Arrange with the District Governor or Club President to have your student speak as a program. Your student may have pins and/or banners to exchange with the District Governor or Club President.

3. The hosting process is normally four-five weeks but can be split into multiple families. Our international camp (Lions Bear Lake Camp) will be in between hosting periods.

LION MINT ROLLS



Wintergreen
Fizzy Fruit
Peppermint
12 Pieces/Roll
576 Rolls/Case
48 Boxes/Case



Acrylic Tray
Mint Drops



Acrylic Tray
Mint Rolls



Piggyback Rack



Red Display Tray

ORIGINAL



◆ Big Mints!
◆ Big Taste!
◆ Big Profits!

Suggested Account Locations

Airports	Banks & Credit Unions
Bus Stations	Travel Agencies
Beauty Salons	Government Offices
Nail Salons	Courthouses
Barber Shops	City Offices
Insurance Offices	Flower Shops
Visitor Centers	Eye Doctors
Telephone Stores	Chamber of Commerce
Dry Cleaners	Funeral Homes
Golf Pro Shops	Hardware Stores
Car Dealerships	Car Waiting Rooms
Chiropractors	Medical/Dental Offices

Restaurants (especially fast food places—try to place a double tray because of volume)

Any retail business that has a good volume of walk-ins such as card shops, shoe stores, etcetera.

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Qty.	Item	Unit Price	Total
	Peppermint - 576 Rolls (Shipping Not Included)	\$ 120.00	
	Wintergreen - 576 Rolls (Shipping Not Included)	\$ 120.00	
	Fizzy Fruit Candy - 576 Rolls (Shipping Not Included)	\$ 120.00	
	Red Plastic Display Tray: Hold 24 Lion Mint Rolls (Shipping Not Included)	\$ 4.00	
	Piggyback Rack: Stack Two Plastic Display Trays (Shipping Not Included)	\$ 4.50	
	Price Sign: Tray Backer Card - 50¢ Imprint (Shipping Not Included)	\$ 1.00	
	Acrylic Display Tray 1: Hold 1,500 Lion Mint Drops (Shipping Not Included)	\$ 45.00	
	Acrylic Display Tray 2: Hold 4 Boxes Lion Mint Rolls (Shipping Not Included)	\$ 45.00	
	Lion Mints Program - Starter Kit (New Customers Only)	FREE	
	Shipping Charges: FedEx Ground	FedEx.com	
TOTAL			

Date: _____ Club Name: _____

Ship To: _____

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Daytime Telephone: _____ Email: _____

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THE LION MINTS PROGRAM

How To Approach Merchants

- ◆ Ask if the merchant is familiar with the Lions mission.
- ◆ Request Counter space for Lions Mints, and be sure to say it will only take a small space.
- ◆ Look around—find a desirable spot which has visibility and accessibility.
- ◆ Assume a humble attitude, don't be pushy or demanding.

How To Service Accounts

- ◆ Always keep your candy displays filled with candy. Some will only need monthly service, while others will need service every 3-4 days in high volume places.
- ◆ It is not a good policy to leave too many extra mints at a site for employees to fill trays with as too much money will accumulate.
- ◆ If theft is suspected, seal the bottom of the tray with a sticker that would have to be broken if the tray is tampered with. This tends to deter such activity.
- ◆ Keep your display clean, signs should be clean and have supplier's name and phone number on the back. Collection trays and containers should be clean, if not, switch for a clean one. Boxes sometimes collect debris—be sure dust hasn't collected, and remember, empty trays are lost sales.

How To Build Public Support

- ◆ Form a relationship with business owners and their employees. Tell them about Lions and the things your Club does for the community—glasses, hearing aids, youth programs (baseball teams, swim teams and band camps). People will be more inclined to monitor the mint displays for you, and it is a great way to recruit new members for your Lions Club.



We Serve

GENERAL NEWS!



Lawrence	12 MAY 1948	75 Years
Vicksburg	17 MAY 1953	70 Years
Sturgis	26 MAY 2004	19 Years
Covert	28 MAY 1986	36 Years
Bangor	30 MAY 1968	55 Years

Thank you for all your years of service!

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