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FROM THE GOVERNOR'S DESK



Where has Fall gone....the trees went from green to shades of gold and brown it seems like overnight. I'm anxiously awaiting November 4th so I can get out of this cast and becoming more mobile in a walking boot. It's been a long Fall, but I'm optimistic that I'll be back to normal soon and back on the road driving again. That's probably been the worse thing, not being able to drive anywhere I wanted to go. My chauffeur has done a fine job of driving me everywhere I wanted or needed to go and hasn't charged me one cent so far. But with the price of gas, I couldn't afford to pay him much 😊.

October started off with a club visit on the 4th to Benton Harbor Fairplain. I shared some things that the District has coming up and talked about my goals. They were gearing up for a spaghetti dinner fundraiser on the 8th with homemade spaghetti noodles by Lion Susie Mance, so I knew where we'd be having dinner on the 8th. They were also preparing for the upcoming holidays. So on the 8th I treated my chauffeur to spaghetti dinner but not until I literally fell going up the 2 steps into The Dank where the event was being held. I'm sure it was one of those moments when you look around to see who all saw you fall but I had no chance of hiding anything as Lion Andy and PCC Jeff were right there to pick me up and get me inside safe and sound. The only thing hurt was my pride. That first step was just slightly taller than the one I have at home to get in our house. We enjoyed the delicious meal and great company of Lion Dennis Lundgren and wife Colleen of the St. Joseph Lions. On the way home we stopped by PDG John and Lion Natalie Postelli's house for coffee and fellowship, and catching up on things. Oh, yes, and we shopped at their upcoming garage sale too!! Lion Natalie has outdone herself again with her Fall decorations!!!!

October 5th I participated in a Zoom meeting for LMSF Fund & Development Committee that I am a member of. We talked about the upcoming fundraisers that we have to look forward to. The Sight and Hearing Sweepstakes tickets will be mailed out to the Club Presidents around the 2nd or 3rd week of November....SO PRESIDENTS, watch your mail and sell all your tickets! Remember the sale of these tickets help to fund many needs within our State and even your clubs! The winners will be drawn at the State Convention in May, so you have plenty of time to sell them or even have your club buy them.

October 15th we held the second Cabinet Meeting of the year. We talked about the upcoming Projects Night and the mid-year Eyeglass collection that will take place also at Antwerp Township Hall on November 14th. This is an excellent chance for clubs to turn in their glasses they have collected since last April. The totals of the November collection will be added to the second collection to take place at our District Convention March 18th in Kalamazoo.

October 22nd we headed for Lansing for a Project KidSight Committee Meeting. On the way back we stopped off in Portage at the Monster Mash held at Ramona



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FROM THE GOVERNOR'S DESK (cont.)

Park....after we finally found the park that is, that the Portage Lions were participating in. Their members and some family members were dressed up in costumes and passed out candy and held a KidSight screening in a tent draped with a UV tarp borrowed from Lions in District C1 along with cameras and printer. In just 4 hours time they screened 99 children!!! Joining them was Paw Paw Lion Ginger Smietana assisting with the screenings. They did an awesome job and even had 3 new members join them which I will be inducting on November 19th at their club meeting. This is how all the clubs can work together and help each other out when they have events and want to also do a KidSight screening.

As we start to think about November and the upcoming Projects Night, I want to remind all the clubs that you have voted to support all the projects in the State and our District. I'm asking all the clubs to be 100% participants in their giving to the projects. This just means giving something to all the projects, you don't have to give the same amount to all of them if one means a little more to you or your club than another one does, but just give something to all of them....every bit we give helps! By doing this your club will earn a special banner patch showing you were 100% participants! In addition, we are asking the clubs to also support another special project we have over the past several years of Pediatric Cancer. IPDG Karol is the Committee Chairperson for this project and is asking for gift cards for local restaurants or gas cards or checks (made payable to District 11B2 with Pediatric Cancer on the memo line) and she will pick up gift cards with your checks. These families are facing many daily challenges and sometimes just being able to have a meal out or assistance with gas to get to the appointments their children need is such a big help and means so much to them. You still have a couple of weeks to get the eyeglasses, hard cases in good condition, and cloth lens wipes sorted so you can bring them at the same time you will be attending Projects Night. They will also accept cloth cases as long as they are in good condition. Lions Lewis and Mark from Buchanan Galien will on hand to collect the boxes of glasses you bring and jot down the totals so those totals can be added to what you bring to the District Convention in March. Lion Ken from District C1 will be on hand to pick them up and take back to Grand Rapids to sort them. You brought in so many glasses last year that they just finished sorting them and that's why they asked that we hold a second collection this year....you really overwhelmed them!!!! With that being said, eyeglasses will be collected starting around 5:15 in the parking lot so that by 6:00 pm everyone is inside and ready to start Projects Night and dinner. Remember to RSVP to Lion Tammie Grabowski by November 8th if you plan to eat dinner so we have enough food. See the flyer in the Beacon with further details.

If your club is participating in the Peace Poster contest this year, those need to be turned in to me no later than November 14th as the Cabinet will be judging those at Projects Night and selecting the district winner to participate at the State level in December.

I will be contacting clubs to set up club visits but as always please let me know if you have an event coming up so I can get it on my calendar and also be sure to get the details to Lion Wes for the Beacon so the rest of the District can see what else is going on and try and attend!

Keep up the AWESOME job everyone is doing as our membership numbers are growing!!! I look forward to seeing you on November 14th in Mattawan!

DG Julie



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FROM THE GOVERNOR'S DESK (cont.)

A time to reflect on thanks....

As we start to think about the upcoming holiday's I wanted to take a moment and reflect back on some things that I am thankful for and ask each of you to do the same in your lives.

Thanksgiving has always been a time to think of turkey, stuffing, pumpkin pie and family gatherings for many. But let's all stop for a minute and think about those that might not have a home to gather in this year and enjoy that holiday meal. Our world has changed so much over the past year for many reasons from the issues in the Ukraine to the devastation of Hurricane Ivan in Ft. Myers. Families may be separated this year following the loss of their homes and possessions or even loved ones.

Having our own children and grandchildren living outside of Tampa and worrying about them, their neighbors and extended families in the many communities preparing where Ivan was forecast to cause so much devastation and possibly losing everything they have, to those in Ft. Myers that at the last minute had little to no time to prepare for Ivan to take over their communities. I am thankful that our children were able to open their home for 2 families and their pets to live with them even for just a short period of time when their homes or neighborhoods suffered some damage. I only hope there are families like ours in the Ft. Myers area that are able to do the same for some of their friends and families that were less fortunate with damages. It will take months to possibly years for many to rebuild if they are even able to at all. Remember Lions are there to help each other.

I am also so very thankful that there are many other families that have made it through the health issues that my own family as endured over the past year. It was just a year ago that PCC Jeff and I were not sure what the future would hold for us. Everyday we thank everyone one of you for your support, kind words, checking in on us to see if we needed anything, thoughts and prayers as he went through the unknown at that time. We can't thank Dr. A at Mayo Clinic and Dr. Turay at St. Mary's Hospital of Mayo Clinic for all they did to get to the bottom of Jeff's illness and determine the treatment required and literally saving his life as he whittled away from infection. I am happy to say that Jeff is doing great and gaining weight and slowly regaining his strength, although he has a way to go, I know he can do this!

I know there are many families that have not been as fortunate as ours, so I ask that everyone please keep all our Lions families and friends in your thoughts during these upcoming holidays. Just reach out and ask if someone needs help with anything. Even just a call means so much to people.

Happy Thanksgiving to all!!

DG Julie





GOVERNOR JULIE'S CALENDAR

November

- 5: LMSF Trustee Meeting**
- 5: Mattawan Lions Craft Show**
- 10: Buchanan Galien Club Visit & Peace Poster Judging**
- 14: World Diabetes Day**
- 14: Projects Night & Peace Poster** (Peace Posters Cabinet Judging), 6–8 pm @ Antwerp Township Hall, Mattawan (See Flyer in this months Beacon)
- 19: Portage Club visit** & new member induction
- 19: SHBR Lions Quarter Auction**

December

- 1: St. Joseph Christmas Party**
- 17: Three Rivers Christmas Food & Toy Distribution**





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UPCOMING EVENTS TO ADD TO YOUR CALENDAR

November

- 4-6: Leadership Institute** - MacMullen Center
- 5: Craft Show**-9am-3pm, Antwerp Activity Center-24821 Front St., Mattawan, MI-hosted by Mattawan Lions Club
- 21: Portage Lions Blood Drive** - (See info on Portage Lions page 2/Beacon)
- 14: Project Night / Peace Posters Judging** - 6-8pm, Antwerp ActivityCenter, 24821 Front St., Mattawan, MI (See Flyer in this months Beacon)
- 19: Quarter Auction** -3-6pm, South Haven Elks Lodge #1509, 405 Phoenix St #1-2, South Haven, MI, hosts: South Haven Black River Lions

December

- 2-3: Council of Governors** - Holiday Inn, Grand Rapids Downtown

January

- 7: Cabinet Meeting** - Sister Lakes Lions Club
- 30: District Wide Zone Meeting** - Antwerp Township Hall, Mattawan

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



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Thought you might like to know.....

We are going to dedicate this column in our upcoming issues with the idea of promoting maybe a small tidbit on things you just might like to know.

Our first article is going to cover some information about [Project KidSight](#). As Lions, we are all aware of the fact that Helen Keller was the one that challenged us to become champions for the blind. In accepting this challenge you as a Lion should hold a great sense of pride for all the wonderful contributions we have made, as well as the ones we continue to make. One of the areas we contribute to is labeled as Project KidSight. But are you aware of exactly what that's all about? Going forward the purpose of this article is to enlighten you with the information something we "thought you might like to know".

Over time, it was discovered there are 19 million children that are living with some type of vision disorder. That equates to about 1 out of 5 preschoolers. Yet less than 22% of preschool children receive some type of vision screening. It's a difficult fact to swallow despite all the efforts put forth by the Center For Disease Control and our local county and district health departments, this number continues to grow. The largest vision disorder our children are suffering from is called amblyopia or "lazy eye". What it actually is, is reduced vision in one eye caused by abnormal vision development early in life. What is actually taking place is the weaker eye or lazy eye, often wanders inward or outward. This can begin at infancy or early childhood. The brain as it develops begins to favor the better eye, allowing the

weaker eye to fail to develop and slowly becoming worse over time. If left untreated, this may lead to the one eye becoming functionally blind.

The good news is this can be corrected! The earlier the detection, the easier the correction. That in a nutshell is what Project KidSight is all about. Through the marvels of medicine and scientific study, a camera has been developed that through a very split second photo can help screen for the eye affliction along with some others as well. The camera's themselves were developed as a simple easy to use screening tool that through that split second photo can help supply ophthalmologist with vital information complete with useful measurements that can assist them in not only diagnosing but treating the issue our children may be facing.

The camera's that are currently being utilized in our Project KidSight are the Plus Optix S12 and the WelchAllyn Spot VS100. Both camera's can capture a successful reading 97% of the time and can be used on ages 5 months and up. But just like getting kids to pose for that perfect picture, all KidSight vision screeners know the value of creating an attentive face.

These camera's also carry an 89.5% accuracy rating for detection of an eye abnormality. So the goal of Project KidSight is to screen as many children as we can. From daycares, preschool, and elementary schools, anywhere our young children might be, we'd like to be there too! And we can always use help. If you or someone you know might have an interest, reach out and let us know. Contact your local District KidSight Coordinator(s), District Governor or call the Lions of Michigan Service Foundation State Office at 517-887-6640, ext. 14.

Just something we 'thought you'd like to know'!

*PCC Jeff Mayuiers
Project KidSight State Coordinator*



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PROJECT KIDSIGHT

PKS COORDINATORS **TANDA & DAVID STIFFLER**

Lions of Michigan Foundation **PROJECT KIDSIGHT**



PROJECT KIDSIGHT REPORT 2022-2023

In October, the Project KidSight teams were able to do three events.

Our first event was done on October 5th at the Volinia Outcome School where my daughter Amy Anderson is the principal and a teacher to the kids. We were able to screen 26 kids with 23



passing and 3 referrals. Chad McCann, Executive Director of the Lions of Michigan Service Foundation was able to get three vouchers thru the VSP Eye Care Assistance Application for the 3 kids at her school that need help.

The next locations were both done on October 22nd. Tanda & Dave went to Dr. Lawless Park in Vandalia for their Annual Fall Harvest Festival. The KidSight trailer was used at this event.



The Park had a lot of fun activities for the entire family. The Edwardsburg LEOs attended to help the little kids with the bounce house, zipline, pumpkin bowling, face painting, and much more. Tanda & Dave had help from two Edwardsburg Lion Members, Jim and Jan Rutten (pictured above) who assisted us with taking care of the PKS consent forms. We were in the woods so unfortunately, we could not use the QR Code, only paper consent forms could be used. We screened 69 kids with 5 referrals. It



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PKS COORDINATORS TANDA & DAVID STIFFLER

was so much fun just watching families all get involved and dress up for the Fall Harvest event. We saw a lot of great costumes!

The second location was done by the Portage Lions Club as they were at a park in Portage. The event was called the Monster Mash. Elvie Marfil and her team screened 99 kids with 15 referrals. So proud of this team that did their first PKS event and did so well!

Congratulations PKS Team!!!

Our Next Two Events are:

- **October 29th – VFW Community Day, M62, Edwardsburg. Time 1 to 4.**
- **November 4th – Edwardsburg Eagle Lake School, 23889 Ave. C, Edwardsburg. Time: 8:45 to start. (We will be screening the entire school, 360 kids)**

The rest of the Edwardsburg Schools will be done as well. We would like to schedule the schools a week apart if possible. We do need help with Lion members to help with sitting by the screeners and looking up the child's name when they sit down. We have three screeners in place but could use help with the paperwork and with referral packets.

If anyone can help, please contact Tanda Stiffler at tandastiffler76@gmail.com or call 574/350-9215

About Project Kidsight

Each year, thousands of Michigan children receive free vision screenings through Project KIDSight. Our vision screening equipment produces a binocular image of a child's eyes to develop a preliminary determination of the presence of eye disorders that cause vision loss. Not all types of vision problems can be identified through vision screenings, and vision screenings are not substitutes for eye examinations by eye care professionals. However, through Project KIDSight, we can detect most common childhood vision problems, including:

- Anisometropia (Unequal Visual Clarity)*
- Anisocoria (Pupil Size Differences)*
- Astigmatism (Refractive Abnormality)*
- Corneal Reflex (Blinking)*
- Gaze Deviation (Fixed/Crossed Eyes)*
- Hyperopia (Far-Sighted)*
- Myopia (Near-Sighted)*
- Strabismus (Eye Misalignment)*





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VDG AMY THACKSTON



Fellow Lions,

I'm excited to spend this Lion Year helping DG Julie with her goals and planning my own. I would love to spend the Lion year meeting with your clubs. If you have an extra opening at a program meeting or even

just a few minutes to spare I would love to stop by a meeting to meet all of you. I'm also excited to try to attend as many of your club events as possible. If you haven't shared your events with Wes to go into the Beacon, please do it as soon as possible.

I'm looking for people looking to serve as part of our District Cabinet next year. If you or someone you know may be interested in a cabinet position or want to know more about one please let me know. I look forward to seeing everyone at meetings and events!

Kind Regards,
VDG Amy Thackston
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IPDG KAROL CHOPP



Please try and post something on your Facebook or website pages about what Lions are doing to help these families.

This year we will be collecting funds to donate gift cards to families who have children with cancer.

We will be collecting money or gift cards at the Projects Nights on November 14. You can do a fundraiser to collect money to purchase gift cards or just donate the money and we will get the gift cards



to donate to the families. These will be handed out at the Pediatric Oncology ward of Bronson's Children's Hospital. We asked and that seems to be the greatest need currently.

Sincerely,
IPDG Karol
11B2Pediatric Cancer Chair





THOUGHTS & PRAYERS

In Memoriam



Lion Marcia Blackman Colon Lions Club

March 28, 1948 - October 20, 2022

Marcia was an art teacher in the Three Rivers school system for the better part of 30 years. After retiring from Three Rivers, Marcia taught one final year at

Western Michigan University. In her tenure she was recognized as teacher of the year in Three Rivers, and Michigan Art Teacher of The Year in 1996 by the Michigan Art Education Association.

When Marcia wasn't teaching, she was always busy. She was an active member of the Colon Garden Club and was responsible for the placement of the black top hats and rabbit ears all over town, as well as the building of the gazebo at Bordner Park, and the Colon Lions Club where she designed all of their magic week pins. Marcia was also a past member of the Colon School Board, Class Advisor for the Three Rivers class of 1979, she was a member of the Red Hatters, and was elected as Colon's Citizen of The Year in 2014. Marcia enjoyed quilting and many various art projects at home, and she always did so while indulging in her favorite soda, TAB. Marcia also enjoyed traveling, and looking for her next antique. She was known for her large collection of creamers, and her teddy bear collection. Marcia and 3 of her teaching friends would travel around in search of antiques and would call themselves the Cruiser Babes.

Marcia is survived today by her husband of 57 years, Lion Glenn L. Blackman of Colon, her son John (Michelle) Blackman, grandson Timothy Hiemstra, granddaughters: Virginia (Brandon) Stoddard, and Stephanie (Jeremy) Craker, six great grandchildren, many cousins, nieces, and nephews, sisters in law Marjorie Wolff, and Barbara (Bob) Folk, exchange student Carlos Correa, and so many special friends and classmates.

The family asks that any memorial donations be directed to the Colon Garden Club or the Colon Lions Club. Memories can be shared with the family at Schipperfuneral-home.com



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STURGIS LIONS



Sturgis City Manager Updates

Sturgis City Manager Mike Hughes spoke to the Sturgis Lions at our September meeting. He informed us about the many projects around town-- street repairs, the new downtown destination restaurant, the splash pad at Thurston Woods Park. Progress has been slow due to bidding problems, lack of workers and material shortages. Mike also revealed that Abbot Labs is building two additions and that a new trailer factory is coming to a local industrial park.



Storm Precautions Presentation

This is Erin Goff. She is the Emergency Services Officer for St. Joseph County. She made a presentation at our Lions meeting on 8/17/22

regarding the different safety precautions an individual can take prior to or during a storm. Provided members pamphlets with suggestions on how to prepare for emergency situations. Very informative and highly appreciated.



Damage to Camp Fort Hill

Sturgis Lions welcomed Dave Ludders and Hunter Raiford of Camp Fort Hill, who spoke to us about the status of repairs after the damage caused by the straight line wind storm of August 2021.

Over 1000 trees were lost, and all roads in and trails were impassible. Only after three days work by volunteers with special equipment was the camp opened back up. Ninety-two truckloads of marketable trees were taken out. Other salvageable lumber was sawmilled to make cabin repairs. After a year, the main road and cabins have been repaired and the trails restored.

We are working on our Lions newspaper, which we plan to publish and deliver after Thanksgiving. The paper features articles about the ways Lions serve our community, while the advertising income enables our fundraising efforts which support our projects.



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BENTON HARBOR-FAIRPLAIN LIONS



Benton Harbor-Fairplain Lions Donate \$10,000 to Cycle Re Cycle

Cycle Re Cycle is a totally volunteer organization in Benton Harbor that re-habs bicycles for low cost re-sale and donation to those in need in our community. They also teach and help people to repair their own. After the theft of the storage trailer which contained many bikes awaiting re-hab, the Benton Harbor-Fairplain Lions Club Foundation donated \$10,000 to Cycle Re Cycle for their needs. Thank you Cycle Re Cycle volunteers for giving back to our community. Bev Gould & Andy Menchinger-Benton Harbor-Fairplain Lions Club Foundation Members were privileged to present the check to the volunteers of Cycle Re Cycle.



Cycle-Re-Cycle, a 501(c)3 non-profit in Benton Harbor Michigan, is dedicated to improving the lives of Southwest Michigan residents by promoting bicycles and cycling throughout the community. We do this through programs, advocacy, and partnerships that change the way people think about cycling and explore how a bicycle can be a vehicle for positive social change.

KAL-HAVEN TRAIL LIONS



Kal Haven President, Lion Dave Mead, presents a donation to Bloomingdale Hand2Hand coordinators Lori Harris and Anita Morley.

Hand2Hand prepares and delivers weekend food bags to 107 Bloomingdale elementary students each weekend during the school year. The organization is supported by Townline Methodist, Journey Family, and Bloomingdale Christian churches as well as local businesses, and individuals. The 34 weekends means 3638 bags of food as well as 43,656 food items. Because of their buying power, Kal Haven's donation alone will fund the purchase of over 3000 lbs of food.



Hand2Hand delivers nutritious food to students over the weekends and on extended school breaks by mobilizing churches, schools, individuals, and businesses to join together, providing hope and opportunity to thrive.



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BUCHANAN-GALIEN LIONS

Annual Nut & Candy Fundraiser

The Buchanan-Galien Lions packaged product for their Annual Nut and Candy Fundraiser on the evenings of October 27th and 28th.

Candy and Nut distribution stands will start being set up November 2nd and sales will continue until all product is sold.

Lions Club "Special Thanks" to XPO Logistics, Buchanan American Legion, and our local businesses who host a sales stand. And of course- Thanks to our local communities, families and friends who purchase and enjoy our product.

"We Serve" is our motto - 88+ years strong - and proud to serve in the 2020 Nicest City in America.... Buchanan, MI!





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BUCHANAN-GALIEN LIONS



Great Eye Glass Challenge Collection on November 14th

We will accept any glasses collected to date at our Lions Projects Night at Antwerp Township Hall, 24821 Front St., Mattawan from 5 – 6:30 p.m. Glasses collected will be added to club totals for District Convention Awards.

Here are the rules!

Acceptable items include: Good, clear, scratch free, functioning lenses and frames; glasses for men, women and children; single vision, bi/trifocals or progressive lenses; readers (cheaters); demo frames and sunglasses (both prescription and non-prescription). We are accepting PAIRS of lenses without frames.

We are now also collecting lense cloths, hard eyeglass cases and soft cases in good shape also. But please keep them separate from the glasses.

Please use different boxes for glasses, pairs of lenses and frames. The boxes MUST be clearly marked as they will not all be going to Grand Rapids. Mark each box or bag with your Club Name, the type of glasses in each and the count inside. Count them as follows: very important to count the number of your eyeglasses / frames / lenses.

2 matched lenses = 1 pair of glasses. 1 frame (unbroken) = 1 pair of glasses and each whole pair of glasses of course = 1 pair of glasses.

I hope this helps you. Our purpose for this event many years ago was to raise public awareness of the value of used eyeglasses that we can no longer use. We can recycle them in a way that benefits third world countries that rejoices in getting our junk to give eyesight to them who would not otherwise be able to see well. I personally love hearing the testimonies of the eye doctors and assistance who have gone on such trips. Miracles! The Grand Rapids team comes in to collect our glasses from the challenge and they clean, sort and figure the prescription of the glasses and enter every pair of glasses on their computers for their mission trips. If you have additional questions, please contact Lion Lewis Lambert at lewislambert1549@gmail.com as he and his wife Betty are the experts at this!

Please RSVP by November 8th to Lion Tammie Grabowski cheftammie@gmail.com if you plan to attend this event AND Projects Night so that we have enough food. Dinner will be at 6:10 pm followed by presentations from the various projects and the official donations of checks to our projects. We hope by tying these two events together we help the clubs with storing boxes of glasses and also supporting our Projects “We Serve”!



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EDWARDSBURG LIONS

Welcome Lion Zone Chair Alice Kring!

What a blessing to have a Zone Chair for Zone 5!

Lion Zone Chair Alice Kring visited the Edwardsburg Lions Club on October 12th. Our Club Members thoroughly enjoyed her sweet personality. She presented Lion President Roy Smothermon with a certificate to our club for 100% Giving on



a small float for the Edwardsburg Homecoming Parade. The Leos loved the float and one community member yelled out that this float was the BEST! The LEOs loved hearing the elementary kids screaming when they saw the float, the Lions on the truck and the Lion Mascot riding in the back of the truck! The LEOs just had a great time.

Thank you Dan & Cooky!

Projects Night for 2021. Alice learned about what the Edwardsburg Lions are doing and about our upcoming Christmas Tree Sales which is our largest fundraiser of the year. Alice left a listing of all the projects coming to the Projects Night (Parade of Checks) for 2022 so that our club can once again, give 100%! We are blessed to have Alice as our Zone Chair!

Special thanks to Lions Dan & Cooky Bailey for allowing the LEO Club to use their trailer to make





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MATTAWAN LIONS

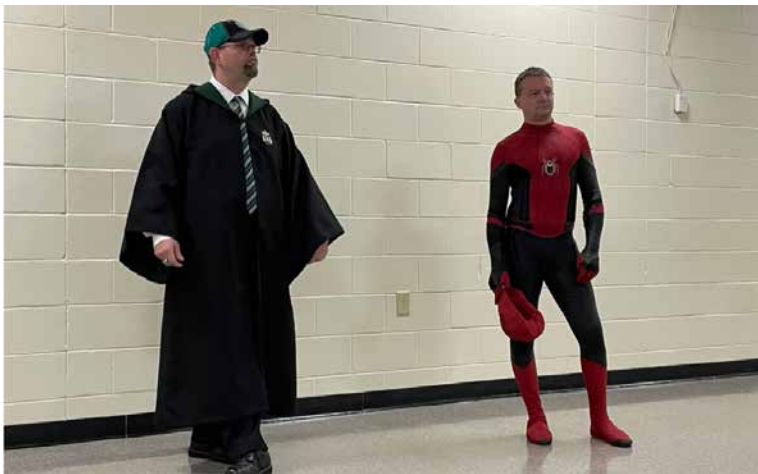


SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH, 2022 • 9am-3pm

Antwerp Activity Center • 24821 Front St. Mattawan, MI

FREE ADMISSION! • UNIQUE GIFTS! • CONCESSIONS!

Proceeds will benefit the Mattawan Area Pantry Christmas Distribution



Mattawan Lions Learn about the “League of Enchantment”

The Mattawan Lions Club had a program night October 26 where they invited the League of Enchantment a 501(C)3to attend. The presentation was about how they dress up like super hero's and go to hospitals and do Make a Wish grants for kids.

They are a very dedicated group of people and have very specific guidelines they have to follow in order to be able to do these events. They donate their time and purchase the costumes themselves. The Club was fortunate enough to have a group of Brownie Girl Scouts pop in and see what it was all about.



At the last club meeting they finally were able to induct Lion Marianne who has been a member for a few months but needed to get inducted! Pictured is Zone 2 Chair Lion Dan and Lion Marianne with her sponsor Lion Nancy.



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PAW PAW LIONS

The Paw Paw Lions welcomed new members Lion Matthew Hartman and Lion Craig Hess. Lion Matthew is a third generation Paw Paw Lion and Lion Craig has been an active part of the community for years. Lion Matthew is sponsored by his father Lion Mike Hartman and Lion Craig is sponsored by Lion Rick Zuiderveen.



On Saturday, Oct. 29th, the Paw Paw Lions and LEOs were part of a community Trunk or Treating event at Tapper Chevrolet in Paw Paw. Approximately 150 kids took part on this beautiful Saturday afternoon.



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2022 11-B2 Projects Night



November 14 6:00 - 8:30 PM
Antwerp Township Activity Center
24821 Front St. Mattawan, MI

Dinner: Subway, chips, dessert, coffee and water
Cost: Donation

Be a 100%
Giving Club!

Projects

Lions of Michigan Service Foundation
Lions Clubs International Foundation
Eversight
Lions Bear Lake Camp
Paws With A Cause
Project KidSight

All State Band
Camp Leo
Youth Exchange
11-B2 Diabetes Project
Leader Dog
**Pediatric Cancer Donation or
gift cards for gas or food

Checks for Camp Leo should be payable to Berrien RESA with Camp Leo on the memo line. If you would like your Diabetes donation to go to JDRF, make the check payable to District 11-B2 with JDRF on the memo line, otherwise, it will be used for our district Diabetes project. Project KidSight checks should be made to Lions of Michigan Service Foundation with PKS on memo line. Pediatric cancer donations made to District 11-B2 with Pediatric cancer on the memo line. Other checks should be made to the projects.

Together We Can

WE LIVE, WE GIVE AND WE SERVE AS ONE.
Because we know that together we are
more. Together, there are no limits.

RSVP to CS Tammie, cheftammie@gmail.com or 269-303-0731 by Nov. 8.

** Not included to be a 100% Giving Club.



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PORTAGE LIONS

5th Annual Monster Mash & Kidsight Screening

On October 22, 2022, Portage Lions Club of Michigan, held its 5th Annual Monster Mash in coordination with Portage Parks and Recreation. This is one of the service projects that the club holds each year and is much anticipated by club members and the community.



Patients lined up to be screened.

Members arrived at our designated area at 1:00pm and started setting up the UV tent, tables, chairs, forms, printer, scanners, candies and table decorations. By 3:00pm the park



Lions Ginger S., Santa S. and Diane took the registration.



DG Julie & PCC Jeff posed with Portage members.

was open to the public. Portage Parks and Recreation put together a haunted hayride, magic show, midway games, inflatable obstacle courses, pumpkin carving demonstrations, airbrush tattoos, drive-in movie, and many other activities.

Lion Laura Berry, President-Zone 3 Chair secured our location. While Lion Joey Hamilton created the flier and yours truly made sure we had media exposure. Lions Ginger Smietana, Laurie and Santa Sweitzer took turns serving at the registration area. Lions Laura Berry, Amy Blankshain and



Lion Joey as she screened patients.



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Noemi Kudzia took turns giving out consent forms and directing traffic. While Lions Ed Kudzia, Sage Shaw, Holly McEwan, cubs and high school students passed out 35 pounds of chocolate candies. Refreshments were provided by Lions Noemi and Ed Kudzia. Lion Laurie Sweitzer donated bottles of water. Lion Joey Hamilton and yours truly took hold of the vision camera and screened patients.



Guests waited patiently to be screened.

We screened a total of 99 kids with 15 patients needing referrals. We also screened 19 adults with 5 needing referrals. District Governor Julie and PCC Jeff Mayuiers were present to lend moral support and brought us more forms, stickers, and coloring papers.



Cub Alaina posed at the lion's head.

I would be remiss if I did not thank our members, cubs, high school students and Lion Ginger Smetana of Paw Paw Lions Club who volunteered their time from set up to clean-up. To Lion Tanda Stiffler, District Kidsight Coordinator, who made sure we have the proper procedures and forms to use. A BIG SHOUT OUT to Lion Ken Adamy, Alto Lions Club, District 11-C1, who graciously entrusted us with their vision cameras, printers, UV tent and Kidsight banners.

The screening was highly successful because of the concerted club effort. Everyone agrees it was well worth spending part of the weekend to serve our community. In Lionism, "We Serve"! ROAR! ROAR!ROAR!



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Portage Lions host blood drive



Magnolia Robel was born with four different congenital heart defects, two of which needed immediate surgical intervention. As part of her treatment, she received a cadaveric tissue graft and both red cell and platelet transfusions. Magnolia's father Pete, a Versiti apheresis coordinator, remembers seeing the Versiti bags on her IV pole and was reminded of the important work Versiti does every day.

"While visiting her in the hospital, I often thought about the journey those little cells made," he says. "Did they come from a retiree or a nurse after a long shift, or a teenager at a high school mobile drive donating for the first time? All the familiar faces I see every day at work, just doing their jobs, don't know that they could have helped save my daughter's life."

After two months at Children's Wisconsin, Magnolia was able to come home. "Today, she's doing great thanks to the selfless contributions of strangers," Pete says. "Every time I see her scars and the shadow of her pacemaker, I'm reminded how many people needed to contribute to keep her new little life going. It took an enormous team of doctors and nurses, family and friends, understanding coworkers, our organization, and, of course, the same donors we all serve on a daily basis. I can't thank any of them enough."

Date: Monday, November 21, 2022

**Place: City Gate Church
308 W. Milham
Portage, Michigan 49002**

Time: 3-7 pm

**Who can donate:
Everyone aged 17 and up**

RSVP not required but the Lions Club needs to have at least 15 people committed to donate blood for drive to happen.

**Contact: Laurie Sweitzer @
269-998-0922**

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LEO CLUB NEWS

EDWARDSBURG LEOS

2022-2023

Advisors: Tanda & Dave Stiffler

1st LEO Event – Saturday, October 1st. The Leos help weed the Village Flower Beds along the railroad tracks on M-62. The Village of Edwardsburg provided donuts for the Leos and high visual vests to be seen by vehicles passing by!

2nd LEO Event – October 7th. Leos participate in the Homecoming Parade.



3rd LEO Event – October 7th (evening of Homecoming) Leos collected donations for the Edwardsburg Food Pantry “Weekend Back-Pack Program”. The Leos collected \$656.00 in an hour and a half for the Weekend Back-Pack Program that the Edwardsburg School hands out every Friday to elementary kids that need food for the weekend.



4th LEO Event - Saturday, October 15th. UIA Paddle Auction (Uptown Improvement Association). The UIA paddle auction is a fundraiser to raise funds for Christmas decorations in the Village of Edwardsburg. Several Leos assisted the



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auction by collecting the quarters that were bid on over 100 beautiful baskets. The LEOs also helped by distributing the baskets to the winners.

5th LEO Event - Saturday, October 22nd. Dr. Lawless Park Annual Fall Harvest Festival.

6th LEO Event - Saturday, October 22nd, (2 events the same day) LEOs helped the Edwardsburg Sports Complex by manning concession stands during soccer games.





LEO CLUB NEWS (con't)

ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE

To benefit the Mattawan Area Food Pantry

SPONSORED BY THE MATTAWAN LEO CLUB

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5
10am to 4pm

Wagoner's Hometown Food Store
Mattawan, Michigan



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*Monetary donations
go much farther!*



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MUCH NEEDED ITEMS!

peanut butter jelly
brownie mixes
cookies
chips
granola bars
kid cereal

diapers (all sizes)
pet food
facial tissues
paper towels
feminine hygiene products

*The MAP is the second-largest pantry in Van Buren County.
Our local families need our help now more than ever before!*



LEO CLUB NEWS (con't)

Buchanan-Galien LEOs & Lions rock the forest!

The Buchanan-Galien Leo's and Lions took part in the Buchanan McCoy Creek Trail 17th Annual Trek or Treat on Saturday October 29th!

Some Lions and Leo's dressed up as characters along the trail and handed out candy- and others parked cars for visitors.

Just shy of 2,000 children and parents attended the event.

Great job Buchanan McCoy Creek Trail committee, Buchanan-Galien Lions and Leo's, Scarecrow Ladies and everyone else who helped organize the event and donated candy.





LEO CLUB NEWS (con't)





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 269-254-1938 or jumayuier@gmail.com



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IMPORTANT NEWS!

2023-2024 COUNCIL CHAIR APPLICATIONS NOW ACCEPTED!

Please Note the Deadline of November 23, 2022

Attention all eligible Multiple District 11 Past District Governors and Immediate PDG's: The search is on!

In accordance with the MD 11 Constitution and By-Laws, the Council Chairperson shall be a Past District Governor or Immediate Past District Governor. He/she shall serve a one-year term and may not serve in that capacity again.

Notice to all eligible candidates is required and published in the Lion Pride at least 40 days prior to the application deadline. To be considered for the position, please submit a cover letter, the application form included in this publication and your resume to the Lions of Michigan State Office no later than November 23, 2022. Late applications will not be accepted.

Interviews will be conducted by the 2022-2023 MD 11- 1st Vice District Governors on Friday afternoon, December 2, at the Holiday Inn Downtown, Grand Rapids, MI. Selection of the 2023-2024 Council Chair will be made at the conclusion of the interviews and introduced that evening at the Council of Governors meeting.

Thank you for taking the time to consider serving the Lions of Michigan, MD 11 in this very important capacity.

**MD 11 Council Chairperson – 2023-2024
Application Form**

Please type or print:

Last Name	First Name	Middle Initial
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Spouse's Name (if applicable)

Address	City and State	Zip/Postal Code
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Residence Phone (Include Area Code)	Business Phone (Include Area Code)
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Fax (Include Area Code)	Cell Phone (Include Area Code)
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E-Mail Address

Your Lions Club	District #	Year Served as a DG
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Include on separate letter-head the following:

Offices held at the club level:

Offices held at the zone, region, and district level (including committee assignments):

Offices held at the multiple district level (including committee assignments):

Special awards, honors, and recognitions you have received:

Skills or talents you bring to the position:

Mail to: Lions of Michigan
Attn: Wendy Burns, Executive Director
5730 Executive Dr.
Lansing, Michigan 48911



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IMPORTANT NEWS!

To all District 11 -B2 Lions Clubs

Each year, the state Sight Conservation/White Cane Committee awards three \$3000 scholarships to students who are seeking a higher education degree, and are blind or visually impaired. This year, with the approval of the Council of Governors, the committee has been authorized to award a fourth scholarship of \$3000. The scholarships are funded through the Grace Lang Memorial fund, set up in the 1970's to assist blind and visually impaired students achieve their academic goals. The basic requirements for the scholarship, are to be a Michigan resident, acceptance to a higher education institution (university, community college, etc.) and have a diagnosed visual impairment. Other requirements are detailed on the application form.

The application for the 2023 White Cane scholarships is attached. It is an accessible, fillable PDF, so that a person with blindness can fill it out without assistance (depending on their visual acuity). Applications must be postmarked no later than December 30 to be considered for the 2023 awards. Scholarship winners are recognized at the annual Michigan Forum.

If you know a student who is blind or visually impaired, and could use this scholarship, please forward.

If there are questions, please contact myself or the state office.

Together We Can!

District Governor Julie Mayuiers
269-254-1938
jumayuiers@gmail.com



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IMPORTANT NEWS!



2023 Lions Clubs of Michigan Scholarship for the Visually Impaired

There will be three \$3,000 scholarships awarded.

Download the interactive scholarship form from here:

<https://www.lionsofmi.com/images/pdf/2023ScholarshipForm.pdf>

Please mail completed scholarship application to:

The Lions of Michigan State Office

Attn: Scholarship Committee Phone: (517) 887-6640

5730 Executive Drive, Lansing, MI 48911 Fax: (517) 887-6642

www.lionsofmi.com

email: lions@lionsofmi.com

Scholarship Criteria

1. Must be legally blind and provide verification (letter from optometrist or ophthalmologist or letter from vocational counselor).
2. Applicants must be a resident of the State of Michigan and a United States Citizen (International students must provide proof of citizenship) and either attending or accepted by an accredited trade or business school, college or university.
3. Applicants must complete the official scholarship application (both sides).
4. Must submit two letters of recommendation.
5. Must submit an essay outlining why you need the scholarship.
6. Must have a minimum GPA of 2.5 (transcript required).
7. Completed scholarship applications must be postmarked NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 30th annually.
8. Must attend the Lions of Michigan Forum to accept scholarship during a ceremonial presentation. (Actual check(s) will be issued to the school/university/equipment manufacturer upon submission of documentation.) Two weeks notice required.



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LIONS THIS & THAT



Colon November 24, 1937 85 Years

**Congratulations to the Colon Lions for
their 85 years of service!**

Lion Request from Jeff Mayuiers

Some of you may know that I work at Twin County Probation Center which serves every county in our District. These individuals always need community service and my club helps them with that by having them help out at our club functions and assisting with building maintenance projects. I started a bicycle program because most parolees are not allowed to drive vehicles yet and are required to have a job to pay for their room and board while in the probation center. I have been taking in bicycles and repairing them with tires, tubes, gearshifts, and brakes and then providing them to the parolees to ride to work and back.

My problem is *I have no more bikes*, but many males and females still need a bike. My request is, if you have a bike that you'd be willing to donate to this program I sure could use your help. Contact me at 269-254-1936 or wjmayuiers@gmail.com.

THANK YOU for those of you that have donated bicycles already!



District 11 B2 has a new 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



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Looking for a local service project that can greatly benefit your community. Consider fundraising to purchase and have installed these security devices in your local schools.

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Medical Equipment Items to Loan

Contact Lion Judy Pullins, Sister Lakes Lions for wheelchairs, canes, and crutches.
[269-277-8821](tel:269-277-8821) or pullins1852@gmail.com

Three Rivers has a couple of wheelchairs, walkers, and crutches to loan. [269-273-2424](tel:269-273-2424)

Mattawan has a couple of walkers and other mobility aids. Contact Kim Copenhaver:
partylikeabanker@yahoo.com or [269-251-6553](tel:269-251-6553)

Asking for your help...

Let everyone know if you have a club member or family member needing support with a Get Well Wish, Condolence or Congratulations.

Please email Lion Wes at captcartoon@me.com with the members name, address, phone, hospital, reason, whatever you'd like to provide and will publish in the B2 Beacon for the District to support them with well wishes, prayers, condolences or whatever.

Please note that the Cabinet Secretary is Tammie Grabowski. Please send all obituaries to her for distribution to the District. cheftammie@gmail.com



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Why report service

By sharing our impact, Lions and Leos inform, inspire and grow our global legacy of service.



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Strengthen storytelling

Details give stories power. Saying you fed 87 families is more powerful than saying you organized a food drive. Saying your club contributed 1,265 volunteer hours last year is more powerful than saying your club serves the community. When your club reports service, you collect the details needed to share powerful stories of your club's impact.



Photo by: Lion Othmar Fetz,
The LEO Book

Inform decisions

Documented club achievements reveal what's working and what's not. For example, what if your diabetes education program is growing in attendance, but your annual club fundraiser is shrinking? Reviewing past service reports helps your club make better decisions, including choosing service activities and setting realistic goals.

Inspire service

Your reported service projects can be viewed within your district and around the world. That means your club's creativity and impact can inspire Lions and Leos to embrace new causes and serve in new ways. Reports also help Lions International staff identify best practices to share globally.





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Why report service



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Grow partnerships

Collaborating with other organizations in your community is a great way to increase the visibility, reach and quality of your service projects. When approaching potential partners, your club's service reports provide tangible evidence of your club's effectiveness to help persuade other organizations to join with you.

Enlighten leaders

High levels of service reporting are a sign of healthy clubs, zones and districts. Knowledge of your club's service history provides invaluable insight to current and future club officers. In addition, district, zone and Global Action Team leaders can best support your club when they understand how clubs in their area serve their communities.



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The LEO Book

Be proud

Service data gives us the ability to communicate how **We Serve** around the world. For example, in 2021, Lions and Leos served more than 350 million people! We can take pride in that achievement thanks to the leaders who reported over 1 million service activities. Through service reporting, your club joins in that pride and is eligible for service awards.

Would you like to learn more?

Visit lionsclubs.org/service-reporting



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Reporting a Service Activity

- Go to lionsclubs.org
- Click "Member login"
- MyLion
- Click "Report Past Activity"
- Orange "Report +"
- Fill in the pink areas
- Click "report"
- It will tell you that It has been submitted

Creating an Event In Mylion

- Go to lionclubs.org
- Click "Member Login"
- MyLion
- Click "Plan Future Activity"
- Choose Activity Type, click orange "continue" button
- Choose the cause, click orange "continue" button
- Choose project type, click orange "continue" button
- Fill in activity details, click orange "continue" button
- Choose who you want to invite, click orange "continue" button
- Review, click "Submit"

*****Once your event is over, you can report the event.**

- Go to lionclubs.org
- Click "member login"
- MyLion
- Click "Activities"
- You will see your already created activity with an orange "report" on it
- Click "report"
- Follow the steps to fill in the details of those served or money raised or donated
- Click "submit"



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Correct Emblems to Use



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These logos / emblems are available on the
Lions International and Lions Ireland Websites.

Please note that the District 133 shamrock logo
is for internal use among Lions Clubs.

Out of Date / Unacceptable Emblems - Please Do Not Use



Sadly, there are many outdated and altered emblems available online, and their continued use just confuses the general public and damages the Lions brand.



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NOTES FROM THE EDITOR / WEBMASTER



Hello fellow Lions...

It's been nice to see the influx of submissions from our 11B2 Lions as the season rolls into gear. Great! Let's keep up the momentum and hear from everyone. Please be especially mindful of posting your upcoming events. As you may now be aware of, The Beacon doesn't really get out to you until the first week of the month, which means if you have an event that happens in the first part of the new month, it will only get a few days of exposure, rather than 30+ days if submitted in the previous month. And I know that there are many fellow Lions out there that will want to put it on their calendar to support our 11B2 clubs.

LEO news has been increasing as the school year progresses! Huzzah!

So pleased to see the uptick in news from our 11B2 LEO clubs and all of the community projects and fundraisers that they have going on. Please support them when you can as these young people are our future leaders, shakers, and movers...and...future LIONS!

*On a personal note, you may wonder why I capitalize all the letters when referring to our LEO clubs. Well, LEO is actually an **acronym**, coming from **L**eadership, **E**xperience, and **O**pportunity...all excellent values that will shape our young people for the rest of their lives.*

A reminder that the deadline for submission is the 25th of the month to receive articles for publishing in the next month's newsletter. Because of late-breaking things in life, there will always be

times when something will come in at the 11th hour. Quite understandable and I'm more than happy to work with you to get your information in.

Finally, submissions for Lions Pride Magazine should be sent to me, and I will pass those articles on. Please do not send anything directly to the magazine.

Be safe and well through the holiday season!

*Cheers!
Lion Wes*



NOTE: When events are posted on the District Calendar, a flyer for that event can be linked to that posting. When your club has an event to post on the calendar, just send the flyer to me at captcartoon@me.com. I'll upload the information to the district's calendar and include a download/view link to the flyer...it's that simple.

Quick links to info on other Lion topics of interest:

Lions of Michigan
<http://lionsofmi.com/>

Lions Pride
<https://lionsofmi.com/index.php/downloads/lion-pride>

Lions of Michigan Service Foundation
<https://www.lmsf.net/>

District Web Page
<https://www.e-district.org/sites/11b2>

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