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The B2 Beacon

"May the beacon of hope always shine bright"

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LIONS OF DISTRICT 11-B2 ————— NOVEMBER NEWS 2023 ————— "TOGETHER WE SERVE"

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FROM THE GOVERNOR'S DESK



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This month I want to send a HUGE shout out to the kid sight team! Our district is so lucky to have the leadership of Tanda and Dave Stiffler on project Kidsight. Tanda goes above and beyond to meet with each school districts superintendent and schedule their students to be scheduled. Not only do Tanda and Dave use their own money to drive to every school in the District but Tanda is so sweet she always makes sure to bring water and snacks for the team. Thank you so much to all of you doing all of the traveling along with Tanda and Dave just to help make sure as many children in our district have their vision screening and know that the Lions are here to help purchase glasses if needed. In the last Lion year the State of Michigan screened around 18,000 kids and of those District 11B2 screened around 12,000. This year already our amazing volunteers have screened 12,119 kids with 1,123 referrals and we still have 8 months left of the year!!! Not only we are the top screeners in the State but we are one of the top Kidsight screeners of the nation!

I hope to see many of you at projects night on November 13th at the Antwerp Township Hall. 5pm-6pm is eye glass collection for part one of the Great Eye Glass Challenge and 6pm-8pm is our projects night program. This year we are trying out a different format for projects night with the parade of checks before dinner, a Thank You presentation from our All-State Band students with a performance, and an opportunity to speak with individual project representatives instead of them all coming up to speak to the whole group. This new layout gives everyone time to ask any questions they may have from our projects and learn from them in smaller group settings as you make your way around. This year we had two optional projects to donate to. Childhood Cancer continues to be an optional project with our District giving us many opportunities to help out the Bronson Childrens Hospital right here in our district. Hope to walk is a state challenge to support from our state GST. Each District was challenged to donate at least two artificial leg kits to hope to walk. [Please watch this video](#) to learn more about Hope to Walk.

Please reach out to me to schedule a club visit if you have not already. November is filling up but I'm ready to schedule your visit as far in advance as you need to make sure I get to come out and see everyone. Please make sure you are sharing your events to post in the Beacon so we can all come out and support your events!



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OCTOBER CLUB VISITS

I had a great time celebrating the Mattawan Lions Club's 65th Anniversary with their Lions and LEO's!



The Benton Harbor-Fairplain Lions had a great Spaghetti Dinner! I also had a fun club visit with them prior.





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Past District Governors and Cabinet Members gathered for a special meeting to vote in our new Vice District Governor Cory Knuth. Congratulations Cory!



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I had a great club visit with the Lawrence Lions who were planning their 75th Anniversary Celebration for November 12th! Make sure you go out and celebrate with them.





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GOVERNOR'S DESK (cont)

PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGE

The President of the club with the **highest percent of member participation** in district events will receive free registration and meals to the March 2024 District Convention. If not attending, you can gift it to a member of your club that plans to attend.

Events

- 11/13 Project Night (Mattawan)
- 1/29 District Wide Zone Meeting (Mattawan)

DISTRICT CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 2023

Nov 2 - 5	Leadership Institute - <i>Higgins Lake</i>
Nov 7	Colon Club visit
Nov 9	Buchanan-Galien Club visit
Nov 12	Lawrence 75th Anniversary Celebration 3-5pm
Nov 13 (6 – 8 pm)	Project Night – <i>Antwerp Township Hall, Mattawan</i> <i>Peace Posters due, voting by Cabinet at Projects Night</i>
Nov 15	Governor's Birthday & South Haven Club meeting

DECEMBER 2023

Dec 1 - 2	Council of Governors – Hilton Garden Inn West, Lansing
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AUGUST 2024

Aug 2 & 3	Save the Date - LMSF Hall of Fame Banquet - <i>Sheraton by Marriott in Grand Rapids</i>
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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>



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GLT/GMT/GET REPORTS



GLT Julie Mayuiers

The first 4 months of this Lions year have quickly flown by. Hopefully the Club Officers have acclimated themselves to your new roles. If you missed the Club Officer training, which we held at the beginning of the year, I encourage you to go to lionsclubs.org and click the magnifying glass and type E-books. There you will find many resources for the many offices a club member may hold. If you still need help, please reach out to us.

We have heard that the new Lions portal is now pushed out to sometime after the first of the year. But we have many Lions that can assist if you need help maneuvering the current website. Reporting on your service is very important and we have several clubs that haven't reported in months. If you are a club secretary or club administrator and need help reporting, please contact me or CS Tammie Grabowski and we can help you. We have been striving for some time to get all the clubs reporting service, so the Monthly Club Health Assessment the Cabinet receives doesn't have any red indicators on it.

Even though we are pretty much just starting the year out it is never too late to think about moving up to a Cabinet position. I'd be happy to talk with you about that at any time. We are missing a couple of Zone Chairs (Zone 3 is Portage, Richland Gull Lake, Schoolcraft and Vicksburg and Zone 6 is Centreville, Colon, Marcellus, Sturgis and Three Rivers). I'd be happy to talk about those position in particular. Being a ZC is very rewarding because you get to interact with clubs and attend and help at their projects/events and meet new Lions that might not be in your own Zone. You learn about new projects while also meeting new

Lions. In addition to these positions, we still need a Second Vice District Governor. Please contact DG Amy if you are interested in this position.

Thanks
Julie

GMT Jeff Mayuiers & GET Fran Grabowski



My fellow Lions, moving forward towards the holiday season I just want to remind you for all most all of our Lions Clubs it's our busiest time of the year.

According to our reporting 38% of our community activities are done in the holiday season. With that in mind, now is the time to invite that friend, relative or neighbor you've been thinking about asking to become a Lion. Instead of asking them that, invite them to just be a part of the giving that's being done by your club. Ask them if they have a few minutes to spare and have them help your club with food boxes or holiday giving things and events. Even something as simple as riding along to deliver food to people in need at Thanksgiving or Christmas. Maybe have them help you collect food, toys or coats. Whatever your club does to serve during the holiday season. By getting them involved, the idea of becoming a Lion is something they decide they'd like to do.

Sounds like reverse psychology, huh? No really it's still the all-important concept of...

GMT Jeff & GET Fran





MD-11/SD-10 Mission 1.5 Challenge

July 1, 2023-April 30,2024

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

Awards and recognition to be given out at the May 2024 MD-11 Convention as follows:

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





LIONS OF MICHIGAN SERVICE FOUNDATION



The Lions of Michigan Service Foundation (LMSF) has been busy preparing for the many upcoming projects coming up. As well as fulfilling the many needs for Grants and Assistance requests received.

This assistance we provide wouldn't be possible if it weren't for the clubs and individuals that make generous donations to the Foundation. The Foundation would like to say thank you to all the clubs for their generous donations at Projects Night and hope these donations continue this year as the needs just keep coming in. We are asking all Zone Chairs to please reach out to your clubs and remind them of the need to donate at Projects Night and especially to LMSF so we can continue to provide eyeglasses and hearing aids as well as emergency assistance grants. Last year our district gave \$5,291 at Projects Night, so let's see if we can increase that amount this year!! This amount doesn't include any individual donations in addition to these funds. Another way funds can be donated is through estates.

We are currently paying an average of \$325 for one hearing aid and each VSP certificate we award is worth \$200 - \$50 for an eye exam and \$150 for eyeglasses. The new camera, printer and tent for 11-B2 was \$11,023. So far in 11-B2 we have donated \$17,307 to LMSF from 7/22 - 6/23.

The Sight and Hearing Sweepstakes tickets will be mailed out to Club Presidents in the next couple of weeks so be watching for these to arrive. The proceeds from ticket sales go towards the assistance Lions of Michigan Service Foundation (LMSF) can offer for eyeglasses and hearing aids. With the

number of individuals we are currently serving, the need for funds is great so please try and sell as many tickets as possible. Clubs will be receiving 20 tickets this year instead of 30 if they did not sell any last year. If clubs need more tickets, they need to contact Chad McCann, cmccann@lmsf.net.

Our inventory of Lions mints is running low and we are currently completely out of peppermint. The shipment has not even left Australia yet and it takes at least 6 weeks to arrive here. Remember the price increase to \$120 per case so it is suggested you raise the price you have on yours. You can't buy a roll of mints at the grocery store anymore for \$.50 so try \$.75 or even \$1.00! We have a few cases of Fizzy Fruit and Wintergreen at our house if someone is in need and this saves the club on shipping costs from Lansing to your club. We can arrange a place/time to meet to get these to you or you can come to our house and pick them up.

We still have about 800 cookbooks to sell. The price is now just \$10 per book from LMSF and the clubs can sell for whatever price they want. There is no longer a rebate from LMSF for selling these.

Hall of Fame will be held August 2 & 3, 2024 at the Sheraton by Marriott in Grand Rapids. Nominations are now being accepted and the application is in the Beacon. Please note that the application must be signed by the Cabinet Secretary and turned in by the same to Chad McCann no later than March 1, 2024. It is suggested if you mail it, you should also email or let Chad know as postmarks after March 1 will not be accepted. The Fund & Development Committee will be voting at their April meeting.

Trustees PCC Jeff & IPDG Julie Mayuiers



GLOBAL SERVICE TEAM



District 11B-2 Service Project for **PEDIATRIC CANCER AWARENESS** GST Karol Chopp

I am asking that clubs either make Turban hats or Fleece Caps and **bring to Project Night on November 13**. These hats will be donated to Bronson's Children's Hospital Oncology floor. We will see who will have the most! (Another option is that you hold an event to raise money to purchase them or donate the money to the district and we will take care of it!)

Here are a few links to find patterns:

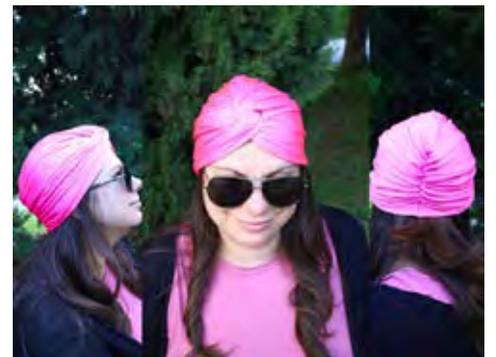
<https://hellosewing.com/diy-fleece-hat-pattern/>

Fleece just makes you want to snuggle into it. Now, as winter sets in, is the time to make DIY reversible fleece hats for kids and adults, using our easy to follow tutorials, as a reversible fleece hat keeps you warm, and is light and soft to the touch. We have supplied some handy tips you'll need to know about sewing fleece successfully, and on distinguishing the right from the wrong side, before you dive into making the reversible fleece hats, that are plain on one side and printed on the other.



<https://hellosewing.com/diy-twisted-turban-hat/>

The twisted turban hat is one of those hats that looks good on everyone – from babies to adults. It can be made in a stretchy or a piece of not so stretchy fabric. I would advise using a material with a bit of give to fit the head snugly. There are two measurements in the chart below, one for the stretchy fabric and one for the non-stretch fabric. This is a perfect project for using up those longish strips of fabric that seem to be leftover. A cuddly fleece or any stretch fabric with a bit of body will do perfectly.



Also, please help share with local hair dressers!

<https://www.wigs4kids.org/>

Maggie's Wigs 4 Kids Wellness Center and Salon is a local grassroots non-profit 501(c)(3) organization that provides wigs and support services at no charge to children and young adults experiencing hair loss due to cancer, alopecia, trichotillomania, burns and other disorders. Our wig recipients, also known as Ambassadors, range in age from 3 to 18, and are located throughout Michigan.

District 11B-2 Club Service Grant Application

Club Name: _____ **Date Submitted:** _____

What is the grant being used for: _____

Application dates are December 1 and April 1 each year. Up to \$300 per application (while money available). Will be reviewed by the committee.

If the money from the Grant is not used within 6 months, it needs to be returned in full to Lions District 11B-2.

- Will your club be participating in what the grant money is for/How will the grant be used (Example: park beautification-planting tree; hosting an event to raise money for building a park.)?
- Will your club be matching or using a percentage of your club's money?
- How will you publicize what you are doing? Media sources used?
- Will this grant money be used for one of the 5 Global Causes of Lions International (Hunger, Vision, Environment, Diabetes, Childhood Cancer Awareness, Humanitarian, Youth and Disaster)?
- How will you share your success from this grant?

Please send this form to Committee Chair:

PDG Karol Chopp
8700 West OP Ave
Kalamazoo, MI 49009
or karolchopp@yahoo.com



2024 Lions Clubs of Michigan Scholarship for the Visually Impaired

Four \$3,000 scholarships to be awarded

Please mail completed scholarship application to:



The Lions of Michigan State Office

Attn: Scholarship Committee
5730 Executive Drive, Lansing, MI 48911
www.lionsofmi.com

Phone: (517) 887-6640
Fax: (517) 887-6642
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 15th 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).*

Scholarship Selection Process:

1. Lions of Michigan Scholarship Committee will review all applications during January.
2. This scholarship will be awarded in February annually at the Michigan Forum.

Name				Phone	()
Address					
City		State		Zip	
Email Address					
Date of Birth		* Degree of visual acuity			
* Legally blind is defined as best corrected vision in both eyes of 20/200 or less and/or visual fields of less than 20 degrees.					
How did you hear about the scholarship?					

Education Information

High School you attended	
What college or other institution are you attending/planning to attend?	
Have you been accepted?	
What do you plan to study?	
What are your personal and educational goals?	
How will the scholarship funds be used? <i>(Check all that apply)</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Tuition <input type="checkbox"/> Books <input type="checkbox"/> Housing	
<input type="checkbox"/> Specialized Equipment (please specify) _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) _____	

Organizations, Activities and Awards

Describe briefly your most significant public service, community, or campus activities associated with your education and/or future career goals.	
Special honors and awards	
Special talents and training	

Applicant's Signature		Date	
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LMSF PROJECT KIDSIGHT



As I sit here the night before our article for the Beacon is due, I ponder over what these amazing, devoted Project KidSight Volunteers have done over the past “two months”. It’s hard to believe that we have screened **10,893 kids with 1,024 referrals in “two months!”** Today was an exceptional day to screen 586 students at the Edwardsburg Middle School with 44 referrals. The Principal was shocked to see how quickly we were able to screen the students and send them back on their way to class.

Here is where we have been at schools these last two months:

- Nottawa Community Schools
- Eagle Lake Elementary School in Edwardsburg Open House

- Edwardsburg Intermediate School Open House
- Edwardsburg Primary School Open House
- Vicksburg High School





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- South Walnut Elementary School in Bangor
- Bangor Jr/Sr High School
- Colon Elementary School
- Lawrence Elementary School
- Lawrence Jr/Sr High School
- Indian Lake Elementary School in Vicksburg
- Cassopolis Middle School
- Sam Adams Elementary School in Cassopolis
- Redwood Elementary School in Hartford
- Hartford MS/HS & Power School



- Paw Paw Middle School
- Paw Paw High School
- Maple Grove Elementary School in South Haven
- South Haven High School
- Lincoln Elementary School in South Haven
- Baseline Middle School in South Haven
- North Shore Elementary School in South Haven
- WAY Alternative School
- Edwardsburg Middle School

- Sunset Lake Elementary School in Vicksburg
- Mattawan Early & Later Elementary Schools plus Young 5's
- Mattawan Middle School
- Mattawan High School
- Paw Paw Elementary School

WHEW! And it doesn't stop here. We have three more schools this week and more in the first week of November and into the next week. By the time we get into the second week of November we



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LMSF PROJECT KIDSIGHT

will surpass what we did last year of 12,535 screened children. Actually, by tomorrow we will be at 11K something. The teams are all doing such a great job and really, “really” great with the kids!

Some of us at the referral table just take in what the screeners and assistants are saying to the kiddos. I think the volunteers have such pride in what they are doing and knowing they are making a difference in these children’s lives. Pictures tell



all, see the pictures and I’m not always on top of taking pictures. I try my best but at times we are so busy that I forget to take a few snapshots.

For those of you that have not attended a Project KidSight event, please give it a try. So many have come once and then they are hooked to come again and again. The teams come prepared to quickly set up the room with chairs, tables, printers, their clipboards, black and red pens, rulers, etc. It’s like a well-oiled machine, everyone knows what to do. Dave and I are extremely proud to work with each and every volunteer that comes to a screening event. Come find out for yourself how

rewarding PKS can be. We are usually always done before noon, so you have the rest of the day to do whatever you have planned.

Two people cannot do this alone, but a team of people can change the lives of many children.

Yours In Lionism Dear Friends,

Tanda & David Stiffler
PKS Coordinators.

Lawrence Lions Club



November 12, 2023

Social Hour 3-4pm, Dinner 4pm

411 North Paw Paw St., Lawrence

**Lawrence Lions Club invites you to come
help celebrate 75 years of being a
chartered club.**

**Dinner: Bacon wrapped chicken, roasted
red potatoes, green beans, salad,
rolls/butter and a cake**

There will be a 50/50 raffle

Guest speakers after dinner

RSVP: President Tom Reynnells @ 269-330-1512

Secretary Donna Spenner @ 269-539-2057

Please RSVP by November 6th





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The Mattawan Lions Club invites you to their annual

★ ★ ★ KING OF CRAFTS ★ ★ ★

CRAFT SHOW

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH, 2023

Antwerp Activity Center

24821 Front St. Mattawan, MI 49071

9am-2pm

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Distribution**



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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4
9am to 4pm

Wagoner's Hometown Food Store
Mattawan, Michigan



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MUCH NEEDED ITEMS!

peanut butter jelly

brownie mixes

cookies

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granola bars

feminine hygiene products

kid cereal

diapers (all sizes)

pet food

facial tissues

paper towels

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

Projects Night

NOVEMBER 13, 2023

Antwerp Township Activity Center
24821 Front St, Mattawan

Lions Bear Lake Camp
Make check to:
Lions Bear Lake Camp

Camp Leo
Make checks to: Berrien RESA with Camp Leo on the memo line

Paws With A Cause
Make check to Paws With a Cause

Leader Dogs for the Blind
Make check to: Leader Dogs for the Blind

Kidsight
Make check to LMSF with Kidsight on the memo line

Eversight
Make check to Eversight

District Diabetes Project

Make check to District 11-B2 with Diabetes Project on the memo line

Lions of Michigan Service Foundation
Make check to LMSF

Optional
Hope to Walk Guatemala Artificial Leg Kit
\$250 per District

All State Band
Make check to All State Band

LCIF
Make check to LCIF

50/50 Raffle

BE A 100% GIVING CLUB

Pediatric Cancer Special Project
Make check to District 11-B2 with Pediatric Cancer on the memo line

Youth Exchange
Make checks to Youth Exchange

Bring your Leo Clubs!

Great Eyeglass Challenge - 5:00-6:00

Parade of Checks - 6:00-6:30

Dinner - 6:30-7:30 (DONATION)

Final Tally & Special Announcement: 7:30

Mingle with the Project Reps: 7:30-8:00

RSVP to cheftammie@gmail.com or 269-303-0731 by Nov. 8!



Three Rivers Lions Club

is selling frozen bags of Ox Roast
Meat (BBQ Beef).

Each bag makes approximately
12 - 15 sandwiches depending
on the size of bun used.

Just heat and eat...Great for fundraisers!

JUST \$25 PER BAG

Contact IPDF Julie Mayuiers 269-254-1938

Can deliver to Projects Night on Nov. 13th



**South Haven
Black River Lions Club**

QUARTER AUCTION



Held at: South Haven Elks Lodge
405 1/2 Phoenix St. South Haven MI 49090



50/50 RAFFLE - FOOD - FAMILY FUN
PADDLES ARE \$10 EACH OR GOLDEN PADDLE COST TBD

FOOD & DRINKS SOLD BY THE ELKS LODGE!

NOVEMBER 18TH, 2-5PM

Doors open at 2:00PM Auction starts at 2:30PM

How to play:

Buy a paddle, bid on desired donated items with quarters, and match your number to win.

If the number called was someone who placed a bid; they won!

If not, a new number will be picked until someone wins.

Items value will range from \$10 - \$100+.

1 quarter bid - Item value \$10-\$25

3 quarter bid - Item value \$51-\$75

2 quarter bid - Item value \$26-\$50

4 quarter bid - Item value \$76-\$100



Great Eyeglass

CHALLENGE

PART 1



Projects Night

November 13, 2023

Eyeglass drop off - 5:00 - 6:00 PM

Projects Night will begin at 6:00 PM

Antwerp Township Hall

24821 Front St. Mattawan, MI

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 can now accept scratched and broken glasses as well. All scratched, broken or otherwise not usable for vision will be sent to California for them to recycle. If the clubs want to box them separately, ok but if not I will have them sorted. We try and keep as much out of landfill as possible.

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

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Three Rivers Lions are selling nuts for just **\$25** a can. They make great holiday gifts, and the proceeds help provide food and toys to the **families** we will be assisting this holiday season.

They are available from any Lion or local businesses such as Hoffman Street Market, Southern Michigan Bank, Sturgis Bank, John Schragg State Farm office.

Or call 269-254-1938 to purchase.

Proceeds are used to support the many projects we support.

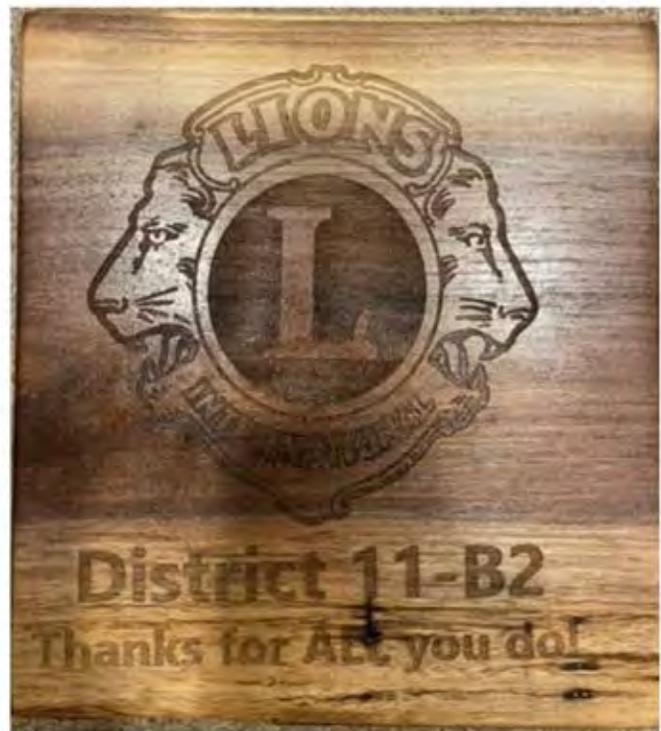


Three Rivers Lions Club Fundraiser

We are selling these bluebird houses for \$20 each. They are hand made by Lion Ken Bickle and the Lions Logo is a branding feature so it won't come off. We have them on hand and ready to purchase now. Lion Ken has donated 2 of these for the Silent Auction To be held at Projects Night.

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

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





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IMPORTANT NEWS!

Ladies and Gentlemen,

We still have 15 staterooms available for sale for the group cruise in February. we will have to release the remaining unsold staterooms in our inventory. Our 2024 Group Cruise flyer is in this issue of the Beacon.

Also, we are planning to begin distributing tickets for our 38th Annual Sight and Hearing Sweepstakes during the first week of November. Note, Lions Clubs that sold tickets last year will automatically be sent an equal amount of tickets to last year's sales.

Thanks!

Julie

TOTAL SIGHT & HEARING SWEEPSTAKES SALES BY 11B-2 CLUBS IN 2023

Bangor Lions Club	B2	150	\$	1,500.00
Benton Harbor Lions Club	B2	30	\$	300.00
Centerville Lions Club	B2	10	\$	100.00
Coloma Lions Club	B2	34	\$	340.00
Colon Lions Club	B2	281	\$	2,810.00
Covert Lions Club	B2	30	\$	300.00
Edwardsburg Lions Club	B2	75	\$	750.00
Kal Haven Trail Lions Club	B2	30	\$	300.00
Kalamazoo Westside Lions Club	B2	101	\$	1,010.00
Mattawan Lions Club	B2	6	\$	60.00
New Buffalo Lions Club	B2	10	\$	100.00
Paw Paw Lions Club	B2	30	\$	300.00
Portage Lions Club	B2	47	\$	470.00
South Haven Black River Lions Club	B2	30	\$	300.00
St Joesph Lions Club	B2	150	\$	1,500.00
Sturgis Lions Club	B2	2	\$	20.00
Vicksburg Lions Club	B2	30	\$	300.00
Watervliet Lions Club	B2	30	\$	300.00
B2 Total		1,076	\$	10,760.00

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7-Night Cruise: February 2 - February 9, 2024

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Stateroom Size: 160 square feet - occupancy up to 4 guests

2D - Balcony Stateroom: \$2,418.00 + \$268.68 Taxes/Fees + \$224.00 Gratuity

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- I would like an Interior Stateroom for _____ Adults and _____ Children (Age 12 or under).
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Signature: _____

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Staterooms can be reserved with a \$500 per stateroom deposit (\$250 per person), and final payment for the Room/Taxes/Fees will be due by November 20, 2023.



38th ANNUAL Sight & Hearing Sweepstakes A GUARANTEED Fundraiser

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1st-\$5,000 - 2nd-\$2,500 - 3rd-\$2,000
4th- \$1,500 - 5th-\$1,000 - 6th-\$500
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SELLER INCENTIVES

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

EASY MONEY

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

DRAWINGS

TICKET SELLERS DRAWING

May 4, 2024

Lions of Michigan State Office
Lansing, Michigan

FINAL DRAWING

May 18, 2024

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The PRICE is RIGHT

\$10.00 Per Ticket

Attention-Attention-Attention

Do you have a friend or relative who has everything?

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

Donation Amount: \$ _____

Donor's Name(s): _____

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Donor's Street Address: _____

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Our Lions Hearing Centers Cookbook was developed to create awareness for the treatment of hearing loss and to provide funding for our Michigan Lions

Affordable Hearing Aid and Hearing Screening Programs, which offer affordable hearing care options for Michigan residents.

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Cookbook Christmas Gift Order Form

- I would like to purchase a cookbook for \$10.00 (\$10.00 + \$5.00 Shipping and Handling) as a Christmas Gift for:

Gift Recipient's Name(s): _____

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Card Number: _____ - _____ - _____ - _____

Expiration Date: _____ CVV Code: _____



LIONS OF MICHIGAN HALL OF FAME OFFICIAL 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.

SELECTION

A maximum of seven individuals may be selected annually for enshrinement into the Lions of Michigan Hall of Fame. The inductees shall include up to four living and two deceased individuals. Past International Directors will automatically be inducted at the end of their two year term as International Director, and each year, one Hall of Fame inductee will be selected by a special committee consisting of the current members of the Lions of Michigan Hall of Fame.

SELECTION COMMITTEE

The primary Hall of Fame Selection Committee will be comprised of the members of the Lions of Michigan Foundation's Fund Development and Marketing Committee.

NOMINATIONS

Nominations will be received annually, no later than March 1. All nominations must be made using the Nominating Forms provided by the Lions of Michigan Foundation. All portions of the Nomination Form must be completed in order for a nomination to be considered. A detailed Narrative for each Nominee should accompany the Nomination Form to provide the Selection Committee with additional information about the nominee. However, the Narrative shall have no numerical score.

Nominations may be initiated by an individual or individuals, a Lions Club or a District. Nominations must have the endorsement of the District Cabinet (**one nominee per category**) before they are submitted to the Foundation office. Individuals nominated and not selected, in any given year, may be nominated in a subsequent year through the endorsement of a current District Cabinet.

INDUCTEES

Inductees and their spouse/guest will be invited guests of the Lions of Michigan Foundation at their scheduled induction ceremony. The time and location of the induction ceremony will coincide with the Foundation's Annual Meeting.

RECORDS

The Lions of Michigan Foundation will be the official repository of records of the LIONS OF MICHIGAN HALL OF FAME. All records will be retained at the Lions of Michigan State Office.



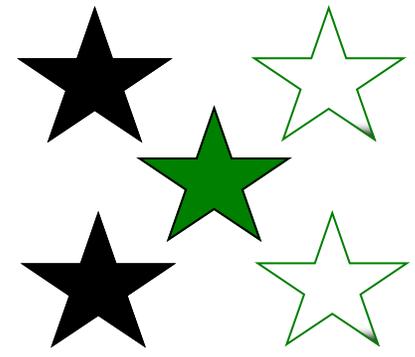
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The Lions of Michigan Foundation is proud to recognize the brave men and women serving our nation in the United States military. We have Lion Mints Care Packages ready for distribution, but we need the names and addresses of more service men and women to recognize. Please help us by displaying and distributing this flyer in your community.

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Street Address: _____

City/State/Zip Code: _____

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Please charge my debit/credit card for \$ _____. This is a: One Time Gift ____ Monthly Recurring Gift ____ Annual Recurring Gift ____ to the Lions of Michigan Foundation.

Visa Discover MasterCard Other _____

Card Number: _____ - _____ - _____ - _____

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Signature: _____

This gift is for:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | |

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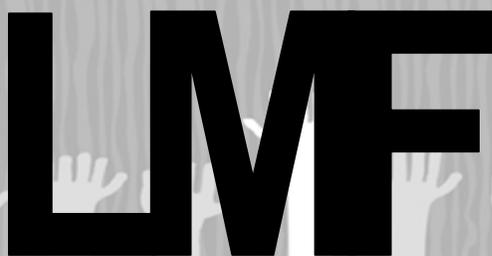
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- Be sure to say it will only take a small space (If they put it somewhere you don't like, try to talk them into a better place, but be tactful)
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Chamber of Commerce
Chiropractors
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Airports
Beauty Salons
Barber Shops
Visitor Centers
Eye Doctors
Car Dealerships
Auto Parts Stores
Government Offices
City Offices
Telephone Stores

- Restaurants (especially fast food places—try to place a double tray because of volume)
- Physical Therapists (dentists and physicians probably would not allow)
- Any retail business that has a good volume of walk-ins such as card shops & shoe stores etc. (Bars are not usually good places)

For further tips on Lion Mints, go to <https://www.lionmints.net/index.php/marketing-information>



11B-2 CLUB NEWS

BENTON HARBOR - FAIRPLAIN



Here are three photos from our Fall Spaghetti Dinner on Oct. 21, We served 100 meals and had the pleasure of having DG Amy and her family join us. PDG Al presents the \$150 winning jack pot from our 50/50 raffle to the winner Brenda. Proceeds are going to provide Thanksgiving Dinner to those less fortunate in our area. We are partnering with the Benton Harbor Soup Kitchen and the Salvation Army.



BUCHANAN-GALIEN

The Buchanan-Galien Lions hosted the Axe Throwing Contest at the River Saint Joe 2nd Annual Hop Harvest Festival on 9/24/23.



L-R Lions Jerry Flenar, Dianne Ross. Michelle Holloway, Jessica Hendrixson





11B-2 CLUB NEWS

COLON



Recently IPDG Julie & PCC Jeff stopped into a little local restaurant in Colon called M&M Grill. When they walked in the young gentleman greeted them with a smile and then said "you are District Governor's for Lions and I can't believe you would travel so far and you are here in the diner". Julie asked how he knew that and he replied "you were at a Colon Lions meeting when I received a scholarship from them, I'm Nathan Clipfell and Russ Adrianson was the one that got me the Scholarship". Julie said to him "why wouldn't a District Governor come to the diner, we only live in Mendon and we've been here several times". He couldn't believe a District Governor would live so close to Colon. Julie couldn't recall being at a Colon meeting when a scholarship was presented recently and they determined it must have been when Jeff was a DG back in 2015 - 2016. They kept talking with him and determined it was in 2015 - 2016. He's now the owner of the diner and married with 4 children he told them.

BLOOMINGDALE-GOBLES KAL-HAVEN TRAIL

15th Annual Deer Gun Raffle Results
And The Winners Are:

(Top)1st place winner, Jerry Bosse and (Bottom)
2nd place winner, Tom Wright pictured with event
chairman, Lion Dave Mead.





11B-2 CLUB NEWS

BLOOMINGDALE-GOBLES KAL-HAVEN TRAIL (cont.)

Bloomington Schools HAND 2 HAND coordinators, Lou Harris and Anita Manley update Kal Haven Lions on the program successes.

This is the 5th successful year of the program for Bloomington. Hand2Hand gave weekend food bags to 127 K – 12 grade students for 34 weeks. That is about 53,340 food items at a cost of \$18,411. That includes cash donations of \$7434.00 and food donations of \$10,977.00.



PAW PAW

October gave the Paw Paw Lions and Leos a chance to serve side by side. On the 26th, the Lions, alongside the High School AND Middle School Leos and several other family members packed treat bags for our trick or treat event and then on the 27th all three groups participated together to hand out those treat bags to almost 1,000 kids from the Paw Paw area.





11B-2 CLUB NEWS

SOUTH HAVEN-BLACK RIVER

All schools in South Haven had vision screenings with the KidSight team and South Have Black River Lions members in October. Lion Nila Dubas is a regular KidSight team member traveling wherever they need her.



Lions Nila, Amy, and Cub Zoey handed out candy at the South Haven Boo Bash Trunk or Treat.

Lion Cub Zoey has used crayon collection bins located at the local library, children's museum, and Bronson Cafeteria. She has also started handing out flyers to recruit more cubs to help with her projects.





11B-2 CLUB NEWS

ST. JOSEPH



The Golden Brain trophy was recaptured by the St Joseph Lions Club on Oct 19th from the Academic Team of the St Joseph High Bears! This longstanding competition dates back to its founder Lion Larry Wagner who organized the first contest in 1997 between young bears and much older Lions. Winner claims the Golden Brain trophy- the overall contest currently is 20 wins for the Bears and 9 for the Lions with the Thursday win marking the first time since 2012 that the trophy is in the possession of the Lions. Final score after 2 rounds of challenging questions was 21-6 in that victory!!



The October 5th program featured Kristen Jones and Becky from Berrien County Suicide Prevention Coalition. This group started to formally meet in 2014 and currently meets on the third Tuesday of each month virtually from 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm. The website for this organization is Berriencares.org. This site also contains the email address that can provide information on programs, reminders on programs and volunteer opportunities. The staff is highly trained and attends frequent in-service activities to heighten expertise in the area of suicide prevention.

The Coalition has developed materials to help individuals assist individuals who may be at suicide risk. Anyone in Berrien County can support the coalition by visiting the website to donate time, money or expertise. The coalition can also do community programs to raise awareness of this issue.





11B-2 CLUB NEWS

THREE RIVERS



“Thanks for all you do” on them. Guests were greeted by IPDG Julie and started with appetizers working their way up to a full dinner of roast pork and chicken Marsala followed by the most scrumptious cakes. Anyone that left hungry was their own fault. Julie’s grandsons entertained themselves with candy corn!

PCC Jeff Mayuiers was the MC for the afternoon. He shared many highlights of the 2022 – 2023 year with IPDG Julie visiting clubs and their events/projects that could not happen during 2020 – 2021. The mic was then turned over to Lion Alice

October 22nd was a beautiful Fall Day for the Appreciation Dinner of IPDG Julie Mayuiers. Lions from clubs in the district, as well as family and projects gathered to celebrate the year of 2022 – 2023 and also 2020 – 2021 since an Appreciation Dinner was not held that year due to COVID.

The Three Rivers Lions Club was decorated for the event in all the colors of Fall and custom designed M&M’s with images of pumpkins, or



Kielau of Three Rivers Lions Club and good friend Sheree Sorensen who “roasted” Julie with “things about Julie in two’s” including she was Governor twice, she has two refrigerators, 2 closets, 2 front doors (river front and road front), and the list goes on. Julie was then presented with gifts from the projects and clubs. She also received a Doc Barr Fellowship which is the highest you can receive from Eversight. Julie had requested donations to LMSF in lieu of gifts.

Then IPDG Julie presented her gifts of thanks, which were hand made plaques by a new Lion in



11B-2 CLUB NEWS

THREE RIVERS (cont.)

her club (see the TR Club article for samples) before thanking everyone for their generosity and for spending the afternoon with her. She wrapped up the afternoon with the following “I can’t thank all the Lions of the greatest district in Michigan, 11-B2 for all their support during both years as your District Governor. It was truly an honor I will never forget”.

Julie would like to thank all the Lions in 11-B2 for their support over the years. You are all AWE-SOME Lions and I am so very proud of each and every one of you. Keep doing what you are doing serving your communities.

Thanks again!
IPDG Julie





11B-2 CLUB NEWS

THREE RIVERS (cont.)

The Three Rivers Lions Club had the opportunity on September 26th to hear from foreign exchange students living with Lions Karl & Michelle Ritchie during this entire school year. Ari is ethnic Albanian, living in western Macedonia. Amine is from Sousse, Tunisia. Each young man talked about his country's geography, culture, school and home life, and answered questions from the members.



October 10th Refurbished Pets of Southern Michigan staff Michelle Fredrich, Cassie, Martin, Jean and Charlotte and dog Riley presented the program on how the special trained inmates in prisons train abandoned, homeless and unwanted dogs from rescues, shelters and animal control organizations that would otherwise be euthanized, to become companion dogs in the Correctional Companion Dog Program. Dogs are previously screened for temperament and trainability. All dogs become fully vaccinated and are spayed/neutered prior to arriving in the prisons. Each dog is then assigned to a group of specially trained inmates who are responsible for their positive reinforcement-based training and care during their stay. The dogs are housed inside the prison and live alongside their assigned training team. The inmates provide weekly progress reports and participate in ongoing

trainings sessions. Once their 10-week stay at the prison is complete, the dogs graduate and are awarded the Canine Good Citizen certificate and leave the prison and are ready to be adopted to approved, loving homes. Previous inmate Martin shared his story of being one of the specially trained inmates and how he trained a blind beagle that was soon to be euthanized. He became so attached to this dog that when he was released from prison following his sentence being served that he was allowed to adopt this dog and it lived a long and happy life with Martin and his wife Charlotte who is also a special trainer. This entire program is completely donation driven and does not cost the taxpayers or state anything. President Jeff then presented Michelle and Martin with Three Rivers Lions Club Friendship banners for their presentations tonight. It is estimated it costs \$285 per dog for the 8–10-week tenure. They are always



accepting donations of money or related items such as dog beds, food/water bowls, leashes, collars, dog food and treats. You can contact Refurbished Pets to schedule a program at 855-795-7776 or [facebook.com/RPSMorg](https://www.facebook.com/RPSMorg). They will go to any county.



11B-2 CLUB NEWS

THREE RIVERS (cont.)

The clubs annual nut sale (all premium nuts, no peanuts) will begin the first of November and will sell for \$25 per can. The nuts can be delivered at Projects Night if you are interested, so contact Lion Julie Mayuiers if you'd like to place an order.

The club participated in a couple of Halloween events this year. October 27th the Norton Elementary School hosted a Halloween Party from 6 – 7:30 pm and Lions Ken , Gary and Jeff along with Lion

Ken's wife and mother passed out snow cones and cotton candy. On October 28th the TR DDA held a Trunk or Treat downtown Three Rivers from Noon – 4 pm where the Lions passed out candy. Lion Ken and his family dressed as Dorothy and the Wizard of Oz with Ken playing the "not so" Cowardly Loin and greeting all the children and having photos take.

President Jeff inducted new Lion Ken Bickle into the Three Rivers Club. Lion Ken was sponsored by Lion Alice Kielau. Newly inducted Lion Ken is making bluebird houses complete with the Lions logo that the club is using as a fundraiser. They sell for \$20 each. He has also donated 2 of the bird-houses for the District's Project Night Silent Auction. Lion Ken is also making custom plaques that could be used for awards that the club will use as a fundraiser. These do have a lead time of 30 days.



Youth Camps and Exchange Sponsor Lions Clubs

Submitted by: Lion Elvie Marfil, District Youth Camp & Exchange

The Sponsor Lions Clubs are the resource for exchange youth to have a close working relationship with their district or multiple district YCE Chairperson. If a Sponsor Club does not have a district or multiple district YCE Chairperson, a Club President will be required to sign for the Exchange Youth along with the district governor, and to work directly with the YCE Chairpersons in the host countries of interest to make all arrangements. The following are general responsibilities for the Sponsor:

- Ensuring that the [YCE policy](#) is followed;
- Ensuring compliance with local laws governing youth protection;
- Verifying the exchange youth have sufficient accident, life, personal property, health and liability insurance to cover all contingencies during travel to and from their host country;
- Recruiting, screening and selecting qualified exchange youth;
- Help Exchange Youth use the [YCE Directory](#) to find their desired programs;
- Conduct an orientation session for outgoing exchange youth;
- Assist exchange youth with travel arrangements;
- Potentially provide assistance with or full financing for exchange youth travel costs including air fares, insurance, airport service fees, customs duties and any layover or overnight costs in route;
- Maintaining communications between the exchange youth, host Lions club, host family and YCE Chairperson.

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

How to Become a Sponsor Club!

- Write a press release about the YCE program requesting youth who are interested in the YCE program to contact your club; and
- Contact local schools and universities, especially the foreign language or international studies departments, with information about the YCE program to recruit young people.

For more information please contact: Lion Elvie Marfil, State YCE Chair, (epmarfil5@gmail.com) and/or Lion Debra Vantol, (liondebravantol@gmail.com).

Application Deadline to go Abroad: March 30, 2024

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



LEO CLUB NEWS

BUCHANAN-GALIEN LEOs

The Buchanan-Galien LEO Club had a very busy October!

The LEO Club came out in force on October 25th and 26th to help with packaging for the Buchanan-Galien Lions Club's Nut and Candy biggest fundraiser of the year.



Members of the club also sold handmade pizzas on 10/28/23 to raise money for two of our LEO Club members upcoming band trip to Melbourne, Australia!





LEO CLUB NEWS

BUCHANAN-GALIEN LEOs (cont.)

They also helped give out candy at the communities Annual Trek-or-Treat event on 10/28/23.



Buchanan LEO's Cierra Taylor and Morgan Cornelius volunteering at the senior center, showing members how to use the latest technology.



MATTAWAN LEOs



LEO Club officers have been inducted into the Mattawan LEO Club. Their new president, LEO Teagan, then inducted the other LEO Club members. They then made plans for the upcoming months to attend the Mattawan Lions Club Anniversary Halloween Party, planned their annual food drive for November 4th, planned to help the Mattawan Lions King of Crafts show on November 4th, planned to help at the Mattawan Community Holiday Carnival on December 2nd, and worked out a schedule to ring bells for the Salvation Army. Their December meeting will be sent celebrating International LEO Club Day on December 5th!





We Serve

GENERAL NEWS!



Colon 24 November 37 86 Years

Congratulations to the Colon Lions Club for 86 years of service to their communities & the world!

DISTRICT 11B-2 ZONE CHAIR MAP

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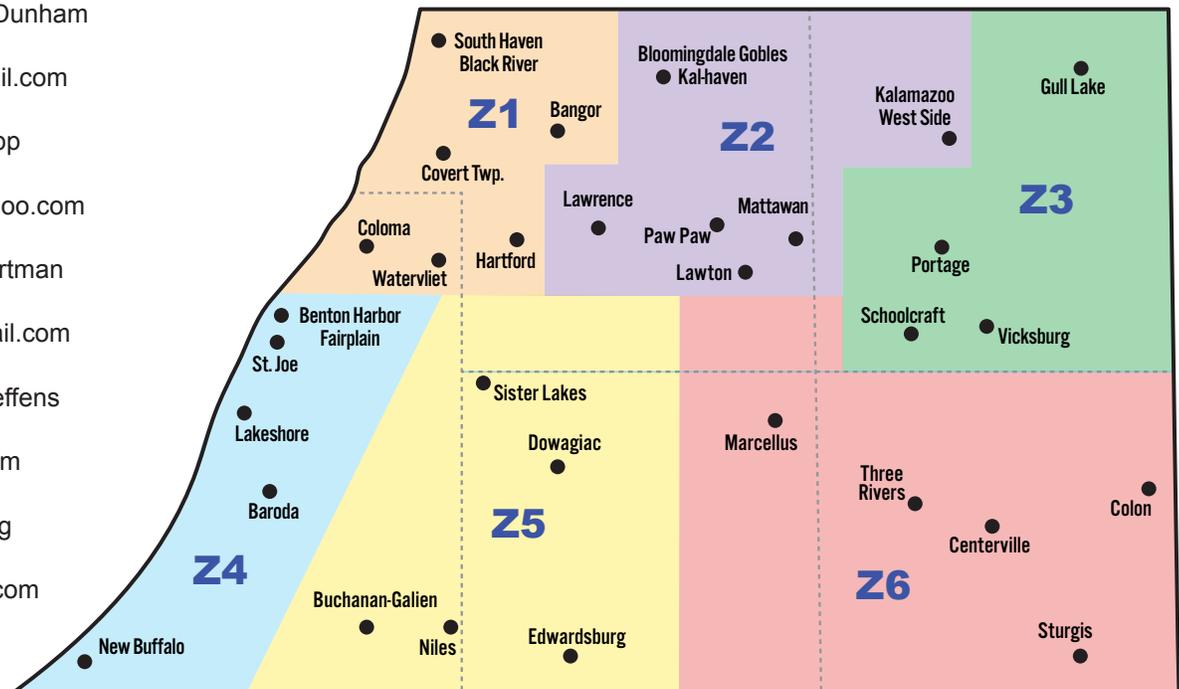
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The Great Eyeglass Challenge	100.00
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HOSPITALITY

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Youth Camp and Exchange Sponsor Lions Clubs

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

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



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

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

Age requirements are typically 15 - 22

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

Deadline for outgoing students application form: March 30, 2024

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

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

Deadline for host families application form: April 30, 2024

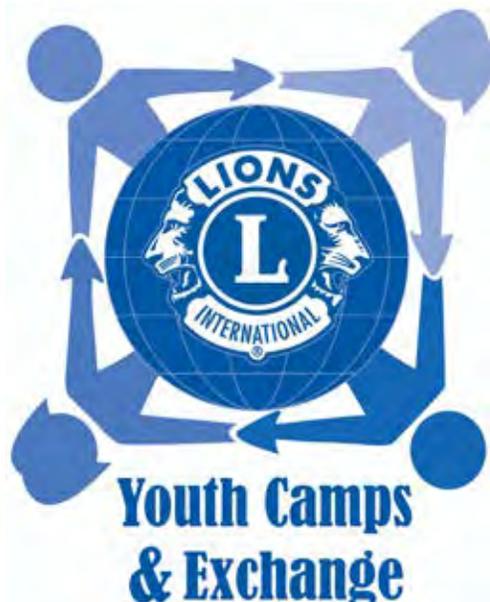
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Youth Camps & Exchange Program Outgoing Young Adult Ambassadors

Selection of a Lions Young Adult Ambassador

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

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



Thank for your involvement

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Time Line

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Suggestions for LYE Fundraising

Create a display board, short 5-10 minute video, PowerPoint, or oral presentation about yourself and your desire to travel abroad. This can also be used when visiting a foreign country's Lions Club during your stay overseas.

Include these points and others as seen fit for your presentation:

- Name and family members
- Where you live
- Your involvement in sports, clubs, music, activities
- Other involvement, whether academic or community-based
- Places you have visited in the past
- Why do you want to visit another country? What will you take from the experience? As an Ambassador for the American Lions Clubs and America, how will you relate to the people of a foreign country? Will you be open to new experiences? Will you taste new foods? Will you practice your foreign language skills?

1. Contact clubs via a phone call, letter, or email correspondence to obtain donations for travel expenses. A copy of the PowerPoint or video could be sent to the clubs in lieu of a formal visit when letting the club know of the intent to travel with LYEP.
2. **VERY IMPORTANT:** Make arrangements to meet with the club personally. A list of clubs and pertinent information is furnished by the District Chairperson. Many clubs will not donate unless there is face-to-face contact. The clubs want to know why this experience is important to the LYE young adult. Present your short program to the clubs. They understand that you may be nervous. If timing or distance from a meeting is a problem, send your PowerPoint or a DVD of your video for them to present at a meeting. Follow up with a phone call to be certain that it was received; ask if there are any questions. Write a thank-you note for viewing your presentation at their meeting shortly after the meeting date. Do not wait for any funds to arrive; the clubs look for effort and gratitude.
3. Contact friends and family members. Email and/or Facebook are a good way to get the word out to distant family members. Send your PowerPoint or Video presentation. This demonstrates that you have exerted some effort in exchange for their monetary donation. It demonstrates responsibility and adult behavior.
4. Contact your church (if applicable) and ask to have a bake sale or car wash after Sunday Service.
5. Conduct a community car wash or bake sale. This could occur at a community function, library, or outside a local business.
6. Run, walk, or bike ride in an event. Gather pledges before the event occurs.

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