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# The B2 Beacon

*"May the beacon of hope always shine bright"*

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## FROM THE GOVERNOR'S DESK



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### *Happy Fall Lions!*

It's hard to believe the 1st Qtr. of this Lions year has come and gone already. I've heard clubs have been pretty busy so far this year and that's **AWESOME!!!!** New members are coming in nicely and we need to continue that increase in membership. The message from IP Brian Sheehan is we need to keep a positive attitude, have fun, and fire up your clubs and motivate Lions to step up to District positions.

We are still in search of a Second Vice District Governor...it's not that difficult of a position and a very rewarding position meeting all the Lions in the great District of 11B2!! Contact myself or First Vice District Governor Amy if you'd like more details on this position. Every club needs to be looking at taking on new Service Projects and mentoring future leaders within your clubs. If you have club officers that have been in place for more than I will say 5 years, it's time for them to be mentoring new members to take their offices next year. I'm sure every club has brought in enough new members over the past 5 years that they can mentor them and move them up in the club to officers. I know there are some clubs that have had the same officers in place for over 12 years and that's not giving others a chance to hold an office and move up in Lions hopefully eventually to Cabinet offices.

September 14th PCC Jeff and I attended the Centreville Lions Club meeting. This was a special meeting with Lions and family members invited where they presented 2 Melvin Jones Fellows. One went to a Lion Al Murk and the other to his spouse Trudy Murk who is a non-Lion. I was asked to read the certificates from PIP Choi and PCC Jeff gave a history on Melvin Jones. The sponsors gave presentations on these two individuals devotion to Lions and their communities. Both were very well deserving, and I congratulate Lion Al and Trudy. I missed a couple of other club functions last month due to my foot surgery and not being very mobile, but that is improving.

The Cabinet held a Zoom meeting to start planning for Projects Night on November 14th. Details are underway. The event will be held at Antwerp Township Hall in Mattawan at 6 pm. Details are elsewhere in the Beacon.

I've heard from Lion Ken in C-1, who comes and collects our glasses at the Great Eye Glass Challenge that they just finished sorting all the glasses B2 donated last March. Going forward they would like to hold the collections twice a year, so they



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## FROM THE GOVERNOR'S DESK (cont.)

stay caught up, so I'm in the process of checking on this with our District Coordinator. They are also now collecting the cloths used to clean lenses, single lenses without frames and hard cases. They will take soft cases as long as they are in good shape. I know we've tossed a lot of these things in the past, but things changed. As soon as I hear how they want these new items sorted I'll be sure to get details sent out to all Presidents and Secretaries to pass on to your clubs. I'm hoping we could hold a collection at Projects Night on November 14th and all the clubs could hand off the glasses, etc. they have collected so far (stay tuned for confirmation on this, but I'd suggest clubs get their glasses sorted early) and start new collections for the District Convention March 17/18

October is starting to look like a busy month with a Cabinet meeting, spaghetti dinners, club visits, Project Night and many other things.

Speaking of Projects Night, please remember that clubs voted to support our Projects and that's what Project Night is all about. I'm asking every club to again support ALL of our Projects, no matter how large or small your donations to each one may be. You don't have to donate the same amount to all of them to be a 100% Participation Club. In addition we are also still supporting Pediatric Cancer again (you do not have to donate to this to be a 100% participation club) and are asking for either monetary donations or gift cards to restaurants or for gas to help out the families with children undergoing treatments when funds might be tight. Those donations should also be brought to Projects Night. I hope to see every club represented at Projects Night on November 14th. There is a flyer in the Beacon with further details.

I'm still holding on to one of my goals of every club being 100% participants in supporting LCIF. Just have every member donate any amount to make your club 100%!!!

The St. Joseph Township Club has decided to disband then end of October. A few of their members will be joining the St. Joseph City Club and some are still debating whether or not to join another club right now. If you know any of the Lions in the St. Joseph Township Club and your club is close to this area, I encourage you to reach out to them and ask them to visit your club or help with a service project and see if we can't get them engaged in another club....after all "More Hands More Service" no matter what club you belong to.

Thank you to the many clubs that have sent me Get Well Cards. I'm continuing to heal well and keep PCC Jeff on his toes with whatever my needs are as I'm still confined to my recliner with foot elevated. I can't drive and he won't let me outside if he's not home because I'm not real coordinated on crutches and I know he's afraid I will "Zoom" on my knee scooter. I hope to become more mobile this next month and visit clubs with my new projector all DG's received from IP Brian with his motivational presentations preloaded on them. If he can't get you motivated, then I don't know who can!!

Thanks for all you've done and continue to do!

*DG Julie*



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## GOVERNOR JULIE'S CALENDAR

### October

- 4: Benton Harbor-Fairplain Club Visit**
- 7-8: Council of Governors**, Gaylord, MI (via Zoom)
- 8: Benton Harbor-Fairplain Spaghetti Dinner** (See Flyer in this months Beacon)
- 15: Cabinet Meeting hosted by Dowagiac Lions Club**  
(breakfast at 8:30, meeting at 9:00)
- 15: Mattawan Trivia Night** (See Flyer in this months Beacon)
- 22: Portage Monster Mash** (info on Portage Lions Club page)

### November

- 5: LMSF Board Meeting**
- 10: Buchanan Galien Club Visit & Peace Poster Judging**
- 14: Projects Night & Peace Poster** (Peace Posters Cabinet Judging), 6–8 pm @ Antwerp Township Hall, Mattawan (See Flyer in this months Beacon)





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## UPCOMING EVENTS TO ADD TO YOUR CALENDAR

### October

- 8: Benton Harbor-Fairplain Lions Spaghetti Dinner** *(See flyer in this months Beacon)*
- 15: Cabinet Meeting**-Dowagiac Lions Club
- 15: Trivia Night**- 6-9pm, Antwerp Activity Center-24821 Front St., Mattawan, MI-hosted by Mattawan Lions Club *(Registration form on Mattawan Lions Club page/Beacon)*
- 22: Portage Monster Mash** - *(info on Portage Lions Club page/Beacon)*

### 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 *(exhibitor registration link & show information on [Mattawan Lions e-clubhouse page](#))*
- 5: Portage Lions Blood Drive** - *(See info on Portage Lions page/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

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



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## 1st VDG & IPDG

### 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  
[thackstona@gmail.com](mailto:thackstona@gmail.com)  
616-307-0027

### 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  
11B2 Pediatric Cancer Chair





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## PROJECT KIDSIGHT

PKS COORDINATORS **TANDA & DAVID STIFFLER**

### Lions of Michigan Foundation **PROJECT KIDSIGHT**



#### *October Report 2022*

Project KidSight attended five events in late August and in September. Our first event on August 28th was at the Vicksburg Faith & Family Event in Buchanan. It was a very hot day and attendance was down for this event this year, but PKS was still pleased to offer our free vision screening. We screened 14 kids with 1 referral so it was worth the time to be there. Two Buchanan-Galien Lion Members worked with us to learn how to take pictures, record referrals and to speak with parents about Project KidSight. Dianne Ross and Mark Skene were great help and caught on quickly to help us out!

Our next event on August 29th was at the Edwardsburg Eagle Lake Elementary School for their Open House. At this event we screened 69 kids, with 66 passing and 3 kids received a referral packet to go to an Eye Doctor for further checking. Two Edwardsburg Lion Members assisted us at this event, Roy Smothermon and Bill Welsch. Both enjoyed it so much that they said to call them whenever we need help!

Then the very next day, August 30th the team was at the Edwardsburg Intermediate School Open House. There we screened 70 kids with 64 passing, 4 referrals. We had a baby just over 1 year old

that we tried but couldn't get a good picture and then we also had one child that had glasses on but even with glasses on, the SPOT camera showed the child had Myopia. We asked the parents to take their child to their eye doctor as the glasses were a few years old and were not doing a good job for the child to see. Our extra help at this event was again Roy Smothermon and his wife Sue Smothermon, both Edwardsburg Lion Members. Next event was August 31st at the Edwardsburg Primary School Open House. We screened 72 kids



with 64 passing and 8 referrals. Our help at this event was again Dianne Ross from the Buchanan Club who did ALL the screening. She is a natural! We also had Jerry Tavernier from the Edwardsburg Club who helped parents with consent forms. At the end of the evening, both Lion members told me to call them whenever we need help. I told them I have their number!



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## PROJECT KIDSIGHT (con't)

### PKS COORDINATORS TANDA & DAVID STIFFLER

On Saturday, September 17th, we had a team attended the Edwardsburg Fall Festival which was held at the Edwardsburg Fire Department. Our team consisted of three Edwardsburg Members helping us. We had Jim Rutten, Buddy Davis, Meryl Christenson and of course Dave and I. We screened 36 kids with 2 referrals. At this event we offered the parents to complete the QR Code to register their child/children with the Lions of Michigan consent form.

Our total over these five events are, screened 261 kids with 17 referrals. (Plus 1 unable to get a picture and 1 needed glasses rechecked). The Edwardsburg School Superintendent was there, and he asked us to come to the Edwardsburg Schools to do Project KidSight for the entire school. No dates have been set yet as Lion Tanda, Coordinator, will contact Deb Becraft to work out dates. Deb set up the Open House dates with our team.

Our next two PKS events are:

- **October 5th – Volinia High School, Marcellus, MI. Time 1:30 to 2:30.**
- **October 29th – VFW Community Day, M62, Edwardsburg. Time 1 to 4.**

Please contact Tanda Stiffler at [tandastiffler76@gmail.com](mailto:tandastiffler76@gmail.com) or call 574/350-9215 if you can attend one or more of these events.

*Tanda & David Stiffler – PKS Coordinators*



*Pictured from left to right is Lion Dave Stiffler, Lion Jim Rutten, Lion Meryl Christenson, and Lion Buddy Davis at the Edwardsburg Chamber of Commerce Fall Festival held at the Edwardsburg Fire Department.*



**Lions of Michigan Foundation**



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**BENTON HARBOR-FAIRPLAIN LIONS**



**BENTON HARBOR - FAIRPLAIN  
LIONS CLUB**

**The DANK**

2651 Pipestone Road | Benton Harbor, MI 49002

**Saturday, October 8, 2022**

**5:00PM - 7:00PM**

**Adults - \$8.00 | Children 6-10 Yrs. - \$5.00 | 5 Yrs. & Under FREE**

- Cash Bar
- 50/50 Raffle
- Proceeds to provide eyeglasses for those less fortunate



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**•• Please bring used eyeglasses for donation ••**





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## BUCHANAN-GALIEN LIONS

**Saturday August 27<sup>th</sup> was another successful day for the Buchanan-Galien Lions**



The club hosted our Annual Kickball Tournament and Corn and Sausage Roast.



The events were held at the McCoy Creek Park Lions Pavilion and the Buchanan High School ladies softball field.

A good community turn out in combination with the teamwork of the Lions, their spouses, family and friends and the Leo's helped to make both events successful. At the end of the day there were a lot of smiling faces.

In Kickball - the BHS Football Players Team (AKA Umpires) took first place, Lion Michelle Holloway's team finished second and the Portage Road General Baptist Church team brought home the third place finish. All Kickball players said they had a blast!



Thank you to our many supply donors, the community, Lions, LEO's, kickball players/referees and volunteers for your ongoing support!

"We Serve" is our Lions motto - we are in our 89<sup>th</sup> year of supporting the Buchanan-Galien communities- and still going strong.



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## BUCHANAN-GALIEN LIONS



On Sunday August 28<sup>th</sup>, Buchanan-Galien Leo's and Lions participated in **Buchanan's Faith and Family Day**. Lions Ross and Skene worked on Kid Sight screenings and trained with Lions Dave and Tanda Stiffler. Lion Krings and some LEO's served many free snow cones and bags of popcorn at the Lions table.





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## CENTREVILLE LIONS

### Murks honored with top Lions award

CENTREVILLE – Allan and Trudy Murk of Centreville have been honored by the Centreville Lions Club with a Melvin Jones Fellowship, the highest honor a Lion can receive.

The couple was surprised Wednesday at the club's September meeting when the award was announced in front of a group of family and friends. "I was blown away," said Allan, a member for 43 years. "I couldn't believe it. I really, really appreciate it – it's always nice to be recognized."

Lion Pattie Bender told the group gathered at the Murks' Centreville home that the couple was "very generous but most of all extremely humble." Allan, a Vietnam veteran who served in the 101st Airborne Division, owned many Village Markets in southwest Michigan.

In a sampling of their community support, the Murks donated land for the first of 13 homes built in St. Joseph County for veterans to get on their feet when they are just discharged from the service. Village Market was a huge sponsor of the annual Special Olympics Golf Outing, as well as of the Showmobile purchased in Three Rivers that has also been used for Covered Bridge Days. Allan took on the Softball Field project by investing thousands of hours and thousands of dollars and using his own equipment; Trudy and family friend Judy West-Wing contributed many hours of maintenance on the field.

The local Lions have also benefited from the couple's generosity. "The work that they have done for this club is outstanding!" Bender said. "Gary (Metz) and Al, with the help of Trudy, have spearheaded the many, many, many pancake breakfasts over the decades as well as storing all of the equipment."



*Melvin Jones Fellowship recipients Allan and Trudy Murk hold their award plaques while standing with fellow Lions Gary Metz and Pattie Bender.*

The Murk name even has an international presence, with the "Al Murk Playground" at the Libertad RC School in Belize, which the couple has sponsored both financially and through in-person work trips for many years through the Three Rivers Rotary Club.

Lions District 11-B2 governor Julie Mayuiers and past district governor Jeff Mayuiers attended the special ceremony.

Jeff Mayuiers shared the history of Melvin Jones, the founder of Lionism, who learned compassion growing up and went on to begin the organization whose motto is "We Serve." After being challenged by Helen Keller in 1925 to be "knights of the blind," Lions International has become very involved with projects to help improve eyesight. Julie Mayuiers read a letter to the Murks signed by Dr. Jung-Yul Choi, chairperson of the Lions Club International Foundation.



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## EDWARDSBURG LIONS

### Edwardsburg - "We Serve"

The Edwardsburg Lions Club learned there was a need in our Edwardsburg community from our Lions Facebook page. The woman explained she was disabled and asked if our club could possibly help her with fixing or making her new steps going into her home as she said the steps were unsafe. Three Edwardsburg Members, Jim Devenney, Buddy Davis, and Jerry Tavernier immediately visited her home and even took the needed material to get the project done that day!

*Great Job Lions!*





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## KAL HAVEN TRAIL LIONS

Sheila Baker, manager of the Gobles Ministerial Food Bank explains the Food bank operations to Kal Haven members. President Lion Dave Mead presents a donation that Sheila says will enable her to buy approximately 2000 lbs of food for the 250 local residents the food bank currently supports.



240 children went fishing in the Kal Haven fish pond at Bloomingdale's October Fest celebration on Sept 24th. Each child would cast a line into the "fish pond" and retrieve a catch of a small bag of candy and toys.





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MATTAWAN LIONS

TRIVIA NIGHT



Sponsored by the Mattawan Lions Club

Saturday October 15th | \$10 per person Max 8 per team Antwerp Township Community Center

Cash prizes for 1st, 2nd & 3rd place teams Door prizes

Registration at 5:15 pm

Trivia begins at 6:00 pm ends at 9:00pm

Pre-register your team and order your trivial eats by October 10 using this form:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

We would like to reserve \_\_\_\_\_ seats at \$10/person

You may also pre-order food trays (we will not have extra at the event) Reserve yours by marking your choices & quantity of each. All trays are \$12 (please include)

\_\_\_\_\_sweet & salty \_\_\_\_\_veggies & dip \_\_\_\_\_cheese, sausage & crackers

Please return this form to mattawanlionsclub@yahoo.com and send payment to: Mattawan Lions Club, PO Box 62, Mattawan MI 49071 or via PayPal

Questions? Please email mattawanlionsclub@yahoo.com

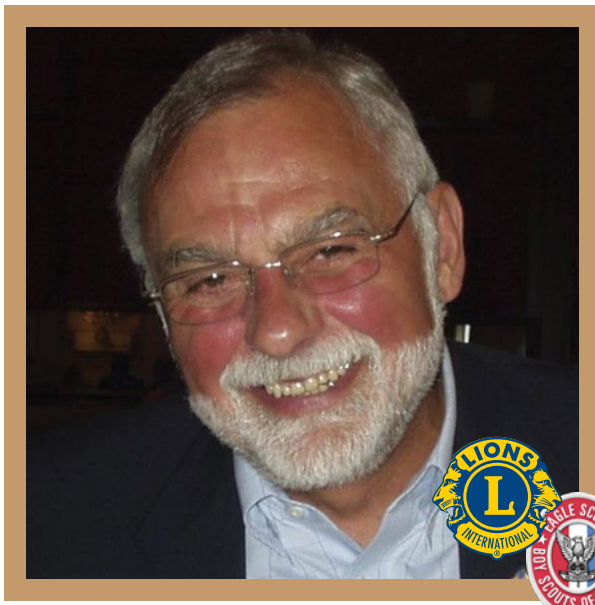
\*All proceeds from this fundraiser will help support the community service efforts of the Mattawan Lions Club



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## PAW PAW LIONS

In Memoriam



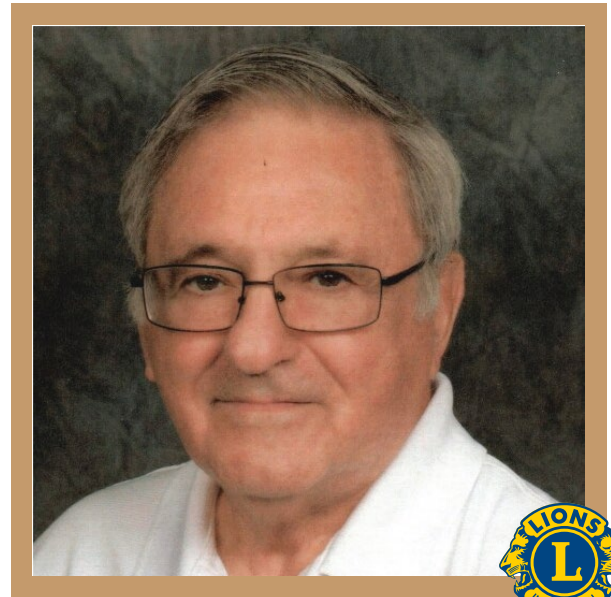
### Paw Paw Lion Ed Smietana

December 14, 1945 - September 12, 2022

Paw Paw Lion Ed Smietana passed away September 12, 2022. Cards and condolences can be sent to:

Lion Ginger Smietana  
45554 50th Ave  
Paw Paw, MI 49079

Memorial contributions may be made to Paw Paw Lions Club or LaSalle Council Boy Scouts of America.



### Paw Paw Lion Ron Schincariol

July 23, 1935 - September 12, 2022

Paw Paw Lion Ron Schincariol passed away tonight after having a heart valve replacement today. They had difficulty restarting his heart after the surgery and he passed away shortly after. His family, Lion Char, Lion Dan and Lion Paul ( all Paw Paw Lions) would appreciate prayers.

Lion Char King and Lion Dan Schincariol's address:

54596 CR 653  
Paw Paw, MI 49079

Lion Paul Schincariol's address:

27730 Rolling Pines Ct  
Lawton, MI 49065

Memorial donations to Luc's Light Youth Music and Arts Foundation, Paw Paw Lions Club, or St. Mary Church are appreciated.



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## PAW PAW LIONS

### Paw Paw Lions at the Wine & Harvest Festival

The Paw Paw Lions were very busy at the Wine & Harvest Festival this year. We had the Duck Race booth and Hole in One event going all weekend. The physical duck race was canceled



due to the threat of lightning so a very understated online random generator program was used to choose the winners during a Facebook Live event. There were no golfers who landed on the floating green so we didn't get to give away the big money there. The Duck Race raised approximately \$8,500 with all the proceeds going to the race winners and the beneficiaries.



As always, the Paw Paw Lions are busy on Sundays running bingo. Our members even have to jump in and play someone's cards when they need a quick break. Lion Tom Shoemaker was happy to help out.







# 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](mailto:cheftammie@gmail.com) or 269-303-0731 by Nov. 8.

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



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## PORTAGE LIONS

### Portage Lions participate in My CureSearch Walk

On September 24, members, family, and friends of Portage Lions Club participated in the 2022 My CureSearch Walk to raise funds for children's cancer research. The club raised \$825.00 according to Lion Amy Blankshain, our team captain.

The walk took place at Celery Flats Milham Road Park, 7335 Garden Lane, Portage, MI Celery Flats Pavilion. It started @ 11:00 a.m.

#### Childhood Cancer Facts:

- Cancer is a leading cause of death for children and adolescents around the world.
- Approximately 300,000 children aged 0 to 19 years old are diagnosed with cancer each year.
- Childhood cancer generally cannot be prevented or screened.

In 2019, only 20% of countries had early detection guidelines. That same year, only 33% had a defined referral system for medical resources.



*Cub Hamilton, our newest Cub*



*Members posed before the walk*



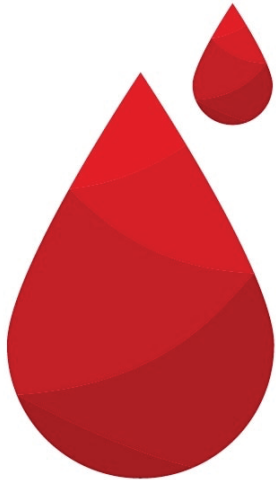
*And....after the walk*



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## PORTAGE LIONS (CON'T)

### Portage Lions host blood drive



**GIVE  
BLOOD.  
GIVE  
LIFE.**



**Date: Monday, November 7, 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**

### Monster Mash—Monsters, Inc.

At Ramona Park- Portage, Michigan  
8600 South Sprinkle Road  
Portage, Mi 49002

Date: October 22, 2022

Time: 3:00pm-7:00pm

Cost: FREE

It's scarin' time at Portage Monster Mash! This themed event will include trick-or-treating, inflatables, a spooky hayride through the forest, merry not scary shows, on-site pumpkin carving demonstrations, and much more. Don't forget to stick around for a "Drive-In" style movie viewing of Monsters, Inc. in the park, beginning at dusk. Parking for the movie will begin at 5:30 PM and will be first come, first served.



Disney · PIXAR  
**MONSTERS, INC.**



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## PORTAGE LIONS (CON'T)

### WORLD SIGHT DAY

*Contributed by: Lion Elvie Marfil, District Vision Chairperson*

World Sight Day is on Thursday, 13 October 2022 and we are focusing the world's attention on the importance of eye care.

- *Is an opportunity to focus the world's attention on eye health as a global issue.*
- *Raises awareness of eye health among individuals, families and communities.*
- *Is a platform to influences decision makers to prioritize eye health initiatives.*
- *Helps activate demand for eye health services globally.*

#### MAKE A PLEDGE

**OUR AIM IS TO GET 5 MILLION EYE TESTS PLEDGED GLOBALLY BY WORLD SIGHT DAY, TO HELP THE WHOLE WORLD #LOVEYOUREYES.**

Get involved in World Sight Day by making a commitment to #LoveYourEyes. Pledge to have a sight test or care for your eyes and share on social media to encourage others do the same.

When was the last time you got your eyesight checked? Over 3.5 million people pledged to get their eyesight checked on World Sight Day 2021. Make sure that EVERYONE COUNTS in 2022 and pledge to #LoveYourEyes to help us towards our 5 million targets!

If you are an eye health professional or work for an eye health organization, why not pledge the eye exams, screenings or surgeries your organization is doing in the month leading up to World Sight Day? You could even hold an outreach vision camp on or around World Sight Day and get involved with our EVERYONE COUNTS Global Challenge.

Are you an employer? Pledge to ensure your employees get their sight tested so that they can work to their fullest potential.

#### HOW THE PLEDGING TOOL WORKS

Enter your details

Choose your design

Choose where to share on social media

Go to [Portage MI Lions Club Facebook page](#) and click on the article "I Pledge to Priorities my Eyes."

Go to [IAPB.org](#) - click - World Sight Day - scroll down - click - Pledge Your Sight Day – click Make your Pledge. Enter your information.



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## ST. JOSEPH LIONS



# CAMP LEO

## Camp Leo Update

The 2023 camp will be from Sunday, July 30th to Wednesday, August 2nd. Carnival Night will be Tuesday, August 1st. Camp Leo will be at Warner Memorial Camp in Grand Junction again this year.

Planning for the 2023 Camp Leo Committee has begun. As Camp Leo Coordinator, I have scheduled monthly meetings with Berrien RESA staff.

Methods to increase the number of campers are being considered to ensure Camp Leo's viability going forward. Feel free to contact me with questions at [aredlefson@comcast.net](mailto:aredlefson@comcast.net).

*Lion Allen Edlefson  
Camp Leo Coordinator  
St. Joseph Lions Club*





## LEO CLUB NEWS

### EDWARDSBURG LEOS

2022-2023

*Advisors: Tanda & Dave Stiffler*

What a great day it was on Thursday, September 15th! Leo Advisors Tanda & Dave Stiffler visited during the lunch hours for Leos to sign up for the Leo Club for the 2022-23 school year. By the end



of the lunch hours, 85 students took an application to join the hottest club in the high school. Advisor Tanda ran out of applications and went home to make 25 more application packets as students that were not back from Southwestern College, Andrew University and the Elkhart Career Center was heading back to the school and many of those students were anxious to get their application packet as well. The packet includes the Leo application for the 2022-23 year, a letter explaining exactly what the Leo Club does and stands for, an October calendar of events already with five dates of events they can sign up to at the first meeting, a Leo page of more information on the Leos on what they would like the club to be doing and lastly a Leo t-shirt order form. 85 packets were taken to the school and 85 students signed up. Since then, many more Leo applications have been picked up from the school office.

The first official Leo meeting is set for Tuesday, September 27th. In past years the Leos met in the Edwardsburg High School Library but this year we need to find another location as the library is no longer large enough to accommodate this many Leos. Principal Mr. Markle suggested we move the students to the Junior High School lunchroom. Mr. Markle was a Leo back in his younger days, so he really enjoys watching this Club excel in our school and help in our Edwardsburg Community. After this first meeting the Leos will meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month.

Already the Advisors are getting requests for Leo help during the fall. With this many Leos we must be on top of events to offer. These students are looking for community hours for their bank as many hope to join the National Honor Society which requires service hours. So, what better way to get those hours than to join the Edwardsburg Leo Club!

*Tanda Stiffler*  
*Leo Advisor*

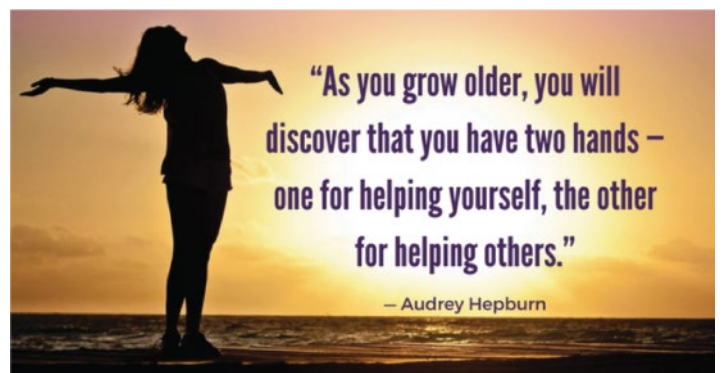
### MATTAWAN LEOS

2022-2023

*Advisor: Nancy Garman*

The Mattawan LEO Club is wishing a fulfilling and productive year of community service to all of the Lion and LEO Clubs in district 11B2.

***Roar and Soar!***





## 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:*

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

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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

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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



## 2022 Lions Leadership Events

**Two training opportunities, one location**

### **LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE**

The Michigan Lions Leadership Institute is a highly regarded leadership skills development event for Lions who are emerging leaders at the club, zone, region, and district levels.

### **FACULTY DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE**

Graduates of this program will be able to plan, develop, and present training programs. FDI is directed at people who will do training and formal presentations at the district level and beyond

### **EVENT INFORMATION**

Dates November 3 – 6, 2022  
Location R. A. MacMullan Center  
104 Conservation Drive  
Roscommon, MI 48653

Questions? Email [Lions@lionsofmi.com](mailto:Lions@lionsofmi.com)  
Phone (517)887-6640 ext. 10



## More Information!

### Lions Leadership Institute

There is a **\$250** fee. This includes registration, course materials, two nights of lodging, and six meals.

Classes actively involve participants in the learning process and enable them to experience the concepts presented. The skills acquired can be used not only in Lions, but also at work and in everyday life.

When participants aren't in class, they make new friends, network, and exchange ideas from across the region.

Here's a sampling of classes:

Team building	Conflict resolution
Managing change	Leadership
Presentation skills	Effective listening
Action plans and goal setting	

### Faculty Development Institute

There is a **\$350** fee. This includes registration, course materials, three nights of lodging, and eight meals.

Lions who desire to lead and train others at the local level will benefit from the FDI, where they will learn fundamental training delivery skills and practice facilitating in a classroom environment.

Qualifications:

- Not attended an FDI within the last five (5) years. (International or Local)
- In-depth knowledge of Lions' culture, Lions leadership experience and comfort using PowerPoint is preferred.

Here's a sampling of classes:

Visual Aids	Training environment
Training preparation	Session management
Adult learners	Delivery skills
Interactive learning	

## Application form Lions Leadership Institute and Faculty Development Institute



**Deadline: October 13, 2022**

Send completed form and payment to:  
Lions Leadership Institute  
5730 Executive Drive, Lansing, MI 48911

### Applicant information

First name \_\_\_\_\_

Last name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Club name \_\_\_\_\_

District \_\_\_\_\_ # years in Lions \_\_\_\_\_

Highest Lions office held \_\_\_\_\_

Have you previously attended a Michigan Lions Leadership Institute?    yes \_\_\_ no \_\_\_

Which Institute do you plan to attend (check one)?

Leadership Institute    \_\_\_

Faculty Development Institute    \_\_\_

### Payment Information

**Pay by check, payable to Michigan Lions Leadership Institute**

Enclosed is my check for \$250 for Leadership Institute    \_\_\_

Enclosed is my check for \$350 for Faculty Development Institute    \_\_\_

**Pay by credit card online:**

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/michigan-lions-leadership-institute-tickets-354586627147?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION IS OCTOBER 13, 2022



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## LIONS THIS & THAT



Mattawan      October 30, 1958      64 Years

Benton Harbor/Fairplain      October 31, 1934      88 Years

**Congratulations to the Mattawan & Benton Harbor/Fairplain Lions Clubs for their 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](mailto: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](mailto:cheftammie@gmail.com)



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## LIONS THIS & THAT

*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.*

### **NIGHTLOCK®** DOOR SECURITY DEVICES

Our mission is to provide home, schools, universities, churches, government buildings, retail and office workplaces with a simple & cost-effective solutions to keep people safe during a hostile threat. Keeping the bad guy out, to protect our loved ones on the inside.

### **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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:cheftammie@gmail.com)*



## Dear Lion,

We accomplish amazing things together every day because of what you give. And while giving takes many forms, one of the best is your ongoing support of Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF). Because that's how we ensure that our biggest projects succeed. And like all things Lions, it starts with you and your club.

The work of LCIF is so important. And you can be a part of it by making a donation, by applying for a grant to take on even bigger projects, and by sharing your LCIF stories and videos. Because the more that our communities know about LCIF, the more our foundation can magnify our service at home and around the world. We're all working together to make a big difference. And when we all give a little, we can accomplish so much.

Make a great day,  
**Brian Sheehan**  
**International President**

**Watch a special video message  
from President Sheehan**



## Our Giving Never Stops

LCIF has been magnifying our service for more than 50 years. Watch a [special video message](#) from President Sheehan about how your support gives Lions the opportunities to make a big difference where it's needed most.

Just like the Lions of District 201-V2 in Australia who organized Camp Koala to help teenagers who were recently diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes to build self-management skills, a positive body image and confidence. Read [Navigating Diabetes at Camp Koala](#) to learn more about how a grant from LCIF can help clubs achieve greater things.



## Get Involved with Your Foundation

Your service makes a big difference every day in people's lives, and you can make your impact even bigger through LCIF. Here are three great ways to get involved with your global foundation.

**Apply for a Grant** – Visit the [LCIF Grants Toolkit](#) page to learn more about how your club can get even more done in your community with the right grant.

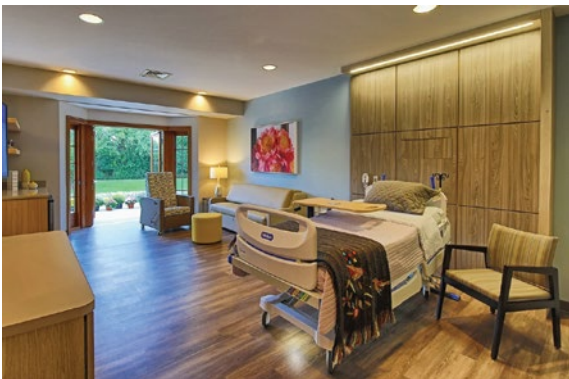
**Share Our Story** – Take pride in the incredible work Lions do around the world and share our [Stories of Pride](#) and other stories from the Lions Blog on social media using the hashtags #LCIFLions and #WeServe.

**Make a Donation** – Discover the many [Ways to Give](#) that help support our service around the world—and in the community outside your door.

**So let's keep serving, let's keep supporting our foundation and our communities, and let's keep building a better world together.**



**Lions Clubs International  
FOUNDATION**



### Kindness for Every Stage of Life

For years, the Lions of District 1-BK in Illinois, USA, helped many families find a little more comfort during end-of-life care for their loved ones at the Lightways Hospice and Serious Illness Care. And when they recently decided to expand their support, they did so in a big way.

Read [Providing Compassionate Care and Comfort at the End of Life](#) to learn more about how these Lions grew their service

with the help of 15 other Lions clubs and a matching grant from LCIF. Learn more about [LCIF matching grants](#) and how they help empower Lions to take on large-scale humanitarian projects.

***Were there's a need...there's a Lion.***



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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](https://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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## NOTES FROM THE EDITOR/WEBMASTER



### *Hello fellow Lions...*

To help keep our DG's calendar current and all of you informed, she has asked that, when you send your material for upcoming club events to me, please be sure to copy Julie. Thank you!

### *We want to know what your club has been up to!*

Really! Honestly! Now that the new season is starting up, I'm hoping to get more and more of you to submit articles and promote your fundraisers and events. Please send articles in Word (.doc or .docx are best), Pages, if you are working on a Mac platform, or just plain text, if that's what's available to you. If you also have photos to go along with your club news, just attach them with the copy or send them separately. You can also share photo folders through Google and Dropbox...I have both. Don't worry about resolution. Send the best you have at the highest resolution and I'll pare them down when needed.

Deadline is the 25th of the month to receive information 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.

***THE IMPORTANT THING IS...All flyers for events that you'd like included in the B2 Beacon should be sent to me 45 days prior...especially important if the event is happening in the first 10 days of the month!***

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.

I've contacted the advisors of all the LEO clubs in our district, inviting them to submit articles that highlight service events and fundraisers that our young Lions-to-be are a part of. The LEO's are a part of our district 11B2 family, and it's time to acknowledge their contributions.

*Cheers!*  
*Lion Wes*

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***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](mailto: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.***

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*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>

**Lions International  
Leadership Development**