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LIONS OF DISTRICT 11B2

OCTOBER NEWS

"TOGETHER WE SERVE"

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FROM THE **GOVERNOR'S DESK**











I want to start by thanking all of the club Presidents and all others who came to the Presidents dinner to represent their clubs. Thank you Paw Paw for hosting the event and for the great Taco dinner! We all had great round table conversation giving Presidents the opportunity to share what their clubs do and get input from other attendees.

Huge shout out to Mattawan LEO Vice President Claire Thompson for

representing LEO's in our district at the Presidents dinner. LEOs are invited to all of my District events so please encourage as many as possible to attend. Starting as a LEO myself encouraging more LEO/Lion interaction is a huge passion of mine. Did you know that you



can apply to get a special "serving together" banner patch? This is a special banner patch for clubs who are collaborating with their local LEO's to creating that lasting relationship! You can find the banner patch application here.



I have issued a participation challenge to all clubs and their presidents! Stay informed, network, and gain new knowledge by attending our district events.

PDG/GST Karol Chopp presented our new

District Service Grant and applica-

tion at the Presidents dinner. Get your application in before December 1st to meet our first deadline. April 1st will be the final due date for the 23-24 Lion year.

Finally, please see the save the date flyer for the 2023-2024 District Convention March 22nd-24th. I look forward to great attendance and a ton of fun!!



District 11B-2 Club Service Grant Application

Club Name: Date Submitted:		
What is the grant being	g used for:	
• •	ecember 1 and April 1 each year. Up to \$300 per y available). Will be reviewed by the committee.	
If the money from the G returned in full to Lions I	rant is not used within 6 months, it needs to be District 11B-2.	
-	cipating in what the grant money is for/How will the e: park beautification-planting tree; hosting an event to a park.)?	
Will your club be matcl	hing or using a percentage of your club's money?	
How will you publicize	what you are doing? Media sources used?	
•	ne used for one of the 5 Global Causes of Lions Inter- i, Environment, Diabetes, Childhood Cancer Aware- uth and Disaster)?	
• How will you share you	ur 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



FROM THE

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

- 7/22 Officer Training (Paw Paw)
- 9/14 President's Dinner (Paw Paw)
 - 11/13 Project Night (Mattawan)
- 1/29 District Wide Zone Meeting (Mattawan)

DISTRICT CALENDAR

OCTOBER 2023

Oct 3 Benton Harbor-Fairplains Club visit

Oct 6-7 Council of Governors – Tree Tops Resort, Gaylord

Oct 9 Vicksburg Club visit

Oct 11 Lawrence Club visit (rescheduled from 9/13)

Oct 21 (9 – 11 am) Cabinet Meeting – *Paw Paw Lions Club*

NOVEMBER 2023

Nov 2 - 5 Leadership Institute – *Higgins Lake*

Nov 9 Buchanan-Galien Club visit

Nov 13 (6 – 8 pm) Project Night – Antwerp Township Hall, Mattawan

Peace Posters due, voting by Cabinet at Projects Night

DECEMBER 2023

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

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:





District 11B-2 Service Project for PEDIATRIC CANCER AWARENESS

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.

The B2 Beacon



LMF PROJECT KIDSIGHT

Lions of Michigan Foundation PROJECT KIDSIGHT



We just have the most Amazing PKS Teams. We have been extremely busy this month.

We started off the month by taking the PKS trailer to the Paw Paw Wine & Harvest Fest. We had some new volunteers helping and were able to screen 41 kids with 2 referrals. The day was perfect as we were only set up to screen from 10 until 2 PM. From that date on, we were super busy each week starting off by being at the South Walnut Elementary School in Bangor. We screened 303 students with 74 referrals, which seemed like a lot! That same day, we went to the Bangor Jr/Sr High School and screened another 430 students with 65 referrals. Again, this was a high number but happy to be able to find students



that possibly need glasses. Many thanks to some of the Bangor Lion Members for coming to help us out!

After that the PKS Team visited the Colon Elementary School and screened 257 students with 25 referrals. We sure appreciated the volunteers from the Colon Lions Club! Next, we went to the Lawrence Elementary School first thing in the morning and screened 198 students with 30 referrals. After we finished at that school, we went



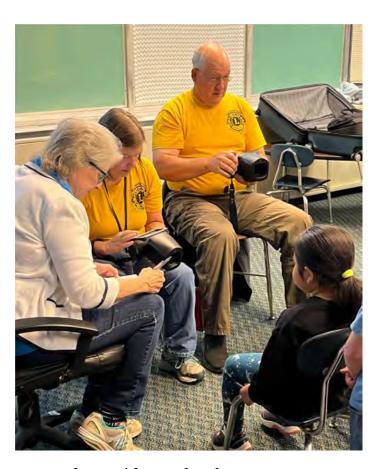
directly to the Lawrence Jr/Sr High School to screen 160 students with 21 referrals.

It didn't stop there, then on Sept. 20th we visited Indian Lake School in Vicksburg. Very thankful for the volunteers coming from Vicksburg, Edwardsburg, Kal-Haven Trail, and South Haven that helped us out. We screened 270 students there with 8 referrals.

Our next stop was Cassopolis Middle School, which we screened 189 students with 26 referrals and then immediately went to the Sam Adams Elementary School in Cassopolis and screened



LMF PROJECT KIDSIGHT



323 students with 41 referrals.

So, at this point from our Lion year July 1st, we have screened 3,319 kids with 354 referrals! And we still have Hartford Elementary School to visit on OCTOBER 26th, then their middle school and high school on the 27th and then head back to Vicksburg to screen kiddos at the Sunset Lake school with 475 students. Just going to these three schools could potentially add to our numbers of another 1,719 kids. Of course, we won't screen that exact number as we always know there are absentee students.

While at Sam Adams Elementary School, the Principal Tammi Preston came to tell me that during the Parent/Teacher conference, a parent said that she was so happy that PKS was in their school as their son could not read. Then PKS sent home a referral packet to let the parents know their son was showing an abnormality and suggested they take him to see an eye doctor. Well, he needed glasses, and she was so thankful as her son is in the 4th grade and he is now reading! I got goose bumps with the principal telling me this. We are making are certainly making a difference!

Respectfully submitted,

Tanda & Dave Stiffler PKS Coordinators

Interested in volunteering? Contact Tanda at: tandastiffler76@gmail.com

From Michigan Project Kidsight Testimonials:

"We would like to thank you from the bottom of our hearts. Our daughter attended a vision screening with a playgroup in the Spring, and she had a picture taken with your special camera. Your free eye screening was a blessing to our family. Victoria had a posterior lenticonus type juvenile cataract in her left eye.

The doctors believe she was born with this defect in the back of her eye which predisposed her to forming this type of cataract. This defect was never found at her well-child checkups, and if it was not for the Lions Club finding the defect when you did, Victoria could have lost her eye.

Thanks to all of you, Victoria has 2 beautiful eyes, and her doctors believe that with her glasses, she will have normal vision. She turned 3 in January, and thanks to you, she will be a normal and healthy little girl."



Sunday, October 22, 2023
Social Time 2:00 pm
Dinner & Program
2:30 – 4:30 pm
\$25/pp

Menu: Pork Tenderloin, Chicken Marsala, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Green Beans, Salad, Dinner Rolls, Carrot Cake, and Mounds Cake



Location: Three Rivers Lions Club

420 6th Avenue Three Rivers, Michigan

Casual attire

RSVP by October 14 to

IPDG Julie Mayuiers, 23250 Van Resort Drive Mendon, MI 49072 jumayuiers@gmail.com or call 269-254-1938

Name(s):		_
Number Attending:	Amount Enclosed: \$	
Phone Number:	Email:	

Make checks payable to Three Rivers Lions Club

Send checks and registration form to IPDG Julie Mayuiers, 23250 Van Resort Drive, Mendon, MI 49072 prior to October 14, 2023.

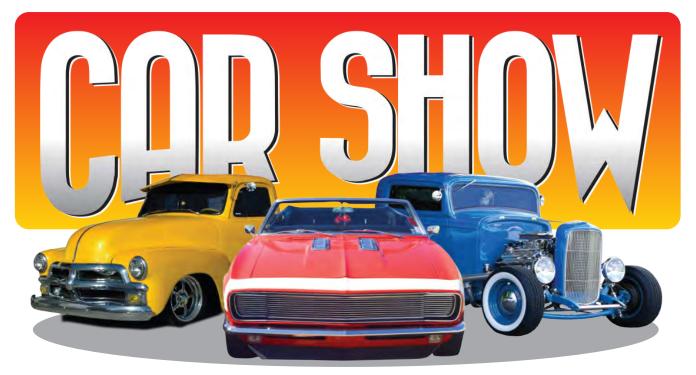
In lieu of gifts IPDG Julie is asking for donations be made to LMSF (Memo line: Project KidSight or Emergency Grants & Assistance)



BANGOR LIONS CLUB



CAR SHOW AT THE BANGOR APPLE FESTIVAL



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2023

PRE-REGISTER BEFORE OCTOBER 30, 2023 \$10 PER VEHICLE

OCT 1 - OCT 14
REGISTRATION FEE IS
\$20 PER VEHICLE

50/50 DRAWING

Card payments will be accepted the day of the show - so register now, pay day of the event.

- **★** DASH PLAQUES & GIFT BAGS FOR THE FIRST 100 REGISTERED VEHICLES.
- **★** FIRE CHIEF, POLICE CHIEF, JOHN BURNSIDE AND MAYOR'S CHOICE AWARDS

TOP VEHICLE OF THE DECADE AWARDS TO BE GIVEN

For more information, check out our Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/lionsclub bangormichigan

Or Donna - 269-580-8052 Chris - 269-365-5231

Proceeds used to fund community service needs!



2023 Bangor Lions Club Car Show Pre-Registration Form

Please print the following information

Saturday, October 14, 2023

Registration starts at 8 a.m. with show going from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. ~ Awards at 2:05 p.m.

City:		State:		Zip:
Phone:				
Email:				
Vehicle #1 – Year:	Make:	Model:		Color:
Vehicle #2 – Year:	Make:	Model:		Color:
How did you hear about us	: Past Participant:	Flyer:	Radio Ad:	
Other:				75

Registration after September 30 up to and including the day of event will increase to \$20 per vehicle. Please make checks payable to Bangor Lions Club – you may pay the day of the event, even those who pre-register. Send registration back to Bangor Lions Club – PO Box 13, Bangor, MI 49013

2023 changes to car show include:

Location – We will be utilizing Center Street from M-43 to Arlington Street, Bangor and if overflow is required, we will use Charles Street. There will be signage posted and emailed to those who pre-register. We will have parking attendants directing you where to park – please be respectful to those who are VOLUNTEERING to make this event possible.

Awards - We will be judging based on the decade of your vehicle, with the best of show given out in each decade.

1920's, 1930's, 1940's, 1950's, 1960's, 1970's, 1980's, 1990's, 2000's, 2010's and 2020's

Also there will be the following trophies given:

Fire chief's choice, Police chief's choice, Mayor's choice & John Burnside Memorial Trophy

Live Music, pancake breakfast sponsored by the <u>Bangor Fire Department</u>, food vendors, craft show at Simpson United Methodist Church – Joy Street, pie sales, corn hole tournament at the American Legion, motorcycle show and the Bangor Library's annual used book sale – from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. and many other activities.

Come join the fun in Bangor this year - October 14, 2023



BENTON HARBOR - FAIRPLAIN LIONS CLUB

The DANK

2651 Pipestone Road Benton Harbor, MI 49002

Saturday, October 21, 2023 5:00PM - 7:00PM

Adults - \$10.00 | Children 6-10 Yrs. - \$5.00 | 5 Yrs. & Under FREE



We Serve

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



We Serve

CARRY OUTS & TAKE OUTS AVAILABLE

•• Please bring used eyeglasses for donation ••





Fundraiser for Portage Lions Club of Michigan, District 11-B2

\$16 Each

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Blueberry and

Cream Cheese

Cinnamon

Raspberry

Strawberry and

Cream Cheese

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CALL RUTH PHILLIPS 269.345.4622

OR ORDER ONLINE by clicking on the QR code







Drizzle with icing and ENJO4!





HALLOWEEN MONSTER MASH



OCTOBER 21, 2023
RAMONA PARK
8600 SOUTH SPRINKLE RD.
PORTAGE, MI 49002
3:00PM-7:00PM

IT'S SCARING 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.

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PORTAGE LIONS CLUB







The Mattawan Lions Club invites you to their annual

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CRAFT SHUM

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH, 2023
Antwerp Activity Center

24821 Front St. Mattawan, MI 49071

9am-2pm

FREE ADMISSION! UNIQUE GIFTS!

CONCESSIONS!

Proceeds will benefit the Mattawan Area Pantry Christmas Distribution



Scan QR code to register as a vendor

ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE

To benefit the Mattawan Area Food Pantry

SPONSORED BY THE MATTAWAN LEO CLUB

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4 9am to 4pm

Wagoner's Hometown Food Store

Mattawan, Michigan



Monetary donations go much farther!



MUCH NEEDED ITEMS!

peanut butter jelly brownie mixes cookies chips granola bars kid cereal
diapers (all sizes)
pet food
facial tissues
paper towels

feminine hygiene products

The MAP is the second-largest pantry in Van Buren County.

Our local families need our help now more than ever before!



Lions Arts & Crafts Show 2023 Bake Sale

On Saturday, November 4th, 2023, our Club is hosting a bake sale at the Arts & Crafts Show. The bake sale will sell <u>baked</u> goods donated by the members of our Club.

Lions Jackie Bralick and Claudia Staude have volunteered to co-chair the bake sale this year.

To meet the sales goal, each member is asked to <u>make three (3) bake sale items</u>. The baked goods should not need refrigeration, can be held at room temperature, and be delivered in disposable containers.

To provide a **wide variety** of products to sell, here are a few suggestions:

- Cookies: peanut butter, oatmeal, snickerdoodle, short bread, butter, no bake, chocolate chip, oatmeal raisin, etc.
- Fudge or brittle
- Pies of all varieties (whole pies sell fast!)
- Bars: lemon, brownies, pumpkin, zucchini, blueberry, apple, 7-layer, granola, s'mores, etc.
- Gift breads (big or small loaves): zucchini, banana, pumpkin, date, nut, etc.
- Specialty muffins: blueberry, cinnamon apple, carrot, etc.
- Turnovers: apple, blueberry, cherry, peach, etc.
- Chocolate covered pretzels, or nuts
- Special requests for sugar-free or gluten-free desserts

The bake sale table gets covered with all the desserts mixed together so please put a label on each item so we know what it is. Also, please be sure to note if a product has nuts, sugar-free or gluten-free.

Please deliver your baked goods "bake sale ready" (wrapped as individual or batch to display and sell), Please drop off all baked goods in the lobby of the St. Joseph High School Field House between **Noon – 4:00 pm on Friday**, Nov 3rd. Or between 8:00 am – 10:00 am on Saturday morning Nov 4th.

If you are not able to participate, your \$15-\$20 cash donation is always welcome. Just indicate "Bake Sale" on the memo line of your check and give to Lions Jackie, Claudia, or our Club's Treasurer Lion David Offord.

Please give this notice to the baker in your family today so they have time to plan and prepare for another great bake sale.

Thank you!!!

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

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\$250 per

District

50,154



NOVEMBER 13, 2023

Antwerp Township Activity Center

24821 Front St, Mattawan

Leader Dogs for the Blind

Make check to: Leader Dogs for the Blind

Eversight

Make check to

Eversight

All State Band

Make check to All State Band District Diabetes Project

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

Camp Leo

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

Kidsight

Make check to LMSF with Kidsight on the memo line

Lions of Michigan Service Foundation

Make check to LMSF

DEA 10096

Bring your Leo Clubs!

Great Eyeglass Challenge - 5:30-6:00

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

Pediatric Cancer Project

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

LCIF

Make check to LCIF

Youth Exchange

Make checks to Youth Exchange

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



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

LIONS OF DISTRICT 11B2



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

LIONS OF MICHIGAN FOUNDATION—2024 GROUP CRUISE

ROYAL CARIBBEAN - NAVIGATOR OF THE SEAS
7-Night Cruise: February 2 - February 9, 2024
ROUNDTRIP FROM LOS ANGELES, CA
Cabo San Lucas, Mazatlan and Puerto Vallarta, Mexico

PRICING: 2 PEOPLE - \$50 ONBOARD CREDIT PER ROOM

4V - Interior Stateroom: \$1,240.00 + \$268.68 Taxes/Fees + \$224.00 Gratuity

Stateroom Size: 150 square fee - occupancy up to 4 guests

4N - Ocean View Stateroom: \$1,690.00 + \$268.68 Taxes/Fees + \$224.00 Gratuity

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

2D - Balcony Stateroom: \$2,418.00 + \$268.68 Taxes/Fees + \$224.00 Gratuity
Stateroom Size: 185 square feet + 50 square feet balcony - occupancy up to 4 guests





☐ I would like an Interior Stateroom for Adults and Children (Age 12 or under).
☐ I would like an Oceanview Stateroom for Adults and Children (Age 12 or under).
☐ I would like a Balcony Stateroom for Adults and Children (Age 12 or Under).
Stateroom Deposit - \$250 Per Person: Check Credit/Debit Card Pay Pal (info@lmsf.net)
Credit/Debit Card Number:
Expiration Date: CVV Code: Zip Code:
Signature:
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Birth Date:
Mailing Address:
City/State:
Telephone: Email:

5730 Executive Drive - Lansing, Michigan 48911 - 517-887-6640 - 517-887-6642 (Fax) - info@lmsf.net



38th ANNUAL Sight & Hearing Sweepstakes A GUARANTEED Fundraiser

GREAT PRIZES

1st-\$5,000 - 2nd-\$2,500 - 3rd-\$2,000 4th- \$1,500 - 5th-\$1,000 - 6th-\$500 7th-\$400 - 8th-\$300 - 9th-\$200 - 10th-\$100

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
MD 11 Convention - Grand Rapids, MI

The PRICE is RIGHT \$10.00 Per Ticket

Attention-Attention-Attention

Do you have a friend or relative who has everything?

What better gift could you give than one that helps those in need? For a gift of \$10, you can buy a Sight & Hearing Sweepstakes ticket for a friend or family member, providing them with a chance to win several cash prizes, including the grand prize of \$5,000.

Upon receipt of your gift, we will mail a sweepstakes ticket stub and sweepstakes information to your honoree with a card acknowledging your gift.



Imsf.net - Ihcmi.org

Lions of Michigan Founda 38th Annual Sight & Heari		kes
Donation Amount: \$		_
Donor's Name(s):		
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COMING SOON SAVE THE DATE LIONS & LEOS



Delta Marriott - Convention Center 2747 S 11th Street, Kalamazoo, MI

BRING YOUR FAMILY!

CHILDREN MEAL PRICES

BOOK YOUR ROOM NOW FOR \$139 AT BOOK YOUR

GROUP RATE FOR DISTRICT 11B2 LIONS

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CONVENTION SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



Friday Evening Dinner 500.00 Saturday Lunch 500.00 Saturday Evening 500.00 Banquet

ENTERTAINMENT

Friday Entertainment 1000.00

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HOSPITALITY

Hospitality 150.00

CONVENTION BOOK ADVERTISING

 Full Page Ad
 100.00

 Half Page Ad
 50.00

 1/4 Page Ad
 25.00

SPONSORSHIPS DUE BY 11/30/23

Contact Us

(269) 303-0731 cheftammie@gmail.com All sponsorships will include a full page ad.





PEAGE



Dare to Dream

2023-2024
LIONS INTERNATIONAL
PEACE POSTER CONTEST

BRINGING PEACE TO THE WORLD, THROUGH ONE CHILD AT A TIME

Congratulations! Your son or daughter is creating a work of art that depicts what peace is by participating in the Lions International Peace Poster Contest.

Portage Lions Club

Lions Club is sponsoring the contest at

Portage District Library; 300 Libray Ln, Portage 49002

(school or youth group name)

By entering this contest, your child is joining more than 600,000 children from around the world in sharing his or her vision of world peace. The contest is open to children who will be 11, 12 or 13 on November 15, 2023. Contestants are asked to create a poster that visually communicates the contest's theme, "Dare to Dream." This event offers an opportunity for you and others to discuss what peace looks like from the eyes of your child.

FANTASTIC AWARDS!

One international grand prize winner will receive US\$5,000 (or local equivalent) and an award. In addition, the grand prize winner, two family members (one being a parent or legal guardian) and the sponsoring club president are invited to attend an award ceremony. The 23 merit award winners will each receive US\$500 (or local equivalent) and a certificate of achievement.

WHO ARE WE?

Lions Clubs International is the world's largest service club organization, with 1.4 million members in more than 48,000 clubs in over 200 countries and geographical areas. In addition to our efforts toward conquering blindness, we have also made a strong commitment to community service and helping youth throughout the world.

NEED MORE INFO?

To view the finalist posters or to download a video, visit the Lions Clubs International website at lionsclubs.org/peaceposter. Share your child's artwork on social media with #peaceposter.

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DEADLINE -Saturday, Nov.4 TH, 2023



CHECK OUT OUR PAST WINNERS

For more information please contact Lion Joey at (269) 816-1266 or email joeyellen.hamilton@yahoo.com







PEAGE

POSTER

Dare to Dream

2023-2024
LIONS INTERNATIONAL
PEACE POSTER CONTEST

CONTEST RULES & CONDITIONS

Entries not meeting the rules and conditions listed below will be disqualified:

- · The contest's theme is "Dare to Dream."
- Only a Lions club can sponsor the contest in a local school or organized, sponsored youth group, such as YMCA programs, Boys & Girls Clubs, Scouts, etc. Note:
 The contest cannot be held in youth groups that a Lions club sponsors, such as a Leo club or Scout unit. However, individual members of those groups (such as Leos or Scouts) may participate if the contest is held at their schools or other organized youth groups.
- The contest is open to students who will be 11, 12 or 13 years of age on November 15, 2023. Eligible birth dates are November 16, 2009 through November 15, 2012.
- Artwork must be no smaller than 13 inches by 20 inches (33 centimeters by 50 centimeters) and no larger than 20 inches by 24 inches (50 centimeters by 60 centimeters).
 Do not mat or frame artwork.
- Only one entry per student per year, and each entry must be the work of only one student.
- All artwork must be the individual student's original creation. Duplications are not accepted.
- All media are accepted. Note: Chalk, charcoal and pastel entries should be sealed with a fixative spray to prevent smearing. Do not laminate entries.
- Three-dimensional entries will not be accepted. Nothing may be glued, stapled or attached to the artwork in any way.
- The use of lettering or numbering on the front of the poster, in any language, is not allowed. All artist signatures or initials should be written on the back of the poster.
- Artwork should be done on a flexible material so it can be rolled for shipping in a mailing tube. Do not fold poster.

DEADLINE - SATURDAY, NOV.4 TH, 2023



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BUCHANAN-GALIEN



The Buchanan-Galien Lions Club held their annual Member Guest Steak Fry at Lion Tom Gordons on Thursday September 7th. Good fellowship, steak, sweet corn, and all the fixings were enjoyed at the beautiful St. Joe Riverfront setting. Lion Mark Skene welcomed the Lions, guests and future members and filled them in on planned upcoming Lions events. Special Thanks to the Gordon's for hosting and to all of those making food and planning the event.

The Buchanan-Galien Lions held their 6th Annual Kayak Poker Run on Sunday September



10th on the St Joe River.It was a picture perfect day, everyone who participated had a great time, and there was even an eagle sighting along the way. The run went from the Buchanan boat launch to



the Lake Chapin Camp Betz facility and Buchanan Meadows assisted with transportation between the sites.

The 47 kayaks/participants were monitored by the Buchanan Township and Berrien County Water Rescue units and a couple of Lions boats. Several BHS football players and Boy Scout Troop 541 provided manpower assistance in loading and transporting kayaks at the end of the route.

A cookout, raffle and prizes for the top poker hands were waiting at Camp Betz for all participants and helpers.

Thanks to all who helped make this another successful Lions event!

Buchanan-Galien Lions Club- Serving our communities for 89+ years- and still going strong!



BUCHANAN LEOs

The Buchanan Leo's completed their first project for the new school year by cleaning out the upstairs at the Buchanan Common and weeding two flower beds at the Tin Shop.

(Max Arbanas, Geneva Tabor, CeCe Taylor, Emma Miller, Adi Dombrowski, Carolyn Young, Bella Krueger)



KAL-HAVEN TRAIL

Kal Haven and Lions of Michigan Foundation Help Local Family Recover From Fire

Tim and Jody Tinney lost everything in a recent house fire. Within hours the Kal Haven Lions provided them with \$500 cash for food and clothing. With the help of Kal Haven Lion Dave Mead and Lions of Michigan Foundation officers Jeff and Julie Mayuiers the Tinneys received a \$2500 check to help with expenses not covered by insurance.



Bloomingdale Octoberfest

Approximately 250 youngsters enjoyed the Kal Haven fishing pond where they would cast over the "fish pond" barrier where Lions behind the barrier would attach a prize to the "hook" and signal to retrieve it by yanking on the line.





LAKESHORE



In loving memory, Bob Cooley sits on a bench lovingly dedicated to his late wife, Nancy Cooley (1939-2022). Nancy's journey with the Lakeshore Lions Club began in 2004, and her enthusiasm led Bob to join as well. Within the club, Nancy actively participated in numerous events and generously sharing her time and spirit.

Together, Nancy and Bob became the gracious hosts of the club's summer picnic and Christmas Party, transforming their home into a festive wonderland adorned with Christmas villages and twinkling lights. Nancy's generous heart extended beyond the club, as she organized an annual Toys for Tots collection, spreading joy to the less fortunate.

Her dedication to serving her community didn't stop there; Nancy also selflessly volunteered at Lakeland Hospitals, where she eventually rose to the prestigious role of President of Volunteers. Her kindness and unwavering commitment touched the lives of many.

Nancy's legacy lives on through the love and memories she shared with all who knew her. You can find Nancy's bench nestled between the Lincoln Township Library and the Community Center on Roosevelt Road, a lasting tribute to a remarkable woman.



The Lakeshore Lions participated in the 2023 Stevensville Community Fun Day. We thank everyone who came out to join the fun and all the volunteers and sponsors who made the event possible.

The B2 Beacon



11B-2 CLUB NEWS

LAWTON



Wine, wine chips & gift baskets oh my! What a great evening with 13 wineries and wine chips. Thanks to our wineries, sponsors and patrons to help make our 30th Annual Wine Tasting a success. Our Club and the Heritage Museum appreciate the support



MATTAWAN

The Mattawan Lions Club's September Program Night featured a talk by two sisters who are members of the Lions of Michigan All-State Band, Geneva and Anja Tabor. Geneva plays alto sax and Anja specializes on the Tuba (the club enjoyed a performance by Anja on her tuba that won her a trip to the state solo and ensemble finals).



In 1978, the Lions of Michigan All-State Band was formed as a musical ensemble to accompany the incoming Lions International President, Ralph A. Lynam, who happened to be from St. John's, Michigan. Since its inception, the band has attended and performed at the annual Lions Clubs International convention each year by marching in the Lions International Parade, with more than 10,000 delegates in attendance.

Geneva spoke of her trip to Boston to perform this past Summer with thre band, which was a great experience. Both musicians are now trying to raise money in order to accompany the band on their scheduled trip next year to Austrailia.



MATTAWAN (cont)

Students are responsible for paying their own tour fee. They may approach local Lions Clubs, band boosters, service clubs, and other community organizations for financial assistance. However, funds not raised through these efforts must be paid by the individual band members.

Auditions to join the band are still open with the deadline being December 15, 2023. For more information about the upcoming Austrailia tour in 2024 & the auditioning process, go to:

https://www.lionsmiband.org/tour.

If you wish to donate directly to Geneva and Anja, you can contact them at geneva.g.tabor@gmail.com

The Mattawan Lions will also be hosting a Halloween Party to celebrate their 65th Anniversary October 25th at the Antwerp Activity Center (see flyer this issue).

The Mattawan LEO Club will be hosting their Annual Food Drive at Wagoner's Grocery Store in Mattawan to benefit the Mattawan Area Pantry (MAP) on November 4th from 9am-4pm. Please stop by and make a food donation or a financial donation which goes much farther.

Mattawan Area Pantry



neighbors helping neighbors

PAW PAW

September was a busy month in Paw Paw!

We welcomed new Lion Gene Sahr to our pride. He jumped in to serve with both feet right from the start, even before the start. Lion Gene was helping us sell ducks at Walmart before he officially was voted in. He is a great addition to our club.



Pictured left to right: Lion Dave Wilder (sponsor), Lion Gene Sahr, PDG Fran Grabowski (induction ceremony)

September 8, 9 & 10 brought the Paw Paw Lions to the Wine & Harvest Festival.

We held our annual duck race on Sunday, Sept. 10, dropping a record 1,950 ducks into the stream at Warner Vineyards. We are so thankful to our sponsors And those who bought ducks so that we can give every penny raised to the year's two beneficiaries: Luc's Light Youth Music & Arts Foundation and Wings Of God Transition Home for Women.

The Lions also manned two parking lots to raise some money. It was a busy, but productive weekend.

The B2 Beacon



11B-2 CLUB NEWS

PAW PAW (cont)



Our 1950 ducks were Washed, sorted, counted and put away for next year.



PORTAGE

On September 16, Portage Lions Club of Michigan once again spent their weekend sorting Pill Bottles to be donated to Matthew 25: Ministries in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Pill Bottle Donations:

Portage Lions Club accepts donations of empty plastic pill bottles.



The pill bottle program fulfills the dual needs of improving medical care in developing countries and caring for our environment.

Acceptable collection items include:

- Prescription and over-the-counter pill bottles
- Large and small pill bottles

Pill bottle donations should adhere to the following guidelines:

- Bottles must have an all-plastic lid.
- Bottles should be sorted by color and type.
- All labels should be removed, leaving no glue or residue.
- All bottles and lids should be washed in very hot



PORTAGE (cont)

water and dish soap, rinsed, and dried thoroughly.

- Caps should be placed back onto clean, dried bottles.
- Clean, recapped bottles should be placed into large resealable bags marked "Clean Bottles.



SOUTH HAVEN-BLACK RIVER

Thank you to everyone who made it out to our BBQ on the Bluff. We had a great turn out and Lion Cub Zoey sold a record number of 50/50 tickets!



SOUTH HAVEN-BLACK RIVER

We are proud sponsors of the South Haven Rocket Football & Cheer where our own Lion Cub Zoey is a cheerleader.



We have also donated to support our South Haven Area Emergency Services.



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 Aftrica
Belguim	France	Israel	Sri Lanka
Brasil	Hungary	Italy	Turkey
Canada	Japan		
Denmark	Mexico		



ST. JOSEPH



For the St. Joe Lions Club program in September, Lion Dave Koch introduced Jamie Rossow, Executive Director, Children's Advocacy Center of Southwest Michigan. Jamie has been with the Center for fourteen years,

There are 41 Chapters if Children's Advocacy in Michigan. The Southwest chapter serves Berrien, Cass and VanBuren Counties. National studies show that one in ten children will experience sexual abuse or exploitation before age 18. Seventy percent of those are 10 years old or younger. Ninety percent know their abuser, 60% are family members.

Forensic interview is a large part of the Center's services. The Center has three interviewers. While only one person conducts the interview, several other individuals listen and observe the interview behind viewing glass. Some of the agen-

cies represented are law enforcement, child protective services, prosecutors, and medical personnel. Interviews provided are legally sound, non-leading and conducted by a highly trained interviewer in a child friendly environment. Another service performed by the center is medical exams. The examinations are conducted on



Lion President Schreiber presents donation to the Center

the Center's site in a child-oriented environment reducing the potential trauma of a hospital setting. Forensic nurse examiners are well trained and knowledgeable and provided through collaboration with Spectrum Lakeland Healthcare. In 2015 medical treatment services was also added. These services include mental health and therapy.

LIONS OF MICHIGAN

2023 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, 2023**Location R. A. MacMullan Center

104 Conservation Drive Roscommon, MI 48653

Questions? Email 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. Arrival Saturday, November 4, registration 10:30-11:30 with lunch following

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. Arrival Friday, November 3, after 4:30pm with dinner following.

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 preparation
Adult learners
Interactive learning

Training environment Session management Delivery skills

Application form Lions Leadership Institute and Faculty Development Institute

Deadline: October 13, 2023

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

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	OR REGISTRATION IS OCTOBER 13, 2023			

A CANCELLATION FEE OF \$150.00 WILL APPLY AFTER OCTOBER 3, 2023

LIONS OF DISTRICT 11B2



GENERAL NEWS!



Mattawan 30 OCT 1958 65 Years Benton Harbor-Fairplain 31 OCT 34 89 Years

Congratulations to these 11B-2 clubs for 154 combined years of service to their communities & the world!

DISTRICT 11B-2 ZONE CHAIR MAP

