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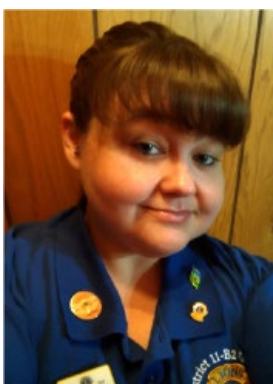
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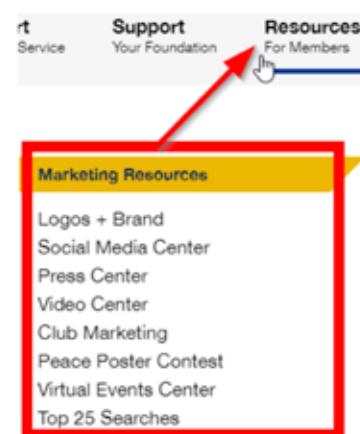
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FROM THE GOVERNOR'S DESK



It's hard to believe August is over already! I had a great month visiting club events and meetings and look forward to more visits with all of you in the future. I have pictures of some of my visits to follow. Check out the upcoming events for the district and individual club events and attend as much as possible to learn from and support your fellow Lions.

Membership is something we are all working on, not just to grow the organization but to have a bigger impact on our community service. The more hands we have the more we can do! I'm always looking for ways to attract new members to our clubs and two of the main ways to do so are through service and marketing. When we are out doing a service project or holding a fundraiser the community sees us and can ask questions. Make sure you are planning regular events no matter how small to get your clubs out in the community so people know you are there. When you can't be out in the community find ways to market your club so people are still seeing that there is a local Lions club they may want to join. Make stickers to hand out to kids, sunglasses, Frisbees, bags, pens, and other small things you can give away at events to keep your club's name circulating the community. Members wear your pin, put a Lions Club window cling on your car, etc. Yard signs with catchy service phrases on them with your logo and a QR code to your clubs Facebook so people can reach you. Keep your social media updated. Brochures anywhere you can put them that are specific to your club or a general Lions brochure with your club contact information on them. If you need help making any of these happen don't hesitate to reach out to me and I would love to help your club.



FREE SUPPLIES!! Did you know you can order different brochures for no charge? I was reading one of our recent emails from international and it brought me to this link [Membership Development Resources Order Form \(jotform.com\)](http://jotform.com) . You can add any brochures your club needs to your cart and at check out it just asks for your mailing information and which club is ordering. I tested it out and received a package full of brochures in less than a week! Get yours now to help market your club. You can also find many other helpful marketing resources on Resource Center | Lions Clubs International .



FROM THE GOVERNOR'S DESK (cont)



Buchanan-Galien Lions had a great Sausage and Corn roast! Leo Geneva and her sister are also getting a running start to raise money for their Lions of Michigan All-State Band trip to Australia next year! Check out the awesome sign they have posted at events advertising their club!



Bangor Lions gave cub Zoey and I a rose at our visit. It's always great to visit Bangor where I started as a Leo.

Portage Lions presented cub Zoey with a Portage Lions Club Monopoly game. I love seeing the different ways clubs are marketing to the public. They also have pens and sicky note pads with their club name on them.



PCC (GMT) Jeff Mayuiers installed our 2023-2024 cabinet at our August cabinet meeting. He even installed cub Zoey as the official cabinet cub and heart of the District Governor. It's going to be an awesome Lion year!!



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GOVERNOR AMY'S CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 2023

- Sept 7 Sister Lakes Club visit
Sept 13 Lawrence Club visit
Sept 14 (6 – 8 pm) Presidents Dinner – *Paw Paw Lions Club*
Sept. 21-23 USA/Canada Leadership Forum, *Reno, Nevada, USA*

OCTOBER 2023

- Oct 6-7 Council of Governors – *Tree Tops Resort, Gaylord*
Oct 9 Vicksburg Club visit
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 the "Calendar" on the district's website:

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

District 11B-2 Service Project for
PEDIATRIC CANCER AWARENESS

September is Pediatric Cancer Awareness Month!

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/>

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

Also, please help share with local hair dressers!

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





GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP TEAM / GLOBAL LEADERSHIP TEAM



Fellow Lions,

Our new International President Dr. Patti Hill's theme this year is "Changing the World", followed by District Governor Amy Thackston's theme of "Share It".

Well in order for those to have an impact the pressure rests solely on all of us in District 11-B2. It's time for us to SHINE! People have made it through COVID and now more than ever everyone realizes we must pull together and help each other. It's the optimal time for us to let everyone in our communities learn about Lions and what we do!

I encourage all of you to hold an information night. Take out a newspaper ad, or Facebook post or work with your Chamber of Commerce, but let people know we are looking for members that want to volunteer to make the communities they live in a better place to be! You can hold it wherever you feel you will get the most attendance. Make it fun, make it informational but most of all make it about them!

If you are not sure about how to undertake a fun informational membership meeting contact GET/PDG Fran Grabowski or me, and rest assured we're more than willing to give you a hand.

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269-254-1936

GET/PDG Fran Grabowski
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It's back to school for the children to learn new things this year and Lions are joining right along on that same path. Our International President Dr. Patti Hill has introduced MISSION 1.5.

MISSION 1.5 is a dedicated effort by every Lion in every club in every district in every country! We have committed the next four years to reaching this historic Lions Clubs membership goal! It's going to take teamwork and every Lion will play an important part. If we all do our parts we can grow Lions Clubs to extraordinary new heights, serving an untold number of people in need.

LCI has prepared many resources for you to help us achieve this mission and these can be found by going to [lionsclubs.org](https://www.lionsclubs.org) and in the search bar type Mission 1.5 or simply click here <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/mission-to-grow>.

I encourage every member to take a look at this page on the website and see how you and your club can join in the benefits of MISSION 1.5!

IPDG/GLT Julie Mayuiers





We Serve

PROJECT KIDSIGHT

Lions of Michigan Foundation PROJECT KIDSIGHT



Project KidSight is ready to roll as several schools have already contacted Tanda & Dave Stiffler to schedule their schools for PKS vision screening. Here is our calendar for the end of SEPTEMBER, then September and October.

SEPTEMBER 25th – Nottawa Community School

SEPTEMBER 28th – Edwardsburg Eagle Lake School Open House

SEPTEMBER 29th – Edwardsburg Intermediate School Open House

SEPTEMBER 30th – Edwardsburg Primary School Open House

SEPTEMBER 30th – Vicksburg High School

September 12th – Bangor Public Schools

September 14th – Colon Community Schools

September 15th – Lawrence Public Schools

September 20th – Indian Lake School in Vicksburg

September 21st – Sam Adam's Elementary School in Cassopolis

October 2nd, 4th, 6th – Mattawan Schools

October 9th to 12th – Paw Paw Public Schools

This is a lot of schools to start early this fall. We

have many more that want us to come but first we need to take care of these schools and not burn out our volunteers. In most cases, we try to schedule two or three screening events for one week. A couple of the schools requested we come in and screen all in one week so as not to disrupt the students day.



I can't express enough how fortunate our 11B2 District is to find volunteers that volunteer in a pinch when I need to fill up a team to go into the school. Our great selling point is we come in with several cameras, screen the students and be out before their lunch hours begin. But more importantly, we, the Lions of Michigan, will take care of a student who needs to see an eye doctor but financially the parents may not have the money to get them to an eye doctor and/or get them glasses. WE, the Lion Clubs of our District, are committed to making sure every child will be taken care of if the need is there.

I do believe there are angels walking on this earth to help those in need. Our volunteers are proof of that, and I find it an honor to work beside them.

Respectfully Submitted,
11B2 PKS Coordinators,
Lion Tanda & David Stiffler



PLEASE JOIN US FOR 11-B2'S DISTRICT GOVERNOR APPRECIATION DINNER FOR IPDG JULIE MAYUIERS



We Serve

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)

Centreville Lions Club
PRESENTS

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

DONATIONS ACCEPTED!
All Proceeds for the
Nottawa Community
School

SEPT. 9, 2023 | 8AM - 11AM
26438 M-86, NOTTAWA, MI



**SOUTH HAVEN
BLACK RIVER LIONS CLUB**

PROUDLY PRESENTS

B-B-Q ON THE BLUFF



Saturday, Sept. 9, 2023

4:00 - 10:00 PM

American Legion Post #49

129 Michigan Ave.

South Haven

FOOD, FUN

4:00-8:00 pm

SILENT AUCTION

4:00-8:00 pm

50/50 DRAWINGS

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

TICKETS

\$10.00 PRE-BUY

\$15.00 AT THE DOOR DAY OF THE EVENT

5 YEARS AND UNDER FREE

\$5.00 CHRG FOR ENTERTAINMENT ONLY W/O MEAL

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON PRE-BUY TICKETS

CALL CAROL BLACKSTON 269-906-5297

WHERE TO PURCHASE TICKETS:

WOLVERINE ACE HARDWARE

SOUTH HAVEN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

AMERICAN LEGION POST #49, SOUTH HAVEN

CLUB PRESIDENTS

Your presence is requested at the
**Governor's & President's Advisory
Council Dinner!**



Thursday, Sept 14, 2023

Taco Bar Dinner: 6:00 PM

Presentation/Activities: 6:30 - 8:00 PM

at the Paw Paw Lions Club

59050 County Road 665, Paw Paw

RSVP to CS Tammie at cheftammie@gmail.com or
269-303-0731 by Sept. 10, 2023.



BANGOR LIONS CLUB



CAR SHOW AT THE BANGOR APPLE FESTIVAL

CAR SHOW



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2023

**PRE-REGISTER BEFORE
SEPTEMBER 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/lionsclubbangormichigan>

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.

Name: _____

Address: _____

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: _____

If you have been a participant in the past – what was the last year you attended _____

Pre-registration by September 30 - \$10 for each vehicle. Total Enclosed: \$ _____

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 Bangor Fire Department, 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

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.

**STOP BY
PORTAGE LIONS CLUB
TENT FOR
FREE VISION SCREENING
& CANDY**



PORTAGE LIONS CLUB





We Serve



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The Mattawan Lions Club invites you to their annual

★ ★ ★ KING OF CRAFTS ★ ★ ★

CRAFT SHOW

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH, 2023

Antwerp Activity Center

24821 Front St. Mattawan, MI 49071

9am-2pm

FREE ADMISSION! UNIQUE GIFTS!

CONCESSIONS!

**Proceeds will benefit
the Mattawan Area
Pantry Christmas
Distribution**



**Scan QR code to register
as a vendor**

LIONS OF MICHIGAN FOUNDATION—2024 GROUP CRUISE
ROYAL CARIBBEAN - NAVIGATOR OF THE SEAS
7-Night Cruise: February 2 - February 9, 2024
ROUNDRIP 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 feet - 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: _____

Legal Names: _____ - Birth Date: _____

_____ - Birth Date: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City/State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____



LIONS INTERNATIONAL

PEACE POSTER

2023-2024

LIONS INTERNATIONAL
PEACE POSTER CONTEST

Dare to Dream

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.

The **Portage 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





LIONS INTERNATIONAL

PEACE 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

#PeacePoster on Social



Congratulations to 13 year old Trinity Hagan of Fort Reubin for winning the 2023-23 Most Award for the @BlomfieldPeacePosterContest. Trinity's poster was ranked in the top 23 of over 400,000 global...



Congratulations to the 7th graders who won the local Swift Lions Club International Peace Poster competition.

1st place: Kara Osborn
Alternates: Bella Jones, Ivy Bacon, Ryanna...



Congratulations to Rayne Martin for her winning artwork for the '22-'23 North Lakehigh Lions Club Peace Poster contest. Thank you to Jane Watson and Lions Club President, David Fish.



Congratulations! PCMS Art club participated in the annual Lions Club International Peace Poster contest. The theme was "Live with Compassion." Plainfield Lions Club celebrated the winner at the annual Night of Giving. ...



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





11B-2 CLUB NEWS

BENTON HARBOR-FAIRPLAIN



We had a wonderful summer night picnic at Lion Karen Bouwman's home and our officers were installed by PDG Don Brown.

Picture from L to R—Brian Street—Lion Tamer, PDG Don Brown, Ralph Williams-Membership Chair, Andy Menchinger—Director & Program Chairman, Karen Bouwman-Secretary, Michelle Alger-Secretary, Herb Kroening-Immediate Past President, Al Vredberg-President



Past President Andy Menchinger presented a \$1000 check from the Benton Harbor-Fairplain Lions Club Foundation to the Benton Harbor HS Athletic Department towards the purchase of a new scorers table for the Don Farnum Gym at Benton Harbor High School. Accepting the donation is Michael VanHoven-Athletic Director at Benton Harbor High School.

BUCHANAN-GALIEN

The Buchanan-Galien Lions held their 4th Annual Kickball Tournament at the Buchanan High School ladies softball field on Saturday morning 8/12/23. Three adult teams (kids at heart) had a blast in spite of the less than ideal weather and field conditions(?) Four very brave BHS Ladies Softball Players endured the elements to umpire the games.



Lion Michelle Holloway's team won and the YMCA and Portage Road General Baptist Church teams tied for second place. At the end of the day there were a lot of muddy players with smiling faces that agreed "it was the best tournament ever!"





11B-2 CLUB NEWS

BUCHANAN-GALIEN (cont)



The Buchanan-Galien Lions and Leo's participated in Camp Leo on SEPTEMBER 1st. This very special event is one that our club looks forward to each year.



On SEPTEMBER 26th the club hosted our Annual Corn and Sausage Roast at the Buchanan Commons. Lions District Governor Amy and her family visited and supported the fundraising event. Thank you to our many supply donors, the community, Lions, LEO's, and volunteers for your ongoing support!

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





11B-2 CLUB NEWS

BUCHANAN-GALIEN (cont)

The Village of Galien recently expanded their new city park with gazebo to include a memorial brick walkway. The Buchanan-Galien Lions bought a brick for placement in the walkway in remembrance of the many years that the Galien Lions served their community before merging with the Buchanan Lions Club.



Thanks to all of the Lions Clubs and individuals who supported Buchanan Leo Geneva (Gigi) Tabor making it possible for her to be a part of the Lions of Michigan All- State Band. Gigi (4th from the left in the front row) shown practicing before this very exciting travel and performance experience.





11B-2 CLUB NEWS

MATTAWAN

The Mattawan Lions Club is getting ready for their “2nd Annual King of Crafts”, craft show on November 4. The money raised will help purchase toys for the Mattawan Area Pantry Christmas distribution where the club runs the toy department. There are



around 200 families that come in and pick out gifts for their children for free. The club has been doing this for many years and is one of the highlights of the year.



The club is also working on getting back to having their Sr/Veterans Expo in May of 2024! This event has been on hiatus since covid and so we are all excited to be able to do this event again.



Mattawan Lions Charter Representative, Nancy Garman, awarded gifts to newly honored Eagle Scouts of Troop 161. These tokens symbolize not only our community's appreciation but also the unwavering support and commitment we hold for these young leaders. Their journey to achieving the Eagle Scout rank is a testament to their dedication, perseverance, and invaluable contributions to society.

Due to a heavy morning fog, not a lot of planes flew in for the Fly-In breakfast but we had a lot of people anyway! Great work my fellow Lions, we were very busy and all did great!





11B-2 CLUB NEWS

PAW PAW



Our club gave away school supplies at the Paw Paw Upper and Lower Elementary School open houses. We always have a popular table and lots of kids left us with happy faces. We were also excited to see the ribbon cutting ceremony on the new book vending machine that we donated the money to buy. It was part of a local Girl Scout's Gold Project. This machine allows kids to get free books to keep! The kids can earn tokens for working hard, getting good grades, doing acts of kindness, etc. What a great way to build character.



This picture was taken at the end of the night. The kids wiped out our supplies. Pictured: PDG Fran and Lion Tammie Grabowski, Lions Deb and Brit-tany Gossett and a happy student who wanted to join our picture.

A \$1,000 donation was given to the Paw Paw Fire Department for the building of a training facility that will be named after fallen Paw Paw Fire-fighter Quillen.



Pictured: Asst Fire Chief Kyle Richardson, Chief Lion Jim DeGroff and Lion President Vickie Lietzau.

PAW PAW WINE & HARVEST FESTIVAL

It's all hands on deck for the Wine & Harvest Festival which will take place on September 8, 9 & 10. This year, the Paw Paw Lions will be manning two parking locations (Tapper Ford and Chevy lots) as well as our annual Duck Race. Come see us, say hello, but some ducks! The duck race will take place on Sunday, Sept. 10 after the parade at Warner Vineyard.



11B-2 CLUB NEWS

PORTAGE

Bracelets Fundraiser



Join us at Celery Flats Historical Area

7335 Garden Lane, Portage, Michigan 49024

Friday, September 22, 4:30 - 7Pm

Crystal Beads Bracelet \$10.00 each

Additional charms are sold at \$1.00 each

Contact: Lions Elvie or Alyssa Marfil @ 818-800-1060 or
email: epmarfil5@gmail.com

Portage Lions Club of Michigan embarked a
new fundraising event to support

Visually Impaired

Environment

Childhood Cancer

Disaster Relief

Diabetes

Humanitarian Relief

Hunger

Youth



Youth Camps and Exchange (YCE) has programs all around the world and is designed for young people

between the ages of 15 and 22 to create and foster a spirit of understanding among peoples of the world.

By providing an avenue for global fellowship, the YCE program aims to help youth initiate, grow and maintain international relationships promoting cultural education and international peace

For more information about the YCE program, click on the icon.

JOIN THE PORTAGE LIONS CLUB OF MICHIGAN



Childhood Cancer



Diabetes



Environment



Hunger



Vision



Disaster Relief



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Lions Club International is the BEST KEPT SECRET and LARGEST SERVICE ORGANIZATION the world over! Lions Clubs International members meet the needs of their local communities and impact the world at large. Our 1.4 million members, who perform community service in more than 200 countries and geographic areas, are different in many ways, but share a core belief...

Community is what we make it!

The Portage Lions Club of Michigan has been serving the community for more than 60 years. Our members are involved in projects such as collecting eyeglasses and pill bottles for missionaries, fundraising for charitable giving, supporting local community needs and providing extensive assistance to those impacted by natural disasters.

Ask yourself these questions:

- ▶ Are you interested in serving your community?
- ▶ Are you interested in having the opportunity to network with key people in your community?
- ▶ Are you interested in meeting people and having fun?

The Portage Lions want to expand our service projects, *and we would like you to be a part of our team!*

We would like to personally invite you to join us at:

*City Gate Church
308 W. Milham
Portage, MI 49024*



Our Next OPEN Meetings are scheduled for:
Saturday, September 16, 2023 at 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Saturday, October 21, 2023 at 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Saturday, November 18, 2023 at 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

For More information please contact: Elvie Marfil at 818-800-1060

Regular Monthly Meetings are scheduled as follows:
1st Wednesday of every month 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
3rd Saturday of every month 10:00 am- 12:00 pm (noon)



11B-2 CLUB NEWS

ST. JOSEPH



For St. Joe's July 22 program, Lion Dave Koch introduced Rachael Hedge, Para-Medic and EMT Alexandra Arrans with Medic 1. Medic 1's Mission Statement is "Our Mission is to provide the highest quality emergency and non-emergency medical treatment and transportation to the communities we serve while promoting community involvement, individual employee growth and fiscal responsibility."

From six locations they currently serve the cities or Benton Harbor, Bridgman, New Buffalo, and St. Joseph; the townships of Baroda, Benton, Berrien, Chikaming, Lake, Lincoln, New Buffalo, Oronoko, Royalton, Sodus, St. Joseph, Watervliet, and Weesaw; and the Village of Berrien Springs. Medic 1 was founded in 1977 and responded to 3,797 calls. Now they average 29,000/year. Their Emergency Services include Advanced life support, 911 ambulance services, and critical care and specialty care transports.

Their non-emergency services include wheelchair transportation, standby services at concerts, festivals, sporting events, etc.; and education to schools and community members.

Rachael and Alex closed the presentation with a "tour" of the emergency vehicle and equipment.



At the St. Joe Lions August 24th meeting, area football coaches received checks from Lion President Schreiber. From left - Sharks Pete Murphy, Bears Andrew Pratley, Tigers Ryan Casey

The St. Joseph Lions Club August board meeting covered quite a bit of ground.

In Budget and Finance, Treasurer Lion Offord presented the final financial statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023 followed by introducing the 2023-24 budget. Other areas covered were Membership and Attendance, Scholarships, Sight Conservation, Basketball Tournament, the Annual Craft Show in November, External Marketing, Camp Leo, Social & Recreation, Civic Improvements, Ambassadors, and Meetings and Programs.



LEO CLUB NEWS

MATTAWAN LEOs



The Mattawan LEO Club recently had a table at the Wildcat Bash event at Mattawan High School and they also helped the Lion's club with wrapping silverware for our upcoming fly-in breakfast. What a big help they are! They are getting ready for their first meeting coming up in September and planning out their year.

BUCHANAN LEOs

A few of the Buchanan Leo's sold refreshments and snow cones at the Lions Corn and Sausage Roast and community concert held on August 26th. Thanks to all for supporting our LEO's (future Lions) and all of their community service projects.



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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 environment
Training preparation	Session management
Adult learners	Delivery skills
Interactive learning	

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

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, 2023

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



IMPORTANT NEWS!



Hartford

September 6, 1946

77 Years

Congratulations to these 11B-2 clubs for 314 combined years of service to their communities & the world!



In Memoriam: Ron Jacobs from Sister Lakes Lions

His wife's name is Betsy and cards can be sent to:

66869 LAKESHORE DRIVE
DOWAGIAC, MI 49047-8856
UNITED STATES



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NEW MEMBER INDUCTION KITS



We wanted to make all Club Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers aware that they may order New Member Induction Kits – SKU - NM10EN – FREE through the lionsclubs.org website “shop”. It is suggested each club order them in increments of 10 at a time. Do keep in mind that LCI will not ship large quantities to clubs, especially if clubs are not adding new members to their rosters.

Kit is designed for presentation to new members which includes the Welcome Booklet, Membership Certificate, Sponsorship Certificate, Sponsor Pin, Decal, Coupon, Pen and Lapel emblem.

Shoppers logged in as an authorized officer (Club President, Secretary and Treasurer) may order Kits at no charge in all languages. Orders with only New Member Kits will have an option for free shipping at checkout.