

*Moving
Forward*

Steve VanTol District Governor 11D-1

March, 2020



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Lions of 11D1,

February...whew... was a busy month! It was great to see the participation of Lions from our District at the MI Forum in Grand Blanc. For those who attended, I hope you learned something new. The Council of Governors, COG, also meet the same weekend and received reports from the State Chairs and made plans for the Multiple District Convention to be held in Holland, Michigan, May 15-17, 2020. Take some time and meet Lions from other districts at the Multiple District Convention. I sure hope to see you there.

As another note, the next Lion's Pride will have information on how to submit your name to be a State Chair. At the State Chair level, the chair contacts District Chairs, makes written or oral reports to the COG, and meets new people while making broader changes and giving support to the project. The incoming COG will make their selections for State Chairs in Holland. Also, at the convention there will be a vote on a small increase of our State dues.

District Convention

The March Newsletter contains information on a service project, Kids' Food Basket, to feed the

hungry children after school and on the weekends. There is a specific list of items that will be collected at the District Convention in Grand Rapids. Lion Diana Fairgrieve did the research, and the convention committee thought it was a great idea. Thanks, Lion Diana! It is easy to accomplish with clubs and individual Lions working together. No child should be hungry, and all should have healthy snacks. Please bring snacks listed on the on the flyer to convention. Thank you.

Register for the district at the convention in April now, the hotel and meal deadline is March 18. The overall theme is "Around the World with Lions" and the fun Friday night theme is "Tacky Tourist." Jack Rivette is hosting a "Friday Night Euchre Tournament" or you can participate in some fun and short "Minute to Win It" games while eating popcorn. Educational portions include "Paws With a Cause," "Fischer House," "Childhood Cancer", "Special Needs Vision Clinic and Winter Camp for the Blind." It will be fun, educational and a little different. A craft project, etched glass cheese tray, is being offered on Friday and "Painting with Patsy" is being offered on Saturday. I encourage all

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Lions to attend the convention.

Remembering the first convention Deb and I went to in Cadillac, we meet some great Lions. We sat with Bill and Pat Erickson at a breakfast. Lion Bill has become a wonderful mentor friend and has helped me along my Lions Service Journey tremendously. Additionally, we vividly remember Leo Dolehanty and the conversation when leaving (trying to leave 😊) at the hotel door. Each convention has memories and this one will also. It is expected that our speaker, PID Stacey Jones and his wife Mary, will have a lot to contribute to the District 11D1 and District 11B1 Convention.

GAT Goals

With only four months left in this Lion year, it is time to review the goals set for the District's Global Action Team, GAT. This review will continue to the end of the year. DGE Harold DeMott is now working with his GAT setting goals for the next Lion Year. Three of our successes are: 1.) One new club has been added 2.) We have many more new members under the age of 40, more than the goal of 5. 3.) Currently, we are a plus in membership even with the loss of 20 Lions since July 1, 2019. Our district rocks!! ... as we are moving forward It is expected that there will be more successes before this Lion year is completed. Updates on the remaining goals will be made in future newsletters.

Elections

Many clubs are planning their elections that will be completed prior to the District Convention. Great!

Most important is the reporting of the new or reelected officers in MyLCI. Secretaries call me if you need help navigating the new Lions website to report activities and the new officers. There will be training session in the future for the new and old officers. Help 1DG Harold out.... the 2020-2021 District Roster Book needs to be completed prior to the Mini Cabinet Meeting in July or August by the new District Governor.

Newsletter Signup

Great news!! We now have 116 lions signed up to receive District news. When the list is completed information can be sent directly to the members by the Cabinet Secretary and Newsletter Editor. Yes, even if you are currently receiving the information directly from Lion Phyllis or your club, you still need to subscribe.

The steps to sign-up are simple: 1.) Go to the <http://www.lions11d1.com> from your smart phone or computer. 2.) Locate the tab "newsletter signup." 3.) Click on SUBSCRIBE. 4.) Register by entering your email address, first and last name, club name. 5.) Click on submit, and you are done. Thanks for subscribing. It is just a two-minute process. Lion Barry from the Fenton club is placing the directions to subscribe in his newsletter. Thank you. Great idea Lion Barry!

LET US CONTINUE "MOVING FORWARD" TOGETHER LIONS OF DISTRICT 11D1.

DG Steven Van Tol

UPCOMING EVENTS

see details inside

Dining With Diabetes
Wednesdays in March,
Caro

Mondays in April,
Otisville

Thursdays in April
Saginaw

D.A.D Workshop
March 16, Saginaw

Kingston Lions
Craft Show, Soup Lunch
March 28, Kingston

District Convention
April 3-5, Grand Rapids

MD Convention
May 14-16, Holland

**International
Convention**
June, Singapore



From First Vice District Governor Harold DeMott



I can't believe this weather! It doesn't know what it wants to do. I hope everyone is keeping warm and getting ready for Spring. I know we are!

I went to St. Charles, Illinois in February for our last training. It was very intense as well as worthwhile. I gathered a lot of useful information. I met people from all over the world. Some I could converse with and others not so well. It was very interesting to exchange ideas and to see the different cultures. I would encourage everyone to move up so you can experience all of the travel and learning involved in making our district GREAT!

I am currently working on the goals for our district and will be meeting with my cabinet GAT team, to get approval in the near future.

MAKE IT FUN AND WE WILL MAKE IT HAPPEN TOGETHER!!!

Please consider attending the District 11 D-1 and District 11 B-1 Convention that will be held April 3-5th at the Doubletree Hotel in Grand Rapids, MI. March 18th is the deadline to register. It sounds like DG Lion Steve, 1st Lady Lion Deb and DG Lion Michael and 1st Lady Sharon have some fun activities and interesting breakout sessions planned. We hope to see many of you in attendance. Thank you for showing a strong alliance to our district by attending.

As DG Lion Steve says: "Moving Forward!" & Dr Jung-Yul Choi "We Serve through Diversity" Let's continue with those themes!

**WE COULDN'T DO WHAT
WE DO WITHOUT YOU!!**

**THANKS FOR ALL YOU
DO!!!**

Lion Harold DeMott 1st VDG

From 2nd Vice District Governor Duane Wilcox



The month of February sure was a busy one for a lot of clubs dealing with the weather. We didn't know if spring was here or if winter wanted to stick around for a little longer.

The Michigan Forum was held in Grand Blanc. How lucky we are to have such a great event in our district.

There are raffle tickets on sale for Special Needs Vision Clinic "Bite 4 Sight". What a raffle and you could WIN \$10,000 all for a \$ 50.00 ticket price. You also get a night out at the Horizons Conference Center in Saginaw.

The gun raffle is still going on for SNVC at \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00. please try and help out where you can. Thank you.

The need in Michigan is so strong right now. We, as a group of Lions, are asked to give back so much, it can get overwhelming for some. If you look in your heart and find out what made you become a Lion, you will find the answer that will help you make a decision on what great things to do to make our world a better place.

As we move forward toward our district convention, April 3-5th and our state convention, May 15-17th.

I am looking forward to having fun and getting a lot of work done for the upcoming years. I am so amazed at all the Lions that are helping me with a lending hand and words of encouragement as I am working my way up this great ladder of Lionism.

Leader Dogs for the Blind and Paws With a Cause are both looking for puppy raisers and breeding stock host families. If you have the room at your home

and the time, please think about one of the great organizations.

If your club is wanting to have a fun night out, think about Twinning with another club. A good time would be had by all that attend. Also, there are always a lot of good ideas that comes from twinning with other clubs, and you build great friendships that last a lifetime.

*Yours in Lionism,
Lion Duane 2VDG*

BE HUMBLE AND BE KIND



Hello Lions!

Our club is moving fast so far for this year! We are now having guests speak at our meetings. This past month, we had Lion Robert Sturgis the LCIF Coordinator speak and he was able to give us a presentation of what the LCIF is for and what it does. He sure does know his stuff and we were very impressed with what the Lions do as a whole worldwide. Lots of great information and stories on how Lions have made an impact in areas that were in need of assistance. We are all so very proud of our Lions and international causes.

We had Lion Dan Houston and Lion Ben Fraser (from Buena Vista Lions) also visit the same night and gave us a presentation on Sickle Cell and the challenges people face with this disease. The quality of life that most of these people have is not great. Lion Ben did a great job explaining everything to us and helping us realize that there is a great need for help and education for Sickle Cell. Our club has decided to do what we can to join this cause and hopefully make a difference in our surrounding communities. We certainly felt compelled to help. Lions Ben and Dan did a great job helping us understand.

Our 50 Gun Raffle has been going great! Many have already asked for more tickets and commented on how easy it was to sell with very interested buyers. I still have not been able to connect with all the clubs, but it is on the top of my list and I will keep trying. This is proving to be a great fundraiser for every club and we are very appreciative and excited we are able to share this with our surrounding clubs! This will be an annual event and will grow each year. Further fundraising descriptions will be in your emails for each club.

Newsletter Signup:

I added this step-by-step info to my March Growler for Fenton Lions, along with Governor Steve's explanation. Easy peasy

Click on this website address: www.lions11d1.com

Click on "Newsletter Signup" at the top of the page

Click on "Subscribe" on the next page

Enter your Email Address, First Name, Last Name and Club Name in the box

Click on "Submit," and click on "I am not a robot" to identify yourself

Barry McGhan, Fenton Growner editor



2020 CONVENTION INFORMATION

Lions of District 11-D1 – the convention committee and your Governor have been busy putting together an informative and fun time for the 2020 District Convention to be held in Grand Rapids at the Doubletree Airport hotel.

This year District 11B-1 will be joining us for the festivities.

On Friday night after dinner there will be a craft corner which will be an Etched Glass Wine Bottle Tray. The cost for the event is \$10.00. Indicate on the registration form which design you want to etch. There is an attached informational document for this event.

Saturday as part of the morning sessions there will be another craft corner titled Step by Step Painting with Patsy. This event also costs \$10.00.

Please indicate on the registration form if you wish to participate in either one or both of the above events.

The registration form also has a section to indicate whether an attendee is or has been in the military. There will be recognition at the noon luncheon.

There will be a \$2.00 voucher included in your packet for breakfast for each day.

As stated on the registration form the deadline for rooms and meals is March 18th, 2020.

To register online visit: <https://bit.ly/Lions11D1> .

If you wish to register by phone the number is 616-957-9072. Call between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:00 pm.

There will be a hospitality room hosted by both districts in the conference area.

Clubs wishing to have their own hospitality room must contact hotel at the above phone number in red to make arrangements.

The forums to be presented on Saturday morning are: Paws with a Cause, Fisher House (for veterans) and A split session of Special Needs Vision Clinic and Winter Camp for the Blind.

Proceeds from the auction will be split between the Clinic and the Camp for the Blind.

If you have any questions contact PCC Dick DeLong at 989-753-9821 or PDG Bob Sturgis at 810-223-3775.



Convention Book Advertising

LIONS CLUBS OF DISTRICT 11 D1 & B1

RE: 2020 Lions District 11 D1/B1 Convention

We would like to extend the opportunity to advertise in the Convention program for the joint District 11 D-1/B1 Lions Convention to be held at the Doubletree Hotel, Grand Rapids, MI April 2nd - 5th.

Ads can be anything you like: Congratulatory messages, Candidate Ads, Birthday Wishes, Memorials, Business Advertising, Project ads, Thank You messages, etc. They can contain pictures or logos (please provide highest possible resolution in jpeg format) and any copy you would like. The book will again be pocket-sized (6" high by 4" wide) for easy and frequent use!

Please contact CT Phyllis Pross at pdpross@charter.net or 810-730-4456 with any questions. All payments and ad copy must be received by March 11, 2020. Payment may be mailed to Phyllis at 16424 Whitehead Dr., Linden, MI 48451 and copy should be emailed to the above email address. Please state "Convention Ad Copy" in the subject line.

PROGRAM AD RATES:

Black & White

1/3 Page (Business Card Size)	\$25.00
1/2 Page	\$37.50
Full Page	\$75.00

Color

1/3 Page (Business Card Size)	\$35.00
1/2 Page	\$50.00
Full Page	\$100.00

NEW THIS YEAR!

One Line (40 characters including spaces) for \$10!
Give a shout-out to someone special, a thank you to Mr. or Ms. Reliable Lion, a Congratulations to your Club President...your creativity is the only limit!

Lions Store

This year the Convention Store will have limited space. Therefore, if you want to sell your club's raffle tickets, or have a club fund raiser, whatever you want to sell, **YOU NEED TO RESERVE A SPACE!**

We will have the auction item tables again this year with funds going to **SPECIAL NEEDS VISION CLINIC** and **WINTER CAMP FOR THE BLIND.**

If your Club can donate a \$30-\$50 gift basket, or if you want to reserve a space, contact Lion Carol Poirier at 989-895-8857.





Parade of Checks

To all clubs: This is your big chance to support your favorite projects. They all need money and depend on us, some in a very big way. Please be generous!

Below is a list of the projects that will be represented at convention.

- **All State Band** (LMASB) to conserve space on your check.
- **Bear Lake Camp**
- **Childhood Cancer**
- **D.A.D.** (Defense Against Diabetes)
- **Eversight**
- **Hearing and Speech**
- **KidSight** make checks payable to Lions of Michigan Foundation and put KidSight on the memo line)
- **LCIF** (Lions Clubs International Foundation)
- **Leo Clubs of 11D1**
- **Leader Dogs for the Blind**
- **Lions of Michigan Foundation**
- **Paws With a Cause**
- **Peace Poster**
- **Radio Reading Services**
- **Sickle Cell**
- **Special Needs Vision Clinic**
- **Vision Services**
- **YEP** (Youth Exchange)

NOTE: If your club will not be attending the convention, you may mail your checks to Cabinet Treasurer, Phyllis Pross prior to the convention, so your clubs will be recognized.

Remember, the
DEADLINE for
rooms and meals
is **MARCH 18**

**Save
Your
Pennies**

for

**Special
Needs
Vision
Clinic**



EVERY CHILD
DESERVES
HEALTHY
FOOD

District 11B1/11D1
Convention Service Project
Bring your donation to the
convention / April 3-5
Please!



1 in 5 kids are affected by hunger in West Michigan. Kids' Food Basket is a community solution to childhood hunger. We provide nutritious, ready-to-eat meals to thousands of kids at dozens of schools in Grand Rapids, Muskegon and Holland. Providing proper nutrition to thousands of kids each weekday requires a lot of food and support from people like you. By donating an item from our Wish List, you are ensuring kids get the nutrition they need to succeed in school and in life.

OUR WISHLIST

- Dried fruit
- Fruit cups or pouches
- Snack size zipper bags
- Toasted oat cereal
- Pretzel twists
- Goldfish or Cheez-Its

Off-brands are more than welcome!

Kids' Food Basket avoids serving items with peanuts or tree nuts in the ingredient list. If you have further questions regarding items we accept, please contact one of the three locations below.



GRAND RAPIDS
1300 Plymouth NE,
Grand Rapids, MI 49505
(616) 235 4532
Drop-off 9-11 AM or 2-5 PM

MUSKEGON
1011 2nd Street
Muskegon, MI 49440
(231) 747 8575
Call to coordinate drop-off

HOLLAND
389 James Street
Holland, MI 49424
(616) 796 8471
Call to coordinate drop-off



Convention Crafting Corner

STEP-BY-STEP PAINTING

Paint a Spring Floral Theme on an 8"x10" canvas in a judgement-free environment while receiving step-by-step direction from your very artistic Instructor, Patsy Powell. With the assistance of an overhead projector and her guidance, you will see your work of art come to life before your eyes!



We will then host an "Art Show" to display our creations and cast votes using color-coded tickets for "Most Impressive" and "Tackiest".

Cost to participate: \$10 (includes 2 tickets to vote at the Art Show).

*Additional voting tickets will be available for purchase on-site.

ETCHED GLASS WINE BOTTLE TRAY

Use a creamy user-friendly acid etch to permanently add a frosted white design on a clear, flattened wine bottle. You will position a pre-cut stencil on the glass bottle and witness the stencil resist the acid while the open areas are etched. No display or voting is involved with this project however these would make fantastic gifts so plan ahead!



Cost for each etched tray: \$10

*Please pre-register & select your choice of design(s) on the Registration Form so materials may be prepared in advance.



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2020 District 11-D1 Convention Registration Form

April 3-5, 2020 at the DoubleTree Grand Rapids Airport

Please fill in all applicable information:

Club Name: _____

Lion Name: _____ Email address: _____

Spouse/Guest Name: _____

Registration fee (No fee for new Lions or first timers) \$14.00 per attendee \$ _____

Friday Night Meal (Chicken).....\$19.00 per attendee \$ _____

Saturday Lunch (Soup & Sandwiches).....\$15.00 per attendee \$ _____

Saturday Night Banquet\$26.00 per attendee \$ _____

Entree Selection: Flank Steak _____ Trout _____

Wine Glass Etching – Friday Night _____ \$10.00 per Tray \$ _____

Name(s) of Participant(s) _____

Painting with Patsy - Saturday Morning _____ \$10.00 per Canvas \$ _____

Name(s) of Participant(s): _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

If you have any special dietary requirements, please indicate what they are below and we will do our best to accommodate your needs. _____

Veteran? Branch _____ Years Served _____

REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR MEALS AND ROOMS IS MARCH 18, 2020.

Send Meal registration with a check made out to District 11-D1 Convention to:
PCC Richard DeLong, 4571 Bittersweet Lane, Saginaw, MI 48604

CLUB SECRETARIES: Please duplicate this form for your club members.
EACH member or couple planing to attend must fill out form with accompanying payment

Join Us

MAY 14-16, 2020

In Beautiful HOLLAND, MICHIGAN


DOUBLETREE
by Hilton™
650 East 24 St. Holland, MI 49423
TEL: 1-616-394-0111
FAX: 1-616-396-0711



For the 2020
MD11 Lions Convention



Schedule of Events
MD11 Convention Registration Form
MD 11 Picnic Registration Form
Golf Outing Registration Form
Become a Convention Sponsor
Advertising Agreement Form
Exhibitors Agreement Form
Delegate Certification Form



100 Years: How Our Past is Shaping Our Future 2020 MD 11 Lions Convention

DOUBLETREE HOTEL, HOLLAND, MI MAY 14-16, 2020

HOTEL PHONE (616) 394-0111

GROUP RATE: \$89 PER NIGHT (plus fees & taxes)

REDUCED RATE AVAILABLE THRU APRIL 15, 2020

Name _____ Lion Lioness
 Spouse Guest
 Lions/Lioness Club of _____
 District _____
 Name _____ Lion Lioness Spouse
 Guest
 Lions/Lioness Club
 of _____ District _____
 Address _____ City/State/
 Zip _____
 Home: () _____ Office: () _____ Email: _____

Is this your first MD Convention? Yes No **How many years a Lion member?** _____

QUANTITY	AMOUNT
_____ Thursday Picnic @ \$10.00, May 14, 2020	\$ _____
_____ Round trip bus to Paws with a Cause @ \$5.00	\$ _____
_____ Registration @ \$15.00 for each Lion	\$ _____
_____ Registration @ \$15.00 for each Lioness N/C Leo	\$ _____
_____ Registration @ \$15.00 for each Spouse/Guest	\$ _____
_____ Friday Evening Buffet @ \$20.00 per person	\$ _____
_____ Friday Night Welcome Reception Only (free)	# _____
_____ Saturday Breakfast @ \$15.00 per person	\$ _____
_____ Saturday Night Banquet @ \$26.00 per person	\$ _____
Entrée Choice: Beef Sirloin _____ Roast Turkey _____	
GF _____ Vegetarian _____	Total: \$ _____

Make checks payable to: Lions of Michigan

Please Note any special needs (i.e., deaf interpreters, dietary restrictions, food allergies, etc.)

1. Everyone MUST pay the registration fee. No meal tickets may be purchased unless (excluding Saturday Banquet) registration fee is paid. 2. Deadline for pre-registration and purchase of tickets is May 1, 2020. No refunds after May 11, 2020. 3. Tickets and registration packets will be distributed at the Lions Registration Desk at the DoubleTree Holland. They will not be mailed to you. The registration desk will be open from 8:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. on Friday, May 15 and from 8:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 16, 2020. Banquet tickets may be picked up Saturday evening at the Ballroom entrance. **COMPLETE FORM & MAIL WITH CHECK TO:**

LIONS OF MICHIGAN: 5730 EXECUTIVE DR., LANSING, MI 48911



Dining with Diabetes

WHEN:

Wednesdays
March 4 - 25, 2020
1 - 3 PM

WHERE:

TBHS Training Center
129 East Burnside Street
Caro, MI 48723

COST:

Free! This series is funded by
the Lions of Michigan and the
Lions Clubs International
Foundation!!



TO REGISTER CONTACT:

Kerenza Ryan
989-672-6191

**FOR MORE INFORMATION
CONTACT:**

Kris Swartzendruber
989-672-3870



Dining with Diabetes is a fun and interactive series for individuals with prediabetes, type 1 or type 2 diabetes, members of their support system and/or anyone interested in learning more about healthy eating and diabetes prevention.

During each class, participants will learn how to make healthier food choices and incorporate balanced menus into their family dining experience. Classes include research-based education and cooking demonstrations from the recipes in the take-home participant books. Participants will also get to sample and taste the delicious foods that are made during each of the classes.

Testimonials from Participants who took this class:

"I learned through this class that foods cooked with healthier ingredients can be very tasty!"

"The recipes in the participant book are great! Very good class!!"

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Dining with Diabetes

Type 2 diabetes can be delayed, controlled or even prevented by eating healthy and getting regular physical activity!

Dining with Diabetes is a fun and interactive course series targeting individuals with prediabetes, type 1 or type 2 diabetes, members of their support system and/or anyone interested in learning more. Participants learn to make healthy food choices and incorporate balanced menus into the family dining experience. Classes include research-based education, cooking demonstrations and healthy recipe tasting.

Do you have prediabetes? Visit www.DolHavePrediabetes.org.

Join us at the Forest Township Senior Center for our next class

When: Four consecutive Mondays, starting April 6, 2020

Time: 1-2:30 p.m.

Where: 130 E. Main St., Suite A, Otisville, MI 48463

Join us at Ascension St. Mary's Center of Hope for our next class

When: Four consecutive Thursdays, starting April 2, 2020

Time: 2-3:30 p.m.

Where: 723 Emerson St., Saginaw, MI 48607

Cost: Free! Sponsored by Lions Clubs International Foundation and the Lions Clubs of Michigan.

To register: email Sean (knurekse@msu.edu) or call 989-743-2254



LIONS CLUBS OF MICHIGAN DEFENSE AGAINST DIABETES PROGRAM D.A.D.

The Defense Against Diabetes (D.A.D.) program is an eight-week lifestyle change program developed from the CDC's year-long National Diabetes Prevention Program (NDPP) curriculum. The National Kidney Foundation of Michigan (NKFM) has selected key elements of the NDPP and made them deliverable in eight, one-hour sessions. Sessions will be facilitated by a trained and certified DPP Lifestyle Coach with experience providing the CDC's program.

NKFM's Lifestyle Coaches will work alongside Lion's Club and community members to develop healthier eating habits and introduce physical activity into their weekly routines. Each participant will be provided the tools and support necessary to succeed at the program. Lifestyle Coaches will be available to participants anytime throughout the program via phone, text, and email.

Upcoming Workshop: Monday, March 16, 2020
This Workshop is funded by Lions Clubs of District 11D-1.

Time: 11:00am - 12:00pm

Location: St. Charles District Library
132 S Saginaw St, St Charles, MI 48655
Library Phone: 989-865-9451

To register for workshop contact Lion Joe Bogar at 989-274-4110 or email jtbogar@gmail.com.

For program information and to find out about upcoming workshops, please contact Ed Bohach at 248-863-7136 or email ebohach@nkfm.org



This program has been funded by your local Michigan Lions Club as a grant from Lions International Club Foundation.



Just reminding clubs to contact me about the program. If the clubs I have visited need me to come back I will. Our District leads the State in donations to the Campaign.

Bob Sturgis
 Campaign 100 Chair

Bingo for Vets DATES AVAILABLE FOR 2020

Saginaw VA Medical Center, @ 1500 Weiss St., Saginaw, MI, BINGO
 TIMES: WEEKDAY EVENINGS 7PM,
 SATURDAYS 1:30PM, SUNDAYS 1:30PM OR 7PM.

Dates are first come, first serve basis.
 To schedule dates and times please call
 Lion Bill Bauder at (989) 493-3407 or
 Valerie Morley at (989) 497-2500 extension 11076.

DATES AVAILABLE

- March: 3,6,8,12,13,15,17,21,22,23,24,28,29,30,31
- April: 3,4,9,18,21,25,26,27,29
- May: 1,2,5,8,9,14,16,17,19,23,24,26,30,31
- June: 3,5,11,12,14,16,20,21,22,27,28,29,30
- July: 1,3,4,5,6,7,9,10,11,18,19,25,26,27,28,29
- August: 4,7,8,13,14,16,18,22,23,24,29,30,31
- September: 4,5,7,10,13,15,19,20,22,26,27,28,29,30
- October: 2,6,8,9,10,11,18,20,24,25,26,31
- November: 3,6,12,15,17,21,22,23,24,28,30
- December: 1,2,4,5,10,11,15,16,19,20,22,26,27,28,29,30

Newsletter Signup

Typically the only Lions who receive the newsletter are presidnets, , secretaries and cabinet members. The new Newsletter Signup is , by far, the best way to see that your club members who wish to receive it will get it.

Detailed instructions are provided in Governor Steve's letter and from Barry McGhan on page 4 in this newsletter.

Please take advantage of Governor Steve's work in making this possible.

Phyllis Pross, District Editor

Chesaning Lions Club Easter Egg Hunt



Saturday, April 11
 Start 10 a.m.
 Location: Showboat Park
 Children Ages: 1 thru 11



Special Needs Vision Clinic Page

BITE FOR SIGHT RAFFLE

Fellow Lions: *your help is needed!!!!*

By this time, your club should have received a packet of tickets from the "Bite for Sight" raffle committee. It is imperative that your club sell tickets for this event.

As you may or may not know, the Special Needs Clinic will no longer be receiving any funds from the United Way of Saginaw County. This is a big blow to the clinic and could well mean closing, if other avenues of funding are not found. Other sources are being sought, and several grants have been applied for, and some have been received. However, most grants are not aimed at operating costs. The "Bite for Sight" raffle was conceived before funding was withdrawn, but now it is more important than ever this event be a success.

While \$50.00 may seem like a lot of money for a raffle ticket, this is a major raffle with large prizes, food and entertainment and the admission of two people per ticket.

It is the raffle committee's hope that all clubs in the district will participate in the sale of tickets. The loss of the clinic would do major damage to the special needs community as the clinic services a wide area of central Michigan in a unique and unmatched way.

Thank you, Lions for all the support you have provided and will continue to provide.

Special Needs Vision Clinic and "Bite for Sight" raffle committee.

**Save
Your
Pennies
for
Special
Needs
Vision
Clinic**

**Bring them to Convention
Look for auction items that
support Special Needs at the
Lions Store at Convention**

Special Needs Vision Clinic

GUN RAFFLE

by the Bay City Lions.

Four great prizes!

To purchase or help sell tickets, contact Lion Joe Gwizdala.

We're doing very well with the Special Needs Vision Clinic gun raffle. We are over \$5000.00 in profit.

With everyone's help we can do at least \$6000.00. I will have tickets at the convention. If everyone there would either buy 1 ticket for \$5.00 or make a \$5.00 donation, we can do it. Also if anyone has tickets or money to turn in please bring it then.

Joe G.



Needs Host Families



*Just for 4-5 weeks in the summer.
It's real fun!*

*Contact Lion Deb VanTol,,,
liondebravantol@gmail.com*



KINGSTON LIONS CRAFT SHOW
 SOUP LUNCH
 Saturday, March 28, 2020
 Kingston Elementary School Cafeteria
 3644 Ross St – South Parking Lot Entrance



9:00 A.M. To 3:00 P.M.

No Admission Fee for Visitors



Crafters Set Up Time: Saturday 7:30 A.M.
 Friday 3:30 – 5:30 P.M. By Appointment Only
 to snemeth_51@yahoo.com

No second hand or flea market items please

Inquiries: Lion Janet Grieve 989 683-2056



APPLICATION

Name: _____

Craft: _____

Space @ \$12: _____ Space & Table @ \$20 _____ Chair(s) Needed _____

SIGN AND RETURN WITH CHECK NO LATER THAN MARCH 21

Signature _____ Date _____

Comments: _____ e-mail: _____

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO KINGSTON LIONS CLUB

Mail to: Lion Janet Grieve
 3250 Cemetery Road
 Kingston, MI 48741

Childhood Cancer March Update

From: Jason Marsh, Childhood Cancer Chairman for District 11 D-1



We successfully delivered our 13 care packages to the kids at Hurley Medical. The gift bags contained books, coloring books, crayons, activity books, puzzles, hand sanitizer, gum, lotion, stuffed animals, doodle pads, blankets (courtesy of Sandy Van Tol) and gas/fast food gift cards. We received a thank you letter from the Hurley Foundation along with praise from the director and staff for supporting these great kids.

Childhood Cancer T-Shirts are here!! They are \$20 and we have small, medium, large, and extra-large in gray, red, and blue. All of the proceeds going directly to the 11D-1 Childhood Cancer fund which support Maggie's Wigs



for Kids, Campy Quality, and Kids Kicking Cancer.

Our goal this month is to print and promote our upcoming money raffle which will run throughout the summer. I'll be working with the clubs in our district to get in front of as many Lions as possible as your help is needed in order to hit our goals for our selected charities. One of our state goals is to help fund a grant request for Maggie's Wigs for Kids. I met with their staff at the recent Forum and learned about all of the wonderful help and comfort they provide to these brave kids.

Please stay tuned as more information is coming about how your club can help.

Thanks

Lions Around the District

Bay City Lions Club: Lion President Steve Goss presented Lion Vaughn Begick with a President's Service Award for the activities that he does for the Club (which are way too many to list).

Lion Gene Ross was presented his 20-year Monarch Award as a Lion member.

Lion David Clark was awarded a Monarch Award as a 30-year Lion member.

Our CMMS Leo Club have a huge blanket project going on. They are working on tying over 130 fleece blankets to be donated to our local Animal Control Center.

Pictured right in order:

Lion Joe Gwizdala asks that we all help support a fund raiser for the Special Needs Vision Clinic on May 3, 2020 at Horizons in Saginaw. Tickets are \$50 for two and Lion Vaughn Begick has tickets.



Many of our Lions are working on our Opioid and Suicide Prevention Committee. Their fundraiser event will be May 14, 2020 at Lumber Baron's in Bay City. Lion Al Eichhorn is selling ads for the program book. Please help us support this event and spread the word.

Fairgrove Lions Club We are planning our spring fundraiser for April 26; 2020 at the Akron Fairgrove High School with brats, hotdogs, and more along with our silent auction .. So mark your calendar.

Gaines Area Lions Club has lost a member, Terry Clark on Feb. 20, 2020. There will be a gathering of the Lions at 6:30pm on Monday Feb. 24th at Sharp Funeral Home at 8138 Miller Rd. Swartz Creek, MI 48473. Funeral will be at St. Joseph Church 9450 Duffield Rd. Gaines, MI. Showing 10 - 11 funeral mass at 11. She has been an instrumental part of all the fundraisers for Gaines Area Lions Club since 1996, she didn't join our club as a member until 2014. Please come to show others how our Pride sticks together for one another.

Frankenmuth Lions Club presented a check for \$5000 to Leader Dogs for the Blind. Over the past five years, the club has donated more than \$25,000 to Leader Dogs to support their work in empowering people who are blind or



visually impaired with skills for safe and independent travel. The Lions Club raised the money through many local activities including serving food at community events, selling brooms and trash bags, and raising funds through the White Cane project.

Recently the Frankenmuth Lions Club presented a check for \$4000 to the Special Needs Vision Clinic, along with many pairs of eyeglasses donated by the community. The



Lions Club raised the money through many local activities including serving food at community events, selling brooms and trash bags, and raising funds through the White Cane project.

Lions Around the District

Merrill and Hemlock Lions Club Twinning Meeting

On Monday, January 13th, the two Lions clubs met at the Richland Township offices to share fund-raising ideas. Twelve Merrill Lions were guests at the event with many ideas being discussed.

The two clubs currently share fund raising time at a major summer sporting event the the Tri Cities 3 to 4 times annually. * The Merrill club acts as champion.



Pictured are the Merrill Lions Club guests along with Hemlock Lions Club president Pat Hagarty and Merrill Lions Club President Carl Fischer. (Pictured standing 4th and 5th)

Jim Schultz MJF



St Charles Lions Club



Saginaw Downtown Lion Phil Grimaldi passed away on 2/17/2019.

Phil was 39-year member and very active in our club. He was a past president and was a long JV football banquet committee chairman. He kept this event going, as it is now the longest running project in worldwide Lions International. Phil will be very missed.

John Senyko

Roster corrections/changes

Page 29 Genesee Lions Pavilion is at 5240

The following on page 35:

Summer Cabinet Time 6:00

Fall Conference SUNDAY

Winter cabinet January 12

Early Bird MD convention is May 14, 2020

Update to monthly meeting place for Essexville-Hampton Lions Club will be the first Wed. of each month @ 6pm @ Ole Thyme Broadway on Broadway in Bay City.

2nd VDG Duane Wilcox has a new phone number 810-240-7535

Chesaning Lions: Heather Cross had to step down as Chesaning Lions President. Lion Dwayne Amman has taken the position.



District 11 D-1

Cabinet Meeting Minutes February 2, 2020

District Governor Steven VanTol called the meeting to order at 2:02 pm. The Invocation was given by DG Steve VanTol and then he led the Lions in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Cabinet Secretary Sandy VanTol verified roll call of the voting cabinet which is listed in the chart below.

District Governor (DG)	Steven VanTol	Present
Immediate Past District Governor (IPDG)	Joe Bogar	Present
First Vice District Governor (1 st VDG)	Harold DeMott	Present
Second Vice District Governor (2 nd VDG)	Duane Wilcox	Present
Cabinet Secretary (CS)	Sandy VanTol	Present
Cabinet Treasurer (CT)	Phyllis Pross	Present
Region 1 Chair (RC)	Open position	
Region 1, Zone 1 Chair (ZC)	Vaughn Begick	Present
Region 1, Zone 2 Chair (ZC)	Shari Johnson	Present
Region 2 Chair (RC)	Bill Bauder	Present
Region 2, Zone 1 Chair (ZC)	Tobias (Toby) Webber	Present
Region 2, Zone 2 Chair (ZC)	Dan Houston	Present
Region 3 Chair (RC)	Mary Hall	Present
Region 3, Zone 1 Chair (ZC)	Doug Palmer	Excused
Region 3, Zone 2 Chair (ZC)	Dan Embury	Present

Additional attendees were Lions Becky Borka, PCC Richard DeLong, Mary DeMott, PDG Bill Erickson, Julia Embury, Ben Frazier, PRC Jack Frost, PRC Joe Gwizdala III, PDG Jeff Hunt, PDG Ron Johnson, PZC Glenda & PRC Ken Kiesling, Jason Marsh, PDG Dennis Poirier, PDG Larry Porn, PDG Robert Sturgis, Matt & Theresa Tetloff, Debra VanTol, PDG Alice Zajac

There were no additions to the agenda.

DG Steve VanTol stated that the minutes of the October 6, 2019, Cabinet meeting were sent out via e-mail to the voting cabinet and published in the District Newsletter. DG Steve asked for a motion to approve the minutes. A motion was made by ZC Vaughn Begick to approve the minutes from the October 6, 2019, Cabinet Meeting. The motion was supported by ZC Dan Embury. There were neither changes nor corrections and the motion passed.

DG Steve VanTol stated that the 2nd quarter financial report was sent out via e-mail and asked for a motion to accept the report. A motion was made by RC Bill Bauder to approve the financial report which was supported by IPDG Joe Bogar. There were neither changes nor corrections and the motion passed.

DG Steve called for Region and Zone Reports as follows:

Region I

Zone 1 - ZC Vaughn Begick: In addition to what ZC Vaughn submitted in writing, he provided an update on the meeting held on January 30, 2020, in Caro. The Brentwood was a good location with good food. You may want to consider using it if you are looking for a meeting place. The topics of discussion were membership, recruiting, and suggestions for new meetings.

Zone 2 - ZC Shari Johnson: In addition to what ZC Shari submitted in writing, she provided an update on the meeting held on January 30, 2020. She had members from three other Clubs in attendance in Caro: Kingston, Mayville, and Millington.

Acting Region I Chair Joe Gwizdala III: reported that the groups decided to meet together at the same location.

Region II

RC Bill Bauder: written report submitted.

Zone 1 - ZC Toby Webber: In addition to what ZC Toby submitted in writing, he reported that all but one of his zone meetings has been scheduled.

Zone 2 - ZC Dan Houston: ZC Dan reported that he will be visiting Clio and Montrose in February. He stated that many of his older members no longer drive at night.

Region III

RC Mary Hall reported that she is scheduling club visits. On Saturday, February 8, they are having a breakfast club meeting at the East Flint Clubhouse to discuss ways to help increase membership. Everyone is welcome.

Zone 1 - Doug Palmer: written report submitted.

Zone 2 - Dan Embury: written report submitted.

District Governor Steven called for reports as follows:

District Global Leadership Team (GLT) - PDG Alice Zajac: reported two additional meetings have been scheduled to discuss increasing membership: Tuesday, February 11 at 6 p.m. at DaVinci's in Frankenmuth and Wednesday, February 12 at 6 p.m. at Krysiak's in Bay City. PDG Alice also stated that there will be a training session on a Saturday in March for 4.5-5 hours from mid

morning to mid afternoon. The date is not yet confirmed.

District Global Membership Team (GMT) - PDG Dennis Poirier: written report submitted. Dennis also stated that he supports the GLT meetings mentioned by PDG Alice. DG Steve stated that he hopes to attend the training also.

Family and Women – Mary DeMott: written report submitted.

District Global Service Team (GST) – IPDG Joe Bogar reminded us, as stated in the District Newsletter, that not too many Clubs are reporting their service projects on-line. He also reminded us of the Sock Hop on February 21, at the Michigan Forum.

District Conventions

2020 Convention – PDG Bob Sturgis: written report submitted. **PCC Dick DeLong** added there is registration sign up information in the newsletter. You can also register via phone or on-line.

2021 Convention - PDG Alice Zajac stated she and PDG Ron Johnson have not confirmed a location yet. PRC Joe Gwizdala III asked if the convention committee could receive permission from the Cabinet to enter into contracts for multiple Conventions in the same location to obtain better rates. This would also allow six committee members to work together for multiple years. PDG Bill Erickson reminded the group that we should use hotels within our district.

2022 Convention – PDG Bill Erickson stated there will be a convention.

Nominating Committee – PDG Ron Johnson: PDG Ron stated he has received an application from Jack Frost stating his intention to run for 2nd Vice District Governor. 1st Vice District Governor Harold DeMott and 2nd Vice District Governor Duane Wilcox have stated their intentions to move up to Governor and 1st Vice District Governor respectively.

DG Steven VanTol has the support of the Auburn Williams Lions Club to become a Trustee on the Lions of Michigan Foundation (LMF).

International Convention: 1st Vice District Governor Harold and Lion Mary DeMott will be going to Singapore for the International Convention.

MD 11 Convention - PDG Bob Sturgis – written report submitted.

Michigan Forum – PRC Joe Gwizdala III: written report submitted. Will be held on Saturday, February 22, 2020. Many excellent break-out sessions scheduled.

USA/Canada Forum – PDG Bill Erickson: Written report submitted. Will be held in Kentucky.

Childhood Cancer – Lion Jason Marsh: He has small, medium, large, and extra large t-shirts for sale for \$20 each. All proceeds go to Childhood Cancer. Through visiting clubs and selling shirts, so far he has raised \$950 to help with the cost of childcare packages. If he sells all of the t-shirts, it will generate a total of \$600. He plans to assemble and deliver the packages by February 15. There will be information coming about a raffle. Jason requested \$1,000 from the Childhood Cancer budget to reimburse him for expenses. The motion to reimburse Jason was made by IPDG Joe Bogar and seconded by RC Bill Bauder. Motion passed.

Defense against Diabetes (DAD) – Lion Julia Embury: written report submitted, Julia also added that they are working on confirming one more DAD class. Thank you everyone for your support of DAD.

KidSight – PDG Keith Cregar: no report

Sickle Cell – Lion Ben Frazier: Thanks to support from the Lions, thirty four children were presented with necessities and toys at Christmas. Gene therapy is showing promising results. A special thank you to Lion Mary Hall for helping with the Genesee clients.

Information Technology - PDG Larry Porn: written report submitted. PDG Larry also stated that the website to sign up for the newsletter is 11D1Lions.com and the website for E-clubhouse is 11D1Lions.org.

Public Relations - Lion Matt Tetloff: There will be a grant survey on social media to test the marketing campaign. They will choose one small, one medium, and one large area within our district. The district will be asked to match the funds. Gift cards will be given away as incentives. They are looking for certain demographics.

GLBAS Gun Raffle - Lion Matt Tetloff: has been going around to various clubs to promote a gun raffle. The goal is to unify the clubs, help them succeed and make it an annual event. If you buy or sell 10 tickets, you get one ticket free. This promotes idea sharing between clubs. This idea came from the Shriners. Tickets are \$10 each. For every 10 tickets bought or sold, you receive one free ticket. The newest Lions Club Great Lakes Bay Area Sports Lions Club (GLBAS) would keep \$1.00 per ticket for their Club. They are asking clubs to commit to selling 250, 500, or 1,000 tickets. Depending on the number of tickets sold, your club could make around \$6-\$7 per ticket.

Leader Dogs for the Blind - Lion Kristin Shively: written report submitted.

Leader Dog Puppy Program - PRC Joe Gwizdala III: written report submitted.

Paws with a Cause - Lion Ellen Pretzer: no report. They will have a session at the District Convention per DG Steve.

Eversight - RC Mary Hall: Michigan screened 1,238 children and donors gave the gift of sight to 1,617 people

Hearing & Speech - Lion Becky Borka: Lion Becky stated that she is meeting resistance from some clubs about sponsoring those that need assistance to hear. We all need to work together. She is so passionate about this area that she is now taking an American Sign Language course. She encourages everyone to be an advocate for disabilities.

Special Needs Vision Clinic (SNVC) - PCC Dick DeLong: The clinic has received about \$35,000 in grants; however, the grants may only be used for equipment. They do not support the operation of the clinic. Per PRC Joe Gwizdala III, the SNVC gun raffle has generated \$4,000 profit so far for the clinic. If anyone has any outstanding tickets, please get them to PRC Joe before the convention.

Bite for Sight tickets are \$50 and admit two people. PDG Alice Zajac and PCS Shelly Hardt are the event co-chairs. The event is being held on a Sunday to take advantage of the discounted price offered by the Horizons Center. Restaurants are being contacted for finger foods. It will be a cash bar. There will be a DJ. They

are hoping to raise \$5,000 - \$10,000 for the clinic. Per DG Steve VanTol, the Frankenmuth Club recently donated \$4,000 to the SNVC.

Vision Services - PRC Joe Gwizdala III: written report submitted. The Foundation may help cover expenses like this also. Per DG Steve VanTol, Dr. Harold Steinman, a Flint Downtown Lion, has been working with a \$3,000 grant that so far has helped 16 children. He has only spent \$600 of the grant through December 31, 2019. He could not be present at today's cabinet meeting; however, he wanted to share the following information: Essilor is a large international optical company. It has a program that provides a free complete set of glasses to needy individuals with single vision or bifocal lenses. Eye doctors need to sign up with Essilor to participate. Patients do not need to provide proof of income.

White Cane - PRC Doug Palmer: written report submitted.

All State Band - Lion Amy Lightfoot: no report.

Bear Lake Camp - PDG Ron Johnson: A lot of work has been happening at the camp this winter. The cabins have been repainted and new carpet has been installed. The outside of the main building is now enclosed. Director Dennis Tompkins has resigned. The new Director is a lady from Minden City.

Leo Clubs - Lion Debra VanTol: written report submitted.

Peace Poster - Lion Lesa Tessman: Per DG Steve VanTol, a Mayville resident won first place and a Bay City resident won second place in the District. Our entry did not win at the multi-district level.

Quest - PRC Doug Palmer: written report submitted.

Youth Exchange - Lion Debra VanTol: written report submitted.

Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) - PDG Bob Sturgis: written report submitted. PDG Bob reminded everyone to let him know if you want him to visit your club. As mentioned in the February District newsletter, the Chesaning Club has become a LCIF model club.

Lions of Michigan Foundation - IPDG Joe Bogar: Reminded us that the Hall of Fame nominations are due. So far only one nomination has been received. Per DG Steve VanTol, the nominations are due to CS Sandy VanTol for Cabinet members to vote. He asks that they be submitted by **February 9, 2020**. DG Steve has received two nominations so far. The nomination criteria are on the Lions of Michigan Foundation website.

District Newsletter - CT Phyllis Pross: DG Steve VanTol congratulated CT Phyllis on a job well done with the newsletter.

George E. Daly Award - CC Jeff Hunt and IPDG Joe Bogar: The application has been in the last several District newsletters. The application submission deadline is **February 28, 2020**. CC Jeff has received two nominations so far. Per the by-laws, the judges are not Lions Club members. This year the judges will be local celebrities. Either CC Jeff or IPDG Joe will be present with the judges while they are making their determination. Per the by-laws, the judges are voted on by the Cabinet. However, the committee chairs are asking to keep the judges anonymous to avoid them being contacted by Lions Club members. RC Bill Bauder made a motion to allow the judges to select the judges and keep their names anonymous which was seconded by 2nd VDG Duane Wilcox. The motion passed. The award will be presented at the District Convention.

Unfinished Business: none

New Business:

Policy Manual Update - Electronic Voting - DG Steve VanTol: The proposed document was sent out via e-mail for the voting cabinet to review and comment. IPDG Joe Bogar made a motion that we accept the electronic voting document which was seconded by ZC Dan Embury. The motion carried.

LCI Membership Grant - Lion Matt Tetloff: The Lions Clubs International Membership Development Grants Budget Template and the Special Initiative Membership Development Grant Application were sent out via e-mail. Total expenses are expected to be \$3,500. The grant application is seeking \$2,662.50 from LCI to target specific clubs with less than 20 members for recruitment. The MD 11D1 25% match would be \$887.50. They are hoping to establish one new club and grow by 100 new members throughout the district. The target demographic will be men and women aged 35 - 55. Members on this team would be PDG / District GMT Dennis Poirier, PRC / Current ZC Doug Palmer, MD District Chair / President Matt Tetloff, and DG Steven VanTol. ZC Dan Embury made a motion for the district to support the 25% match of \$887.50 which was seconded by RC Bill Bauder. The motion carried.

Web Domain Name and Website - DG Steve VanTol: CC Jeff Hunt and DG Steve VanTol obtained the 11D1.com domain name for \$12. The cost to maintain the domain name is approximately \$12-\$18 per year. The cost to maintain the website and keep our name is \$80.40 on Weebly. The website gives us the ability to take in funds via square once it is set up. 2nd VDG Duane Wilcox made a motion to renew our domain name and website which was seconded by ZC Dan Houston. Motion carried.

Closing Remarks:

2nd VDG Duane Wilcox reminded each Zone Chair to take a water jug to decorate and take with them to collect donations / change as they visit their Clubs. 2nd VDG Duane reminded everyone that paper money weighs less and is easier to carry. The funds being raised will be given to SNVC.

1st VDG Harold DeMott thanked clubs for responding to his request to schedule their visits. He has three more clubs to visit. He will be in St. Charles, IL for District Governor training next week.

DG Steven VanTol would like to remind clubs to be sure to let him know the good things your clubs are doing. Also, Lions in our District should have received an e-mail via Mail Chimp telling them to register their e-mail address. This will help speed up communication. Of the 770+ members in the LCI database, about 89 have registered on this tool so far. It takes less than two minutes to register. See the February newsletter or your e-mail for the sign-up link www.lions11d1.com then select newsletter sign up / additional details. You may use your phone or your computer for signing up.

RC Bill Bauder made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by ZC Vaughn Begick. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 3:01 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lion Sandy VanTol, Cabinet Secretary

The Spring Cabinet Meeting will be in Grand Rapids at the District Convention April 3, 2020 ~5 p.m.

District 11 D-1 Cabinet and Committee Reports as of February 6, 2020

Region 1 Zone 1 - Zone Chair - Vaughn Begick: Since the last Cabinet Meeting at the fall conference in Auburn on 10-6-19, I have finished my club visits to the six clubs in Region 1, Zone 1. I had visited Essexville and Zilwaukee in September. On 10-17-19, I visited Saginaw West at their meeting at Sullivan's on Gratiot in Saginaw. At the meeting, they were having a discussion about a joint meeting with the Saginaw Downtown Club about a possible merger of the two clubs. I submitted a Zone Lion's Club Visit report. I then took a short road trip to visit the Bay City Lion's Club at their noon meeting on Wednesday November 6th at Lumber Barons in Bay City. I was the speaker at the meeting and gave them an update on the activities in the District. A Club Visit report was submitted. On the same day, November 6, 2019, I visited the Carrollton Lion's Club at their meeting place at the Carrollton, VFW Hall # 3169 on Carrollton Road. They were making plans for Holiday activities. I updated them on Zone and District happenings. A Club Visit report was submitted.

My last club visit was to the Saginaw Downtown Club on Wednesday 11-20-19 at their meeting place at Daniel's Grill on south Michigan in Saginaw. They are getting ready to celebrate their 100th Anniversary of the Club this year, 2020.

Several members of the Saginaw West Club were in attendance also. I reported on Zone and District activities. Second Vice-District Governor Duane Wilcox was present also. A Club Visit report was submitted.

The next Zone 1, Region 1 meeting along with a Zone 2 and Region 1 meeting will be held on Thursday January 30, 2020 at the Brentwood in Caro at 178 Park Drive, Caro 48732. Start time is 5:30.

Region 1 Zone 2 – Zone Chair Shari Johnson: We have set up a Region and Zone meeting for January 30, 2020, at 5:30 p.m. in Caro at the Brentwood. Also setting up club visits.

Region 2 Chair Bill Bauder: I have visited Buena Vista, and starting to set dates to visit my other clubs. I have been to two more clubs with dates set to finish my visits.

Also, I have the available dates and times for Bingo at the Saginaw Veterans Hospital, which I am sending to Lion Phyllis for the monthly newsletter.

I will be at the meeting on Feb 2.

Region 2 Zone 1 Zone Chair Toby Webber: My first time as a Zone Chairman was a bit of a learning curve, but once I visited a couple of clubs, and with a little encouragement and advice from Governor VanTol, the autumn flew by. I visited all of the clubs with the exception of Auburn Williams. I was scheduled to visit them but a seasonal illness got the best of me the day of my planned visit. I will be visiting their club in early January. We also had a zone meeting in October that was well attended with lots of good interaction from those attending. Our next zone meeting is planned for March 16, 2020 at the Thomas Township Library. I also attended the regional meeting in Frankenmuth lead by Regional Chairman Lion Bill Bauder. We had the pleasure of welcoming a new club into our District and Zone. They will be

known as the Great Lakes Bay Area Sports Lions Club and lead by Lion Matt Tetloff. The charter night for the new club will be January 17, 2020 at the Auburn Pavilion in Auburn. I hope to see you there.

From my club visits I was inspired by how each club has its own little niche. These salt of the earth Lions are carrying out as well as believing in the Lions mission of "We Serve".

Region 3 Chair Lion Mary Hall: I am in process of scheduling visits with clubs. I will be encouraging attendance at Michigan Forum, District Convention, and Multiple District Convention.

Region 3 Zone 1 - Zone Chair Doug Palmer: I visited the Genesee Lions Club, They put on a good meeting and I advised them on the way they rent out the pavilion. I am planning more visits in March after my hip replacement.

Region 3 Zone 2 – Zone Chair Dan Embury: Currently no updates.

District 11 D-1 Global Membership Team (GMT) – PDG Dennis R. Poirer:

1. Committee Name: District GMT
2. Committee Chairperson: Dennis Poirier
3. Committee Report:
 - a) Working with the Vassar Lions Club to increase membership
 - b) Working on District goal for a new club by June
 - c) Action needed – "Just Ask" perspective members
 - d) Contact Dennis Poirier -1265orchard@charter.net
4. Financial Request: None
5. Verbal Report: No

Family and Women / New Voices District Committee

Report - Lions Kathy Bogar and Mary DeMott: The Family and Women committee coincides with New Voices. The 2019-2020 New Voices Initiative promotes gender parity and diversity and seeks to increase the number of women, young adults and underrepresented populations within our association. It features a diverse group of Lions who strive for excellence in one of four areas: Service, Membership, Leadership, and Marketing.

Lions Kathy Bogar and Mary DeMott have been sharing information with clubs as they visited throughout the 2019-20 year. It was discussed how clubs could conduct a smaller size program within their own club or partner up with a neighboring club to put on a symposium to draw new members. Also, reminding them it takes a year in advanced planning to be able to receive any grants that may be available.

The Flint Downtown Host Club (Sally Palmer), is looking into hosting a symposium. We will be available to assist them in any way possible.

Lions Kathy and Mary have and will continue to spread the word and share materials to help clubs in this endeavor. Please, if you have an opportunity encourage your club to participate, we will help with anything we can.

COMMITTEES:

2020 District Convention – PDG Bob Sturgis: This year's convention will be held April 2 – 5 at the Doubletree Hotel in Grand Rapids. Room rate is \$80. We will be joined by the Lions of District 11B-1 for our first joint convention. PCC Dick DeLong will provide more information.

MD-11 (State Convention) – PDG Bob Sturgis: The Multiple District Convention will be held May 14-16, 2020, at the Doubletree Hotel in Holland. Room rate is \$89. This year's Thursday night picnic will be held at Paws with a Cause. Cost will be \$10. Transportation from the hotel will be provided.

We are still waiting on a confirmation for our International Speaker.

We will have a table at the Michigan Forum to answer questions.

District 11C-1 will be holding their convention in conjunction with the State Convention this year.

We need items for this year's silent auction. If your Club would wish to donate anything, please let Wendy Burns know.

Michigan Forum – PRC Joe Gwizdala: Forum will be February 22, 2020, at the Gateway Center in Grand Blanc. Great opportunity for everyone to go being that it is close.

USA/Canada Committee Report – PDG Lion Bill

Erickson: The USA/Canada forum will be held in Louisville Kentucky on September 17-19, 2020. Early bird registration (until May 31, 2020) is \$285 per person. Leos are \$150. Your registration covers your cost of seminars (there are many to choose from) and four meals, (Thursday banquet, Friday and Saturday lunches, and Saturday banquet). There are several accommodations available, but book all through the registrar's office via your application.

Printable apps are available on the USA/Canada website. They are self explanatory.

When last checked, they already had over 760 registrations! This is close enough for us to attend at a minimal cost and it is the place to learn more about Lionism and meet many of our executive leaders. They are just great people serving their communities like we are. Go to Louisville and make some new friends and meet your old friends. There are some camp grounds near by 20-30 miles from Louisville. That information is also available on the website.

Defense Against Diabetes – Lion Julia Embury: These are the current MSU Extension classes scheduled for Genesee County. We are working on getting classes together for Saginaw, Bay and Tuscola Counties starting in February and March. Please contact Sean Knurek, Elizabeth Josaitis, or myself if you are interested in attending any of the Dining with Diabetes Classes. These classes are free to you and your family or friends we are looking for any Lion's Clubs that may be interested in hosting a class at their site, especially in Bay and Saginaw counties. The basic requirement is a sink in the location. Please contact me if you are interested in hosting a class.

Dining with Diabetes Classes scheduled:

Hasselbring Senior Center, 1002 W. Home Ave., Flint, MI 48505.

Class begins on January 10th and is from 1030 am-Noon.

If you are interested in attending this class please contact:

Sean Knurek, MSU Educator at 989-743-2254 to sign up.

Grand Blanc Senior Center, 12632 Pagels Dr., Grand Blanc, MI 48439.

Class begins on January 22nd and is from 1:00pm - 3:00pm.

If you are interested in attending this class please contact - Elizabeth Josaitis, MSU educator at 810-244-8511 to sign up.

There is a workshop in Flint that will be doing glucose or A1C testing. More information about dates and times will be coming. Working with Kristen from Tuscola County on setting up some events or covering materials. Thank you to Jack and Marry from 11-D2 for giving her our information.

It was noted in the last committee meeting that the Lion's Clubs International grant we are working with is becoming more known and organizations/people are realizing that we are not competing with them. They are becoming more interested in how we can work together.

The concern I have is we are getting the contacts and programs going for this year but what do we do for additional funding to continue supporting and scheduling Dining with Diabetes Classes, along with supporting scholarships for kids attending Camp Midicha? All the clubs have always been very generous at the parade of checks which helps the Districts Diabetes program continue. If there are any club(s) or members that are interested in doing a fundraiser for Defense Against Diabetes, please contact me and we'll get the ball rolling.

I want to THANK YOU all for your continued support and for acknowledging the importance of the Defense Against Diabetes program.

Kidsight PDG Keith Cregar: No report on KidSight for the cabinet meeting.

Information Technology – PDG Larry Porn, District IT Chair: The State IT Committee's goals for 2019-2020 were:

Review and improve District and Club websites

Educate Michigan Lions on Zoom service

Assist with setup and media operation at Lions events

Promote better understanding of MyLion

At the Leadership Institute at Higgins Lake on November 8th a presentation of the Zoom Video Conference was made by the committee. There are also plans to provide support at the Forum in February for setup of the system

Minimal work has been done on the review of the District and Club websites. Many visited to date are not up to date and many are not being updated. They are free and very easy to use.

The State committee has done very little on the MyLion site as it is still being slowly developed. Your District 11D1 Chairman has communicated several times with the International Office on the site with little support as it is a third party developed system. We have learned that it is not compatible with the Internet Explorer Browser as it hangs up and does not complete the entry in the middle of the process of reporting and activity. Firefox and Google browsers have not displayed this problem. Good success has been found with Mozilla Firefox. Microsoft is in the process of dropping support for Internet Explorer and is promoting their Edge Browser. The reporting program also only shows one picture of an event but hours of participation by Lions, Leos, and non-Lions as well

as monetary statistics require a much stricter adherence to good record keeping.

Additional information is available on the Zoom Conferencing as PDF files which I will send to anyone interested in the information.

Leader Dog – Lion Kristin Shively: Last October Dawn Rudolph and Leader Dog Lady made it to the finals for the American Hero Dog awards. Dawn and Lady traveled to Hollywood California for the award ceremony. Leader Dog Lady did not win the overall Hero Dog of the year but was voted top Guide Dog of our Nation. Congratulations Dawn and Leader Dog Lady.

Leader Dog is seeking puppy raisers and host homes for their breeding moms. Please consider raising a puppy or hosting a mom.

Leader Dog Puppy – PRC Joe Gwizdala: In need of puppy raisers.

Hearing and Speech – Lion Becky Borka: Since the last report, the affordable hearing program is going as expected. I have sent the Governor a copy of the hearing aid assistance application as well as a copy of the district policy, procedures, and practices letter. My contact information is on it and if you still want it, my email

Address is rebeccaborka@comcast.net. You may also contact me at 810-347-2409. My snail mail is as follows:

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As of the last meeting, our district has four applications that were sent out for completion and returned to me for final review. There are two from Saginaw, one from Bay City, and one from Flint.

I have talked with the 1st District Governor and confirmed with him that I will serve under him for this office seat. I have expressed that it will be an honor to continue to serve.

Comments: I feel that this district needs to stop and look at if they still wish to continue to service the hard of hearing (HOH) community; as I have been getting some resistance.

Vision Services – PRC Joe Gwizdala: Had an inquiry about helping someone out of Cass City that needs a glass eye. Can get one from Anderson Eye for about \$1,400. Cass City will let me know if needed.

White Cane – Lion Doug Palmer: I have been calling clubs and telling them that they can collect for White Cane at any time of the year and to put a cane out to collect for White Cane also telling them the story about White Cane.

LEO Clubs – Lion Deb VanTol: The three district LEO Clubs are running smoothly. Please attend the LEO session at The Lions Forum in February 2020. Two district representatives will be on the panel: Lion Lori Carroll and Lion Deb VanTol.

Quest Lion Doug Palmer: I have tried to talk to the schools about the Quest program without any response. I had a motorcycle club call me and they would like to put on a program of some sort about bullying. I told them that I would have to check on the Quest program to see if that was allowed.

Lions Youth Exchange Program (LYEP) - Lion Debra

VanTol: Our district's LYEP 2019 essay contest is completed. Three youth have been awarded scholarships to travel with LYEP during the summer of 2020. This year's winner is Max Michalek. He will receive \$1,500 for travel with LYEP. This will be the first time he has traveled so far and out of the country. Max would like to visit Italy. He wrote a 500-word response to the questions required: How does a community benefit from volunteers? / How would you represent Lions and America in a foreign country? / Explain how your values are like the values of Lionism? The last question forces the applicant to do some research into Lions, discovering our missions and past undertakings. Leo Anna and Lion Grace Kendziorski share the 2nd & 3rd place by each receiving \$750 towards LYEP travel. This is the second time they have traveled with LYEP. Anna has participated in the Michigan LYEP Camp.

Michigan USA Lions Youth Exchange and Leo Leadership Camp (note the name change) is being held at Covenant Hills, July 26 – Aug 1. It is open to all LEOs in the state of Michigan together with young adults that are on home stays in Michigan during that time. Monetary help, food donations and chaperones are needed to have the camp run smoothly. Please contact Lion Deb VanTol for more information.

Lions Club International Foundation (LCIF) – PDG Bob

Sturgis: I continue to visit clubs talking about and soliciting funds for Campaign 100. To date, I have visited 21 Clubs. I have visited the Chesaning Lions three times, finalizing their commitments to be a Model Club. They will donate \$500 per member over a five year period. Pictures were taken to put in the Governor's newsletter, as well as, area papers.

As of today, our District has contributed more than any other District in the State. Congrats to the Clubs who have contributed. I sincerely hope other Clubs will contribute as well.

I will continue to contact Clubs about visits, as well as, seeking contributions. Any questions, please feel free to contact me at 810-223-3775.

Thank You to all the Clubs who have already given. Let's keep our District number one.