

Together  
We Can...

# Jeff Hunt District Governor 11 D-1

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## From District Governor Jeff Hunt



Well it looks like Phil, the groundhog, blew his assignment to foretell the coming of Spring. At least for the time being. March is known to roar in like a LION and out like a lamb. However, it is always time to ROAR like a LION and we still have 4 months left this year to build on our ROAR.

Your DG and our VDGs have been making the rounds, visiting and hearing of the wonderful things being done by all the clubs. Helping a high school robotics team, providing support to first responders, making blankets for the "Covered in Love" program and then distributing them to those in need are just the tip of the iceberg of what we do as Lions. Valentine's Day dance? Check. Pizza fund raiser for the Special Needs Clinic? Check. Food giveaways? Check. Bingo for the Veterans? Check. Easter egg hunts coming up? Check. Chocolate Bunny sales? Check. And the list goes on... "WE SERVE"

I'm happy to report our membership is still in the plus column and growing. Much of the increase is due to our clubs getting community members involved in service projects. They enjoy themselves and then want to be a permanent part of the action. We get paid for our efforts with the good feelings we have helping others. Sharing those feelings, by including others, is the right thing to do. Let's keep it up!

March is also the time to start putting together the nominations of club officers, with the elections to be held in April. This gives the new officers time to attend training, soon

to be announced by GLT Coordinator Alice Zajac. It also gives them some time to plan their club goals, so they can hit the ground running July 1.

Our District Convention is coming up the weekend of April 14-15 and registrations should be sent to the convention committee soon. I'm still waiting for the official delegate numbers from Lions Clubs International but have been assured they will be here soon.

Remember, each club is entitled to at least one delegate. Delegates are awarded for membership numbers in groups of 10 or the majority thereof. Twenty four members, by LCI count, would still be 2 delegates. 25 members is considered the majority of the next 10 and the club would be awarded 3 delegates. Please send your delegates as we have business to conduct and new district officers to elect.

Oh, and I have quite a few awards to present. I've enlisted the assistance of our Past International President, Joe Preston, in presenting those awards. PIP Joe will be our featured speaker at the banquet on Saturday night and will share his knowledge and experiences as our leader. He has also asked to join us in a service activity, and we are prepared to accommodate that request. All convention attendees will also have the same opportunity. Details to follow.

Thank you for all you do to make a difference in the lives of others!

Let us continue to move forward to change the world for the better. Can we do this? You bet! "Together we can!"

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## REGION/ZONE CHAIRS

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## From the 1st Vice District Governor



### Lions of District 11 D1

February was a month of learning for me and it was great fun. Lion Steve and I had our VG Training two weeks ago. We learned how to work on Membership Retention, Leadership Development, Public Speaking and Thinking Outside of the Box. Later that day, we participated in a service project for Special Olympics. We put together 1000 first aid bags. 😊

The next day was the Michigan Forum. I went to sessions on Lions Protocols, Time Management, Learning Opportunities and Lion Orientation. At Noon we listened to a very interesting presentation by Ann Guzdial Chief Program officer for Special Olympics Michigan. She explained that the mission of Special Olympics is to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition for children and adults with intellectual disabilities. They are celebrating 50 years of health, wellness and fitness.

Continuing my learning, I attended the District Governor Elect area training in Indianapolis last weekend. Vice Governors from Michigan, Illinois, Indiana and Kentucky were there. We discussed Leadership, Membership and Service goals. One other topic was Membership and Activity Reports.

I was given a GST Action Plan which I will share at a later time, from a district in Indiana for completing the online reports. That District used the action plan and had 100% completion of Membership Reports and 97% of Activity Reports. WOW! Districts in the four state areas included 24 Districts. One of the reports showed the percent of clubs reporting, number of clubs, and comparisons to 2016-2017 in each District. How do we compare? The results are way cool!

One of the reports showed the percentage of clubs reporting at least one Activity and Membership report so far this year. Out of 24 Districts, the four highest were 100%, 84%, 83%

and 11D1 with 82%. That is really good. From July 1 to December 31, 2017, we were tied with another District for 3rd highest number of activities reported 804 activities. As I have said last month, I am very proud of the clubs whose Secretaries have been reporting the service as well as the hours served that they are providing for their communities. In 2016-17, our district had 20,206 hours of service reported. In only eight months of the 2017-18 year, we already have more service hours reported: 20,699! 😊 I would like to continue to celebrate those clubs who have reported their Activity and Membership Reports. We have 23 clubs reporting. Ten clubs have reported both reports for the last seven months. 😊: Auburn Williams, Flushing, Gaines, Hemlock, Kingston, Lennon, Linden, Mayville, Otisville, and St. Charles. Clubs who also completed both reports were Cass City, East Flint, Essexville-Hampton, Freeland, Goodrich, Merrill, Millington, Saginaw West and Shields. We have a new club that reported both reports and that is Montrose. Reporting only Activity reports were Bay City, Grand Blanc, Caro and Zilwaukee. We have reported 98 service activities and 1,195 service hours this month.

Always remember WE SERVE!

One more topic to discuss, the Family and Women Symposium. The committee has been working diligently to plan a thoughtful and meaningful way to reach out to women and families in our District. There are 15 women from 13 clubs led by Mary DeMott, Kathy Bogar and Debra VanTol.

Their Goals are:

- To increase membership of women and families in our District.
- Improve the knowledge within the public about Lionism and provide services and Education to families.

Look for more information in this newsletter.

Service with a Smile 😊  
1st VG Joe Bogar



Reviewing facebook and websites for the Lions Clubs in our district was on my “to do” list last month. Good job, presidents and secretaries! The electronic sites and pages are looking good. Emails praising their great work was sent. The hope is that by the end of the year all our District Lions Clubs websites and facebook pages have current information.

Preparations are being made for the training session for e-clubhouses at the District Convention in Ann Arbor. This will be a great way to start a site or have assistance with your current e-clubhouse site. A few clubs have requested e-clubhouse information and help. To request an e-clubhouse site, go to this link <https://www.e-clubhouse.org>. The Gaines Area Lions Club has their e-clubhouse site under construction with others interested. Go Gaines!!

Last month, time was spent in Grand Rapids for the last 2017-18 training session for 1st and 2nd Vice District Governors. I am proud to say both Lion Joe and myself received a certificate of completion. It is interesting attending the Council of Governors meetings. There is much to learn.

The Michigan Forum was well attended by our district. On Friday night the service project was assembling first aid kits for the Special Olympic coaches in Michigan. Over 100 Lions rocked and swayed to music as First Aid bags supplied

by The Lions of Michigan Foundation were passed from table to table for filling. It was well organized and fun! Items to fill the kits were donated by all the districts in Michigan. Our district supplied the antibiotic cream. Thanks, Flushing Club for donating a good share of the ointment. Montrose did a good job also. A huge amount of gauze was brought to Grand Rapids. The 1000 bags which were filled in record time by the Lions.

Publicity of the Lions serving the community is necessary for the public awareness. Seven years ago, I was told the Lions are the best kept secret. We still are. Don't be afraid to publicize how we are serving in the community. We should be proud of our service yet humble.

A huge site saver map of our district will be at the Ann Arbor District Convention. The paper map's purpose is for each club to show their primary service area. For example: The Auburn Williams Lions Club primarily serves Williams and Beaver Twp. along with the City of Auburn. With the visual information, we can review where a club is needed to serve a vacant area. However, remember the saying, “Where there is a need there is Lion.” Lionism has no boundaries.

Continue “Moving Forward” together in our service to our community and beyond. We are “Lions.”

*Lion Steven VanTol, 2VDG*

## Bingo for Vets DATES AVAILABLE FOR 2018

Saginaw VA Medical Center, @ 1500 Weiss St., Saginaw, MI, 48602. If the date a club chooses is a Monday thru Saturday, Bingo will start at 7pm. Also, on Saturday and Sunday, the Bingos can start around 1pm. The Lions Club can call me, Lion Bill Bauder at (989) 493-3407 (cell), or they can call the Medical Center at (989)-497-2500, extension 11076 to set a date.

### DATES AVAILABLE AT 7 PM;

March - 2, 6, 7, 9, 10, 24, 26, 27, 31

April - 3, 6, 7, 13, 21, 22, 23, 24, 27, 28, 30

May - 2, 4, 6, 11, 12, 22, 25, 29, 30

June - 1, 2, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 22, 23, 25, 26, 30

July - 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 13, 14, 21, 22, 23, 24, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31

August - 1, 3, 6, 7, 10, 24, 27, 28, 29

September - 1, 2, 4, 7, 8, 9, 14, 22, 23, 24, 25, 28, 29, 30

October - 3, 5, 12, 14, 20, 22, 23, 26, 29, 30, 31

November - 2, 6, 9, 17, 23, 24, 26, 27

December - 1, 4, 5, 7, 14, 19, 22, 23, 28, 29, 30, 31

### DATES AVAILABLE AT 1:30 PM;

March - 10, 24, 31

April - 7, 21, 22, 28

May - 6, 12

June - 2, 9, 10, 23, 30

July - 1, 7, 8, 14, 21, 22, 28, 29

September - 1, 2, 8, 9, 22, 23, 29, 30

October - 14, 20

November - 17, 24

December - 1, 22, 23, 29, 30

# DISTRICT 11D1 2018 CONVENTION

The 2018 District 11D1 Convention will be held at the Wyndham Garden in Ann Arbor on April 13, 14 and 15.

The room rates are \$79.00 per night. For reservations call 734-665-4444 and mention District 11D1 Lions to get the special room rate.

The committee will be arriving at the hotel on Thursday, April 12<sup>th</sup> to assemble the convention packets. Those wishing to attend are welcome to do so. The room rate is \$79.00 for Thursday \$79.00 for Thursday also. Any help will be greatly appreciated.

We will be going out to eat Thursday evening at a local restaurant. More information to follow.

Bay City and Freeland have reserved a hospitality room – there is one left at the rate of \$79.00 per day. Please contact PCC Dick DeLong for reservation at [dick4571@charter.net](mailto:dick4571@charter.net) or 989-753-9821.

**DEADLINE FOR ROOM RESERVATIONS IS MARCH 29TH, 2018**

Any questions or concerns contact Dick DeLong or Bob Sturgis – Bob’s phone number is: Home: 810-621-3485 or cell: 810-223-3775 and email is: [pdgsturgis@aol.com](mailto:pdgsturgis@aol.com).

## Convention Program Book Advertising Opportunities

We would like to extend the opportunity to advertise in the Convention program for the District 11 D-1 Lions Convention to be held at the Wyndham Hotel in Ann Arbor, MI April 12 – 15, 2018!

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 CS Laura Hunt at [laurahunt1027@gmail.com](mailto:laurahunt1027@gmail.com) or 248-766-7268. All payments and ad copy must be received by March 6, 2018.

Payment may be mailed to Laura at 306 Burns St., Essexville, MI 48732 and copy should be emailed to the above address. Please state “Convention Ad Copy” in the subject line.

## PROGRAM AD RATES -

### Black & White

1/3 Page (Business Card Size): .....	\$25.00
½ Page .....	\$37.50
Full Page .....	\$75.00

### Color

1/3 Page (Business Card Size) .....	\$35.00
½ Page .....	\$50.00
Full Page .....	\$100.00

## 2018 District Convention Registration

Welcome to the 2018 District 11D1 convention. The convention committee is busy building a great convention for you to attend. To help the committee to be ready for you please fill in your registration and mail early to Lion Dick DeLong 4571 Bittersweet Lane Saginaw, MI 48604. And email any questions or comments to [dick4571@charter.net](mailto:dick4571@charter.net)

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Please fill in all applicable information”

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

Lion Name: \_\_\_\_\_ email address

Spouse or Guest Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Fee (no fee for new Lions or first time attendees)

	\$14.00 per attendee	\$ _____
Friday Night Meal	\$19.00 per attendee	\$ _____
Saturday Lunch	\$14.00 per attendee	\$ _____
Saturday Night Banquet	\$25.00 per attendee	\$ _____
	<b>TOTAL ENCLOSED</b>	<b>\$ _____</b>

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Saturday Dinner Choices: Chicken Marsala \_\_\_\_\_ Grilled Sirloin \_\_\_\_\_

Breakfast is included in the room rate.

If you have any special meal requirements please indicate here what they are and we will, to the best of our ability, accommodate your needs:  
\_\_\_\_\_

Club secretaries please duplicate this form and return one for each member or couple planning to attend the convention.

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR MEALS AND ROOMS IS MARCH 29<sup>TH</sup>, 2018**

**PHONE NUMBER TO RESERVE ROOMS IS 734-665-4444**

# DISTRICT 11D1 2018 CONVENTION

## 2017-18 MEMORIAL SERVICE



Name of Club \_\_\_\_\_

We sadly report the following Lion or Lioness from our club that has passed away during the last year and request that they be honored at the Memorial Service on April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Member's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Club President or Secretary

Please submit information such as years in Lions, offices held, committees, etc. below:

Return to Lion Joe Bogar 1139 W. Walnut St, St Charles 48655 by March 30<sup>th</sup>.

## Lions of Michigan Trustee Report

by Steven VanTol, IPP LMF

This is my fifth year serving as an LMF trustee. It has been very rewarding sharing the mission of the LMF with the Lions Clubs in our District. There is an opening again for a trustee for the LMF to be elected at our District Convention. I encourage all to consider serving as a trustee. Although only one can be elected. If you would like more information on what is involved, please give me a call at 989-430-9500. I would be glad to share information and answer any questions you may have. Just an FYI, you do not need to be a PDG to serve as a trustee. There are many Lions who are not PDGs serving as trustees.

A gentle reminder about the Sight and Hearing

Sweepstakes tickets. They are a great way to support the LMF and a great fundraiser also for your club. If your club sells 100 tickets or more you will receive five dollars for each ticket sold. The amount increases to \$5.50 when over 250 tickets are sold by your club.

The LMF is here to help us serve. Grants are available for sight and hearing when the local clubs and district need funding. There are emergency grant funds available for disasters such as home fires and flooding. Please contact a trustee for assistance. The current trustees of the LMF are Lion Steven VanTol and PDG Lion Jake Dasho.

# 98th Annual MD 11 Lions Convention: Kicking-Off a New Century of Service



Keynote Speaker:  
1st VP  
Gudrun Yngvadottir  
from Iceland

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### THURSDAY, MAY 17 2018

- 6:00 p.m. Pre-Convention Picnic Lions Bear Lake Camp  
Experience first-hand the excitement of our State Project, Lions Bear Lake Camp! You must register in advance. Cost: \$10.00  
Meet in hotel lobby @ 5:30 p.m. Car pool or Bus (\$5.00) to Camp  
VP Gudrun Yngvadottir will attend if travel time allows

### FRIDAY, MAY 18, 2018

- 9:00 a.m. Council of Governors Meeting
- 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. - NEW! Breakout Session: Nutrition for the Diabetic
- 12:00 - 9:00 p.m. Exhibitor Displays Open
- 1:30 p.m. - District Governors-Elect Planning Meeting
- 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. - NEW! Breakout Session: Human Trafficking
- 6:30 p.m. - Welcome Reception & Dinner; Entertainment Silent Auction open through Saturday @ 6:30 p.m.
- 8:30 - 10:30 p.m. - Entertainment by The Jay Mitzner Band
- 10:00 p.m. - Lions Afterglow Hospitality

### SATURDAY, MAY 19, 2018

- 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 a.m. Exhibitor Displays Open
- 8:30 a.m. - 2017 Awards Breakfast  
Guest Speaker, PID Dr. Jon Bjarni Thorsteinsson
- 10:30 a.m. Business Session – Hear reports from our State Projects, Leo Clubs and more!

### LUNCH ON YOUR OWN

### BREAKOUT SESSIONS

- 2:00 p.m. - Recruiting Success in a New Century – Round Table Discussion led by GMT Chair, Lion Lula Gardfrey
- 3:00 p.m. – Awareness, Prevention, Treatment and Research-Lions Barb Bagerly, Terri Huffman  
When International President Sten Akestam wanted to help raise awareness about diabetes, he turned to one of the most influential women in the world for help: Eppie Lederer, better known as advice columnist Ann Landers. We turn to Lions Barb Bagerly, Diabetic Nurse, and Lion Terri Huffman.
- 4:00 - 4:30 p.m. Travel Tips to Las Vegas- LCI International Convention led by PDG Bill Simpson

### SATURDAY AWARDS BANQUET-KEYNOTE ADDRESS –

- 6:00 p.m. Cocktail Reception - Performance by Lions All State Band
- 7:00 p.m. Memorial Service
- 7:15 p.m. Awards Banquet  
Keynote address by: 1STVP GUDRUN YNGVADOTTIR
- 9:30 p.m. Live & Silent Auction Wrap-up
- 10:00 p.m. Lions Afterglow Hospitality



**WE NEED YOUR HELP!**



**District 11D1**

**Little Caesars® Pizza Kit  
Fundraiser!**

It's simple...our Special Needs Vision Clinic needs to raise \$30,000. If every Lions Club member sold just 5 Pizza Kits, we would reach our goal. We are counting on you!

Pizza is easy to sell...almost everyone eats it at least once a week! So, talk to your friends, family, neighbors and co-workers about buying Little Caesars® Pizza Kits! Let them know they're great for quick dinners, parties and get togethers! Remind folks to buy several Kits and stock up their freezers! Any time is Pizza!Pizza! time!

**WIN PIZZA FOR A YEAR!\***

**For every 5 Pizza Kits you sell,  
get 1 entry into our raffle prize drawing!**

**START DATE: Thursday March 1, 2018**

**ORDER FORM DUE: Monday March 19, 2018**

Order form and payment due to Shelly Hardt.  
Late orders NOT accepted.  
Be sure your order form is correctly tallied!  
Please double check your math in the rows and columns!

**PICKUP LOCATION: East Flint Lions Club, 4352 Crosby Rd, Flint, 48506  
Tuesday March 27, 2018 4:00 PM – 6:30 PM**

**PICKUP LOCATION: Willew Lounge, 3005 E Midland Rd, Bay City, 48706  
Tuesday March 27, 2018 4:30 PM – 7:00 PM**

**PICKUP LOCATION: Saginaw CAC, 2824 Perkins St. Saginaw, 48601  
Tuesday March 27, 2018 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM**  
Pick up your Pizza Kits as soon as possible.  
Kits should be refrigerated, refrozen or delivered to your buyers within 6 hours of pickup. If the Kits thaw, they can be refrozen.

**QUESTIONS: Please feel free to contact Shelly Hardt**  
Phone: 989-293-2303  
Email: shardt@saginawcac.org

**Help us reach our goal...put a Caesar in your freezer!**

\* Pizza For A Year = 1 Little Caesars Hot-n-Ready every month and is awarded as a one-time \$75 Little Caesars gift card

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## PIZZA KIT FUNDRAISING

### Make the most of your fundraiser!

Your fundraiser is booked, it's time for your sellers to sell!  
Here are two proven ways to raise big "dough"!

1. Using social media is an easy way for you and your supporters to get the word out about your fundraiser for Lions Club District 11D1 Saginaw. Post on your personal page and suggest your sellers or their parents do so as well. Include a post on your group's website too.
2. Online ordering is a convenient way for people to purchase their favorite Kits. Click the link below and choose "Ship My order to the Group" to pick up Kits on delivery day. As a reminder, your fundraiser ID is 346018. Make sure your supporters also include the seller's name.

Forward this info to your sellers as an easy reminder. Questions? Give us a call!

888-452-5487

[PizzaKit.com](http://PizzaKit.com)

### ***From Special Needs:***

On behalf of the Special Needs Vision Clinic Board of Directors, patients and families, I would like to extend a special Thank You to Lion Shelly Hardt for her time and dedication put forth in arranging the "Little Caesar's Pizza Kit" fundraiser being introduced throughout the 11D1 District clubs.

Over the years, changes in the economic climate, third party reimbursements and ever rising operating costs coupled with fewer Lions Clubs, loss of compensation from Ferris State University and governmental grant funding has run our reserves to a dangerously low level. Having been in existence since 1982 and partnered with the Lions and Lioness of 11D1 for nearly 35 years, we are determined to keep the doors open so that Michigan's handicapped population can continue to receive top quality optometric care in an environment conducive to their unique needs; Something that is simply not available elsewhere in the state. To that end, we are calling all Lions (Lioness and Leos, too) to join us in selling Little Caesar's Pizza Kits with all proceeds going to support Special Needs Vision Clinic. Order forms are available through each individual club or by calling the clinic at 989-777-1040. Orders must be turned in by Monday, March 19<sup>th</sup> and will be delivered to pick-up locations in Bay City, Saginaw and Flint on Tuesday, March 27<sup>th</sup>. Please consider helping us in our efforts to keep the Special Needs Vision Clinic afloat.

In closing I would ask that you remember that beauty comes in all shapes and sizes: small, medium, large, circle, square, thin crust, thick crust, stuffed, crust, extra topping.

Pizza! .... It's what's for dinner.

Deloris  
Special Needs Vision Clinic  
989-777-1040

Can You Spare 20 Minutes to Volunteer?



# "Covered With Love" Blanket Project Community Open House!



THURSDAY, MARCH 15

Wil-Lew Lounge

5:00 - 8:00 PM

3005 E Midland Rd, Bay City

Food & drinks available for purchase

We'll be cutting "No Sew" Fleece Blankets to distribute locally to Pediatric Cancer Patients, First Responders, Nursing Homes

Bring a 1 ½ or 2 yard piece of 'anti-pill' fleece & scissors IF you are able...

This is a community event sponsored by Lions 11 D1. Grab your kids, your neighbor, your sister or brother. How about people from your church, work, or school?

From 8 to 98, ANYONE CAN DO IT.

It feels GREAT to give back & help our community!

The Lions are the world's largest service organization with clubs in nearly every city around the world. Our Motto is "We Serve" and we've just celebrated 100 years.

**We're always looking for kind-hearted people to join us!**

Coming in  
April

the Linden Lions Club's  
WHITE ELEPHANT AUCTION

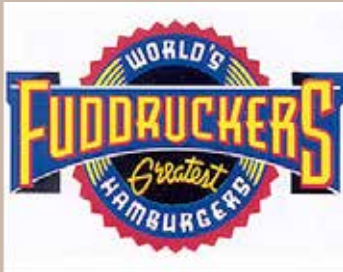
The LINDEN LIONS are hosting their annual WHITE ELEPHANT AUCTION. This is an evening with everything - good food, lots of fun, a chance to pick up a rare find at a good price and to share good times and tall stories with other Lions.

Plan on joining the LINDEN LIONS on **Tuesday, April 24, 6:00 p.m.**  
Hope Lutheran Church, 7355 Silver Lake Road in Linden.

For more information, directions or to make reservations,  
call Lion Duane Wilcox 810-560-5963



## Gaines Area Lions Club



Fundraisers are on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday  
each month  
From 6:00pm to 8:00pm  
**Fuddruckers of Flint**  
2373 Austin Pkwy  
Flint MI 48507

Present this flier to the cashier and a  
portion of ALL sales will be donated to  
the GAINES AREA LIONS CLUB

**Support Our Fundraisers!**  
When you support our Lions club  
you support the projects Lions do in  
your community and worldwide!

### Chesaning Lions Club Easter Egg Hunt



Saturday, March 31  
Start 10 a.m.  
Location: Showboat Park  
Children Ages: 1 thru 11



### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Fairgrove Lions Club

### "Spring Picnic"

April 29, 2018 11:00 am to 2:00 pm

Akron - Fairgrove High School  
2800 N. Thomas Rd. in Fairgrove

Silent Auction

Proceeds to scholarship fund and community  
projects

For more information,  
call Lil @ 989-528-5647

# Roster Changes

Chesaning Lions now only meet on the fourth Tuesday of  
each month @ 7pm.

Deb VanTol add cell phone 989-430-1824 and delete home  
phone.

Lindsay Maynard change email from lmaynard@lssu.edu  
to ltmaynard09@yahoo.com

Claudia Scott change in phone and email:  
scottclaudia158@gmail.com. Phone 810 730 3477



**The Comedy Series**  
Willew Lounge, Bay City

All the way from Las Vegas!  
Headlining... **Derek Richards**

Also Featuring... **Melissa Hager**

Proceeds go to the Bay City Lions Club

tickets only \$35 - includes show and a chicken dinner

THURSDAY  
April 5  
Dinner @ 6pm  
Show to Follow

Cash Bar Available  
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**CASINO BUS TRIP**  
Sunday, March 11, 2018

PROCEEDS TO



**Grand Blanc  
LIONS CLUB**

SCHEDULE

12:30 PM Bus leaves Grand Blanc  
 1:00 PM Bus pick up at Byron Lodge #80  
 1:30 PM Bus pick up at Perry Lodge #350  
  
 2:30 PM Bus arrives at FireKeepers Casino  
  
 7:30 PM Bus leaves FireKeepers Casino  
  
 8:45 PM Bus drop-off at Perry Lodge #350  
 9:15 PM Bus drop-off at Byron Lodge #80  
 9:40 PM Bus drop-off at Grand Blanc

**COST:** \$40.00 Per Person

**INCLUDES:** Bus Transportation to and from FireKeepers  
 \$20 in Free Play for Groups over 25  
 \$15 in Free Play for Groups under 25  
 \$5 in Food Comps

**RSVP:** Call David Aurand (810) 610-1757

**BRING:** Drivers license required at casino  
 Small coolers for refreshments allowed on bus  
 No Refunds unless seat is filled



Hosted By:  
 Byron Masonic Lodge #80  
 146 Saginaw Street, Byron, MI 48418

## *Facts about Special Needs Vision Clinic you may not be aware of*

Lions of District 11 D-1.

The below information is being provided to the Lions of District 11 D-1 to make members aware of the services provided by the clinic.

Any member that knows of anyone that needs the services please contact the clinic at 989-777-1040.

Special Needs Vision Clinic offers primary care optometric services by appointment at our office, receiving referrals from area educators, social agencies, ophthalmologists and assisted care homes. We also provide off-site care on a case-by-case basis, depending on need and location. We are handicap accessible, have adaptive equipment to accommodate wheelchair bound individuals, utilize alternative testing techniques to accommodate varied levels of cognitive function and apportion ample time to ensure that each patient receives a thorough examination. We have an in-house dispensary so that our patients can order glasses and we carry many specialty frames designed to meet the unique needs of the developmentally disabled. Low vision services for the blind are provided as well.

The Special Needs Vision Clinic provides

- Optometric Examinations and Ocular Health Assessment
- Low Vision Evaluations
- Eyeglass and therapeutic contact lens dispensing
- Eyeglass adjustment and repair
- Off-site special education vision screenings/exams
- Consultation with parents, educators and support staff
- Social/ Medical/ Educational referrals

It is not so much what we do that makes our program unique, but rather who we do it for. Our clinic was established thirty-five years ago to meet a service delivery concern for the handicapped population. At the Special Needs Vision Clinic the atmosphere is informal, empathetic and client-centered. This means there are few time constraints; examinations can be as long and as frequent as necessary, and communication with the client, family and support professionals can be adequately provided.

We see developmentally disabled children/adults, physically, mentally, emotionally impaired, visually impaired and legally blind individuals. Historically, we see between 800 and 1000 patients per year.

On behalf of the clinic,

PDG Dick DeLong, Secretary  
Special Needs Vision Clinic



# Family F.A.C.E.S.: A New Way to Increase Club Membership!

Some new ideas have been brewing in Lions District 11-D-1 in the last couple of months. Would you like your Lion Club Membership to increase? Would you like the message of the great work that Lions do to reach more people?

There has been a committee formed with a team of individuals from 13 of our clubs in the district to take on the challenge of hosting a Family and Women Symposium. "Family F.A.C.E.S." is the Theme - Fun, Activities, Community, Education and Services, (see the poster/flyer in this District Newsletter). These Here are key points you want to know:

1. Sunday May 20, 2018 from 1:00-4:00 pm (Same weekend and place as the Multi-District Convention)
2. Holiday Inn Gateway Conference Centre- Flint
3. Possibly (still pending) a welcome by Gudrun Yngvadottir- First Vice President of Lions Clubs International from Gardabaer, Iceland
4. Guest Speakers from Genesys Health Systems on Women's Health Issues and LIONS Clubs
5. Displays and resources from various Lion supported state projects
6. Family Fun Activities- Cardio Drumming, Yoga for All, Leader Dog Puppies, Chair Massages
7. KidSight Vision, Blood Pressure, and Diabetes screenings
8. "Covered with Love" Blanket tying service project
9. Food and PRIZES!

In order to pull off an event of this magnitude the committee has submitted a grant proposal to Lions Clubs International; however the chances of receiving money from International may be slim at this time of the fiscal year. The committee will be asking clubs to donate funds to help our district grow! Club Presidents and Secretaries will be receiving an email

Sandra Cawood (Swartz Creek)  
Renee Markva (Swartz Creek)  
Julia Embury (Linden)  
Pat Elliott (Gaines)  
Doris Amman (Chesaning)  
Kathy and Eugene Eskelson (Caro)  
Diana Fairgreve (Linden)  
Arlene Furden (Otisville)

Dawn Garcia (Clio)  
Carol Poirier (Bay City)  
Sandy Sting (Bay City)  
Deb VanTol (Auburn Williams)  
Teresa DuValt (Merrill)  
Mary and Harold DeMott (Gaines)  
Kathy and Joe Bogar (St. Charles)

Remember our goal in Lions is to increase membership to continue to serve our communities! If we work together as a district to promote Lions, if we invest money for this event, if we focus on the needs of women and families in our communities... we can tap into a powerful resource of new members!

If anyone in the district is interested in joining in to help with the planning please contact Lion Mary DeMott at 989-563-4490 or Lion Kathy Bogar at 989-274-3399.

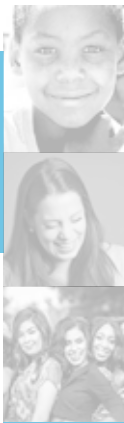
*see flyer next page*

**FAMILY  
Fun  
Activities  
Community  
Education  
Services**

**Sunday, May 20**  
1-4 pm  
Grand Blanc Holiday Inn  
Gateway - 5353 Gateway Center  
Flint, 48507



**Diabetes Education  
Cardio Health Education  
Mental Health Education**



**FREE**



Please respond to Family FACES FB event with "going." Registration on-site.

Call Mary, 248-563-4490 or Kathy, 989-274-3399 for more information.



Auburn Williams Lions

# 7th Annual Golf Scramble

**Saturday - July 14, 2018**

Sandy Ridge Golf Course  
2750 W. Lauria Rd.  
Midland, MI 48642

**Shotgun Start @ 9AM**  
\$55 per person/ \$220 per team

*Hot Dogs at the Turn  
Prizes & Light Lunch to Follow*

Please send REGISTRATION / CHECKS to:  
**LION CLYDE DANN**  
4706 MYRA LEE, AUBURN, MI 48611

Contact for Questions:  
CLYDE DANN - CBDANN@aol.com or 989-430-2077  
STEVEN VANTOL - lionstevenvantol@gmail.com 989-430-9500

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Activities and Fun for the Kids  
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Sponsored by the Lions District 11-D1



**Greetings, Leader Dog Chairs, Champions and Editors-**

Spring is almost here and we are excited to share all the "happenings" with Leader Dog and Lions. Next page is the monthly update for your Lions Clubs and newsletters. It is designed to drop in a newsletter like a flyer. You can also email it out on its own or print for clubs.

Thank you for helping to get the word out on our services. Many Lions and most potential clients don't realize we serve people in all 50 states. Most aren't aware that, thanks in large part to Lions support, all of our services are free of charge! That includes transportation to and from Leader Dog, room and board, the Leader Dog, the GPS unit, training (with either the Leader Dog or white cane depending on the program)...even the Summer Experience for Teens is free so spread the word

Questions? Please call or email me 248-650-7102 - 888-777-5332 ext. 1102

Mike Dengate, Lions Engagement Specialist, 1039 S. Rochester Road, Rochester Hills, MI 48307-3115

Hosted by  
MGM Grand Detroit



**Friday, March 9, 2018**  
**MGM Grand Detroit**





# LEADER DOGS FOR THE BLIND

LEADER DOG NEWS FOR LIONS - MAR 2018

## BILL GRAHAM AND LEADER DOG GIBSON



When Lion Bill Graham began losing his sight, he already knew of organizations to turn to for support. First, he got assistance from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), then he came to Leader Dog for orientation & mobility (white cane) training.

Soon after, Bill and his wife moved from rural Georgia to Raleigh, North Carolina. "Unfortunately, between us and Raleigh is a five-lane road and thousands of cars speeding along each day," says Bill.

Bill decided that the time had come to get a guide dog. He was soon training with Leader Dog Gibson, a friendly golden retriever. "Gibson is doing absolutely everything I need him to do," boasts Bill. "I can cross the busy road safely. Gibson has helped me cross a barrier I just couldn't navigate alone."

"Lions and Leader Dog are two great organizations. I'm honored to be a part of both," says Lion Bill, Leader Dog chair for district 31-S.



Bill Graham and Leader Dog Gibson train in Florida under the supervision of Guide Dog Mobility Instructor Sarah Duyck.



IN EVERY LEADER DOG LIES THE HEART OF A LION.

A Leader Dog partner since 1939.

## CLUB HIGHLIGHT

Burley Lions Club—Spudman Triathlon

"Spudman is an important event in our community, and many people volunteer to make it happen every year" posted Stephanie Wright Curtis on the Burley (ID, district 39-W) Lions Club's Facebook page. Every year on the last Saturday in July, triathletes complete a grueling 1.5K swim down the Snake River, then bike a 40K and run a 10k across the picturesque backdrop of Idaho. By donating a portion of the proceeds from this event to Leader Dog every year, the Burley Lions Club has consistently ranked as a Top Dog Club (an annual gift of \$5,000 or more).

Great job Burley Lions!

## LIONS IMPACT ON LEADER DOG

*"Thirty seconds of a Lion's time can change a person's life. Anyone can do that by telling someone about Leader Dog."*

-PDG Tom Simmons, a Leader Dog client (AZ, district 21-C)

## WAYS TO GIVE

Your club can now show your support in a new way, through a Puppy Sponsorship. For \$500, you receive:

- Puppy Photos
- Puppy Profile
- Banner Patch
- Certificate of Sponsorship

Sponsor online at [LeaderDog.org/sponsor-a-puppy](http://LeaderDog.org/sponsor-a-puppy) or contact Kathy Gilchrist, Lions relations specialist, at 248.659.5012.



**BE OF SERVICE**  
[LeaderDog.org/Lions](http://LeaderDog.org/Lions)

FOLLOW THE LEADER



# Lions Around the District

Bay City Lions: CMMS Leo Club visits the Bay County Animal Shelter where they donated blankets they made for the "Covered in Love" project. There were plenty of animals to enjoy the love and affection of this group.

The Bay City Lions Club met at 12:00 noon on 2-21-18, at Ole Tyme Broadway with about 100 students, parents, teachers, and members for the Annual Peace Poster contest awards. Lion Darlene Trigg who chaired the Peace Poster Contest Committee announced that

there were 9 schools that participated this year. Her committee, besides Lion Darlene were Lions Patsy Powell, Marilyn Muler, Rick Nelsen, Lori Dufresne, Ruth Lauria, Sandy Sting, Katie Kaczynski, and Carol Poirer. There were three winners from each school, and the first-place winner received a gift certificate for \$50, second place \$38, and third place \$25. The schools participating were Handy Middle School, St John's Lutheran in Bay City, Western Middle School, Trinity Lutheran-Bay City, Immanuel Lutheran, Bay City Academy, Trinity- Monitor, St. Paul, Frankenlust, and Zion Lutheran. Pictures were taken of the winners and their posters and will be posted on the Bay City Lion's Face Book page. The overall winner was Mallory Harrelsen from Trinity, Monitor and she won an additional \$50 gift certificate. She will move on to district competition.



KINGSTON LIONS CRAFT SHOW  
SLOPPY JOE & SOUP LUNCH  
Saturday, March 24, 2018  
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 1:00 – 3:00 P.M. By Appointment Only  
to [snemeth\\_51@yahoo.com](mailto:snemeth_51@yahoo.com)  
No second hand or flea market items please

Inquiries: Lion Sandra Balzer 989 327-8640

## APPLICATION

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

Craft: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**SIGN AND RETURN WITH CHECK NO LATER THAN MARCH 15**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO KINGSTON LIONS CLUB



Mail to: Lion Sandra Balzer  
6278 Center Street  
Unionville, M



# Lions Around the District

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**Chesaning Lions Club:** On Wednesday, Feb. 14, secretary Carissa Toma and president Dwayne Amman presented a \$1,000 check to the Chesaning Area United Appeal (CAUA) fund drive. CAUA cochair Mary VanLoon gratefully accepted the check, which will go toward supporting charitable programs in the Chesaning area, including the River Rapids District Library, Chesaning Area Emergency Response (CAER), the Young at Heart club located at the Chesaning Senior Center and the Rehmann Health Center. Pictured from left to right are little Jaycee Toma, Carissa Toma, Dwayne Amman and Mary VanLoon.



this show seems to get bigger, and this year, despite Mother Nature, it did again. There were over 50 show sleds under the big tents their sponsored Boy Scout troop 121 put up for the event. Three 20x40 tents kept the show sleds out of the weather. The swap meet was also a hit once again this year. And what would a show like this be without a raffle? There was a 1974 Yamaha SL433 Snowmobile raffled off for the event as well. Thanks to Boy Scout troop 121, there was an all you can eat pancake breakfast in the morning followed by chili and hot dog lunch being served.

Many hands helped put this event together, and a special thanks to each and every one of them.

## East Flint Lions

**Auxiliary** has done several things in the last few months. In November, we had a tea luncheon with a fun skit, and raised \$485. We sponsored a family at Christmas in Kearsley School District. Monthly we fill 100 bags for the homeless in Flint. The bags include a bottle of water, a peanut butter and jelly sandwich, a granola bar, a bag of chips and a pair of socks. For the last two Christmases we have made fleece blankets for needy families in the area. One of the big things the Auxiliary does twice a year is a Soup and Pie Dinner, with anywhere from 10 to 14 different soups and as many pies. This event is enjoyed by all that attend.



## Frankenmuth Lions Club

recently honored one of its members – Louie Weiss -- with a Lions Master Key award. Pictured are Lions Vice Governor Joe Bogar, Master Key award recipient Louie Weiss, and Frankenmuth



Lions President Craig Banes. The Master Key award honors Lions Club members who have sponsored over 20 new Lions members.

## East Flint Lions Club

on December 9th, hosted their 3rd annual Snowmobile Show and Swap meet. Each year,



## Mayville Lions:

Attached are pictures of our Peace Poster winners Caleighna Wilcox and Kayden Ostrander. The two Mayville students and their families were guests at our February dinner meeting. The club is already making plans for the annual community Easter Egg Hunt to be held March 24.



# Lions Around the District

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**Kingston Lions Club** Getting ready for our annual craft show and soup luncheon on Saturday, March 24 - serving several kinds of soup and home made desserts. Club has completed 22 "Covered in Love" blankets and hosted the Governor and First lady. Lion Jeff presented Lion Alice Zajac with Outstanding Leadership Service award for her work on Global Leadership Team.

**The Millington Lions Club** donated \$1,330.00 to the Millington Firefighter's Assoc. to assist with the purchase of a specialized washer and dryer to clean the department's fire turnout gear. Cleaning the firefighter's clothing eliminates a health hazard associated with exposure to toxic materials.

Late in February, club members and guests traveled to a Sault Ste Marie casino for a weekend social excursion. This annual bus trip serves as a great club builder for our Lions Club.

On February 26, the Millington Club hosted a Diabetes Awareness education program. This interesting and informative program was presented by Ms. Mary Messing of the McLaren-Bay Region Medical Center. The attendees included Lions members and community guests.

**Otisville Lions Club** held their annual Valentine's Dance February 10, 2018. Lion Royal's Lion vest with many of the pins over his 45 years of Lionism were displayed on his vest that was placed in a glass case that will be displayed at the Den. Lion Royal loved to dance and always was seen on the dance floor.



Another notable activity was a muzzle loader that was donated to raffle off at the dance in memory of Lion Royal. He loved to hunt, and this was an appropriate item to raffle off. The muzzle loader was won by President Lion Dan Stinson.

While the weather may have kept some from attending the annual dance, those that attended had a great time. Many nice door prizes were given out. A delicious lunch of homemade Sloppy Joes with several types of salads and heart shaped cookies were offered to attendees.

**St. Charles Lions** new member Jean Rooker-Damic was proud to deliver a check for \$400 to Area 22 Special Olympics for the purchase of new helmets for their winter games. Matthew Bronz, one of the Olympic athletes was certainly overjoyed! Thank you, Jean, for bringing their need to the forefront, so the St. Charles Lions could help out.



**Swartz Creek Lions** are extremely pleased with all the support received toward making Will Roth's Germany Trip a reality. I'd like to especially thank Grand Blanc and Lennon Lions for their contributions and all those who sent private donations as well. Because of the support of Lions Clubs, and that from the Swartz Creek German



Club, and the SCCS, Will Roth, who is legally blind, along with his mom, will be heading to Germany as part of a group of 50 students starting June 20. Be assured, if you've since sent any donations to our club on his behalf, we will make sure the family receives them as well. I think 11D1 as a whole should feel very proud of this accomplishment.

Also, we have added another member as of February 21 and are pleased to welcome Pam Peek to our club. We will be hosting a fund raiser at Jan's Bar in Swartz Creek, March 21 from 4 to 8 p.m.

Participants can get a Coney, freeze, along with a beer, or soft drink for \$6.00. A portion of proceeds will go back to our club, and as you might guess, that means no meeting at Dave's on that date.



Hoping for good weather that evening and to see you then

Jason Luokka Swartz Creek Club President.

Happy Easter

*Together We Can...*



DISTRICT GOVERNOR  
Jeff Hunt  
4359 Wilder Rd.  
Bay City, MI 48706



## UPCOMING EVENTS

*see details inside*

### **Leader Dog Dinner in the Dark**

March 9, Detroit

### **Blanket Project Open House**

March 15, Bay City

### **Special Needs Pizza Fundraiser Kickoff**

Deadline for orders March 19

### **Firekeepers Casino Trip**

March 11, Battle Creek

### **Kingston Lions Craft Show**

March 24, Kingston

### **Chesaning Lions Easter Egg Hunt**

March 31, Chesaning

### **Comedy Series**

April 5, Bay City

### **11D-1 District Convention**

April 13-15, Ann Arbor

### **Linden Lions White Elephant Auction**

April 24, Linden

### **Fairgrove Spring Picnic**

April 29, Fairgrove

### **MD 11 Convention**

May 18, 19, Grand Blanc

### **Auburn Williams Golf Scramble**

July 14, Midland

