

Together
We Can...

Jeff Hunt District Governor 11D-1

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From District Governor Jeff Hunt



November was a really good month for 11D1. Our Lions helped others in so many different ways. Some made and distributed blankets so the homeless could be warm. Others helped their church or perhaps the Salvation Army put on a Thanksgiving dinner for those who had no other place to go. Several clubs distribute food baskets during Thanksgiving. Thousands of people had their lives made just a little bit better because our Lions were there. "Where there is a need, there is a Lion." My thanks to you for being there!

And also, my thanks to all the Lions of 11D1 who took time out of their busy schedules to attend the Lions Leadership Institute at Higgins Lake. The feedback I've received has all been positive, and my hope is that the word will spread, and we'll have even more attendees next fall.

Our district membership is up once again with today's numbers showing a gain of 7 for the month and a year to date gain of 36. Kudos to all who are making this a reality. More service projects = more members = more folks helped. And that's what we're all about.

The "Covered with Love" project continues to be an example of not only helping others but letting our communities know about Lions. The Handy Middle School Leos joined with the 3rd and 5th grades from Mackenson Elementary School and had a pizza party/blanket making

party cranking out 25+ double blankets in a couple of hours. Many non-Lions have been invited to the blanket making sessions and some have enjoyed it so much they want to be Lions. Some clubs have had both TV and radio exposure when reporters found out about the blankets Lions were making and distributing. Again, more people being helped!!

And now it's time to start switching gears as the Holiday Season is coming fast. Lions celebrate many holidays this time of year including Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, Three Kings Day, and perhaps even St. Lucia Day. All of these holidays have a very similar chord that strikes through them; family and taking care of the less fortunate. However you celebrate, please make a difference and make the world a better place.

I know there will be many Lions delivering Christmas baskets to their neighbors who need that assistance. And many of our Lions clubs have scheduled Christmas parties for kids and some have scheduled parties for the Lions themselves, giving us a chance to celebrate the season together. Enjoy those celebrations and get ready for one more holiday because the New Year will be here one month from today!!

Welcome to December! Can we continue to make the world a better place?

You bet!! Together we can!

DG Jeff

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From the 1st Vice District Governor



Lions of District 11-D1

I hope you had a good Thanksgiving with family and friends. This is the time of year when Lions are at their best- having Christmas parties for young people in their town, giving food baskets to needy families, fundraising by selling Christmas trees, helping with food giveaways, and sponsoring Christmas parades that certainly include Santa, and this is just a few of the events we as Lions do to SERVE our communities. Your club Christmas party is another good time for fellowship and fun.

Our Centennial Service Challenge is to Serve 100 million people by June of 2018. Our Global Service Framework focuses on: Environment, Hunger, Vision, Youth and Diabetes. People served so far are 193,143,655. Wow!

When Secretaries want to record an activity their club has completed, they choose from a drop down list of the following "Activity Types" that include; Community and Cultural Activities, Disaster Preparedness and Relief, Environmental Services, International Relations, Health and Wellness, Fundraisers, Assistance to Individuals, Donations, Services for Children and Youth, and Meetings and Administrative Duties. Next to each activity type are examples of activities that your club might do. Next



to the Health and Wellness activity type is Pediatric Cancer and Diabetes.

After the Centennial Service Challenge, our Global Service Framework will be Environment, Hunger, Vision, Diabetes and Pediatric Cancer.

Don't forget to order yard signs that say- A Proud Lion Lives here! This is a normal size yard sign, one-sided weatherproof plastic with an aluminum stake. You need to order and pay by January 14th 2018. They are \$3 each. Info on how and where to order is in this month's Governor's Newsletter. Wouldn't it be great to be driving around Michigan and see member signs in fellow Lions yards?

It is now is time to celebrate those clubs who have done their Activity and Membership Reports! We have 20 clubs reporting which is 4 clubs less from last month. The following 11 clubs have completed their Activity Reports and Membership Reports for the last 5 months.--Auburn-Williams, Essexville-Hampton, Flushing, Gaines, Grand Blanc, Hemlock, Lennon, Linden, Mayville, Millington, Otisville, St. Charles and Zilwaukee. Cass City has completed 5 months of Activity Reports. Also reporting both reports for November were the clubs Bay City, East Flint and Shields. For the first time Saginaw Downtown did their reports. Freeland completed only their activity report for the month. Our district has completed 118 activities with 2,835 hours of Service this month. We have had at least 20 clubs report each month since our Lion year started in July. Please do not forget to do both membership and Activity reports. We had two clubs last month and two this month who did not do their Membership Report. We have 9 clubs who have not yet done their Activity or Membership Reports this year. Again if you need help, please ask me. We can do this!!

The clubs in our District who have reported have completed 583 Service Activities and 15,116 Service hours in five Months. 😊

Service with a Smile 😊
1st VG Joe Bogar



Being a Lion means different things to a Lion member as we continue with our motto, WE SERVE. It has been interesting visiting the clubs and meeting Lions I have never seen at a District function. They are hard at work in their club and community serving others. Wonderful!

There is not enough time to get to know all the Lions at a meeting, but you can get a sense of the club members during discussions and service projects in progress. My apologies for not taking the time to talk with all the members. It does seem, however, that I am the last to leave a meeting, much to my wife's chagrin. Possibly, that is why you may not see her with me.

Visits were made to Hemlock, Genesee and Zilwaukee. I had the pleasure to induct William Harrison as the newest Lion of the Zilwaukee Club. He was sponsored by Lion Sharon DeLong. According to Lion Sharon, he saw the Lions at work and asked how he could help. I encourage all Lions to talk about Lionism and why we serve. Then "just ask." If you don't ask, you will never know the answer. We have a great service organization.

The training at ALLI, Advanced Lions Leadership Institute, was another wonderful experience. There were over 200 Lions in attendance. The majority were 2nd Vice District Governors. Hopefully I will have the opportunity to meet them again at the International Lions Convention in two years.

During the Holidays we spend more time with our family and friends. What a wonderful opportunity to share Lionism! It is safer than talking politics. Maybe your club or a club nearby will increase by one based on your conversation.

Plans for technology in December: review all the Clubs in the District websites, Facebook and e-clubhouse sites for information. Emails will be sent to individual clubs with comments about their web presence. It will be wonderful to congratulate every club on a job well done. Information that is up to date on websites is the goal for all clubs.

Free website presence is available with e-clubhouse. Follow either link for to LCI, (<http://members.lionsclubs.org/EN/resources/communicate-your-activities/create-website-eclubhouse.php>) or from the LCI website, <http://www.lionsclubs.org>, type "e-clubhouse" into the search bar on (the magnifying glass). Fill out the application. Within a few days you will be given a user name with a password to start creating your club's free website.

Additionally, directions in the Lions e-Clubhouse User Guide can be found on the e-clubhouse site on how to add and change information. The directions can be found in the FAQ section. It also has information to find a forgotten user name and password.

Please contact me if you need assistance. A forum is being planned for our District convention to assist with the e-clubhouse web site. Special computer skills are not needed to work with e-clubhouse. Time is the only requirement needed to keep the information up to date.

Many clubs suspend meetings in December because they are involved in service projects and spending time with family. Have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and keep moving forward.

Lion Steven VanTol 2VDG



FLUSHING LIONS CLUB TV RAFFLE

First Place

55" LG UHD (4K) SMART TV



SMART TV WITH

- Ultra-High Definition 4K
- Wi-Fi
- 120 Refresh Rate
- Premium APPs

Second Place

43" LG UHD (4K) SMART TV



Third Place

\$100 GASOLINE CARD

**Drawing Dec 8, 2017
At Flushing Candle-Walk
GOGGIN'S HALL**

**Tickets:
\$5 Each or 5 for \$20**

Tickets

Lion Larry Porn Flushing, MI 48433 810-252-3728 810-659-3465	Lion Dick Barnett Flushing, MI 48433 810-252-0924 810-659-4952
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LIONS PRIDE YARD SIGNS!

A Project of the MD11 PR committee! Endorsed by the 2017-18 CoG
Celebrate 100 years and show off your Lion Pride!

Who: All MI Lions Clubs

What: One-sided, weatherproof plastic yard sign with aluminum stake included

Cost: \$3 each. Make checks payable to: Lions 11 D1 Yard Signs. Orders can be any size, one order per club or group of clubs.



Orders & Payment MUST be received by January 14th 2018 by PR Chair Laura Hunt (306 Burns St., Essexville, MI 48732)

Signs will be available for pick-up at the Michigan Forum in Grand Rapids, February 16th and 17th 2018. If your club will not be in attendance, we will bring them back to the District for you. Your club will then be responsible for making arrangements to pick them up from the person bringing them back. We will make every effort to get them as close to you as possible based on who is in GR to drive them home!

Club Name: _____

Club Contact Name: _____

Phone Number: _____ E-mail: _____

Number of Signs: _____ x \$3 = \$ _____ enclosed

Questions? E-mail Lion Laura Hunt, CS at laurahunt1027@gmail.com or call 248-766-7268

3rd
Annual
Flint Area

2017 Snowmobile Show & Swap Meet



Saturday,
December 9th, 2017
8am until 4pm

Food & Refreshments
Available for Purchase



\$5 All-U-Can-Eat
**Pancake
Breakfast**
(begins at 7am)



Directions: Scan
above QR Code
or use Google
Maps or
MapQuest

- *Antique*
 - *Vintage*
 - *New*
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\$5.00 Donation for Admission

\$10.00 Donation for **ANY VENDOR SPACE**
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Rain, Shine or Snow...This Event Will Go!

Raffle: 1974

Yamaha 433



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4352 Crosby Rd., Flint, MI 48506

Contact Jim Haist (810) 624-2977 for more information

Bingo for Vets DATES AVAILABLE

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.

December 1, 2, 6, 8, 22, 23, 26, 30, 31

Saturdays @1:30 p.m., Sundays 1:30

Weekdays @7 p.m. or 6:30 p.m.

Gaines Area Lions Club



Fundraisers are on the 3rd 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!

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



Together We Can...

Covered with Love

December 1st Project Update

The District 11 DI

Fleece blanket-making project is going gangbusters!

So far, 11 DI Lions have generated 225 blankets! Distribution has begun to hospital pediatric wards, shelters for victims of abuse, first responders, the homeless, Veterans' Hospitals, animal shelters, etc...Each group has been really excited to receive the blankets and most would love to have more of them if/when possible.

Many clubs are making and distributing their own blankets (please let us know how many and where they went!) and there have been several potential new members identified through this project.

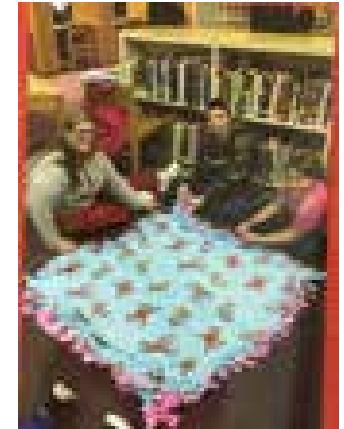
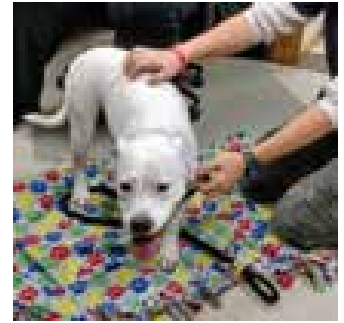
The LEO/CUB Blanket making party went extremely well. The kids did a great job and had a lot of fun doing it.

Congratulations to the Gaines and Linden Lions, and the Rankin Lioness who were featured on the Channel 12 News. They did an outstanding job of getting the word out and of representing Lions of 11 DI! They have also been asked to be on the Mike Thorp radio show on Dec. 4th!

We are happy to help coordinate any type of gathering for the purpose of making blankets; just let us know what you need as we work toward our goal of 400 blankets by June 30th. (Did you notice I added a hundred to the original number? ;))

Happy Holiday, 11 DI, and thank you for all your hard work on this project. We are making a difference!

Lions Kathy Bogar, Deb Van Tol, Mary Hall, Sandy Sting, Carol Poirier, Laura Hunt



Lions of Michigan Trustee Report



Secretaries watch your mailbox for the LMF sweepstakes tickets. They are in the mail and should arrive soon. They are a great way to support the LMSF and remember if your club sells 100 tickets or more you will receive five dollars from the foundation for your club's use, sell over 250 tickets and receive \$5.50 per ticket.

If you would like to nominate someone for the LMF Hall of Fame, contact Cabinet Secretary Lion Laura Hunt soon. Our District nominations must be approved by the Voting Cabinet and submitted by March 1st to the LMF.

The LMF received a \$5,000.00 grant from the Bay Area Community Foundation Youth Advisory Committee. The director of the LMF Chad McCann and 2VDG Steven VanTol were in Bay City to receive the check. We also received news the LMF will receive a \$6,500 grant from the Dow Chemical Donor Advised Funds administered by the Bay Area Community Foundation. These grants enable the LMF to receive the matching \$5,000.00 grant from the Morley Family Foundation. These grants are for a Project KidSight trailer and camera for our district. We are still in need of additional funding for the trailer.

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.

Lions Around the District



Fairgrove Lions: Merry Christmas and a Blessed 2018 from the Fairgrove Lions Club.

Fenton Lions Club had their Christmas/Holiday Party on November 28, 2017 at the Coyote Preserve Golf Club. There were 34 members/spouse/friends that attended.

Everyone brought items to be given to the Ennis Children's Home in Flint, MI. We had music and a wonderful meal. The dessert was made by our own Ron Bigelow, who makes us desserts for our meetings.

We honored three of our members Doug Storrs 30 year member, Stu Menzies 40 years, and Allen Burton 10 years.



Sweatshirts, shirts, earbuds, gift cards, money and many other items for the Ennis Center for Children

Certificate of Appreciation was given to Boy Scout Leader Ron West of Fenton, Mi, here with his wife Vicki.



Hemlock Lions Club held another successful community Halloween Party at Ling Elementary School in Hemlock. The club collected donations around town that covered the cost of the party. Door prizes were given away. Games were played for prizes, and even Halloween Pinatas! Of course there were lots of goodies - donuts, popcorn, punch and cotton candy. We had over 77 children, plus their parents attend. Thanks to the school, Richland Township Library and the local Boy Scout Troop for making it a success.

Getting set for our annual club Christmas Party at Sullivan's restaurant on December 11th.
Bryan Cook - President Hemlock Lions Club

Linden Lions are off to a great start with their Christmas tree sales which take place in the parking lot of Ace Hardware. The owner and employees work well with the club in various projects.

Millington Lions Club, at a recent meeting, donated \$560 to the local fire fighter's organization to



purchase reflective safety vests. Also, a donation of \$2,500 was made to the non-profit Millington Community Center for its debt reduction campaign.

Our club served 76 dozen donuts and 24 gallons of cider to the town's youth on Halloween night.

At the November 27 meeting, our club enjoyed a surprise visit from eight Caro Lions members.

Otisville Lions delivered a heat sensor camera and foam tank to Forest Township Fire Department.



Otisville Lioness' also donated \$500 to the Fire Department for World Peace Day.

Shields Lions Club

members assisted Thomas Township with putting up the Christmas Decorations along M-46. Pictured are (L-R): Dick Vitek, Terry Ross, Al Vroman, and Matt York. This has been an annual event for the Lions Club."



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UPCOMING EVENTS



see details inside

TV Raffle drawing

December 8, Flushing Lions

Snowmobile Show and Swap Meet

December 9, East Flint Lions

Winter Cabinet Meeting

January 14, East Flint

Michigan Forum

February 15-16, Grand Rapids



*and a
Happy New Year*