

*Moving
Forward*

Steve VanTol District Governor 11 D-1

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Lions of 11D1,

Moving forward...the theme for 2019-20. This was the closing for the newsletter articles when I served the district as 2nd and 1st VDG. Now as District Governor, July 9th at the close of the International convention in Milan, MOVING FORWARD will be the theme for this year.

With a new governor, as in the past, a few changes in the district will be noticeable. One change or goal is to have faster communication with the clubs. In the past the newsletter editor, Lion Phyllis, has sent the newsletter to the presidents and secretaries who have email. Some of the new presidents (4) do not have email. This makes communication of information to them slow because the newsletter is mailed by USPS to them. Change: I want the addition of a "media contact person" in each Lions Club. This person will disseminate electronic information to their club members. Club presidents, please add this to your next meeting's agenda. Once a media contact person is determined, please send me email with the contact person's name and email address. The addition of a media contact person will allow communication to reach a broader number of Lions in less time.

Lions is international! What fun to encounter other Lions. Currently, Deb and I are traveling to the Lions International Convention in Milan. When in Giverny, France a Lions Club sponsored a handicap parking area. Parking must cost money in this small town. The handicapped

sign indicated that the Lions of the community sponsored it. Possibly it was a centennial project. Additionally, when in the Netherlands I met a Past District Governor (2007-08) from California. He saw the Lions hat I was wearing. The Lions symbol is recognized worldwide. Be proud and sport the logo.

In reverse, sporting your Lions logo or talking Lionism is also advertising Lions to non-Lions. Wear a hat, wear a shirt, share that you are proud of the Lions, talk with others about Lions. Be proud to be a Lion.

Another change in this Lions year is the style of Club Twinning. Yup... that's right. New governor with new ideas. Twinning was created so Lions could meet Lions from other clubs. It has been a valuable experience for many Lions. However, it only works if the officers of the club work at coordinating. That doesn't always happen. It takes two clubs.

This year your club can chose your twinning club; twin once, twin, twice, but please twin. Share a meeting, work together at a fundraiser, plan a service event together. Get to know other Lions. Let's move forward in another direction. Don't forget to report your twinning activities to Governor Steve and the newsletter editor. Sharing your activities with other spurs new ideas.

It is going to be a great year. It is a privilege to be your governor and I hope to make some changes that will improve the district. Let's keep moving forward in Lionism together.

DG Steven VanTol

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From 1st Vice District Governor



I am very saddened to hear of the loss of another great Lion. Lion Charles Wedding gave 50 years of his life serving others with the Lions Clubs. Your smiling face and your nonstop service will be greatly missed!

Well it's that time of month again! I would like to thank IPDG Lion Joe Bogar for all he has done for our district! I'm finding out that it is quite a responsibility and honor to help lead our district.

Congratulations to our new District Governor Lion Steve VanTol! As we move forward, I'm sure our district will grow, and our clubs will prosper. He has new ideas, and I wish him great success.

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

Congratulations to 2VDG Lion Duane Wilcox. I am very excited to have an opportunity to work with him and DG Lion Steve. We have a great team that will do great things together with the help of all our Lions Clubs.

Don't forget to come say farewell to IPDG Lion Joe at his Appreciation Brunch on September 15, 2019 at the Golden Glow Ballroom at 11am.

The Banner Exchange will be hosted by the Buena Vista Lions Club at their Annual Steak, Chicken & Corn Roast. On August 15, 2019 at 5pm.

***THANKS LIONS FOR ALL YOU!!!
Lion Harold DeMott 1st VDG***

From 2nd Vice District Governor



Hello Lions of District 11D1,

We are off and running on a New Year in Lionism, and it's going to be Great. Hope everyone is having a good summer so far. With all the rain we have been getting, some of us are needing a boat just to get around town.

Here are a few things going on in our district.

Special Needs Vision Clinic Raffle:

This is a great way to support the clinic and to keep it running for years to come. If all of our clubs get involved, the raffle will be a success. Tickets are \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00. In need of tickets? Please contact Lion Joe Gwizdala III at 989-684-9384.

Diabetes: Now that we have secured

the grant, it's time to roll up your sleeves and to start helping people to get them in and get them checked for Diabetes. There are forms to have on your clubs' table at outings and fundraisers during the summer. Please contact Lion Julia Embury at 810-624-7090 or Lion Joe Bogar IPDG at 989-274-4110 and they will be happy to help and get you the forms.

Childhood Cancer: Please, if your club can, help out in your clubs' own way with donations to care centers, hospitals, or in your clubs' parade of checks. More info to come in the future newsletters.

Thank you for your support in the past and now on my new journey forward.

Lion Duane 2VDG

BE HUMBLE AND BE KIND



Lions of 11D1

My year as Governor for 11D1 is almost over. I would like to thank all of you of in Lions District 11-D1. This has been a terrific year! Thanks to our Club Secretaries and Club members, we have again increased the hours of service this year by 2,000 hours and we have increased the number of service activities. The reason for the increase in service hours is the increased number of clubs reporting Membership and Service Activities in a month. In 2017-18, 26 clubs reported in a month. In 2018-19, we had two months where 30 clubs reported and one month 32 clubs reported activities and Membership. With more reporting, the service we do for our communities is now being reported in greater numbers and that provides Lions with more publicity.

Many of you have been kind to Lion Kathy and me, and willing to be helpful to me and our District. Thanks to all of you who helped make the Fall Conference a great success. We had over 100 Lions attend the Conference. Many of your clubs contributed to our service project on Childhood Cancer. We filled over 90 bags that were donated to Hurley's Childhood Cancer ward. 😊 We listened to three speakers who shared information on Diabetes, and many of you shared experiences.

The District convention was a Smiling success. 😊 Thanks to all of you who helped put on the convention. We had about 100 Lions attend this convention. We enjoyed the information shared at our general session; and the service project for Special Needs Vision Clinic on painting of birdhouses was fun and full of smiles. 😊 Friday night we played games, and the laughter we shared will be remembered.

Lastly, I have visited all of our clubs multiple times and

you have been very gracious to Lion Kathy and me. 😊 When I have been asked about what I liked about the two years as VG and this year as governor, my favorite is visiting clubs. I learned so much about what Lions are doing and I met many of you who are now friends. Learning about the projects you do strengthens my belief in WE SERVE!

Kathy and I have left for the International Convention. Before we arrive in Milan, we have been visiting friends and four of our 8 Lions Youth Exchange students. One of our former Youth Exchange students is Anna who is from Great Britain. She arranged for Kathy and I to visit a Lions club in Great Britain. Anna, Kathy and I went to the Wimborne and Ferndown Lions Club. District 105D England They have two PDGs and one of them is currently a Council Chair for MD105. We participated in committee meetings and shared with them how I was proud of the Lions in District 11-D1.

My Celebration/Appreciation brunch is on September 15, 11:30 am at the Golden Glow Banquet Center just a few miles north of St. Charles on M-52. I have included the registration in this newsletter. It will be a time to celebrate members of 11D1. As you can see in the above paragraphs, I already have started celebrating the success of our District.

It is now time to celebrate. 😊 The following clubs have reported both Activity and Membership Reports for 12 months-Auburn Williams, Bay City, Essexville-Hampton, Flushing, Gaines, Grand Blanc, Kingston, Lennon, Mayville, Millington, St. Charles and Zilwaukee. Also, reporting is Bridgeport, Cass City, Fenton, Merrill, and Otisville.

Our final totals are 1,334 service activities. This was 61 less than last year. We had a high of 32 clubs reporting Activities and Membership. The total number of service hours is 36,212 which is 3,380 more service hours than 2017-2018. Of the three measurements of service, Lions of 11-D1 improved in number of clubs and service hours. 😊 Congratulations Lions of our District. You certainly have shown that WE SERVE is not just words, but ACTIONS.

Finally, I want to say that I feel very good that our District is in excellent hands led by Governor Steve and assisted by VGs Harold and Duane. I also want to thank the PDGs of our District especially IPDG Jeff Hunt. I hope I can be as helpful, reliable and always be available to listen as was Lion Jeff. You deserve thanks, Lion Jeff!!! 😊 😊

*Life Long Learner and
Service With a Smile 😊
IPDG Lion Joe Bogar*

Banner Exchange

Thursday, August 15, 5:45 p.m.

1942 South Outer Drive, Saginaw

**Hosted by Buena Vista Lions Club at their
Annual Steak, Chicken
and Corn Roast**

\$15 per person

**WIMBORNE- FERNDOWN
LIONS CLUB, ENGLAND
JUNE 18, 2019**



District Governor Joe Bogar and First Lady Kathy visited a former Lions Youth Exchange in England in June on their way to the International Convention in Milan, Italy. Anna Keegan stayed with them in 1994, and re-visited twice more. Anna arranged for us to visit her home Lions club in Wimborne- Ferndown, England. The club graciously welcomed them. While there Joe and Kathy participated in committee meetings and their regular meeting. Lions Fellowship across the miles!

YOU CAN MAKE A CHANGE FOR LIFE.



Have you ever been told by a health care professional that you:

- Are at risk for getting diabetes?
- Have prediabetes?
- Have high blood sugar or glucose?
- Had gestational diabetes?



The National Diabetes Prevention Program

teaches participants strategies for incorporating physical activity into daily life and eating healthy. Lifestyle coaches work with participants to identify emotions and situations that can sabotage their success, and the group process encourages participants to share strategies for dealing with challenging situations.



UPCOMING INFORMATION SESSIONS

FRI, JUNE 21st @2PM Located at the YMCA of Greater Flint – Board Room (411 E. 3rd St., Downtown Flint)

THURS, JULY 11th @5PM: Located at the Hurley Bariatric Center (6140 Rashelle Dr., Flint)

TUES, JULY 16th @ 5PM: Located at the Clio Senior Center (2136 W. Vienna Rd., Clio)

Call (810) 262-7898 TO REGISTER – SPOTS ARE LIMITED

Hi Fellow Lions:

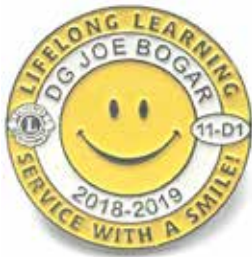
Let's help Hurley Diabetes Center fill these Informational sessions in July. Print the flyer out and pass it out to your club members, your friends and family members.

This flyer can also be distributed at your events.

Here is an opportunity to learn how diabetes can affect your life and how you can make changes for a healthier life style.

***Lions District 11-D1 Governor Joe Bogar
Appreciation Brunch***

**Celebrating not only Joe, but the District's
Accomplishments for 2018-19**



**Sunday September 15, 2019
Golden Glow Ballroom
2950 S. Graham Rd.
Saginaw, MI 48609**



**Doors Open 11:00 am -Welcome at
11:30am-Brunch and Program Following
Cost: \$25 per person**

**Delicious Brunch Menu with Pastries and Desserts,
Cash Bar Available, Prize Raffle, Wear your Smile!**

PLEASE RSVP BY FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6th

**Send Reservation and Make Checks Payable to:
The St. Charles Lions Club
1139 W. Walnut St.
St. Charles MI, 48655**

Number of Tickets _____ @ \$25 each = _____

Names: _____

Club: _____ Contact Phone: _____



Hello Lions.

Have you made a personal or Club pledge yet?

Congratulations to the Freeland Lions for their Pledge of \$100 per member and 4 personal \$100 pledges for a total of \$7900.

I have received several personal pledges of \$100 - \$600. Thank You, Lions for helping reach our goal. If you would like me to visit your club, let me know so I can explain how you can help. Remember any Gift is important. If it's \$100 or \$50 per member over 3 years, or a one time gift in any amount.

Thank You 11D-1 Lions. You always come through.

PDG Bob Sturgis Dist.Chairman Thank You,

Bingo for Vets DATES AVAILABLE FOR 2019

Saginaw VA Medical Center, @ 1500 Weiss St., Saginaw, MI, 48602. BINGO TIMES: WEEKDAY EVENINGS 7PM, SATURDAYS 1:30PM, SUNDAYS 1:30PM AND 7PM. To set dates and times please call Lion Bill Bauder at (989) 493-3407 or call Valerie Morley at (989) 497-2500 extention 11076.

DATES AVAILABLE

July: 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 12, 13, 14, 20, 21, 27, 28, 29, 30 and 31

August: 2, 6, 9, 18, 20, 26 and 31

September: 2, 6, 8, 13, 14, 15, 17, 21, 22, 23, 23, 28, 29 and 30

October: 1, 4, 11, 13, 20, 26, 28, 29 and 30

November: 1, 5, 6, 8, 16, 17, 19, 23, 24, 25, 26 and 30

December: 4, 6, 7, 13, 14, 17, 18, 21, 22, 23, 28, 29, 30 and 31

Sad news for the district

Charles Wedding of the Buena Vista Lions Club passed away. Visitation will be Tuesday, the 2nd from 2-8 at Case Funeral Home in Bridgeport. Funeral will be 11:00 a.m. Wednesday.

Lions of the district will be gathering on Tuesday night at 6:00 at the funeral home to honor Lion Charles.

The link below will furnish details.

<http://www.casefuneralhome.com/obituary/Charles-D.-Charlie-Wedding/Bridgeport-Michigan/1850962>



SAVE THE DATE!!

Hi Lions!

Please tell the Lions in your district to mark their calendars! We hope you will join us as we celebrate

**Leader Dog's 80th
Anniversary on Saturday
Oct 19, 2019.**

1100 am: Gift Shop Opens,
Canine Center Tours, Cider and
Donuts in the Canine Ctr lobby.

Noon: Luncheon

12:30 pm: Welcome, 80th
Anniversary Celebration and
Parade of Checks and Awards

Bring your favorite dessert for our
raffle!

At: Leader Dogs for the Blind

1039 S. Rochester Rd.

Rochester Hills, MI. 48307

From the Hearing and Speech Committee

Hello Lions of District 11D1;

I want to congratulate all our new officers for the 2019-2020 fiscal year. I hope your year is a great year and that you can continue to increase your membership.

I would like it if your club has a hearing committee. Would you please send me the name of the chairperson for that committee and their contact information. This makes it much easier to give assistance with the hearing aid applications.

Also, if you have serviced anyone with hearing aids, could you please send that information as well. You can contact me at rebeccaborka@comcast.net or you may call me at 810-347-2409

Lion Becky Borka
Hearing & Speech Chairperson



ANNUAL STEAK, CHICKEN & CORN ROAST

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

HOSTED BY

BUENA VISTA TOWNSHIP LIONS CLUB

AUGUST 15, 2019

REFRESHMENTS 5:00 P.M.

DISTRICT GOVERNOR BANNER EXCHANGE 5:45 P.M.

FOOD 6:00 P.M.

COST \$15.00

RAFFLE!
MUSIC!
FUN!



Otisville Lion's Annual Howard Davis Corn Roast

Date: August 1 - Time: 7pm
Social Hour: 6:30pm



Otisville Lions Club House
at the corner of M-15 and M-57

Menu: grilled Koegel hot dogs,
the best corn on the cob and lots of good food

Cost: none

Hope to see you there!

Any questions please call
Claudia Scott at 810-730-3477 or
scottclaudia158@gmail.com.

Special Needs Vision Clinic

GUN RAFFLE

by the Bay City Lions.

Four great prizes!

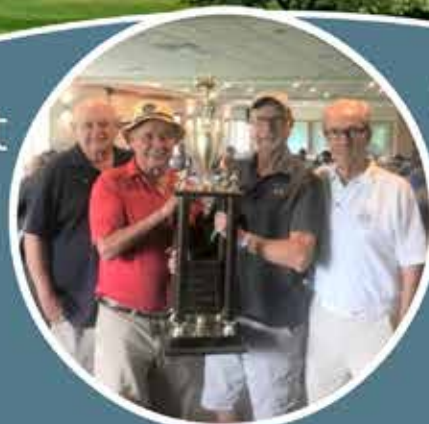
To purchase or help sell tickets,
contact Lion Joe Gwizdala.



ST. Charles Lions Club 16th ANNUAL GOLF OUTING AUGUST 17, 2019



Longest
Drive



Closest
to the
Pin!



Mulligans

ABOUT OUR **FUNDRAISER**

Goes To: Leader Dogs for the Blind, St. Charles High School Scholarships, Christmas Basket Projects w/local churches, Saginaw City Rescue Mission, Special Needs Vision Clinic, St. Charles Beautification Day, Eyeglasses for the Disadvantaged, Roadside Cleanup, St. Charles District Library, St. Charles Area Museum plus MORE!

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Prize money

1st, 2nd, and 3rd places 8:00 AM Sign-in - Prizes for everyone!

9:00 AM Shotgun Start

18 Holes w/cart - 4 Person scramble Skins \$20.00/team

Lunch Served Following Play - No rainout

Contact Person: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Player 2: _____

Player 3: _____

Player 4: _____

Team & Hole Sponsor \$300

Team Sponsor \$220

Hole Sponsor \$100

Individual Golfer \$55

Make Checks Payable To: St. Charles Lions Club

Lions Around the District

Caro Lions: Lion Wayne Sayers is pictured here, during Caro's annual Cars & Crafts weekend. We set up a brat and hot dog stand every year as a fundraiser. This year's took place on Friday May 31st and Saturday June 1st.



East Flint Lions: On Sunday, June 9th, the East Flint Lions Club donated a used, but still very nice, handicap ramp to someone in need. The EFLC acquired the ramp a couple of years ago when the owner no longer needed it. Word came to Lion Jim Haist, that a gentleman with multiple medical conditions was in need of a wheel chair ramp. Jim contacted the family, and with the help of Honorary Lion member Scott Gruener, visited their residence to measure things up for confirmation the ramp would work. Jim and Scott on that Sunday, took it over and started the project. The recipient was there to converse and thank them over and over for doing this. Hours later, Jim explained to the new owner of the ramp, "It looks done, but there is only one way to know for sure. Let's give it a try". With that, Jim took the man and wheeled him down the ramp. The trip back up the ramp confirmed the job was complete and hugs of appreciation were given by all of the family members present. It was a true joy to give back to the community, and help someone in need.



Frankenmuth Lions: Recently, several members visited the Special Needs Clinic to deliver 300 used and donated eyeglasses for their use. The Special Needs Vision Clinic is an Optometrist Center at the Millet Learning Center in Saginaw, Michigan. The Executive Director of the Clinic, Dr. Dolores J. Kowalski,

gave the Lions a tour of the clinic and expressed her appreciation for the long-standing support of the clinic by the Lions Clubs. The clinic has optometrists who can examine, diagnose, treat, and manage diseases, injuries, and disorders of the visual



system, the eye, and associated structures as well as identify related systemic conditions affecting the eye. The clinic is specially equipped to manage children and adults with special needs.

Frankenmuth Lions recently honored Richard Krafft with an award from Lions International for being a Lion for 65 years. Richard Krafft is a founding member of the Frankenmuth Lions Club. Thank you Richard Krafft for 65 years of service to Frankenmuth Lions Club and the community!



Pictured is Richard Krafft (seated) and presenting the award is Debbie Baker (President Frankenmuth Lions). Also pictured standing are two of Richard Krafft's sons and members of the club.

Shields Lions Club members stand by the Lions bench that they donated to Thomas Township Parks



and Recreation. The bench is located in Roethke Park by the children's play area.

Moving Forward



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UPCOMING EVENTS

see details inside



International Convention

July 5-9, Milan, Italy

Shields Lions Golf Outing

July 13, Shields

National Diabetes Prevention Program

July 11th @5PM: Flint

July 16th @ 5PM: Clio

Howard Davis Corn Roast

August 1, Otisville

BV Lions Steak, Chicken and Corn Roast

Banner Exchange

August 15, Buena Vista

St. Charles Annual Golf Outing

August 17, St. Charles

Governor Appreciation Dinner

September 15, Saginaw

