

*Moving
Forward*

Steve VanTol District Governor 11 D-1



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Lions of 11D1,

WOW..... Six months have passed in a heartbeat. Thank you Lions of District 11D1, for giving me this opportunity to serve you as District Governor. As many of you know, the position has its challenges, but it also has an abundance of rewards. The people that serve, YOU, and the people that WE SERVE make it all worthwhile. Thank you for your friendship and support. I hope you had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Now, in 2020, we continue to "Move Forward" together.

First, I would like to thank the Gaines Lions for putting on a wonderful District 11-D1 Christmas Party. We sang, we laughed, and we ate. The festive atmosphere at the Gaines Community Center set the stage as we entered. Pre-dinner socializing allowed those in attendance to share personal, family, and Lion events. The wonderful plated meal of either pork or chicken filled our bellies. Entertainment was interactive. From a list, each table was asked to bid for the Christmas song they felt comfortable singing in front of the group. Cell phones were whipped out to provide the lyrics and guitar support was given by Lion Dcn. Wayne Corrion. Gaines judges,

led by our illustrious 1DG Harold DeMott, selected the winner. Table 10.5 won and donated the proceeds to Special Needs Vision Clinic. It was fun! Gaines has offered to host it again next year but would like to pass it to another club in 2021. Please consider hosting it in the future. Deb and I have visited many club events with venues that could accommodate a large group of people. You may have missed the Christmas party this year but don't miss it next year. Put it on your calendar ASAP when offered in 2020.

Involving youth in Lions exposes the younger generations to Lionism and teaches them about the value community service provides to the community through Lions. This year's Peace Poster had the theme "Journey of Peace". Thank you Bay City and Mayville Lions for sponsoring the contest in your areas. The winner for this year is Mae Joy Novak Eghigian from Mayville. First Lady Deb was fortunate enough to see the International Winner receive her award from President Naresh Aggarwal years back in New York City at Lions Day at the UN. How proud she was! This is what makes an impression on our youth and builds membership.

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Our district's LYEP essay contest is another way we involve youth. This year's winner is Max Michalek. 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.

Following are two district events are occurring in January. Please make plans to attend.

Charter Night for the **Great Lakes Bay Area Sports Lions Club** (GLBASLC) is January 17, 2020 at the Auburn Pavilion, 200 Jaycee Dr., Auburn, MI 48611. The Charter Night celebration will start 5:30 pm with a Taco Bar with all the fixings for \$15 Please RSVP to the Charter Club President Lion Matt Tetloff by phone 989-780-7578 or the clubs' email glbaslionsclub@gmail.com. Please RSVP by January 15th. If you choose to skip the meal, the meeting will begin at 7:30pm, The program will include the Charter Presentation, induction of new members and installation of the club officers. International Director Justin Faber will be the guest

speaker. Your presence to support this new club is greatly appreciated.

On January 12, 2020, District 11-D1 is having a **100-Year Anniversary Charter Partee for the Flint Downtown & Saginaw Downtown Clubs** at the Millington Community Center, 8705 State St., Millington. Gary Anderson, Past International Director is the speaker. Millington is hosting the \$15 pp meal at noon. Immediately after the meal is the short program, and immediately after that is the Winter Cabinet Meeting. You can register online at the district website www.lions11d1.com and pay at the door. If you have difficulty with registering this way, please call me, Governor Steve, at 989-430-9500 to register. Pre-registration helps with planning the event and meal preparation.

Just for your information, Our Lions of Michigan State Director, Lion Wendy Burns received a Presidential Award presented to her by International Director Justin Faber at the Council of Governors Meeting in December. She does so much behind the scenes work. Incidentally, she is the editor for the Lion Pride. Notice the award is not mentioned there. Please send her a card or an email to wburns@lionsofmi.com or at the state office, Lions of Michigan, 5730 Executive Drive Lansing, MI 48911 to thank her for her service.

Let us continue "Moving Forward" together District 11D1. Your accomplishments in supporting the community during the month of December are way too numerous for me to mention. Keep up the good work.

DG Steven Van Tol

UPCOMING EVENTS

see details inside

100 Year Celebration
Flint Downtown &
Saginaw Downtown
followed by
Winter Cabinet Meeting
January 12, Millington

GLBAS
Charter Night
January 17, Auburn

Dining With Diabetes
January 22, Grand Blanc
February 12, Grand Blanc
January 10, Flint

Freeland Lions
Sportsmen's Banquet
February 8, Freeland

Service Project
Michigan Lions Forum
February 21, Grand Blanc

Michigan Lions Forum
February 22, Grand Blanc

District Convention
April 3-5, Grand Rapids



From 1st Vice District Governor Harold DeMott



Happy New Year to you all! I hope you were able to spend some quality time with family and friends.

I can't believe the Lions year is half over! I will be District Governor before I know it. I am still needing to fill some vacant chairs for the district. I am in need of a Sargent at Arms for region 1, also, Quest Chair. If anyone is interested in either of these positions please contact me.

I want to thank everyone who attended the 1st Annual District 11 D1 Christmas Party! We had about 50 people attend. Lion Mary and I had a hard time picking out the caroling team that was the best. All were very good! They had to bid on what song they wanted to sing with the highest bidder able to sing their choice. The winning team was DG Lion Steve and 1st Lady Lion Deb VanTol, CS Sandy VanTol and Lions Teresa & Matt Tetloff winning \$102. Thank you DG Lion Steve who donated the original \$50 incentive to bid, to the Special Needs Vision Clinic in Gaines Area Lions Club's name, as well as the rest of the money for Auburn Williams Club. I believe fun was had by all. Thank you to the cooks and servers they were all excellent!

If I tried to call you to schedule an appointment with your club, and were unable to contact you please contact me, so I can make my visit. I am running out of time, if I don't hear from you. I will be visiting you on one of your meeting nights. Please call me to

schedule a date and get the date that is convenient for you at (248) 408-0508.

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



Winning Team



Hello Fellow Lions,

In 2019 we lost a lot of Great Lions who will be very hard to replace. May all their families be in our prayers and wish them well in the future. In 2020, there will be many new and improved things in our district and in Lionism. We will have to change with the times. New clubs coming together for the Great Causes that we work so hard on, to help all the people in need.

Special Needs Vision Center, Defense Against Diabetes, Childhood Cancer are three areas of need in 2020. If you or your club would like to help and need more information on ways to help please contact myself, Lion Harold, or Governor Steve. We are all

here to help where we are needed. There are a few clubs that we have not visited yet, so please contact one of us to set up a club visit thank you.

On January 12th, we will be celebrating two clubs that turn 100 yrs!!!! So please join us in Millington for a good time to be had by all. January 17th is the Charter Night for our new club GLBASLC. To RSVP. Contact Lion Matt at 989-780-7578.

I wanted to thank all Lions in their support of myself and the District as we are Moving Forward in the New Year, and it is going to be a Great One to watch unfold, as our World comes together as one to help with our Global Causes.

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BE HUMBLE AND BE KIND

GST Corner

By

IPDG Joe Bogar

The Michigan Forum Is Friday and Saturday February 22-23 at the Holiday Inn Gateway Centre, Flint. The Friday Night Service Project that starts the Forum is from 7:30- 9:30. The purpose of this event is to combine Lion's fellowship with the collection of needed winter items. Information about the night is in the December newsletter. See complete brochure in as a separate attachment.

It is called NOT YOUR FATHER'S SOCK-HOP. Besides music and a Photo Booth, we will be collecting men's, women's and children's socks. The socks will benefit three local Charities- Men's Homeless Shelter, Women's Homeless Shelter/Domestic Violence Shelter, Title I Elementary and

Middle School. "Entrance fee" is a 6 pack of socks. If you are not able to be there until Saturday, bring the socks then. If you will not be attending the Forum and would like to donate socks please contact me and we can connect.

Don't forget the Childhood Cancer Service Project to provide care packages for kids fighting Cancer at Hurley Medical. Contact Chair Lion Jason Marsh to donate money or items.

Do you need help putting in your service projects on My Lion? Fourteen clubs have yet to record a service activity since July 1. Eighteen clubs recorded activities this month. If you need help contact me or Governor Steve.

District 11 D-1 is invited to the

100-Year Charter Partee...

for

**Flint Downtown Host and
Saginaw Downtown Lions Clubs**

Sunday, January 12 at noon

Millington Community Center

8705 State Rd., Millington, Michigan 48746

Hosted by Millington Lions Club

Guest Speaker: PID Gary Anderson

Cost: \$15 per person

\$5 per person for district chairs and cabinet members

Please go to the District website to RSVP
(copy & paste URL below into your browser bar)

<http://www.lions11d1.com/100th-year-charter-partee-rsvp.html>

It is necessary to RSVP for a meal before the deadline!

After dinner and a short program:

the **WINTER CABINET MEETING**

Cabinet Members: Please send your written report to lionstevvantol@gmail.com by January 7th so they can be compiled by the Cabinet Secretary and sent out by Friday Jan 10 for you to review prior to the cabinet meeting.

Please contact DG Steve if you have any questions or concerns by email or phone.



2020 CONVENTION INFORMATION

Lions of District 11-D1 and 11-B1, the convention committee, and the respective Governors have been busy putting together an informative and fun time for the 2020 District Convention taking place April 3-5, 2020, at the Doubletree Airport Hotel in Grand Rapids.

On Friday night after dinner, there will be a craft corner, which will be an Etched Glass Wine Bottle Tray. The cost for each tray is \$10.00.

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

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 breakfast voucher included in your packet for use towards your meal at the hotel restaurant.

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

To register online, visit <http://bit.ly/Lions11D1> Click on this link. If that doesn't work, select link, copy and paste it into your browser)

If you wish to make hotel accommodations by phone, please call **616-957-9072** between 8 AM – 4 PM and reference code LIONS CLUB OF MICH. Rate is \$80/night + taxes.

There will be a hospitality room hosted by both districts in the conference area. Clubs wishing to host their hospitality room must contact the hotel in advance at the above number to make arrangements.

Detailed overviews of Saturday breakout sessions will be forthcoming and shared before the event in April.

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



Districts 11-D1 and 11-B1 will be proud to donate a portion of the convention's proceeds to the Special Needs Vision Clinic and Winter Camp for the Blind.

Get Started and Make Your Hotel Reservation Online!

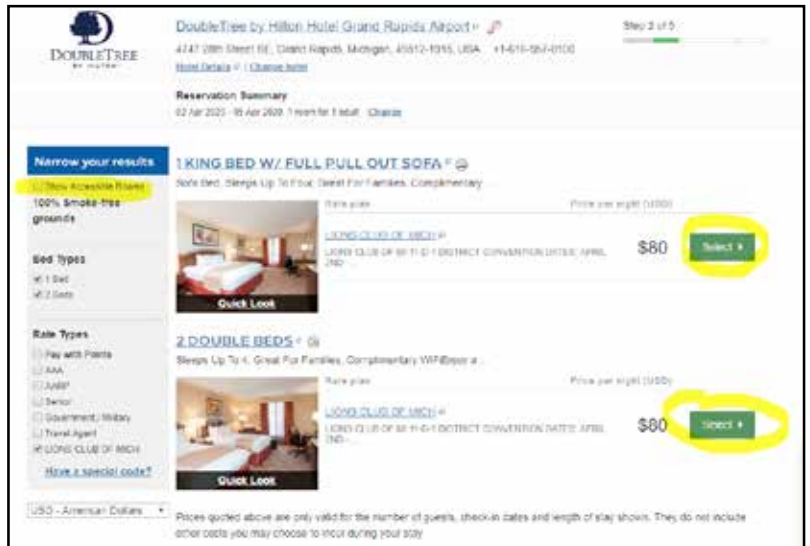
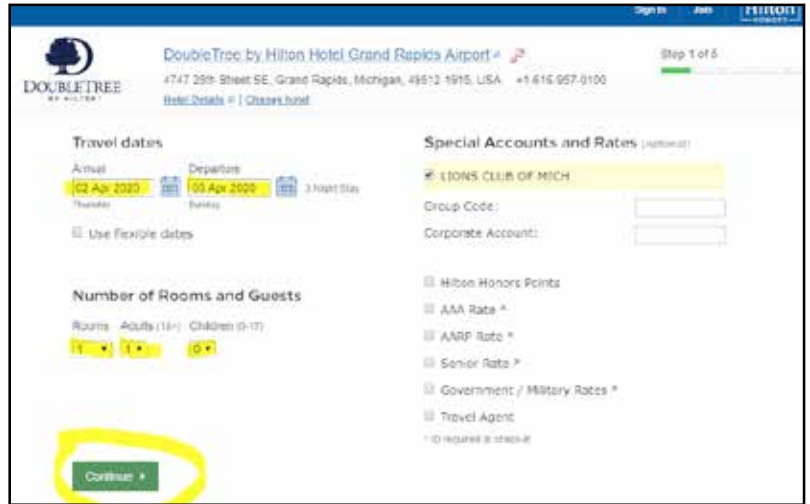
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 Put the dates in the boxes in which you would like to arrive and depart. Once you have the dates in, check how many guests you will have in each room. To get to the next step, select the green "Continue" button.

STEP 2:
 Select your room type. If you need an accessible room, please sure you click the box that says "Show Accessible Rooms" on the left before selecting your room type. Once you find the one you need, you can click the green "Select" button

STEP 3:
 Enter your information. You will see the screen right. You can enter your personal information now to reserve your room.



START HERE for secure booking.
It only takes TWO MINUTES!

We respect your privacy. See our [Global Privacy Statement](#).

Guest Information (Required)

First name:

Last name:

Phone:

Email:

Address type:

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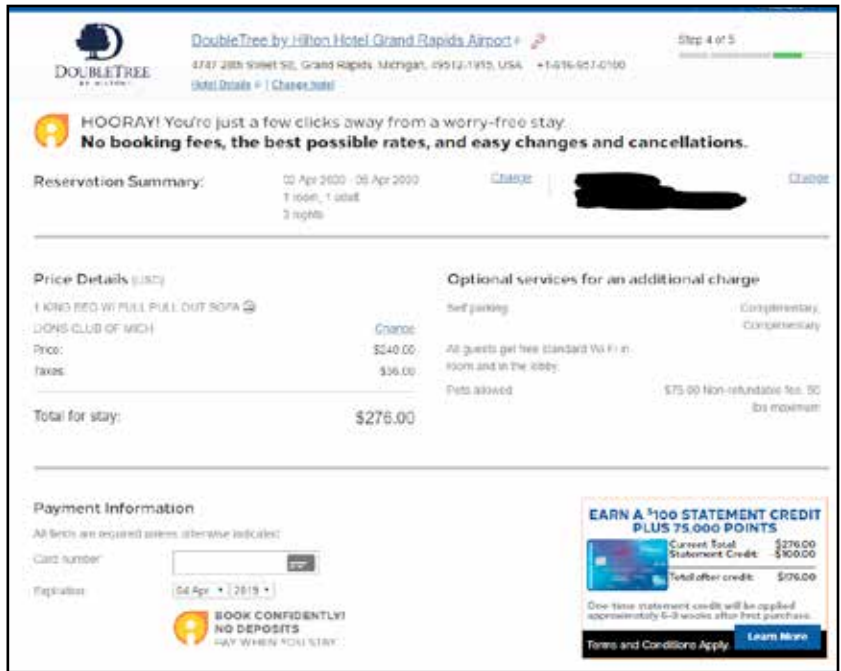
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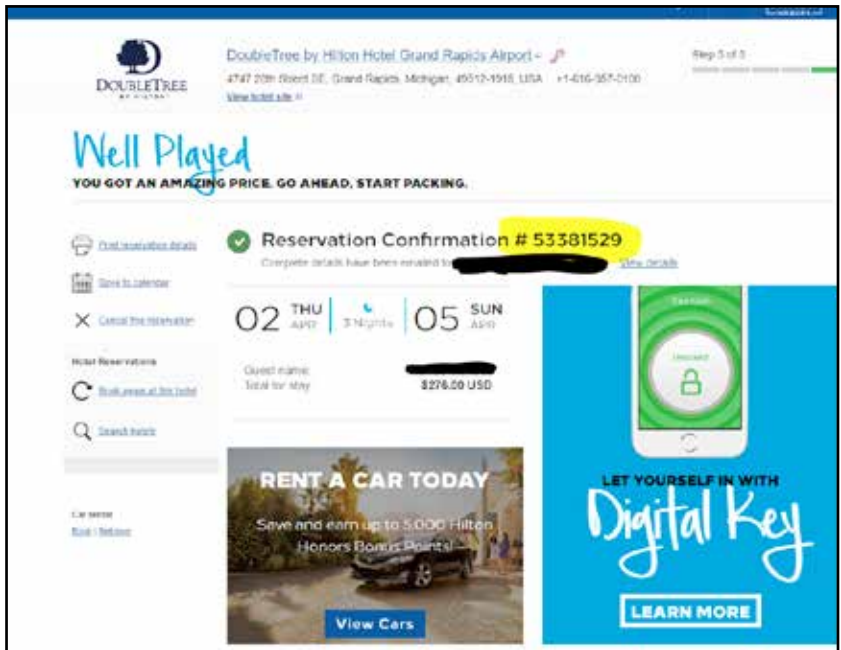
DISTRICT CONVENTION 2020

STEP 4: Enter your credit card info. Your card will not be charged at this time. An explanation of the taxes and cancellation policy will be on the bottom of the screen. Also, make sure to hit the green confirmation on the bottom of the screen



STEP 5:
Save your confirmation!

If you prefer to handle all of this over the





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



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.DidHavePrediabetes.org.

Grand Blanc Senior Activity Center

When: Every Wednesday, January 22nd, February 12th, 2020

Time: 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Where: Grand Blanc Senior Activity Center, 12632 Pagels Dr., Grand Blanc

Cost: Free - sponsored by the Lions International Foundation and the Lions Clubs of Michigan

For more information or to register, stop by the front desk or call Elizabeth Josatis, MSU Director at 810 244-8511 or 810-695-3202

Hasselbring Senior Center

1002 W. Home Ave.
Flint, MI 48505.

Class begins on January 10th and runs from 10:30 am-Noon.

If you are interested in attending this class please contact: Sean Knurek, MSU Educator at 989-743-2254 to sign up.



These classes are free to you and your family.
More classes are being scheduled for Saginaw or Bay Counties starting in February.

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Please consider donating to Campaign 100. Our District is doing quite well but we need more clubs to donate what you can.

If you are able to make a commitment of \$100 per member over 3 years, that is wonderful. If individual Lions can give a one time gift of \$100, that is greatly appreciated.

But remember anything you can donate, is appreciated as well. Please feel free to contact me with any questions you might have. Let's make Dist 11D-1 the best again.

Thank You for all you do.
Chairman Bob Sturgis.



Hello Lions!

Our club is looking forward to the 2020 year. Our charter night is on January 17th and we are excited to share and have our formal induction into the Lions Club for our district. There have been some RSVP's already and we want to "Thank You" in advance for attending and being part of our special night.

We have already started one fundraiser and have 2 more in the planning stages. I will be reaching out to other clubs to join with us and raise more money for all our clubs to better our communities. Our fundraisers are designed to raise more money for the clubs so the clubs can use the money for any of their projects they choose. I look forward to chatting with you all.

I want to express my gratitude for all the help our club has received and the ongoing support from many clubs and officers in both the State and District level. It has meant a lot to our members and the learning opportunities from other Lion club members and officers has been appreciated and welcomed. I believe it is the Heart of the Lion that makes the difference, and their advice in Leadership demonstrates that Lions are involved even outside of their own clubs. We will be stronger together than working apart from each other. Our passion is inspired by the involvement and dedication of those that serve and have the desire to do better for their communities and neighbors. It is my hope that this year will be a great year to celebrate many achievements from all our clubs, and together

we can share our admiration throughout the district for everything accomplished Big or Small.

I am very proud and have been so inspired by the fine group of New Lions we have in our club. They are a great bunch and full of ideas on how we can make an impact to help others. There has been a lot of great discussions, sharing of ideas, and excitable enthusiasm with the focused desire to succeed. Their Passion is Contagious and Exhilarating which has made our meetings a high light of my week. We are engaged at our meetings and it has been lots of fun!

I wish you all a very Happy New Year and much success in all your endeavors.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lion Matt Tetloff
President

FREELAND LIONS CLUB

SPORTSMEN'S BANQUET



Saturday, February 8th, 2020

Freeland SportsZone

5690 Midland Rd. Freeland, MI 48623

(Catered by: Chef Mark Lightfoot)

ONLY 175 TICKETS AVAILABLE

TICKETS TO THIS EVENT ARE SELLING QUICKLY,
SO GET YOURS TODAY!

TICKETS ARE \$50 PER PERSON

Doors open: 5:30 pm

Bar opens: 6:00 pm

Dinner: 7:00 pm

TICKET INCLUDES:

Wild game dinner | Beverages | Hors d'oeuvres
Chances to WIN door prizes and firearms

Table packages are available!
Contact Chad or Jeremy
for details!

Contact
Jeremy Romes: (989) 274-8990
Chad Wurtzel: (989) 208-0360
or
Isabella bank in Freeland
To get your tickets today!



50/50 Raffles | Prize Raffles | Guns & Hunting Equipment | Women's Table | And More

Special Needs Vision Clinic

GUN RAFFLE

by the Bay City Lions.

Four great prizes!

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

George E. Daly Award

A GEORGE E. DALY AWARD has been established which is administered by a committee consisting of two (2) Past District Governors who are in their second and third years out of office of District Governor and three (3) non-Lion members of the community selected by the two Lion members and approved by the District Cabinet each year on or before the midwinter Cabinet meeting. The Past District Governors on this committee will act in an advisory capacity only and have no vote in the selection of the candidate to receive the award. The non-Lion members shall have one vote each for the selection of the candidate. The Past District Governor serving the one year term shall act as Chairman of this committee. In the event a Past District Governor of the second or third year out of office cannot serve they shall be replaced by the Past District Governor the next higher year out of office.

The committee will select a candidate for this award who must have:

- (a) Been a Lion at least three (3) years.
- (b) Had perfect attendance for the past three (3) years.
- (c) Been a member in good standing of a Club in good standing in this District.
- (d) A Lion of high moral character.

Judging will be based on the following criteria:

- (a) Offices and/or chairmanships held in the Club.
- (b) Lions projects participated in.
- (c) Accomplishments of this Lion in service to the community.
- (d) Accomplishments of this Lion in service to Lionism.

Any Club that wishes to nominate a candidate for this award shall do so by submitting a form signed by the Club Secretary or President to the Chairman of this Committee listing the candidate's qualifications by deed and year occurred. The form for this award will be provided by the District.

The Chairman of this committee will receive the nomination forms and remove the nominee's name, town and Club. He will then assign a number to the form. The voting members of this committee will vote on their choices - First, second and third choice with three (3) points for first choice, two (2) points for second choice, and one (1) point for third choice. Nominees receiving zero points along with the nominee receiving the least number of points on the first ballot will be dropped from consideration. Balloting will continue with the nominee receiving the least number of points in each round dropped from consideration until only one nominee remains.

The District Governor, and the voting members of his Cabinet shall not be eligible for this award during their terms of office. No Past District Governor shall be eligible for this Award.

This Award will not be given if, in the estimation of the Committee, no one is worthy of the award that year.

No other award will be established in the District with any direct or indirect link to this award. The prestige of this award will be continually protected.

APPLICATION FOR GEORGE E. DALY AWARD

CANDIDATE NAME: _____

CLUB: _____

PERFECT ATTENDANCE LAST 3 YEARS? _____ TOTAL YEARS PERFECT ATTENDANCE? _____

OFFICES AND/OR CHAIRMANSHIPS HELD IN THE LIONS CLUB:

Offices Held:

Committee Chairmanships:

LIONS PROJECTS PARTICIPATED IN:

ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THIS LION IN SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY:

ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THIS LION IN SERVICE TO LIONISM:

CLUB PRESIDENT OR SECRETARY _____

The submission deadline is February 28, 2020.

The applications should be submitted to me either by mail or email. jph3231@aol.com or Jeff Hunt, 306 Burns St. Essexville, Mi 48732. Joe Bogar and I will be the co-chairs of the committee this year.

Thanks, Jeff Hunt

from the GAT Team

Hello fellow 11D1 Lions.

An event is being planned that will be a great opportunity for all clubs in the district in finding ways to increase members. Within the next few weeks, you will receive notification of time and location within your region of an informal breakfast gathering for the purpose of open discussion of ways to increase club membership.

This, as stated, will be informal. Each Lion present can ask questions of the group, provide ideas and make suggestions. Any Lion may attend. Please make sure all club members are aware of this gathering and look for more information in the near future.

Your district GAT (global action team)



CASS CITY LIONS

Chocolate Easter Bunny Sale

Easter is April 12th this year.
Price structure for this year.
Milk Chocolate Bunnies
Dark Chocolate Bunnies
Two sizes:
6 oz. full bunny packed 18 per case Cost each: \$4.00
3 oz. bunny head only packed 24 per case. Cost each \$2.75
both sizes cellophane wrapped

Made in Michigan
Chocolate

Includes: cost of freight, 3 color Lions stickers with bunny caricatures,
Minimum Order Quantity: 1 Case, same size/type preferred but
will accommodate all quantities/combinations. Just ask.
Payment: Full payment upon your pick-up at our site.
Ordering Deadline: JANUARY 12, 2020 earlier then usual
but more time to sell.
Pick-Up: Our site unless other arrangements made in advance.
Thank You in advance for your order and participation.

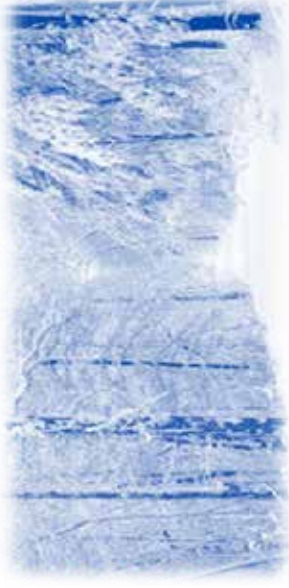
Contact: Gary Jones- 989-912-0610, gdjones3957@gmail.com
K. Martin: 989-670-1115 - Jerry Mathie: 586-863-7461



Winter Camp began in 1969 and has been a tradition since then. A major project of District 11 B1, it was established to provide a special camp adventure for blind and visually impaired adults. Held the first full weekend in February, the camp provides a social gathering for up to 80 adults from around the state.

Financing: Campers pay a small fee for housing, bedding, five meals, evening snacks, a Sunday sack lunch and craft materials. District 11-B1 subsidizes camp operating costs with contributions from Lions Clubs, Lions District "Parade of Checks" and individual donations. Saturday Bingo prizes are donated by many clubs.

Location: Winter Camp is held at the Battle Creek Public Schools Outdoor Education Center (Clear Lake Camp) located at 10160 M-37, Dowling, MI, 15 miles north of Battle Creek. The rustic lodge and hilly, wooded terrain surrounding the camp provide an excellent venue for indoor and outdoor activities. (Weather determines which outdoor activities are available.)



2020

Winter Camp For the Blind February 7,8,9

Since 1969

Our 51st Year

Lions of Michigan
District 11-B1

Battle Creek Public Schools
Outdoor Education Center

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@11B1WinterCamp



Arrival

Campers who arrive by bus or train, are transported by bus from the station to the camp. Volunteer escorts take care of baggage transit and assist arrivals with check-in, bunk assignments and other details.

Special accommodations are made for those with Leader Dogs. However, the camp is *not wheelchair accessible*.

Activities

Friday activities begin with dinner at 6:00 p.m. After dinner there is music and entertainment, or campers can just sit by the warm fireplace and socialize.

Hot coffee and hot chocolate, as well as assorted fruits are free. Sodas and snacks can be purchased. An evening snack is served at 9:00 p.m. before bedtime.

Saturday begins with breakfast at 8:00 a.m. served by volunteers and the Michigan Youth Challenge Academy cadets.



Morning activities include **Bingo** by the Bedford Area Lions. There is always lots of prizes so nobody goes away empty handed.



Art's & Crafts projects are presented *free of charge* by the Michigan Center Lionesses.

Western Michigan University graduate students will provide hands on demonstrations of adaptive technology for the visually impaired. Student Cadets and volunteers are trained in assisting the campers. Canes can be replaced or repaired by local mobility specialists. Chess and other games are available.

Saturday afternoon the fun continues.

Campers can remain indoors and continue winning *Bingo* prizes, do

Arts & Crafts or sit by

the warm fire. The ad-

venturous can visit the

bird cabin, take a hay

ride, a guided nature

hike, or just enjoy the

crisp winter air. Special

events such as snow-



mobiling or a roaring camp fire depend on the weather conditions. A **Diabetes prevention class** has been added to help campers develop healthy eating practices and find available resources.



After enjoying another great dinner, the Campers organize a **Talent Show** of comedians, singers and dancers. The camp King and Queen are crowned, and one lucky camper will win a free camp the following year.

Sunday

breakfast is at 8:00 a.m.

Campers can enjoy friendships and socializing before leaving. Volunteers and Cadets help with luggage. We ensure all campers will safely get to their rides home. They are sent on their way with a delicious bag lunch and many happy memories of fun and camaraderie.



Lions Around the District

Bay City Lion's Club had a busy December. Attached is a photo of one of our activities for the month and that was ringing the bell for the Salvation Army of Bay City at the WalMart in Bay City, We rang from 10am-6pm on Saturday December 7, 14 and 21. There is friendly competition with other service clubs to see who can raise the most money. We are waiting for the results. We are the defending champions.



On Wednesday December 4, we held our annual Christmas Steak Fry at Monitor Township Hall in Bay City. There were over 100 in attendance and we had a raffle drawing that evening and raised over \$1000 for administrative activities, and District Governor Steve VanTol inducted 11 new members.

On Friday December 6, we had our annual cookie walk at Bangor Township Hall and raised over \$1000 for service activities. Some of the cookie frosting was done at the Steak Fry by a dedicated crew who enjoyed the project.



On Wednesday December 11, the annual Children's Christmas Party was held at the LFA Hall in Frankenlust Township. The children and their parents were given a meal, entertainment, and the children got to sit on Santa's lap and receive a gift. A good time was had by all.

On Saturday December 21, food boxes that had been prepared by Handy Middle School LEO members were distributed by Bay City Lion's Club members to those in need in the community. Fifty one boxes that were paid for by our Club were delivered.

And the last activity was caroling on Monday December 23. A bus provided by Mitchell Motorcoach transported Bay City Lion's Club members to several nursing homes and private residences of Lions to sing the carols. There was much frivolity and Christmas cheer.

That is all for December with more to come in 2020 including an Opioid and Suicide Prevention Symposium on May 14, 2020.

Lion Vaughn Begick, Club Secretary

Fairgrove Lions Club wishes everyone a Happy New Year!

Flint Downtown Lions Club would like to

welcome our newest member, Ryan Palmer. Ryan was so excited that he jumped right in to help us distribute water to the Flint community at a water distribution event at Shiloh Church in December. Many families were served.



As club secretary, I would personally like to thank our club president, George E. Washington for reserving five food baskets from local 598 making it possible to distribute them to needy families in the name of the Flint Downtown Lions Club.

Thank you again to the Millington Lions Club for hosting the joint birthday party for the Flint and Saginaw clubs. We truly appreciate the effort that went into this and anticipate seeing everyone on January 12th.

Our club is extremely excited to be hosting a blanket making event on Saturday, January 18th. The public will be invited to assist us with making blankets for children in need. We also hope to attract new members during this event.

Flushing Lions Club: The first of two items we did in December is the TV Raffle we hold every year in conjunction with the Flushing Candle Walk. This year's first place prize of a 65 inch smart TV went to John Howe a Flushing resident, second place a 43 inch smart TV went to another Flushing resident Marty Barta. The 3rd place \$100 gas card went to Lion Don Dale, president of the Gaines Club.



Pictured is the First place winner John Howe.

We netted about \$2000 on the Raffle.

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The dryer Ball team was at it again. They have added some additional crafts and have attended a number of craft shows to sell the crafts as well as have the members of the community make patches for a quilt which will be given to the Tommy Smith Foundation which is checking young athletes in the school system for hidden heart defects as well as training for CPR and the use of an AED. Everyone who sews a patch is listed in a book, and the foundation will be able to sell or raffle the quilt. Some are sold for over \$1000.



Larry Porn
Flushing Lions Club Secretary

Frankenmuth Lions Club recently spent 72 hours on 6 weekend days supporting the Salvation Army during their Christmas Red Kettle campaign. More than 30 club members worked two-hour shifts to greet shoppers and to thank them for their donations. The total collected during the six days was \$5,024.28, the most our club has ever collected in the past 25 years. Also, our Lions Club collected the most money in such a short time than any other club or organization that worked for the Salvation Army. The Salvation Army serves over 2500 families of Saginaw County through dinners, countless toys, coats, hats, gloves and other necessities of life.



Frankenmuth Lions celebrated Christmas with a special dinner at the Bavarian Inn Restaurant Alpine Room. They were entertained by piano selections and

Christmas carols in German and English sung by the local Gemutlichkeit club. A highlight of the evening was the annual “bottle raffle”, which was fun for all. Funds in the amount of \$632 were raised from the raffle and donations were presented to the Special Needs Vision Clinic to support their important work in the community.



On December 3, members from the Frankenmuth Lions Club and the Bridgeport Lions Club volunteered at the Saginaw VA Hospital. They helped the veterans trim a Christmas tree, sing carols and play Bingo – a fun time for all!

Freeland Lions have been enjoying a much needed break with family for the month of December but we’ve been keeping busy still.

We have a very dedicated group of Lions, and in the month of December, we had our Annual Community Christmas Party, which was a great time to spend with the community and family. Also we had another “food giveaway” headed up by our Region Chair Bill Bauder and many local groups show up to help with this. We are a very fortunate club with the full support of our community. Planning for Walleye Festival has begun, and we’re also preparing for our first sportsman’s dinner. Tickets are selling out fast.

It’s been a very prosperous 2019 and we are looking forward to a very promising 2020.

Freeland Lion President Nathan Neuenfeldt

Linden Lions

Christmas tree sales exceeded expectations again this year. Despite the warm weather, the



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community came flocking to the Christmas tree lot. They started shopping the weekend before Thanksgiving to buy their trees.



On December 6th, Rory once again made a roaring appearance at the 4th Annual Linden Holiday Happening parade. There were lots of people and the parade's MC told the history of the Linden Lion's club as the float passed by.



After the parade, others from the Linden Lions club and the Kiwanis welcomed families and friends into the VFW Hall and treated them to cookies and hot cocoa, hot cider and donuts. This has become an annual tradition that the Linden Lions members and the community look forward to.

business, community organization, and school. Pictured is the club entry! (Our club can never win because we sponsor the event! LOL) St. Charles Lion



members assisted with the Breakfast with Santa at St. Charles Elementary on the morning of December 7. Lion Lorie Wille helps create a baggie of reindeer food!

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.

Shields Lions Club: The Thomas Township Christmas Train is an annual event, and the Shields Lions Club put up a display for all the train passengers to see



Al Vroman, Secretary

Saint Charles Lions Club sponsored the Third Annual Lighted Parade on December 7th, for The Old Fashioned Christmas Weekend in St. Charles. Seventeen floats were created from the community, and beautiful plaques were given to the top four floats, as well as \$100 to each. An award is presented to the best

