

*Moving  
Forward*

# Steve VanTol District Governor 11D-1



*April, 2020*

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## From District Governor Steve VanTol



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### REGION AND ZONE CHAIRS page 2



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Lions of 11D1,

How the world changed in just a few days with the COVID virus: cancellation of our District Convention, Multiple District Convention, International Convention, Lions Club Meetings, events and service projects. Our state and nation are basically shut down as well as the rest of the world. What a different year for the District Governor! As Lions, however, we will continue Moving Forward. We will make it through this pandemic. We will continue to serve with our fellow Lions in our communities, state and around the world. Yes, we will. We are Lions that serve!

### District and Club Elections

Many clubs are struggling, wondering how to complete their elections without club meetings. Lions Clubs International Legal Department has approved the use of "electionrunner.com" to complete our district election and your club elections. PDG Ron Johnson said only 13 clubs submitted their delegates. One club only placed one delegate on the form because only one was attending the convention. Clubs are allowed more than one vote. Our district will be voting electronically this year. Therefore, in equity to

all clubs, the District Secretary has sent new "delegate forms" to each club electronically. The form is requesting the names and email addresses of their delegates. Club secretaries should have received the delegate information by now. As of this writing only twelve clubs have returned their delegate forms. **Club secretary reminder, the due date is April 11.** Please, please, please return your form to the district email by April 11.

### Club Officers

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

### GAT Goals

District Goals have been reviewed by the GAT Team. Other than those mentioned last month, three other goals need to be mentioned at this time. The first is starting a new Leo Club. We were close to getting one started

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in Montrose until the pandemic started. When things settle down, work will continue at getting the Leo Club chartered. The second is Guiding Lion Training. We are hoping to train at least four new Guiding Lions. With the pandemic it will be hard to meet in person for training but with online tools, training will occur. More Guiding Lions the better. Let me know if you would be interested in being a guiding lion and attend training. The third goal is to have at least one Leo become a Lion. Currently we have only one Leo-Lion in our District. The Western Leo Club has a few Leos graduating this year so we may reach this goal.

**Lions Learning Center (LLC)**

The Lions Learning Center is now connected to My Lion. You can take free online course for your personal growth. Access the leadership tools and gain insights to improve your skills and prepare for club leadership positions. Now is a good time. There are “learning paths” specifically designed for Club President, Secretary and Treasurer. The LLC includes individual courses for president, secretary, treasurer, coaching, conflict and resolution, delegation, effective listening, effective teams and goal setting. In addition, a “meeting management course” is available to assist in preparing and holding meetings. The LLC has been moved to MyLion. (Sorry your old class information did not transfer) Check it out in your NOW in your free time. As always, if you need any help please call me at 989-430-9500 to schedule a time to get you set-up online.

**Need Help ??**

The “Pandemic” has made it impossible to continue with our normal club business in as a group meeting. There are websites available for video conferencing such as Zoom.com, Eztalks.com, FreeConferenceCall.com, GotoMeeting.com, Uberconference.com, and Webex.com. These websites I am familiar with. Each one has it benefits, and all offer a free trial. A few are offering a free service due to the pandemic. I mentioned “Electionrunner.com” for the District Election. It has been purchased for \$15 per election for the District Election because the District Election has over 20 ballots. It is “free” for elections under 20 ballots and could be used for Club Elections. If you would like help setting up an electronic ballot, please call me. Of course, a club may choose to use any method that works for the club.

**Newsletter Signup**

What a disappointment! Only two more Lions signed up to receive the newsletter this past month. We now have 118 lions signed up to receive district news out of the 802 possible Lions. I would hope those who have not signed up would do so soon. Personally, I do not like receiving duplicate information. Having one master list will eliminate the duplications. Please note your email will not be shared with any other business or even LCI. When the list is complete, information can be sent directly to the members by the Cabinet Secretary and Newsletter Editor. Yes, even if you are currently receiving the information directly from Lion Phyllis or your club

# UPCOMING EVENTS

*see details inside*

**Dining With Diabetes**  
ALL EVENTS POSTPONED

**District Convention**  
April 3-5, Grand Rapids  
CANCELLED

**Final Cabinet Meeting**  
April 5, Online

Leader Dog's  
**Name the Puppy Contest**  
deadline April 10

Special Needs  
**Gun Raffle Drawing**  
April 28

**MD Convention**  
May 14-16, Holland  
CANCELLED

**International  
Convention**  
June, Singapore  
CANCELLED



## From District Governor Steve VanTol *continued*

secretary or president, you still need to subscribe. Please, please, please, take the time to do this now.

The steps to sign-up are simple: 1.) Go to the <http://www.lions11d1.com> from your smart phone or computer. 2.) Locate the tab "newsletter signup." 3.) Click on SUBSCRIBE 4.) Register by entering your email address, first and last name club name 5.) Click on submit and you are done. Thanks for subscribing.

### **Final Cabinet Meeting**

The final cabinet of this Lion year is scheduled for April 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm and will be Online Meeting. The voting cabinet members and district committee chairs will receive a link by email to the meeting. Cabinet meetings are open to the membership. If you would like to be included, please send an email to [district11d1@gmail.com](mailto:district11d1@gmail.com) with "Cabinet Meeting" in the subject line.

Let us continue "Moving Forward" together Lions of District 11D1. Stay healthy and safe.

*DG Steven VanTol*

## From First Vice District Governor Harold DeMott



I am sure you are all as happy as we are to have spring here!

There isn't much to report this month due to the Covid19 Virus. Lion Mary and I pray you are all staying healthy and safe by not going out in the public for any unnecessary things.

Lion Mary and Lion Diana Fairgreve of Linden Lions Club spent a day at our clubhouse before the lock in, trying to help in the fight against the virus making 23 medical masks. They have been making medical face masks for the Hurley Medical Center doctors and nurses to help protect them and the patients from the dreaded virus. For the last 3 days our daughter Rexine and Lion Mary have been making them at home. Last night we delivered 30 more to our daughter Mary who is a nurse at Hurley Medical Center. We did not go in her house or get close to her as

she and her entire family has been exposed, due to the professions they are in. Please use common sense and don't take unnecessary risks.

Unfortunately, the International Convention in Singapore was cancelled. So they are trying to figure out how my induction along with every other District Governor Elect in the World will be sworn in.

I have been working on my much needed goals and will be having a conference call with my Global Membership Team to have my goals approved for the upcoming year. That is if I am voted in as your District Governor for the 2020-2021 year.

I am looking forward to being able to again do what we all love, and that is being a Lion on the front lines. Best wishes to you all!

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 1<sup>st</sup> VD*

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



Hello Fellow Lions,

As I write my article I am hoping that all my Lions families and their friends are safe and well.

Governor Steve is doing a great job with moving forward in these difficult times we are all going through.

There will be cabinet meeting on April 5th at 7:00 PM via your computer or phone, we hope all cabinet members will be able to make it.

Please keep all of our Lions Clubs in your prayers, for they will for sure be needing other clubs' help with fundraising when we get back to a new normal in our state.

We also have voting to do that would have been done at the convention. More info coming from Governor Steve in his newsletter article.

Thank You and Stay Safe.

*Thoughts and Prayers  
Lion Duane 2VDG*

BE HUMBLE AND BE KIND

## Parade of Checks

Just because the convention was cancelled, don't forget your favorite projects. Like everyone else, they need your support. Mail your checks to CT Phyllis Pross.

Your club will be recognized for your contributions and the checks will be sent to the projects. The deadline is April 15th.

You can also send them directly to the projects, but the district will not know that you contributed.

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## Newsletter Signup:

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

Click on this website address: [www.lions11d1.com](http://www.lions11d1.com)

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

Click on "Subscribe" on the next page

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

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

Barry McGhan, Fenton Growner editor

## Convention Update

Hello Lions. I hope this finds you and yours safe and well. As we look to the future the 2021 convention committee would like to propose the convention next year be held at the Comfort Inn in Mt. Pleasant.

The hotel has offered us rooms for \$93 per night with 2 complimentary suites and an additional room for every 30 nights sold. For early arrivals on Thursday, two complimentary drinks (beer wine, or pop) with hors d'oeuvres are available to registered guests.

We will not be charged for meeting space, if we meet a minimum of \$3,500 in food service. (As an example, this year's minimum was to be \$7,000). The hotel has completed some renovations in the meeting area including carpet and new paint.

As a further incentive, if we would return to the hotel for three years in a row, they will decrease the room rate to \$90 per night for all three years and guarantee the meal cost would not increase by more than 3% over the three years. (That would mean a \$20 meal in 2021 would only increase to not more than \$20.60 by 2023.

Club delegates will be receiving ballots for this year's elections soon. Please consider our staying with Comfort Inn.

We will be seeing a proposal from the 2022 committee as will. So please consider it as well.

Yours in Lionism,  
2021 convention committee

## From State Office

In compliance with Governor Whitmer's "stay at home" order, the state office will be closed for the next three weeks.

I will activate my "home office" and will conduct Lion's business via email, phone, and any other means available.

Wishing you good health and safety during trying times!

Lion Wendy Burns



COME JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL DINNER and SILENT AUCTION  
PUBLIC WELCOME  
SUNDAY APRIL 26, 2020  
11 AM to 2:00 PM Akron - Fairgrove High School  
2800 N Thomas Rd Fairgrove, MI

Under 5 years old Free, 5 – 10 years \$5.00, 11 – 100 years \$8.00  
Our Labor Day Brats, Koegel's Hot Dogs, French Fries, Baked Beans and Ice Cream

SILENT AUCTION ENDS AT 1:15  
100% OF Proceeds goes for A-F Scholarships and to Community Projects

**Check for possible updates.**



Greetings, Phyllis,

Per state mandate, the Leader Dogs for the Blind campus in Rochester Hills, Michigan is currently closed.

Because many staff members are working remotely, the performance of our systems may be impacted and response times may be affected. Some business operations requiring physical presence at the office will be limited, such as donation recognition letters, recognitions (e.g. Founders Tributes, puppy sponsorship materials) and club supply orders. We will address these areas as soon as possible upon returning to campus.

Our Lions team is still available through the usual channels:

- Beth Slade, Director of Philanthropy for Lions Engagement:  
[Beth.Slade@Leaderdog.org](mailto:Beth.Slade@Leaderdog.org), 248-218-6421
- Kathy Gilchrist, Lions Relations Specialist,  
[KGilchrist@Leaderdog.org](mailto:KGilchrist@Leaderdog.org), 248-659-5012
- Mike Dengate, Lions Engagement Specialist,  
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- Kathleen Breen, Lions Events and Logistics Specialist,  
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All client classes have been postponed and will resume as soon as possible. For any client-related needs, please call our main number at 888-777-5332.

Rest assured that we are taking all steps necessary to continue to provide outstanding care for our dogs in the canine development center.

# VOTE FOR A NAME FOR PUPPY #20,000!

The Leader Dog puppy that will receive tag #20,000 has been born! To celebrate this milestone, we're asking YOU to choose a name for this special puppy.

Leader Dog team members were invited to submit their ideas for puppy names, and then voted from the 47 final candidates to bring these five names. Now, it's up to you to choose the winner.

## How to vote

Every dollar = a vote. If you support a name with \$1, you've cast one vote. If you support a name with \$20, you've got 20 votes. When you vote for a name with \$20 or more, you'll receive a plush "#20,000" puppy!\* Once you choose your favorite name, click it to get started.

## Meet puppy #20,000



Puppy #20,000 is a male Labrador retriever/golden retriever cross. He was born on February 19, 2020 in Traverse City, Michigan. He has one brother and two sisters. He's roly-poly, like a little bear, and never has a problem eating his food. He even "helps" the other puppies with their share. Right now, his favorite activities are sleeping and eating. Even though he's the biggest, he's not bossy.

## Choose your favorite name!

Legacy

With thousands of Leader Dogs before him, this boy carries on a heroic "Legacy."

Miles

Short for "Milestone," which is exactly what this puppy is.

Nemo

From "Captain Nemo," the main character from *Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea*.

Rex

The number 20,000 is "XX" in Roman numerals and Rex is a classic dog name.

Wonder

This puppy is the 20,000th "Wonder" Leader Dog.

Voting will end in two weeks on Friday, April 10. We'll announce the winning name for puppy #20,000 on Monday, April 13, and you'll meet his puppy raiser as puppy #20,000 gets picked up from our campus to begin his Future Leader Dog journey!

**Use this link to vote:** If clicking on it doesn't work, type it into your browser box.  
<https://www.leaderdog.org/vote-for-a-name/>



With this time of Isolation, I have not contacted clubs about visits. When things get back to normal, I will get back to clubs.

With clubs not meeting, decisions can't be made. Hopefully Presidents are thinking of ways they can help.

I have contacted Gov. Steve about the possibility of applying for an emergency grant, if we have enough people in the District affected by the virus. In the meantime, stay safe, Lions.

Thanks PDG Bob.

## Newsletter Signup

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

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

Yes, you will receive 2 newsletters for a while. Just delete one of them.

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

Phyllis Pross, District Editor

## Chesaning Lions Club Easter Egg Hunt



Saturday, April 11

Start 10 a.m.

Location: Showboat Park

Children Ages: 1 thru 11



**Check for possible updates.**





# Special Needs Vision Clinic Page

## BITE FOR SIGHT RAFFLE

### CANCELLED

Hello fellow Lions. Due to the health situation in Michigan, the US and the world, the Special Needs Vision Clinic "Bite for Sight" raffle has been cancelled for this year.

If you or your club have sold any tickets, please refund the money to the purchaser unless they would like to make a donation to the clinic. If that is the case, please send the donation to the clinic with the name and address of the person making the donation.

The raffle committee thanks everyone for their support. May you all remain safe and healthy.

With appreciation,  
SNVC Bite for Sight committee

## Special Needs Vision Clinic

# GUN RAFFLE

by the Bay City Lions.

## Four great prizes!

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

I need all ticket stubs and money from the Special Needs Vision Clinic gun raffle as soon as possible. The drawing is April 28th and I will need everything before then. They can either mail it to me at:

Lion Joe Gwizdala  
1354 E. N. Union Rd.  
Bay City, MI 48706

Or call me at 989-684-9384 and I will make arrangements to come and get them.



# Defense Against Diabetes

**ALL Dining with Diabetes (DWD) classes scheduled have been postponed.** Most of these classes are being held at Senior Centers, who are closing due to the Coronavirus. The Lion's Club and the MSU Extension's first priority is the health and safety of our class attendees and the citizens at the centers. When it is safe and the senior centers reopen, we will reschedule the classes. The National Kidney foundation's eight (8) week class being held at the St. Charles District Library has also been postponed. Look for more information to come about a new virtual format for this. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Stay Healthy! Lion Julia Embury

## Dining with Diabetes Postponed Classes:

### Ascension St. Mary's Center of Hope

723 Emerson St. , Saginaw, MI 48607

Dates: Four Consecutive Thursdays, starting  
April 2, 2020

Time: 2:00 – 3:30 pm

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

### Forest Township Senior Center

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

Dates: Four consecutive Mondays, starting  
April 6th, 2020

Time: 1:00 -2:30 pm

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

### Hampton Activity Center

801 W. Center Road, Essexville, MI 48732

Dates: Tuesdays,  
April 7th – April 28th, 2020

Time: 10:30 – 12:00 pm

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

### Gilligan's Banquet Room

6444 Main Street, Cass City, MI 48726

Dates: Wednesdays,

March 18 – April 8th, 2020

Time: 1:00 – 3:00 pm

To Register Contact :Tuscola County MSU  
Extension Office (989) 672-3870

For More Information Contact: Kris  
Swartzendruber (989) 672-3870

### Loose Senior Center

707 N. Bridge Street,

Linden, MI 48451

Dates: Thursdays, April 30th – May 21st, 2020

Time: 2:00 – 3:30 pm

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

## National Kidney Foundation

### Postponed Class:

St. Charles District Library

132 S. Saginaw Street., St. Charles, MI 48655

Dates: Four Consecutive Thursdays, starting  
April 2, 2020

Time: 2:00 – 3:30 pm

To Register: Email Joe Bogar at jtbogar@  
gmail.com or call (989) 274-4110

# Childhood Cancer April Update

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

Well a lot has happened in the last couple of weeks which creates obstacles for fundraising. However, we are moving ahead with our money raffle which we plan to sell from April to August with the date being confirmed for the drawing in September. This will give us more time to contact clubs who are rescheduling events for the summer giving us an opportunity to attend these events and sell tickets.

We successfully delivered our 13 care packages to the kids at Hurley Medical in March which really is helping considering the timing of the virus outbreak. The gift bags contained books, coloring books, crayons, activity books, puzzles, hand sanitizer, gum, lotion, stuffed animals, doodle pads, blankets (courtesy of Sandy Van Tol) Thanks

and gas/fast food gift cards. We received a thank you letter from the Hurley Foundation along with praise from the director and staff for supporting these great kids.

Childhood Cancer T-Shirts are here!! They are \$20 and we have small, medium, large, and extra-large in gray, red, and blue. All of the proceeds going directly to the 11D-1 Childhood Cancer fund which support Maggie's Wigs for Kids, Campy Quality, and Kids Kicking Cancer. Please contact [Jason.marsh@walsworth.com](mailto:Jason.marsh@walsworth.com) to place an order today.

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

*Coming*

*Later*

## the Linden Lions Club's WHITE ELEPHANT AUCTION

The LINDEN LIONS will be hosting their annual WHITE ELEPHANT AUCTION at a time that will be determined later.

Plan on joining the LINDEN LIONS for a night of fun and treasure hunting when the coronavirus pandemic is over and it is safe to meet once again.

Watch for updates in the newsletter as the situation changes.

In the meantime, stay home and stay safe.



# Lions Around the District

**Bay City Lions club** is meeting via Zoom, supplied to us by one of our generous Lions. We held our Board meeting on March 24th, using Zoom for the first time. Wow how times have changed. Starting April 1st we will also try our Noon lunch meeting with this same technology. Everyone of course will have to supply their own lunch. LOL! We will continue to help in the community wherever we can and be kind and supportive to each other in this New time of need. Everyone, please stay safe and well. Remember "We Serve"! It doesn't matter if it's for a loved one, someone in our community or a total stranger. Please take care of and be kind to yourself first! We need you too!

**Fenton Lions Club:** Over Saturday and Sunday at the Fenton Expo in early March, 2020 our KidSight Lions crew from Fenton, Linden, Grand Blanc, and Gaines Clubs screened A total of 120 kids, with 11 referrals issued to parents for further examination of their child.



(Left to right) 2nd VDG Duane Wilcox, Diana Fairgrieve, Dave Dipka, Mary Ann Brostek, Marilyn Reibel, Denise Penwell, RC Mary Hall, DG Steve VanTol

Not pictured: Jessica Bearer, Dave Lantz, Jim LaRose, Carole Smith, Julia Embury, Dan Embury, Bill Wyckoff

**Zilwaukee Lions Club** normally has an Easter Egg Hunt. Due to the virus we cancelled the event. We are instead donating \$1,000.00 dollars to Covenant Health Care Provider of Saginaw. They can use the money to buy health supplies so badly needed. The Zilwaukee Lions Club is asking clubs that can donate to Covenant Health Care provider or a health care facility in their area. It is great that everyone is working together. God Bless all.

## 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.

Kathy Bogar new email bogark58@gmail.com

Joe and Kathy Bogar's new address will be 6385 Prairie Dunes, Grand Blanc 48439