

Make it fun and we
will make it happen
together!

Harold DeMott District Governor 11 D-1

February, 2021



Phyllis Pross, Newsletter Editor • 16424 Whitehead Dr., Linden, MI 48451
Phone: 810-735-4288 • e-mail: pdpross@charter.net

From District Governor Harold DeMott



DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Harold DeMott
8393 Duffield Rd. Gaines 48436
C 248-408-0508
hlmd012@charter.net

FIRST VICE GOVERNOR

Duane Wilcox
12337 S Jennings Rd. Linden 48451
C 810-240-7535
duanewilcox@rocketmail.com

SECOND VICE GOVERNOR

Jack Frost
309 Main St. Essexville 48732
C 989-295-4714
jefrost@att.net

CABINET SECRETARY

Vaughn Begick
5353 Lorraine Ct. Bay City 48706
989-686-0578
vaughnPAC@aol.com

CABINET TREASURER

Phyllis Pross
16424 Whitehead Dr. Linden 48451
810-735-4288 C 810-730-4456
pdpross@charter.net

IMMEDIATE PAST DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Steve VanTol
4851 Raymond Rd. Midland 48642
H 989-496-3541 C 989-430-9500
lionstevanvol@gmail.com

REGION AND ZONE CHAIRS page 2



District Website
www.michiganlionsdistrict11d1.org

Happy Valentines Fellow Lions!

If you can, get your favorite Valentine or loved ones something nice. This last (almost) year has been a very difficult time for everyone. Again, I am asking you to check in on your club members, neighbors and people that live by themselves.

The First Lady and I would like to send our condolences to the family and club members of Patrick Kelley. He was a member of the Fenton Lions Club for about 15 years. He will be missed!

I've heard that this month restaurants will be opening up again. Maybe some of our clubs that utilize restaurants for meetings can again resume meetings? If your club is meeting anyplace and time please let me know. I still have clubs I haven't been able to visit.

Lions Clubs International has passed a resolution to waive all charter entrance fees from January 1 through June 31, 2021. Further, they have a flexible payment plan. No clubs in good standing on December 31, 2020 will be suspended or cancelled through June 30, 2021 for late payment of dues. But full payment is required

before June 30, 2021 to avoid suspension or cancellation. Please note that clubs placed on financial suspension on December 31, 2020 will remain on suspension until the full balance is paid. Those clubs will still need to address their outstanding dues or make arrangements for repayment with the Accounts Receivable Department at Lions Clubs International to avoid cancellation schedule for March 1, 2021.

Upcoming events: Feb. 15th is Childhood Cancer Day, Feb. 27th Michigan Lions Virtual Forum, April 9-11 District 11 D-1 Convention in Mt. Pleasant

I am praying that this pandemic will be over soon so we can all breathe easier and do what we love to do. WE SERVE!

I would like to personally thank everyone for your perseverance during these times! We have the BEST Clubs and Lions in the whole State of Michigan! THANK YOU!

WE COULDN'T DO WHAT WE DO WITHOUT YOU!!

THANKS FOR ALL YOU DO!!!

Lion Harold DeMott DG

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

REGION/ZONE CHAIRS

REGION I Chair

Joe Gwizdala III
Bay City
1354 North Union Bay City 48706
989-684-9384
joeandjeangwiz@outlook.com

REGION I ZONE 1 CHAIR

Matthew Tetloff
Freeland
11402 August Lane Freeland 48623
C 989-780-7578
matthewtetloff@gmail.com

Region I Zone 2 Chair

Alice Zajac
Kingston
6545 Legg Rd. Kingston 48741
989-683-2497
akzmsu@gmail.com

Region II Chair

William Bauder
Freeland
7920 Mielke Rd. Freeland 48623
H 989-695-9393 C 989-493-3407
bauder_william2005@yahoo.com

Region II Zone 1 Chair

Tobias Webber
Shields
1132 Sue St. Saginaw 48609
H 989-225-5362
tobywebber@yahoo.com

Region II Zone 2 Chair

Daniel Houston
Buena Vista
2317 Whittier St. Saginaw 48601
989-798-8940
dhoustonr1@gmail.com

REGION III Chair

Mary Hall
Grand Blanc
6098 Steeplechase Dr.
Grand Blanc 48439
C 810-625-7358
eastknoll360@yahoo.com

Region III Zone 1 Chair

Doug Palmer
Flint Downtown
7427 Lehring Rd. Bancroft 48414
H 989-634-8263
dglspalmer@gmail.com

Region III Zone 2 Chair

Dan Embury
Linden
8115 Lahring Rd. Gaines 48436
C 810-955-8927
farmerdan63@yahoo.com



From 1st Vice District Governor Duane Wilcox



Hello Lions of District 11D1:

As we start a new year, we will be able to get back to a little bit of normal in our lives and be able to start our club raffles and fundraisers that all of us are so good at. So, please talk to your clubs and members to start planning for a great year of us Lions getting back in the public's eyes where we belong and do all the great things we do as Lions. As 2021 begins, we need to keep in touch with our fellow members to make sure they are doing OK. Don't be afraid to call them, and if you really want to get them involved in the future, set up a Zoom meeting through our district zoom account. It's easy. I am still working on district goals for 2021-2022 and have a few of them down on paper and a few more in my head. I'm trying to make our next Lion's year one to get new members and start new clubs where they are needed most in our district. And a big thank you to our districts NAMI team. What a great bunch of Lions. Any Lion willing to be a team member, please just call. We can use all the help we can get, so we can get our members numbers back like they were in the good old days

when our district was over 1250 members strong.

If any Lion has memorial info on members from your club, please send them to me at duanewilcox@rocketmail.com or via snail mail to 12337 S. Jennings Rd., Linden, MI 48451. We hopefully will have our district convention in April, and that is where we are planning on holding the memorial service. Thank you

An added note my wife and I have decided not to have a home phone anymore. My cell # is 810-240-7535. If any member needs to talk with me, please don't hesitate to call. I still have a lot of phone calls to make to finish up my roster book for next year, so if your phone rings please pickup; it won't hurt a bit. And remember, your next year's officers should be voted in at your club's first Lions meeting in April. That way Lion Secretaries can put them on MyLion in May. We get our info for the roster books from MyLion. Thank you.

Until next month stay safe and keep thinking about great ideas to try in the upcoming year.

*Your friend in Lionism
Lion Duane 1VDG*

HUMBLE AND KIND



UPCOMING EVENTS

see details inside



Lions of Michigan
Virtual Forum
February 27, Zoom

District Convention
April 9-11, Mt. Pleasant

MD Convention
May 20-22, Holland



Please join us for the Michigan Lions Virtual Forum

The SERVICE Must Go On!



**Saturday 27th February
2021 - 9am-12pm**

5 Session Topics include:

Maggie's Wigs4Kids
led by Maggie Varney

ZOOM 101 for Non-Techies
led by IPDG Mike Scott

The Service DOES Go On!
led by ID Justin Faber

Leos in Action
led by Lion Nicole Nessler-Stuhec

Lions Serving Safely
led by PDG Evelyn Cooper and a
panel of experts

Keynote Address:

How to Evolve our Service to Survive

continued next page

Make it fun and we will make it happen together

page 3

Join VDG Daniel Marney Elkins

...as he discusses how Lions Clubs all over the world are faced with the challenges of having to find ways to continue to serve in the “new normal” of a world that has been impacted by a global pandemic. Join VDG Daniel for an interactive learning presentation about how to evolve and adapt to ensure that we fulfill our commitment to empower volunteers to serve their communities and to meet humanitarian needs.

The Service Must Go On and We must Serve to Survive!

Lion Daniel Marney Elkins is a professional drug prevention specialist and is the director of the Bellevue (Delaware) Prevention and Outreach Center. He specializes in creating youth leadership programming by teaching strategic thinking and service learning. Lion Daniel is one of the founders of the Lions Virtual movement and is also part of the executive committee for the North American Membership Initiative's Young Lion Task Force. He also serves as a new club development consultant for Lions Clubs International. Lion Daniel was also just recently elected as 2nd Vice District Governor of the state of Delaware which is District 22-D.



Hold your Smart Phone camera up to the QR code to Register. or go to www.lionsofmi.com and click the “Register” button.



*Happy
Valentine's
Day*

Lions of Michigan Foundation Report

by IPDG Steven VanTol

You are in luck.....Last month at the LMF fundraising committee meeting, the Director had 204 raffle calendars which were returned unsold. They are available for purchase by sending a check to the foundation. The calendars are \$20 each. Purchase one or more. There is still a chance to win in the remaining eleven months. \$100 or \$50 each week or the grand prize drawing on May 1, 2021. 1st Prize \$1,500 – 2nd Prize \$500 – 3rd Prize \$250. Send payment to the Lions of Michigan Foundation, 5730 Executive Drive, Lansing, MI 48911. Phone 517-887-6462.

The Sight and Hearing Sweepstakes tickets have been sent to your club. Club members ask your Secretary or President for them. This is a great fundraiser for your

club. Sell over 100 tickets and your club will receive \$5.00 for all tickets sold. Sell over 300 tickets and your club will receive \$5.50 per ticket sold. The Lions of Michigan Foundation (LMF) does the paperwork, licensing and you clubs earn funds to help with your projects. With Covid it has been hard to raise funds, and this is a great way to help your club and the LMF.

If you have any questions or need assistance with grant applications for emergency assistance, vision or military aid you can contact either IPDG Lion Steven VanTol email lionstevenvantol@gmail.com or phone 989-430-9500, or PDG Lion Joe Bogar email jtbogar@gmail.com.

North America Membership Initiative (NAMI)

IPDG Steven VanTol

The NAMI initiative is to increase Lion membership in North America.

The NAMI team is making progress. We have an action plan for new clubs being led by PDG Dennis Poirier. Lion Matt Tetloff is working on his team for membership. PCS Sandy VanTol has recruited a few members for member satisfaction (retention), ZC Toby Webber has one team member for leader support and could use one or two more.

We meet again on February 16 at 7:00 PM via Zoom to work on our action plans. We can use the help of Lions throughout the District and invite to you to our meetings. Send me an email at lionstevenvantol@gmail.com if you would like to assist so you can be added to the zoom invitation.

GLT / ZOOM

IPDG Steven VanTol

Have you every thought about being a Guiding Lion? Being a guiding lion is a great opportunity to help a new or existing club out. We have many small clubs which could use some inspiration. It is not the job of a guiding lion to direct a club, but to assist them and maybe throw out some new ideas. Learning about guiding lions is a great experience. Being certified does not mean you will be assigned to a club. It may help with your own club. If a few Lions are interested in becoming certified as a guiding lion or just want to learn, I will hold a training session. The training will be via Zoom to save travel time. Please let me know if you are interested. Email lionstevenvantol@gmail.com or call 989-430-9500.

The District has a Zoom account which is available for any club or committee meeting. Send a request to this email: district11d1@gmail.com to request a zoom meeting or call 989-430-9500. Zoom meetings are scheduled on a first come basis. It will be a few more months before the weather is warm enough to meet outside.

More on NAMI

The New Clubs for our District are currently being looked at for Bay and Saginaw Counties. I have assembled an Advisory Committee made up of members from our four Counties. Joe Gwizdala and Vaughn Begick are representing Bay County, Leo Dolehanty is representing Genesee County, Dan Houston is representing Saginaw County, and Alice Zajac is representing Tuscola County. We are meeting monthly by Zoom to try and grow our District.

We are open to advice and help. Feel free to contact me at any time. Dennis Poirier 989-895-8857 or 1265orchard@charter.net

Newsletter Signup

We still have many Lions in our District who have not signed up to receive the newsletter directly through email. Communication within the district will be a lot faster when the email list is complete. FYI: Those who have registered will receive the newsletter two ways, the traditional way (by forwarding) and from the new mailing program. Soon the newsletter will only be sent via the District's newsletter list.

So what are you waiting for.....please sign up 1.) Go to the <http://www.lions11d1.com> from your smart phone or computer. 2.) Locate the tab "**newsletter signup.**" 3.) Register by entering your email address, first and last name then the month and year of your birth. 4.) Click on submit and you are done. It is just a two-minute process. Thank you.



Zoom Etiquette

With the pandemic came an increase in the use of zoom. It maybe become a new norm even after the virus passes. It won't replace all meetings but it has taken hold as a way to meet, save time and travel cost. Like most things that have happened lately, it has occurred so fast that little consideration to etiquette has been given. Here are some basic tips, look at your picture in the camera, that's what everybody else sees, check for background noise, lighting, barking dogs and other distractions. Sit up and stay focused, know where your mute is, the smallest noise can focus the camera on you and distract from what someone else is saying. Don't eat or do other intrusive things, the microphone can pick up everything.

Zone chair

District 11 D1 Convention

District 11 D1 Lions: What a year we have had. Your convention committee is working to make this year's convention possible with the intent for it to be both safe and enjoyable for everyone attending. To that end, we will be following both distancing and mask protocols. We believe that the convention will be able to take place and hope that all who are able will have been vaccinated by that time.

Breakout sessions will be a mix of informative and fun. The opportunity to visit with new and old Lion friends will bring a smile to all, or, at least, a twinkle to your eye (if you have a mask on).

The room rate for this year's convention will be \$93.00 per night plus tax. Hospitality rooms will be \$130.00 per night on a first-come basis. We currently have reserved two parlor suites and a family suite for this purpose. (If you would like to view these rooms, please check the hotel website for pictures.) To reserve a hospitality room, please contact either convention chair Lion Alice Zajac or Lion Ron Johnson.

For early arrivals (Thursday), a relaxed evening is planned. Due to current restrictions, dinner that evening will be on your own.

To reserve your room, contact Comfort Inn and Suites, Mt. Pleasant, MI at 989-772-4000. Mention you are reserving in the 11 D1 Convention block. Room rates apply until March 26, 2021.



CONVENTION 2021 • MT. PLEASANT

Registration

District 11 D1 Convention

Aril 9-11, Comfort Inn, Mt. Pleasant, MI

Please fill in the information below and return to:

Lion Alice Zajac, 6545 Legg Rd., Kingston, MI 48744 or gov006@tds.net.

Clubs please make copies of this form for your members.

Please fill out applicable information:

Club Name: _____

Name: _____ Email Address: _____

Spouse or Guest Name: _____

		Number	Total
Registration Fee (no fee for new Lions or first-time attendee)	\$14.00 per attendee	_____	\$ _____
Friday Night Dinner - choice of:	Herb Roasted Pork Loin	\$26.00 per attendee _____	\$ _____
	Parmesan Crusted Cod	\$26.00 per attendee _____	\$ _____
Saturday Lunch	\$15.00 per attendee	_____	\$ _____
Saturday Night Banquet - choice of:	Grilled Citrus Chicken	\$26.00 per attendee _____	\$ _____
	Broccoli Alfredo	\$26.00 per attendee _____	\$ _____
Total Enclosed			\$ _____

If you have any special dietary restrictions, please indicate, and we will do our best to accommodate your requirements

CONVENTION 2021 MT. PLEASANT

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 _____



Powerful Corporate Relationship Originating from Lions



Lions Club member, PDG Tom Polk was working in Information Technology in Wabash, Indiana when he answered a call from his employer who was seeking to make an impact with a charitable organization.

Through his club Lion Tom had raised money for and been involved with Leader Dog for years. He took this personal relationship to work with him and introduced Midwest Eye Consultants and Dr. Lindsay Culver (pictured above) to Leader Dog.

In only a few years time, Midwest Eye Consultants has donated more than \$126,000 to Leader Dog, has raised a puppy for the organization and dramatically increased awareness of Leader Dog within the state of Indiana.

Dr. Culver explained the impact blindness can have on people and the importance of making the community aware of Leader Dog, "I've already told patients about Leader Dog," she says. "A diagnosis like that can lead to depression and feelings of isolation. A Leader Dog can help a person regain their independence and confidence."

More clients served. Another puppy raised. All made possible by an introduction from a local Lions club member.

If you know of a business (big or small) you would like to introduce to Leader Dog, please contact our director of corporate relations, Dave Bann, at (248) 218 – 6318 or dave.bann@leaderdog.org.



IN EVERY LEADER DOG
LIES THE HEART OF A LION.

A Leader Dog partner since 1939.

SERVICE HIGHLIGHTS

Serving through COVID

The need for our programs has not diminished since the pandemic. While we were able to hold a few classes in person, most of our services have been home deliveries for both guide dogs and white cane training. Summer Experience Camp was held (very successfully) virtually this past summer.

Leader Dogs Issued YTD*: 53
Orientation & Mobility (White Cane) Clients Served YTD: 41
Summer Experience Camp YTD: 38

States/Countries Served (guide dogs and orientation & mobility) YTD: Colorado, Virginia, Tennessee, South Dakota, Pennsylvania, Ohio, New York, Minnesota, Michigan, Maine, Kentucky, Indiana, Illinois, Florida, North Carolina, South Dakota, Washington, New York

States/Countries Served (Summer Experience Camp – virtually) YTD: Connecticut, Idaho, Illinois, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, New Hampshire, Oklahoma, Canada

* Year to Date runs with our fiscal year of July 1 – June 30. Current YTD is from July 1- December 31, 2020.

Training Tips & More

Visit and share our blog (a fancy word for an article on the web) to learn training tips and experience client stories:
www.leaderdog.org/blog/category/blog/

BE OF SERVICE
LeaderDog.org/Lions

FOLLOW THE LEADER   

**** Need people to sign up or classes will have to be postponed ****

2021



DIABETES PATH

**Helping you take charge of
your diabetes!**

Where:

Zoom Video Conference
(requires a computer or
device with internet access)
Meeting link will be sent to
registered participants

When:

Thursdays from 6:00-8:00pm

Info Session:

February 25 from 6-6:30pm

Sessions 1-6:

March 4, 11, 18, 25
April 1, 8

To register contact:

PATHPrograms@nkfm.org
or call 800-482-1455

Lions Club Contact:

Lion Julia Embury
jkisch01@yahoo.com
810-624-7090

Limited spots, register soon

During registration, please indicate if you need
special accommodations in order to participate.
Since this is a full six-week workshop, new
participants are unable to join after week 2.

Diabetes PATH (Personal Action Toward Health) is designed to provide skills and tools to help people living with type 2 diabetes and their support system live a healthier life. It is a fun, interactive, six week workshop led by certified leaders.

Learn how to:

- Manage everyday activities by making an action plan
- Avoid complications
- Learn to balance your blood sugar
- Improve your communication skills with your family and your health care provider
- Understand the importance of monitoring your blood sugar
- Manage symptoms and decrease stress
- Improve your overall health and increase your energy



**Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION**



"The American Diabetes Association identifies this program as meeting the Diabetes Support Initiative criteria for support programming."



National Kidney Foundation of Michigan | 800-482-1455 | www.nkfm.org
For other wellness programs in Michigan, visit www.mihealthypartners.org.

This workshop was supported, in part by grant number 90CSSG0019, from the Administration for Community Living, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Washington, D.C. 20201. Grantees undertaking projects under government sponsorship are encouraged to express freely their findings and conclusions. Points of view or opinions do not, therefore, necessarily represent official Administration for Community Living policy.

District 11 D-1

Cabinet Meeting Minutes 1-10-2021

District Governor Harold DeMott called the meeting to order at 2:04 pm. The invocation was given by 1st VDG Duane Wilcox. PDG Joe Bogar led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Cabinet Secretary Vaughn Begick verified roll call of the voting cabinet which is listed in the chart below.

District Governor (DG)	Harold DeMott	Present
Immediate Past District Governor (IPDG)	Steven VanTol	Present
First Vice District Governor (1 st VDG)	Duane Wilcox	Present
Second Vice District Governor (2 nd VDG)	Jack Frost	Absent
Cabinet Secretary (CS)	Vaughn Begick	Present
Cabinet Treasurer (CT)	Phyllis Pross	Present
Region 1 Chair (RC)	Joe Gwizdala III	Present
Region 1, Zone 1 Chair (ZC)	Matt Tetloff	Present
Region 1, Zone 2 Chair (ZC)	Alice Zajac	Absent
Region 2 Chair (RC)	Bill Bauder	Present
Region 2, Zone 1 Chair (ZC)	Toby Webber	Present
Region 2, Zone 2 Chair (ZC)	Dan Houston	Present
Region 3 Chair (RC)	Mary Hall	Absent
Region 3, Zone 1 Chair (ZC)	Doug Palmer	Absent
Region 3, Zone 2 Chair (ZC)	Dan Embury	Present

Additional attendees were First Lady Mary DeMott, PDG Dennis Poirier, PDG Larry Porn, Past Cabinet Secretary Sandy VanTol, Gerald Whitney, PDG Joe Bogar, PDG Bob Sturgis, PDG Ron Johnson, Becky Borka, Julia Embury, and Teresa Tetloff

Additions to the agenda: Becky Borka on online fundraising for Sight and Hearing committee

DG Harold DeMott stated that the minutes of the 10-11-2020 Cabinet meeting were sent out via e-mail to the voting cabinet and published in the District Newsletter. DG Harold asked for a motion to approve the minutes. A motion was made by Joe Gwizdala III to approve the minutes from the 10-11-2020 Cabinet meeting. The motion was supported by Dan Houston. There were neither changes nor corrections and the motion passed.

DG Harold DeMott stated that the second quarter financial report was sent out via e-mail and asked for a motion to accept the report. A motion was made by Joe Gwizdala III to approve the financial report which was supported by Bill Bauder. There were neither changes nor corrections and the motion passed.

DG Harold called for Region and Zone Reports as follows:

Region and Zone Reports

Region One Chair-Joe Gwizdala III- Will start club visits when clubs start meeting

Zone One-Matt Tetloff-no report

Zone Two-Alice Zajac

Region Two Chair-Bill Bauder- I have talked to both Zone Chairs (Lion Tobias Webber, Zone 1 and Lion Dan Houston, Zone 2). Some Clubs in Region 2 are not meeting at all, some are staying in touch with each other by phone, and some are Zooming their

meetings. All are staying safe and trying not to get this COVID. That is all for now.

Zone One-Toby Webber-As we all know the pandemic has made face to face gatherings not an option for clubs at this time. To facilitate the Zone's goals and our mission, we are adopting the new normal. In October we met as a Zone using Zoom. Since then, I have attended a St. Charles and Shields meeting through Zoom. We will be scheduling another Zone meeting this spring and encourage all the Clubs to do the same using this medium until we can return to in person meetings. I will continue to encourage the Clubs to serve the best way they can under the circumstance despite the challenge. There is no road map for what we are experiencing. The Zone and the Lions will continue our mission albeit in a new and changed landscape.

Zone Two-Dan Houston-See report from Bill Bauder

Region Three Chair-Mary Hall

Zone One-Doug Palmer

Zone Two-Dan Embury - Nothing to report

Committee Reports

GLT/ZOOM IPDG Steven VanTol-Have you ever thought about being a Guiding Lion. Being a guiding lion is a great opportunity to help a new or existing club out. We have many small clubs which could use some inspiration. It is not the job

of a guiding lion to direct a club, but to assist them and maybe throw out some new ideas. Learning about guiding lions is a great experience. Being certified does not mean you will be assigned to a club. It may help with your own club. If a few Lions are interested in becoming certified as a guiding lion or just want to learn I will hold a training session. The training will be via Zoom to save travel time. Please let me know if you are interested. Email lionstevenvantol@gmail.com or call 989-430-9500.

The District has a Zoom account which is available for any club or committee meeting. Send a request to this email: district11d1@gmail.com to request a zoom meeting. or call 989-430-9500. Zoom meetings are scheduled on a first come basis. Start planning, the weather is getting chilly.

GST-PDG-Joe Bogar-Not many service activities being reported online at this

GMT-PDG Dennis Poirier-Lion Dennis is stepping down as GMT Chair. He has been:

- Calling members who have not paid their dues
- Visiting Region and Zone meetings to ask Clubs to make Membership a top priority
- Starting a calling committee to inform Club members who do not attend what your club is doing
- Setting up a Membership table at all your Community Events to make more awareness of your club and recruit potential new members
- Remember to JUST ASK !!!!

New Voices-Mary DeMott-Due to restrictions of Covid-19 there is nothing new to report. When things open again, we will continue to promote New Voices with Club visits. As well as help Flint Downtown Host get started on their Symposium.

Women and Child-Kathy Bogar-No report

2021 Convention PDG's Ron Johnson and Alice Zajac-Michael Banks and, his wife Annie will be the main speakers. April 9-11 in Mt. Pleasant.

2022 Convention PDGs Bill Erickson and Steve VanTol - Doubletree in Bay City

2023 Convention PDG's Dick DeLong and Dennis Poirier- PDG Dennis Poirier and I are presenting Grand Rapids Doubletree Airport Hotel for the 2023 convention. We were able to get the room rate down to \$85.00. This will be on the agenda for this year's convention.

Nominating Committee-PDG Bill Erickson and PDG Ron Johnson-Bill Erickson reported that they have received a nomination letter from the officers and members of the Auburn Williams Lions Club nominating Lion Sandra VanTol for the position of Trustee for the Lions of Michigan Foundation (LMF) for the term 2021-2023. They received a letter of nomination for Lion Matt Tetloff for 2nd VDG from his Club. He has met the qualifications for said office. No nominations for DG or 1st VDG yet.

International Convention DG Harold DeMott-Unknown. May be virtual.

MD 11 Convention PDG Bob Sturgis-In Holland, MI this year and Auburn Hills 22.

Michigan Forum PRC PZC Joe Gwizdala III-This year's Forum

will be virtual. The Forum will be held the last Saturday in February. More information will be forthcoming in the Lion Pride. Joe requested a donation of a \$30 gift from the

District as a door prize. ZC Toby Webber made that motion with a second by Dan Houston. A vote was taken, and it passed.

Elections-PDG Dick DeLong-I have sent 1st VDG Duane and 2nd VDG Jack Frost the nomination forms with instructions to send the forms to PDG Bill Erickson and PDG Ron Johnson of the Nomination Committee. I sent an email with the 2nd VDG nomination form to be sent out to all clubs with the same instructions. The deadline for filing is March 1st. If we do not receive a nomination form for someone for 2nd VDG nominations from the floor will be accepted.

USA CANADA FORUM-PDG-Bill Erickson - There will be a forum in Des Moines Iowa on September 9-11, 2021. If unable to meet because of the pandemic it will be a virtual forum as was done last year. This is a great place to learn about Lionism and to meet our Leadership Lions!

Pediatric Cancer Laura Hunt (SC) and Mary DeMott (DC)-There have been no new activities to report. I do want to report that at the Fall Conference, Parade of Checks we received donations of \$515.00 which brings our total in the Pediatric Cancer Fund to approximately \$3691.50. My plan is to write a check in the amount of \$500.00 to Kids Kicking Cancer, Maggie's Wigs for Kids and Camp Quality to be delivered with the Fall Conference donations. For a total donation of \$1500.00 This will leave money in the account to help anyone in need locally at the club levels. Lion Mary DeMott

Defense against Diabetes Julia Embury and PDG- Due to low enrollment, we had to reschedule the two PATH classes from January 2021.to Thursday, March 4th through Thursday, April 8th. The class will be 2 hrs. each Thursday from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. The class is halfway to the minimum we need to hold the class. To register contact PATHPrograms@nkfm.org or call 800-482-1455 or myself. The class is a condensed version of the one-year program the Center for Disease Control has for diabetes. If you or your club would like to attend a small presentation of the program in January please let me know. Ed Bohach from the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan will be presenting a synopsis of the class and will answer any questions. PLEASE NOTE: These classes are for family, friends, care giver's and Lion members who are interested in learning more about how to manage diabetes. These are virtual classes so they can be done from anywhere in the State of Michigan.

Kidsight PDG Keith Cregar-Reported no activity.

Sickle Cell Lion Ben Frazier and ZC Dan Houston-Dan Houston-No report.

Information Technology PDG Larry Porn-The use of Zoom for meetings has increased throughout the District. Attendance at the meetings, however, is less than would be desired. A phone or cell phone can be used to attend and the method of doing so can be improved. The One Tap Mobile can be used for visually impaired participants. The suggestion would be to have a contact name for Zoom and the number loaded under that contact. Be sure all commas are added as they represent delays. The proper dial in number and meeting information and password are included in the One Tap Mobile. This can be

used for anyone wanting to attend the meeting. A club member can help load the information if necessary for those with visual impairment.

The information being entered into the MyLion Activities Reports are few and far between. The input to the site appears to be improved; however, data is not being entered by many clubs. There are still a few quirks in the system. A lot of the lack of input is due to the Pandemic but look at some of the entries and you may obtain some ideas for your club.

Public Relations / Social Media-ZC Matt Tetloff and Brian Michalski

Leader Dogs for the Blind Kristin Shively PDG Jake Dasho

Leader Dog Puppy Program RC Joe Gwizdala III-Still need puppy raisers.

Paws with a Cause Ellen Pretzer

Eversight RC Mary Hall, PDG Karen Ates, PRC Jim Ates

Hearing and Speech Becky Borka- During the fiscal year 2019-2020 the district dispensed 22 pairs of hearing aids. There is \$663.00 in the district account. Disbursement has declined since the pandemic and there is no projection as to what this year 2021 will bring as far as our district and hearing aids. Other solutions need/can be taken to continue to help these individuals who cannot pay for their aids and to allow them to be a part of the hearing community. What is left in the account will cover 3 pairs of hearing aids and then there will be no money left. Fundraising options are being studied.

Special Needs Vision Clinic PDG R.G. Barnum-

Vision Services-PRC Joe Gwizdala III- Approved request for glasses for an 8-year-old girl. She needed the glasses before school started

White Cane PRC Doug Palmer-

All State Band Matt Wicke

Bear Lake Camp PDG Ron Johnson-Donations are needed.

Peace Poster-Lesa Tessman

LEOs-Deb VanTol- The December LEOs Statewide Zoom was attended by 32 people. About 20 of those were LEOs and other LIONS. It was proposed during the meeting to create a Statewide LEO project. Twinning LEO Clubs has been suggested but many LEO Clubs have not met.

Peace Poster-Lesa Tessman-

Youth Exchange Debra VanTol – LYEP Report - All Michigan LYEP travel in and out of Michigan has been cancelled for 2021 by State Chair Eileen Delaney as announced December 2020. Additionally, the 2021 Michigan LYEP Camp has been cancelled.

Disaster Relief Debra VanTol and Teresa Tetloff- Guidelines for District Disaster Relief assistance is being created by Lion Teresa Tetloff and Lion Deb VanTol.

LCIF / Campaign 100-PDG Bob Sturgis- I have nothing to report as far as Campaign 100 because I have not been able to visit any Clubs. Several Clubs gave checks to LCIF at Fall Conf.

Lions of Michigan Foundation IPDG Steve VanTol and PDG Joe Bogar

The Sight and Hearing Sweepstakes tickets have been sent to your club. Club members ask your Secretary or President for them. This is a great fundraiser for your club. Sell over 100 tickets and your club will receive \$5.00 for all tickets sold. Sell over 300 tickets and your club will receive \$5.50 per ticket sold. The Lions of Michigan Foundation (LMF) does the paperwork, licensing and you clubs earn funds to help with your projects. With COVID-19 it has been hard to raise funds, this is a great way to help your club and the LMF. See the sample ticket below, Contact the LMF for additional tickets at 517-887-6640.

If you have any questions or need assistance with grant applications for emergency assistance, vision or military aid you can contact either IPDG Lion Steven VanTol email lionstevenvantol@gmail.com or phone 989-430-9500, or PDG Lion Joe Bogar email jtbogar@gmail.com.

Newsletter Report-Phyllis Pross - nothing to report

George E. Daley-PDG's Jeff Hunt or Joe Bogar-No report.

NAMI-IPDG Steve VanTol- North America Membership Initiative- The NAMI initiative is to increase Lion membership in North America.

The NAMI team has made some progress. We have team leaders in the four areas we are focusing on. They are PDG Dennis Poirier leader for new clubs, Lion Matt Tetloff leader for membership, PCS Sandy VanTol leader for member satisfaction and ZC Toby Webber is the leader for leader support. Each of these leaders require the assistance of other lions in the district to build their action plan. As of our last meeting PDG Dennis has a team of three members assisting they are CS Vaughn Begick, RC Joe Gwizdalla II. and ZC Dan Houston. ZC Toby has PCS Shelly Hardt so far on his team. We meet again in January. We can use the help of Lions throughout the District and invite to you to our meetings. The meeting schedule is the third Tuesday of each month. Therefore, January 19 at 7:00 PM via Zoom will be the next meeting. All interested Lions are welcome to attend. Send me an email at lionstevenvantol@gmail.com if you would like to assist so you can be added to the zoom invitation.

Unfinished Business

New Business-Funding requests-

Dan Houston asked for help for a fellow Lion who has sickle cell.

There was discussion and more information on how to fund this person was requested. The request was tabled for now pending the information.

Closing Comments

1VDG Duane Wilcox

2VDG Jack Frost

DG Harold DeMott-Harold has chevrons for length of membership to pass out to clubs.

Adjourn-A motion was made to adjourn at 2:55 pm by Joe Gwizdala III with a second by Dan Embury. The motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lion Vaughn Begick, Cabinet Secretary

***The Next Cabinet Meeting will be held in Mt. Pleasant on
April 10, 2021 at the District Convention.***

Administrative account

Assets	Beginning Balance	Revenues	Expenditures	Balance
Administrative balance	33,634.99	1,361.00	142.25	34,853.74
CDs (Copoco Credit Union)	16,376.83	22.91		16,399.74
Savings (Copoco Credit Union)	5.00			5.00

Fund Activity	Beginning Balance	Revenues	Expenditures	Total Expenditures YTD	Budget	\$ Available
Audit & 990	0.00			0.00		0.00
Awards, plaques, etc.	-97.15			-97.15	375.00	277.85
Badges/apparrel for voting cabinet	-183.50			-183.50	75.00	-108.50
Bank Charges	-13.00			-13.00		-13.00
Insurance	0.00			0.00		0.00
Communications	-149.90			-149.90	200.00	50.10
Roster Books	-660.00			-660.00	480.00	-180.00
Voting Cabinet Expenses	0.00					
VDGs	0.00			0.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Secretary and Treasurer	0.00			0.00	200.00	200.00
Governor	0.00			0.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
Zone/Region Chairs	-100.00			-100.00	1,050.00	950.00
Misc supplies, postage	0.00			0.00	50.00	50.00
Leadership & Education	0.00			0.00	2,478.00	2,478.00
Leadership Institute	0.00			0.00	350.00	350.00
Meeting Expenses	0.00					
Mini Cabinet	0.00			0.00	100.00	100.00
Summer Cabinet	0.00			0.00	400.00	400.00
Fall Conference	0.00		142.25	-142.25	500.00	357.75
Winter Cabinet	0.00			0.00	400.00	400.00
District Convention	-29.00			-29.00	1,690.00	1,661.00
Misc meeting Expenses	-93.06			-93.06	100.00	6.94
Dues	4,586.25	1,252.50		5,838.75	15,830.00	9,991.25
Convention Tax	0.00	51.50		51.50		
Mints	0.00	57.00		57.00	200.00	257.00
District Projects	-722.79			-722.79	350.00	-372.79
Misc Income/expense	677.94			677.94	100.00	-577.94
New Club assistance	0.00			0.00		
Totals	3,215.79	1,361.00	142.25	4,434.54		

continued next page

Activities Fund

	Fund Balance 10/1/19	Revenues	Expenditures	Fund Balance 12/31/20
Childhood Cancer	5,354.90	765.00	1,500.00	4,619.90
D.A.D. Defense Against Diabetes	5,407.63	1,050.00		6,457.63
Hearing & Speech	1,968.58	940.00	525.00	2,383.58
Leos	2,175.00	125.00		2,300.00
Peace Poster	232.50	25.00		257.50
Quest	4,763.85	10.00		4,773.85
Sickle Cell	1,645.13	740.00		2,385.13
Vision Services	5,003.43	415.00	454.45	4,963.98
Youth Exchange	11,081.41	450.00		11,531.41
Misc District Projects	-200.00	10.00		-190.00
<i>Disaster Relief</i>	5,330.42			5,330.42
<i>Necessities for the Needy</i>	0.00			0.00
<i>Women/Family Symposium</i>	268.42			268.42
<i>Flint Water</i>	36.00			36.00
Activities Totals	43,067.27	4,530.00	2,479.45	45,117.82

2,050.55

Reconciliation

Administrative Checking	34,853.74
Activities Checking	45,117.82
Total Checking	79,971.56
Administrative Savings	5.00
Administrative CDs	16,399.74
Total Funds Balance	96,376.30

81,721.56	Bank stmt Balance
-1,750.00	Checks outstanding
79,971.56	QB register bal
79,971.56	Report balance
0.00	Difference

Lions Around the District

Fenton Lions Club is sorry to report the passing one of our members. Pat Kelly a 15-year member passed away last night. He had been sick and in and out of hospital with COVID. The last time he went back in on a ventilator and continued to get worse.

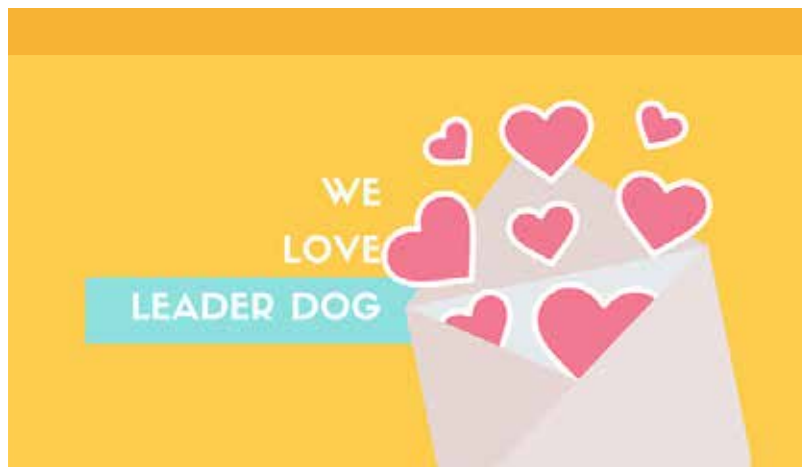
There will be a viewing on Monday, Feb 1st in the afternoon at Sharps Funeral Home in Fenton, MI. The Fenton Lions will be honoring him at 7:00 p.m. on Monday.

There will be a memorial for him at the Fenton United Methodist Church, time to be announced soon.

Flint Downtown Lions Club is pleased to say that for the 3rd year in a row we were able to work with the UAW to get holiday food boxes which were delivered to local families in need. All of the boxes even had canned goods, baking supplies, pasta, meat and even a little treat for the families. Much appreciation to club member George E. Washington for helping to facilitate the event.

Last winter we planned to have a fleece blanket making event. It never occurred because we had several cancellations due to the weather and then Covid 19. Therefore, we are excited to announce that we intend to make it happen this year over Presidents day weekend. (Friday, Feb 12-Mon. Feb 2/15) The plan is for everyone to either get their own fleece and make a blanket or arrange to pick up a blanket kit from the club and make them in the comfort of your own home. Afterwards, post pictures of yourself making the blankets or just a picture of your finished product if you are shy!

A local girl scout group is going to purchase their own fleece and donate nine blankets to our cause. If anyone knows of any other groups who would like to participate, please contact us as soon as possible.



Join us as we show our LOVE for Leader Dog this Valentine's Day! For a \$10 donation, a heart with your name on it will be placed in our canine development center to show our puppies, Leader Dogs in training and the team at Leader Dog how much you care about them and the work they do to advance our mission! Our goal is to place 250 hearts in the windows of the canine development center this Valentine's Day. [Please show your LOVE for Leader Dog today!](#)

FOLLOW THE LEADER

