Make it fun and we will make it happen together!

Harold PeMott District Governor II D-I

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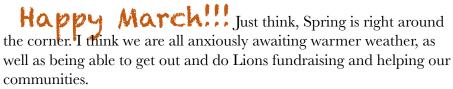
REGION AND ZONE CHAIRS



District vvensite

www.michiganlionsdistrict11d1.org

From District Governor Harold DeMott



I would like to thank the Montrose and Bay City Lions Clubs for inviting me to their meetings last month. I still have several that I need to visit. So PLEASE! contact me so I can come visit even if it is a Zoom meeting. I am extremely interested in how you are all doing and want to see for myself that you are alive and well! So, if you are meeting in any way call (248) 408-0508.

We are still planning on having the District 11 D-1 Convention April 9-11, 2021. I am really looking forward to seeing many of you there. Let us make this the best attended convention in all time! This is a great way to show that we are Lions, and nothing can hold us back! The Friday night theme is "Put On Your Best Lion."

I think it will be fun to see what kind of imagination our Lions will have, or to see what your favorite initiative is by wearing one of their shirts or something showing what it is. This could be like a friendly competition? Who knows? Let your favorites be shown. We have put in a flyer in this newsletter to remind you.

If you were not able to attend the virtual Lions of Michigan Forum on February 26th you missed a very informative well run Forum. I would like to thank our very own IPDG Lion Steve VanTol, Lion Matt Tetloff and Lion Joe Gwizdala as well as all the other instrumental Lions for making it such a great success and for helping to orchestrate the forum. It was a job well done by all.

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

THANKS FOR ALL YOU DO!!!

Lion Harold DeMott DG

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From 1st Vice District Governor Duane Wilcox



Hello Lions of 11D1,

WOW!!!! What a Great Forum. I hope everyone had a chance to watch. If you did not, please go to http://lionsofmi.tv/ to watch. How about their special guest 2VDG Lion Daniel Elkins and special guest appearance by 1VP Lion Douglas Alexander. Both of them are great speakers.

I hope all of you discovered something new to do to get new members for your clubs and to do service while we are going through these trying times. We can serve and be safe at the same time.

We learned how to do Zoom meetings and put in background pictures for zoom meetings if a non-technical person like myself can do it, anyone can. It's really not that hard and if anyone needs help, please do not hesitate to call me, and I will do my best to lend a helping hand or get someone that can help with the problem you are having getting zoom up and going.

WE SERVE!! I still have 2 Region positions and 3 Zone positions to fill. I have made some calls but no responses yet. I will keep calling on Lions membersto help out with next year 2021-2022. If you would like to serve as a Region or Zone Chair just let me know a I will see what I can do to make it happen.

I would like to thank the Lions that have come forward to help out next year and becoming part of my cabinet, so let's make next year one of our best years for membership and service. I would like to see all clubs grow in membership, and I truly would love to see the smaller clubs double. We need to get out there and ask people in your

community how we as Lions can help and what services we as Lions can provide for them, and we will increase membership just by being out in our communities.

Don't forget, your club should be nominating new club officers this month at your in-person or Zoom meetings, whichever your club feels safer doing.

Don't forget that your club meetings are considered SERVICE that can and should be reported by club secretaries. If all clubs report their meetings we will have 100% of our clubs reporting service. That would be a great thing for our District in moving forward in increasing service and membership.

I will be working on starting at least one new club, and I know we will be having a new branch club coming out in the fall of 2021or early 2022. If we get started now, we can make this happen.

Welcome to NAMI and soon it will become, from my understanding, GMA (Global Membership Approach). Anyone wanting to join our team please let me know. The more members we get involved with this the more new members we will get as result.

Any club having members that have passed in the last year, please send their name and a brief summery to me at duanewilcox@ rocketmail.com or call me at 810-240-7535 or text the info. I am working on the presentation for the upcoming convention April 9-11th in Mt Pleasant, so please send me your clubs info.

Thank You Your Friend in Lionism, 1VDG Lion Duane

HUMBLE AND KIND

UPCOMING EVENTS

see details inside



District Convention April 9-11, Mt. Pleasant

Campaign 100
Telethon
April 11, YouTube

MD Convention May 20-22, Holland



From 2nd Vice District Governor Jack Frost



GOOD NEWS FELLOW LIONS!

All systems are currently "GO" for our in-person District 11-D1 Convention in Mt. Pleasant April 9-11th! New COVID-19 cases have decreased, many schools have successfully reopened, and many of us will have received at least one vaccination shot by then. I know several Lions who have already received their second shots, and my wife and I will receive our second shots next week.

Many clubs have not been able to hold meetings, while others have met through Zoom. With the partial re-opening of restaurants, some clubs have already resumed in-person meetings, coupled with the ability to attend via Zoom. The good news is that around the world Lions Clubs have found new ways to continue fundraising and SERVICE to their communities. The Bay City Lions are currently doing food distributions twice

per month at the Salvation Army location in Bay City, where an average of 150 families receive about 3 boxes of groceries.

The Vice District Governor training sessions have been virtual this year, but very well done! I have attended five training sessions of one-half day or more, as well as the USA Canada Forum and the Michigan Forum. By invitation of the Council of Governors, I have sat in and observed their meetings as well. I have learned a lot and hope to put that knowledge to work once things open up more!

Thank you to the Bay City Lions Club for their endorsement of my candidacy for 1st Vice District Governor. I would appreciate your support at our Convention! Keep up your service, stay safe, and I hope to see you there!

2 VDG Jack

MDII State Convention

May 20-22, 2021

DoubleTree by Hilton, Holland, Michigan

District 11 D1 Convention

Is there going to be a convention? This is a question the comittee has been asked a number of times. The answer is: we're planning on it. With great anticipation, the committee is working on a fun weekend for everyone in attendance, and we hope you are among the Lions present.

Now, some information to help you plan your weekend. We will be getting together on Thursday night for some relaxation, some final prep and a chance to get reacquainted for those ariving early. Unfortunately, due to Covid restrictions, dinner out will not take place, but you can get a take-out from a local restaurant and come back to the hotel to enjoy it.

Friday's activities will include the district cabinet meeting, followed by dinner and card games after. The governor has selected the theme for Friday as "Get Your Lion On". (Lions attire, costume, slippers, etc.).

Saturday's agenda will include breakout sessions in the morning along with Parade of Checks and project displays to visit. Included in the breakouts are two for the artistic (or not) among us. Glass etching and painting will be offered in separate sessions, so you may choose either or both. A fee will be charged for these to cover the cost of materials.

After lunch, the district business meeting will take place followed by the memorial program. The governor's banquet will take place in the evening with several awards presented, including the George Daly Award and Melvin Jones Fellowships. (A reminder to clubs: if you have an MJF to be presented, please contact PDG Lion Robert Sturgis at pdgsturgis@aol.com). Election of district officers will take place Sunday morning.

As of this time, the two parlor suites are booked for hospitality rooms. The rate for the hospitality rooms is \$130.00 per night, and reservations for these rooms must be made with the convention committee. The rate for regular rooms is \$93.00 plus tax. Reserve at 989-772-4000 in the 11D1 convention block. Room rates apply until March 26, 2021. Registration with meals accepted until March 26, 2021. Registration only until April 11.

Clubs remember district officer elections will take place Sunday morning. Several candidates are seeking the position of 2nd Vice District Governor. Come to convention and let your clubs' voices be heard.

If your club has items they would like to sell during convention, please contact Lion Alice Zajac for details at akzmsu@gmail.com.

See you at the Comfort Inn and Suites in Mt. Pleasant.

CONVENTION 2021 · MT. PLEASANT



April 9th Friday night's theme:

Put on your BEST LION

So be creative, dress like a Lion or Wear your favorite initiative apparel.



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.

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Convention Program Book Advertising Opportunities

We would like to extend the opportunity to advertize in the Convention program for the District 11 D-1 Lions Convention to be held at Comfort Inn in Mt. Pleasant on April 9-11. Ads can be anything you like: Congratulatory messages. Candidate Ads. Birthday Wishes. Memorials, Business Advertising, Project ads, Thank You messages, etc. They can contain pictures or logos (please provide highest possible resolution in ipeg format) and any copy you would like. The book will again be pocket-sized (6" high by 4" wide) for easy and frequent use! Please contact CT Phyllis Pross at pdpross@charter.net or 810-735-4288 with any questions. All payments and ad copy must be received by March 25, 2021. Payment may be mailed to Phyllis at 16424 Whitehead Dr., Linden, MI 48451 and copy should be emailed to the above email address. Please state "Convention Ad Copy" in the subject line.

PROGRAM AD RATES -

Black & White

1/3 Page (Business Card Size):	\$25.00
½ Page	\$37.50
Full Page	\$75.00

Color

1/3 Page (Business Card Size)\$	35.00
½ Page\$	50.00
Full Page\$1	00.00

NEW THIS YEAR!

One Line (40 characters including spaces) for \$10! Give a shout-out to someone special, a thank you to Mr. or Ms. Reliable, a Congratulations to your Club President... your creativity is the only limit!



Carol Poirier will be in charge of the Lions Store at the District Convention. If your club has something to sell to raise funds for your project or whatever, please call Carol to reserve your spot. Her phone is 989-450-6387

If your Club can possible donate a basket for the auction, it would be greatly appreciated. The profits from the auction will go to Leader Dog!



Lions of Michigan Foundation Report

by IPDG Steven VanTol

The Lions of Michigan Foundation is still planning the Hall of Fame (HOF) Banquet for this year. You may have wondered why they are not asking for our Districts' nomination to the HOF. Due to the cancellation of last year's banquet the nominees selected in 2020 will be honored in 2021. You will be reminded later this year to submit your 2022 HOF nominee.

The Sight and Hearing Sweepstake 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 fuds to help with your projects. With Covid it has been hard to raise funds, 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)

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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. He is waiting for a favorable time to implement. Lion Matt Tetloff continues working on his team for membership. Just a reminder it is every lion's job to share what we do and ASK others to join. PCS Sandy VanTol has recruited her team members for member satisfaction (retention). Please see her article in this newsletter. ZC Toby Webber has one team member for leader support which includes training for moving to different positions in lions. He could use one or two more lions on his team.

We meet again on March 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.



Because things haven't changed as far as visiting clubs, I would just like to mention that I will do anything possible to get things done for LCIF

and Campaign 100. I appreciate any donations and will hope we can do something at Convention. Melvin Jones Fellowships will be presented on Saturday night at convention.

If clubs are meeting in person, I will try to visit.

Thanks PDG Bob.

More on NAMI

North American Membership Initiative (NAMI) Focus Group #3 Membership Satisfaction by Lion Sandy VanTol, Team Leader

Dear Lions of District 11D1

As some of you may know, one of the NAMI initiatives is Membership Satisfaction. Our District focus group consisting of PDG Lion Joe Bogar, Lions Kerry Morgan, Sandy Sting, Sandy VanTol and PDG Lion Alice Zajac have been busy meeting and learning more about this initiative. This has helped us to select some questions from the Membership Satisfaction Guide, that with your input, we hope will guide us to meaningful district service projects and activities. Our team invites you to answer the following questions from your Club's perspective to help us in making decisions to increase satisfaction of District 11D1 Lions' members.

What ideas do you have to improve your district? experience?

Newsletter Signup

WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR???? SIGN UP TODAY.

There are many items which happen in our district that our Lions should be notified of fast without relying on a president or secretary forwarding the information after they do the periodic check of their email. Many lions check their email infrequently. Soon, when Lion Phyllis decides, it will be the only distribution method for the district newsletter.

SO AGAIN..... WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?please signup

- 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.

GLT / ZOOM

IPDG Steven VanTol

Well, it is that time of to elect your club officers for next year. There will training for lions in their respective positions. If you have never been a president, secretary or treasurer please consider helping your club by taking an office. Every year we have a training session for these officers. If you are not elected this year, you are welcome to attend these trainings.

The clubs using the district Zoom account in the past are: Bay City, Frankenmuth, Auburn Williams, Western Leos, Flushing, Grand Blanc and Flint. Bay City now has their own zoom account. There are many days available for your club to use this method to meet. We like face to face meetings which has been the traditional way to meet. However even if you do not get some club members attending your meetings, planning can be done. The Buena Vista Lions have a phone meeting using conference calling. Planning will allow us to continue to serve.

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.



First VDG Duane Wilcox knows how to be safe and, at the same time, inject a little humor for the Linden Lions' in-person meetings.

Western Leos are "Moving Forward"



The Western LEOs have been meeting by ZOOM since January 2021. Yes, they took a COVID sabbatical too; no Leos for 9 months in 2020. But they are back, a little smaller and growing, but strong. Look what they have accomplished since the beginning of the 2021.

Can/ Bottle Collection Fundraiser – The van was filled to the roof.

They are Participating in the State LEO Zoom – These meetings happen weekly. Together with other state LEOs, they are planning a statewide Leo Service Project. More info will come later.



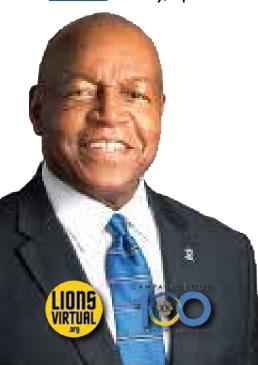
SPREAD THE WORD to LEOS....

Western LEOs are hosting the 1st LEO Leadership Camp, Covenant Hills, July 20-23, 2021. Completing this preregistration form will help with planning.



LET'S DO THIS!!!

- 1. Donate \$20 or more to Campaign 100 Tell-A-Thon
- 2. **Create/Implement a plan** to get 100% of your Lions to donate to the **Campaign 100 Tell-A-Thon**
- 3. **Spread the word** far & wide for Lions, family/friends & prospective Lions to watch the live **Campaign 100 Tell-A-Thon** on <u>YouTube</u>, Sunday, April 11th from 5-9 pm EDT (*New York*)



4. Share your success stories to pdg10jen@hotmail.
com & you might see them in pre-event promotion or during the live event

5. **Download Team App & join the Lions Virtual Team**for all the latest news & links
(instructions attached)

TELL-A-THON OVERVIEW

Sunday, April 11, 2021 5-9 pm EDT

View on YouTube Live https://youtu.be/hC-s5yXPgeo

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

- Emcee: LCI VP Doug Alexander
- Music & Entertainment
- Special Guests
- Inspiring stories

GOAL

- Raise awareness among
 Lions & prospective Lions
 about the impact LCIF has
 across the US & Canada
- Raise funds for Campaign 100 to further our service
- Challenge every Lion to donate \$20 in support of LCIF Campaign 100

DONATE NOW

• 100% of donations go to LCIF Campaign 100



Canada:
lionsofcanadafundforlcif.ca/
GiveToday

QUESTIONS

PID Jenny Ware, Campaign 100 Vice Chair - CA1
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906-399-8214

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

Lions Around the District

Cass City Lions and two other Service Clubs, Rotary and Gavel Club teamed up on 2/18/2021 to provide approx 500 Community Appreciation treats, donuts, donut holes, specialty candies/cookies, fruit, granola bars etc to our Communities' Essential workers in this difficult time. Those workers came from many environments: All Hospital Staff, Police, Fire Dept. All School system Staff, Post Office staff, Staff at Extended Care Facilities.



Pictured above is CC Lions Sec. Gary Jones, black coat, and Rotarian Rebecca Walker at the Twp. Fire Dept presentation.

HAVING FUN WITH MEMBERSHIP

If you are looking for an unconventional way to attract new members, and have a little fun doing it, read further!

The Bay City Lion's Club is conducting an "ATTENDANCE CONTEST" starting March 24th and continuing until April 28th. The name of the contest is "COVID BUSTERS!!!"

The entire club is divided into three teams. 1) Team Masks, 2) Team Distancing, 3) Team Good Hygiene

Each Team has a Captain. The Captain is in charge of rallying his Team. He is trying to acquire the most points to win the GOLDEN LION EMBLEM. The points are awarded

for various tasks. One task Bay City is attempting is to collect COVID items (sanitizer, masks, gloves, Lysol, etc) for The Salvation Army, Bay City Schools, and Alternative High School. Another high pointed task is bring in a new member!

You can tailor your Contest to your Club. The GOLDEN LION EMBLEM can be any prize you think your members would work hard to earn. We chose being first in line to eat at our summer picnics. Make it fun, have fun, but most of all increase your membership in a fun way!!!