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# Steve VanTol District Governor 11D-1



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## From District Governor Steve VanTol



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District Website  
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### Lions of District 11D1,

The 2019-20 Lion year brings many Lion firsts. It is the first time Lions meetings are attended with ZOOM or other platforms. It is the first time the International President will serve two years in a row. It is the first time to cancel our District Convention. It is the first time to cancel the Multi-District Convention. It is the first time Lions White Cane Day is cancelled, and it is the first time Lions are handicapped when serving. However, Lions persevere. Lions are changing the way “We Serve.” Thank you for thinking “outside the box” and altering the way things are done.

Now we all ask the same questions. When will the pandemic end? When can our club meet again? How are we to raise funds to help in service when we can't hold events? As Lions WE SERVE. WE GET THROUGH THIS TOGETHER.

### Zoom Club Meeting

At the April cabinet meeting the district approved the purchase of a Zoom account for the District. This will allow club meetings to be held online. A notice was sent to your club president and secretary about the availability of Zoom. If

the president or secretary are not comfortable setting up a Zoom meeting maybe someone in your club that is a little more technical will do it for them. Those of you that have computer skills, please step up and offer help. See the ZOOM article in this newsletter.

Presidents, secretaries and treasurers will be trained to use the Zoom format at Officer Training. Lions may be using this meeting venue for quite a while because many of our Lion members are in the high-risk population, and we need to be cautious. Please be understanding of the change; it is for your own good.

### Club Officers

A repeat from last month: It is important the new or reelected officers are reported in MyLCI. Secretaries, call me, if you need help navigating the new Lions Website to report activities and the new officers. There will be training session in the future for the new and old officers. Help DGE Harold out and report your officers. 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.

### Election Update

The voting for our 2020-2021

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From District Governor Steve VanTol *continued*

District Officers is scheduled for completion on May 2, 2020 at 11:55 PM. The ballot includes 1VDG Harold DeMott for District Governor, 2VDG Duane Wilcox is for First Vice District Governor and Lion Jack Frost for 2VDG. Each candidate must receive 51 percent of the vote to be elected. We have 37 out of 39 clubs that have submitted delegates for a total of 109 delegates voting. It is a close election (LOL) and the delegates are still voting. Please cast your vote now if you have not. There is still a short amount of time left. Check your email for the ballot if you are a delegate.

**District Newsletters**

**HAVE YOU SIGNED UP??**  
What are you waiting for?? We now have 123 lions signed up to receive district news out of the 802 possible Lions. Hopefully, those who have not signed up will do so soon. Having one "email master list" will eliminate duplicate information being sent to you. Please note your email will not be shared with any

other business or even LCI. When the list is complete and information needs to be sent to all District 11D1 Lions, the information can be sent directly by the Cabinet Secretary and Newsletter Editor. Yes, even if you are currently receiving the information directly from Lion Phyllis, your club secretary or president, you still need to subscribe. Please, please, please, take the time to do this now.

As we look forward to the rest of this Lion year and future years we need to plan for the unexpected. The world has been shaken with the COVID Pandemic and times for social gatherings will be changed forever. What will not change is the need for Lions to serve those in need. Due to COVID, that need will be increasing. We will to keep "Moving Forward," developing new and improved ways to serve our community and beyond. Together, as Lions, we will help those who need assistance because....." **WE ARE LIONS."**

*DG Steve*



From District Governor Elect Harold DeMott

I sure hope everyone is staying safe and not going crazy with the Stay-At-Home order. It was nice to have a little break from everything, but now I am ready to go back to living a Lions life of helping others, as I am sure you are, as well.

There really is not much to report currently. I did have a Zoom meeting with 3 of my Global Action Team members on April 28, 2020. We went over the goals for our district. I am confident with the help

of our district Lions we will be able to succeed in our goals.

I am looking forward to having a phenomenally successful year with you as our District Governor.

Lion Mary has written a letter for this Newsletter explaining how we will be training the 2020-2021 club officers. Please read it so you are informed. If you have not held elections yet, please have them as soon as possible and record them on LCI so, they can get the notification

# UPCOMING EVENTS

*see details inside*

**Mini Cabinet Meeting**  
May 3 via Zoom

about the training meetings. Our goal is to get training done before they take office. Several of you are returning officers and I appreciate you stepping up to the plate again! We cannot have clubs without the officers. I am looking forward to seeing you all on the Zoom meetings. I wish it could be in person but until they lift the Stay-At-Home order, I will be happy to see you at least through Zoom. If you do not have a device to attend the meeting than please let me know and we will try to loan one

for the meeting or borrow one from someone close by.

I hope you are all trying to stay in touch with each other by having Club Zoom meetings. The more you use it the easier it is to use. Again, if we can help in anyway, just ask.

Looking forward to when we can all gather and have some fun serving our communities.

As DG Lion Steve says: "Moving Forward!" & Dr Jung-Yul Choi "We Serve through Diversity" Let us continue with those themes!

**DGE Harold**

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

## From 2nd Vice District Governor Duane Wilcox



Hello Lions of District 11D1,

Hope all are staying safe and are doing well.

We have been working on getting started with next year's officer training. In this newsletter there will be times and dates for officer training and for zone and region chair training via zoom. They will be at the end of May and the beginning of June. All meetings will start at 6:30 PM.

We are still in need of Region 1 chairs if someone would like to be a chair please contact Lion Harold or myself as early as you can.

Lion Harold has been working on district goals, and from what I have seen, they are all very achievable and doable for this great district of Lions.

All clubs need to be thinking about the future. So when we get the OK to get back to work and

start fund-raising, we will be ready to hit the ground running. Raffle licenses are available through the State of Michigan. Your club might have to come up with some new ideas on what to raffle and how to do fund-raising in keeping with social distancing. It's going to look a lot different for us all. If we all work together, we will all get through this.

Please get next years officers voted in and send them off to LCI.

You can do voting via Zoom or Webex they both work well and are easy to do from computer or iphone. Emails work too, and if you need to get hold of members that don't have these things you can always call them for their vote on your officers for next year.

Thank You for your help in getting next year's officers on the books.

***Yours in Lionism,  
Lion Duane 2VDG***

BE HUMBLE AND BE KIND



## Childhood Cancer Update

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

Re: May Update

We are in the processing of moving forward with our Childhood Cancer Money Raffle which will be sold over the summer months. Our plan is to draw the winning tickets in late August or Early September.

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.

Thanks

## GOODBYE STC! 😊

*April 25th was our last day as a family at our so loved Walnut St. home in St. Charles. Ruzena and Alena, Joe and I spent the day together reliving memories and doing the final cleanup to turn over our home to the new owner. We burned one last fire in the fireplace, ate one last meal there, danced in the family room, walked the property and toasted with a beer to our favorite places, and experienced the most emotional farewell drive by parade!*

*We will miss the STC community; for 26 years it gave our family everything it needed to learn, grow, serve as Lions, play, work, enjoy nature, teach and love! We have started a new adventure by moving to Grand Blanc. Twelve minutes away from Ruzena and family and only 45 minutes away from Alena 😊. We moved into our new place on April 22 and are steadily unpacking! We will be joining the Grand Blanc Lions on July 1st.*

*PDG Joe and Lion Kathy*

*New Address:*

*Joe and Kathy Bogar  
6385 Prairie Dunes Dr.  
Grand Blanc, MI 48439*

# HOW TO ZOOM

To use the district's Zoom account, send a request to the district's email ([district11dl@gmail.com](mailto:district11dl@gmail.com)) to schedule your meeting. Zoom allows only one meeting at a time. Therefore, with your request please include the following: Club name, date of the meeting, time of meeting, estimate of meeting duration and email address of the host. The host will have control of admitting and muting the attendees for the meeting.

The host does not need to be the club president or secretary. Once that information is provided, the host will receive the Zoom meeting information link by email with the president and secretary cc'd. Anyone with the link can forward to the club members. Here are some helpful videos to assist you and your members with Zoom.

How to Join a Zoom meeting by computer with camera and Microphone (most note book computer or tablets) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hIkCmbvAHQQ>

Join Zoom with smart Phone [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1O2O6\\_NezaY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1O2O6_NezaY)

Zoom Controls Host and Participants [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ygZ96J\\_z4AY&feature=emb\\_rel\\_end](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ygZ96J_z4AY&feature=emb_rel_end)

Manage Participants <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ozJS9bvdVp8>

Dial in by phone

1. On your phone, dial the [teleconferencing](#) number provided in your invite.
2. Enter the meeting ID number when prompted using your dial pad.
3. Enter password if required / requested

Phone controls for participants

The following commands can be entered via DTMF tones using your phone's dial pad while in a Zoom meeting:

\*6 - Toggle mute/unmute

\*9 - Raise hand

I would be happy to attend your meeting and if necessary, assist your club meeting host.

DG Steve

## 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



At this difficult time of our lives, clubs are unsure of summer fund raisers, which interferes with donations to Lions projects. As soon as we can get back to some normalcy, I will visit clubs I haven't yet and contact those I have about C100. I would like to thank the

13 clubs for their donations to LCIF in lieu of Parade of Checks at convention: Hemlock, Grand Blanc, Flushing, Fenton, Davison, Caro, Auburn Williams, St. Charles, Montrose, Mayville, Linden, Essexville Hampton and Kingston.

**Total \$3,765.00**

Thanks PDG Bob.



Leader Dog is launching a Match Campaign. Any amount that is sent from a Club will be matched.

Also from Leader Dog. Classes have been suspended for the time being. Many of the class ready dogs have been sent home with their puppy raisers or a trainer or staff member from LD. This is to reduce their stress level in the kennel. They will continue to train the lower level of dogs on campus at this time. Those raisers that had dogs scheduled or have dogs returning in the near future the return dates have been pushed back.

Leader Dog has put in place many new policies and procedures during these difficult times to keep everyone safe and well.

## From State Office

In compliance with Governor Whitmer's "stay at home" order, the state office will be closed until further notice.

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

## The Match Has Dropped!

Leader Dogs for the Blind is excited to announce our 1<sup>st</sup> ever Spring Match Mail Campaign. It arrived in your club's mailbox within the past few weeks featuring Lion/client Wendi Simpson-Dyer and her Leader Dog, Lily (*pictured right*). While club meetings, fund raisers, and conventions have been suspended, our client needs, and the care of our canines never takes a hiatus.

"We want to pay it forward," explained St. Jacobs Lions Club (1-CN, IL) President Guideon Richeson of their \$20,000 match campaign donation. Combined with Ramsey Lions Club's (5M-7, MN) pledge of \$50,000 our spring mail campaign has a \$70,000 goal! Regardless of amount, *every* donation will provide twice the impact. Thank you to both clubs for their generous support.

Help us meet our goal either via mail or online:

A) A remittance slip is in the mailer. If that isn't available due to meetings cancellations, make sure you write "match campaign" in the memo or with a short correspondence. When mailing in your club's donation, please include your club's updated contact information including mailing address, contact phone and email and mail to:

Leader Dogs for the Blind Attn: Lions Team, 1039 S. Rochester Road, Rochester Hills, MI 48307

B) Gifts received online via this link will count as well! Give online at <https://www.leaderdog.org/lionsgive/>

The 3rd quarter donation reports will arrive in the next two weeks. As always, a complete list of club donations is available on our website: [leaderdog.org/lions-club/club-donation-reports](http://leaderdog.org/lions-club/club-donation-reports).

**Attention club presidents/secretaries/treasurers:** please take a few minutes to update your club contact information with us. Simply email Lion Kathy Gilchrist at [KGilchrist@LeaderDog.org](mailto:KGilchrist@LeaderDog.org) with your club name, mailing address, main contact phone and email address. This information allows us to quickly and accurately recognize each club's good work and continue to provide you with timely updates.

Together We Serve,

Lions Beth, Mike, Kathleen and Kathy

Your Leader Dog for Lions Engagement

PS: Keep us connected -please share our emails with your club, district members and newsletter editors!





## Old Skills, New Friends – Making Harnesses for Leader Dogs



By Steve Williams,  
Leader Dogs for the Blind volunteer  
(Pictured right)

After working as an orthotist (a person who makes custom orthopedic devices) for 39 years, my wife and I closed our family business in 2015. Shortly after retiring I started volunteering in the tack room. I was very excited to be part of Leader Dogs for the Blind (LDB) since I grew up nearby and had a family connection.

My daughter worked for several years as a guide dog mobility instructor for English and Spanish-speaking clients. While she worked at LDB, my wife and I had an opportunity to take a tour of the facility. I saw my retirement future as soon as we stepped into the tack shop. This is where the tack shop volunteers assist with assembling and repairing leather harnesses and tie-downs for the dogs. Some of the harnesses are also customized to accommodate a dog or handler's physical stature. When I trained many years ago to become an orthotist, most of the devices were made from leather and metal. Although technology has changed over the years to incorporate more sophisticated materials, I always loved using my old school leather work skills.

For the complete article, please visit [LeaderDog.org](http://LeaderDog.org). Easily share articles and videos with your club!



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## CLUB VISITS

Invite Leader Dog to Your Next Virtual Meeting

Meetings are taking on a new look-many from our own living rooms! The Leader Dog Team is available to give virtual presentations.

Want your club, zone, region or district to know more about their impact at Leader Dog? Want to chat with a client about their experiences at Leader Dog? Meet a volunteer puppy raiser? How about inviting a Guide Dog Mobility Instructor (GDMI) demonstrate how they train guide dogs? Give us a call or email and we can help set it up.

Send inquiries to Lion Kathleen Breen at [Kbreen@Leaderdog.org](mailto:Kbreen@Leaderdog.org) or call her at (248) 218-6407.



For bits of joy in your day, follow **Future Leader Dog Legacy**, our 20,000 puppy on Instagram at [fl\\_d\\_legacy](https://www.instagram.com/fl_d_legacy) (above)!

## COVID-19 Response

For the latest information on Leader Dog's response to COVID-19, please visit our website at [LeaderDog.org](http://LeaderDog.org).

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[LeaderDog.org/Lions](http://LeaderDog.org/Lions)

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## NEW OFFICERS TRAINING DATES

If you have not voted for your club officers yet, PLEASE do so ASAP. We would like to start officer training in May. Training will be separate days this year for the Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers. The Zone and Region Chairs will be trained at the same time.

With this COVID-19 pandemic, we want to ensure that everyone stays safe and is trained before the start of their term. Therefore, we will be using the Zoom App. for online training. If you are unfamiliar with Zoom, we have several people that could help to get you hooked up with the Zoom meeting. If you do not have a computer, laptop, tablet or cell phone then maybe you could borrow one for the meeting from someone close by to get you started.

Please make sure you have your new officers registered in LCI with their accurate email address. It will make it easier for us to find those that need to be invited. A ZOOM invitation is sent to your email address and then you click on the link in the message to enter the meeting. The upcoming ZOOM Training meetings have been scheduled to allow the new officers ample time to place on their calendars.

DG Lion Steve will be hosting and training the offices of:

Secretary on May 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.

President on June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 pm.

Treasurers on June 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.

Prior to the meeting, DG Lion Steve will send out meeting information materials and Zoom links to the new and returning officers.

DGE Lion Harold will be hosting and training the Region and Zone Chairs on June 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 pm and will send out meeting information to the new or returning Region and Zone Chairs prior to the meeting.

DGE Lion Harold and Lion Mary thank you in advance for your help and understanding in this difficult time. We are looking forward to being able to see everyone again and get back to doing what we do best, helping those in need!

Blessings to you all

# 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

## Gun Raffle Update

I wish to thank everyone again for all your help in making the Special Needs Vision Clinic gun raffle a huge success.

Due to your hard work we made **\$8229.00** for the clinic. For everyone's information the winners are as follows :

- 1st prize. Brian Dennis
- 2nd prize Sam Licavoli
- 3rd prize David Anderson
- 4th prize James Limes

All winners will be notified as soon as possible.

Again thanks to you all for your help, and a heartfelt thanks to Lions Joe Davis and Denny Poirier for sitting with me at all those gun shows

Lion Joe Gwizdala

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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 COVID 19 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:** “Several Bay City Lions are members of the Advisory Board of the Bay City Salvation Army.

They include Lion’s Sandy Sting, Darlene Trigg, Al Eichhorn, Dennis Poirier, Jim Whaley, Vaughn Begick and Joe Gwizdala III. Some of the members have been helping with the Soup Kitchen that is held Monday thru Saturday and some have been helping with food distribution which is held weekly.” Attached are pictures of the drive by food pickup and the lineup for food.



The Bay City Lions Clubs continues to hold weekly meetings via zoom. We have postponed our tag days and other fundraiser activities at this time. Dates will be announced when available. We continue to look for ways to serve our community, including helping at the Salvation Army cooking and handing out food to those in need and donating blood. Please stay safe and healthy. We are all missing our Lion friends.



**Flushing Lions Club** has been helping the first responders at the Hurley Medical center providing protective equipment for the Emergency Room Staff and others who have been working with the COVID 19 patients.

We have provided \$300+ to buy equipment. Shown is an example of the respirators which have carbon filters and provide the best fit and the most protection.

They are also easily cleaned. Shown in the picture is one of the nurses as well as one of our Lions members, Kristin Shively



The second contributions made to Hurley by our club members and others in the community were over 150 masks and 18 protective hats for the hospital. She has over 300 hours in masks and about 45 hours in the hats. We are also collecting bottles and cans from the community and currently have over \$500 to turn in.



Its tough to sell raffle tickets under the current conditions in the state, however we have been doing that over Facebook, both Gun Raffle tickets for the Special Needs Clinic and Foundation Raffle tickets.