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**Dear Bowler,**

We are half way thru January, how are those New Year's resolutions coming? Hope one of them was to bowl in our tournaments.

### State Office News

Happy New Year!

It's Tournament time - in your local, the national and yes, YOUR STATE.

This year's tournament will be held in Bay City and it will be the 90th - a time to celebrate a milestone!

If you have not yet entered - there are still some limited openings - we have room for teams on most weekends, but doubles/singles are limited - primarily to either the beginning or the end of the tournament. We have added a 6 pm squad to the weekend of May 6th and a Friday night squad (if they are needed) to both of the last two weekends.

The deadline has passed, so it will cost you \$5 a person more to enter, but call us - we would love to have you join us!

We will again be [partnering with Brunswick](#) to offer you a ball raffle on each squad of the tournament and again part of the proceeds from this raffle will go to support our charity - BVL.

And for those of you hearing rumors.....

[NO this is NOT the last WOMEN'S tournament!](#) Despite the coming

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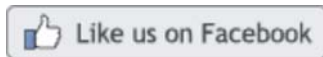
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merger - the ONLY way it will go away is if women do not support it..... so it is up to EACH OF YOU! Women need to support WOMEN'S events!

A list of [deadline reminders](#) is included in this newsletter - please take time to review them and get those needed applications in on time.

And yes, there will still be an election this year - the office of 1st Vice President and Directors 4-7 are to be elected at this year's annual meeting. Candidate forms will be mailed to each association later this month. They will also be posted on our website at michiganwba.com.

A couple of additional reminders . . . . .

#### [1099MISC](#)

With the new year underway, it's important for associations to remember they must file a form 1099MISC with the Internal Revenue Service. The 1099MISC is used to report ANY compensation (\$600 or greater) to any individual that is not an employee of the association. This is a cumulative total and not based on individual events. The deadline to provide each recipient with their 1099MISC is January 31.

#### [Transition \(mergers\)](#) . . . . .

If you haven't already started your dialogue with your BA and Youth associations in your area - you need to get started - August 1st of 2018 will be here before you know it and these discussions take time if all the bowlers are to be considered and treated fairly. And once you have a plan in place, you will need an organizational meeting to elect your new board and officers. So, if you need to get that started, please do so today!

[One last item](#).....if you know of anyone who is not taking the time to read this newsletter, please encourage them to do so.....this is our best way to communicate directly to YOU - our member. And if someone does not have email, please print and share.

We look forward to seeing all of you at the tournament!

### Mark your calendars

#### [Dates to remember :](#)

**February 1st-** Scholarship Applications due- Link below....

[Scholarship forms](#)

Hint- Hint kids....this is FREE money!

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BVL

### [BVL Celebrates 75 Years of Service to America's Veterans](#)

In 1942 America, the war effort was in full swing; individuals and organizations were coalescing around the troops, and one unique organization was being formed by a favorite American sport: Bowling.

Seventy-five years ago, officials representing every facet of the sport of bowling met to coordinate efforts to support the troops -- bringing together all the sport's integers to provide the most complete approach to the campaign. Thus, BVL, then known as "The Bowlers Victory Legion" was born.

BVL's first Administrator, A. L. "Ebby" Ebersole noted in the minutes of that meeting:

"The Bowlers Victory Legion was organized on September 26, 1942 at the American Bowling Congress (ABC) office in Milwaukee when all segments of the bowling family met to unify their support of the war bond sales and other service-oriented endeavors such as the Red Cross and the USO. Besides ABC, the gathering included representatives of the Women's International Bowling Congress, the High School Bowling Congress, the National Duckpin Bowling Congress, the Bowling Proprietors' Association of America, the Billiard and Bowling Institute of America and the Candlepin and Rubberband Duckpin Groups and manufacturers.

E. H. Baumgarten of ABC was elected chairman and A. L. Ebersole of the Duckpin Bowling Congress the vice chairman."

-- A.L. Ebersole

## Hall of Fame- Grand Rapids

### **Cherylle Secl-Cross**

For one who likes to stay out of the limelight, but does so much for bowling, it is indeed difficult not to "heap" accolades on Cherylle. She has been bowling since 9, and has continually worked on improvement. A 300 game came in 2006 and in 2012 she "almost" repeated with a 297.

She was named to her first All City team in 1983, and has been named to several others since, including both the regular and the senior divisions. She has won numerous tournaments throughout her bowling career. She has won the City Mixed Doubles with Rich Smith in 2015. Cherylle has had a career high average of 208.

But it is not just for her bowling ability that the Greater Grand Rapids Hall of Fame committee selected her as their honoree; she also has given back to bowling for many years. She has been a member for 31 years, and served as secretary for the Grand Rapids WBA for 17 years. Since the merger, she has served 10 years as association manager of the Greater Grand Rapids USBC. She is a member of the Grand Rapids Bowling Council and Secretary/ Treasurer for the local Hall of Fame.

Cherylle has been a Grand Rapids Delegate to the WIBC/USBC national convention many times as well as serving as a delegate for the Michigan State USBC WBA. She also has had the Clare workshop high on her list of things to do, and has attend many.

Cherylle has worked with the Grand Rapids Convention Bureau and the West Michigan Sports Commission assisting with the State tournament bid for both the Men (open) and Women's tournaments. To top everything off, Cherylle has another "full" time job with Spectrum Health

For her value is not measured in dollars and cents. The richness of league bowling can be counted in the close lifetime friendships she has made.

Without a doubt Cherylle is truly deserving of this recognition.



**Congratulations on your induction into the Grand Rapids Bowling Hall of Fame.**

600 Mail-o-graphic Tournament

## LAST CHANCE.....TIME IS RUNNING OUT

### Are YOU a 600 Club Member?

Michigan Bowlers! We have been challenged to beat North Dakota for the state with the most entrants in the National 600 Club Mail-o-Graphic Tournament. They won last year with only 92 entries -

### We CAN DO BETTER THAN THAT!!

Use your league scores and have a chance to win prize money. Cost is only \$10 per division.

Submit your entry by January 17th and use your scores from your league competition from January 23 through February 12th.

Link for you to print an entry:

[Mail-o-graphic 600 tournament](#)

OR see our website at [www.michiganwba.com](http://www.michiganwba.com) for an entry

### 1. Who can enter?

Any National 600 Club member. If not a member, submit application with entry form. Also must be a USBC member.

### 2. Where is tournament?

This is the good part. You don't have to travel. You use league scores. Can't go wrong.

### 3. When is tournament?

January 23 - February 12, 2017. This is for 3 weeks but you use your highest series from that 3 week period. So, you get 3 chances for every entry. What other tournament does that?

### 4. What is the cost?

It is \$10.00 per league per division. Example: If you qualify for the senior division or the super senior division and you bowl in just one league and you want to enter those scores in both a regular division and a senior division, it would be \$20.00. But if you only want to enter one of the divisions, it would be \$10.00.

### 5. Is the tournament scratch or handicap?

Here is another good thing for this tournament. There is a division for everyone. It is handicap but we added a scratch division last year. So we have 6 divisions.

Division SCR - Scratch Division

Division A - 180 average and above with handicap

Division B - 179 thru 165 inclusive with handicap

Division C - 164 and under average with handicap

Division S - Ages 55-69 with handicap (Proof of age required)

Division SS - Age 70 and over with handicap (Proof of age required)

### 6. What average do I use?

The average you use is the average as of date of participation. So when I receive your scores and your recap sheet (which is required), I use the average that is on the recap.

### 7. What is the handicap used for this tournament?

Handicap is 90% of the difference of 235 less your average.

### 8. What is the pay ratio?

Prize fund is returned 100% and will be based on at least one cash award for every five entries

## LET'S DO THIS.....

### State Tournament- Open

The Michigan State USBC Bowling Association 114th Open Championship Tournament started January 7th at Airport Lanes in Jackson and runs through May 7. The unique thing about this tournament is this year they are running it in one house. This is the first time a state tournament has made that choice, and unfortunately with the closing of more bowling centers, it may be something that is in the future of state tournaments. Airport lanes, the Jackson board, and of course the association manager, Dick Loughlin and his "crew" are up for the challenges in running this tournament in one center.

### Transition/merger committee

Special Thanks to Mike Larsen and Mark Martin with USBC for meeting with the committee in December. It was a very informative meeting, with many questions being answered. One of the misunderstandings that was cleared up was that associations that are now taking their youth, **will not** have to "re-charter". Bylaws will have to be changed and approved by your bowlers.

Again, if your association is in need of help, please contact your state office, there are board members that will attend your meetings, we will do our best to get answers to your questions. Please do not wait too long, let's do what is best for our bowlers.

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Dear Bowler,

This month begins our 90th tournament, hope you are joining us for a great event.

We thank the bowlers that have been supporting this tournament, and with your continued entries, we ARE READY FOR ANOTHER 90 years!

### A little bit of history

In 1925 a small group of women got together and organized the Michigan Women's Bowling Association. They had several meetings during the season to write the constitution and Bylaws and also to approve them.

Knowing they needed funds to operate, they established membership dues of 50 cents. With their 32 members, the first year, they received operating fees of \$16.00.

Emma Hill started as the first President and served in that capacity until 1962...over 35 years.

In the 1926-27 season the membership increased to 165 with \$ 82.50 in membership income. It was then that they held their first **state tournament in Detroit with an entry of 5 teams, 62 doubles and 111 singles.** On March 27, 1927 they held their first annual meeting.

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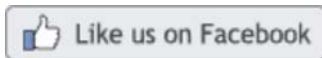






Relatives of Bacon Van  
Lean our BVL pig

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### MWBA Tournament Honoree

Opening ceremonies will be held February 18, at Bay Lanes,  
11:30 am- if you are in the area please join us.

The 2017 tournament is dedicated to Sandra Nyland.

She began bowling in Cadillac back in 1963, and she worked on improving every year

...so in 1993 in her city tournament, she won the Actual and Handicap Singles with a high game of 257 and a 645 series. With her partner, Janet Canine, she won the Handicap Doubles in 2001. Her high average was a 173, and even though it is now down a bit, she still loves the game and the people she bowls with.

She joined the Cadillac board in 1964 and retired in 2015. While on the board, Sandra served as Secretary of the Cadillac WBA, Sergeant-At-Arms, and President.....over 50 years of service.

She was inducted into the Cadillac WBA Hall of Fame in 1993 and was named Secretary of the Year in 1999.



Sandra also bowled numerous times in the Michigan State WBA tournaments, National tournaments and was a member of the 600 Club, bowling those tournaments also.

In 1980 Sandra was elected to the MWBA Board of Directors.

Over the almost 30 years she was on the board, she served on many committees including: Tournament rules, Legislative, Hall of Fame, Awards and Services and others. She was a great ambassador when Chairman of the Membership promotion Committee, planning the activities when visiting local Associations. She was Chair of the Champion Awards Banquet and member of the Finance and Honorarium Committee. She also served as MWBA Recording Secretary, taking "meticulous minutes for many meetings"

After being a Director for 18 years, she moved up to 5th vice president serving just one year before moving up to 4th Vice-President, serving there for four years.

Sandra retired from the board in 2009, to spend more time with family, but she still misses the time

spent helping bowlers and today, still serves on the MWBA Hall of Fame committee and when time permits will even helps out at state tournament.

Sandy told us:

"I have had the privilege of going to all 50 States and a lot of this was accomplished from attending National bowling tournaments with my husband and my friends. This was a lifetime goal of mine."

"It is truly a humbling experience to be the honoree and to have been a part of this great organization."

The MWBA is proud to dedicate this tournament to Sandra Nyland for her many years of service to bowlers.

## Clean Game Pin



The 2017 MWBA State tournament will continue to present our bowlers with a "Clean Game" pin.

This year we have personalized it with "Michigan" on the bowling pin.

So here's hoping you bowl that "clean game" at the tournament to be eligible for this fun pin.

## Giving back

Giving back is so important and the following says it in a BIG way!

Nannetta Thomas, mother of Detroit bowler, Novella White, took it upon herself to "Give back" to her church after a recent health scare. This led to her teaching many ladies of the church how to crochet, which led to giving these "creations", (blankets, scarves, and hats), to many deserving people, including the Children's Hospital of Detroit, Beaumont Hospital NICU, Huron Valley Hospital and several other charities.

What brought this to our attention, are this year's recipients, **the local Veterans Home.**

It was suggested to Nannetta and her group, that these veterans could also use "special" attention.

The pictures with lots of smiles below say it all! It happened because of the hard work and determination of many ladies; but it started with ONE person wanting to help.



**So remember: One person CAN make a difference!**







## Did you know?

Michigan is home to the oldest bowling alley in the country  
[The Garden Bowl](#), part of the Majestic Entertainment Center,  
downtown Detroit is the oldest, continuously  
operating lanes not only in Michigan but also in the  
United States.

**Opened in 1913**, the Garden Bowl was named to the  
National Register of Historic Places in 2008



## "Future" All City Team

All of these gentlemen are from Grand Rapids, all had daughters and posed for pictures with  
the them - the ["2042 Women's All City"](#) Team with the men being the ["2042 Men's Senior All City"](#)  
Team. As you can see, special outfits were made for them.  
Proud dads with their darling daughters.

We look forward to seeing  
all of you YOUNG ladies  
in the State Tournament  
and the Queens... in the future!



## Bowling showcase

The Metro Detroit Bowling Association is producing their [own television show](#)  
It is available monthly, with various events and tournaments being presented,  
including upcoming coverage of the Queens tournament in April.  
If you live in the Detroit area you can turn to WADL- TV -check your local listings

The link below is for you to view some great bowling competition

<https://youtu.be/8gdXS9XOwUY>

Or visit the Detroit website:

<http://www.mdusbc.com>

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*Happy Valentine's Day!*



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Dear Merry,

Looking forward to Spring and of course some great tournaments still to be bowled.

St. Patrick's Day

In honor of St. Patricks' Day ....a little blessing for you

May you always have  
Walls for the winds,  
A roof for the rain,  
Tea beside the fire,  
Laughter to cheer you,  
Those you love near you,  
And all your heart might  
desire!



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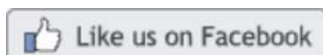
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**June 9 and 10th** - State Annual Meeting- Sterling Heights we hope all associations are represented.

**September 8-10, 2017**

The first State combined workshop for associations will be held on this weekend in Holland. More information will be sent to associations later.

**January 7, 2018**

The Delegates meeting for the New merged State association will be held at Royal Scot Lanes in Lansing. More information coming.....

### Shirley Thomas

The Michigan State Women mourn the loss of Shirley Thomas, who passed away on February 25, 2017. A truly dedicated woman, who gave much to the sport of bowling. She was a long time State Association Secretary and a life member.

Shirley started her bowling career in 1959 and became involved in every aspect of the game. As President of the Wednesday Morning Coffee League, she was automatically a member of the board of directors of the Midland Women's Bowling Association. She became enthusiastically involved serving as Sgt-at-Arms for four years. She moved on up to become Secretary for seven years and then as President for five years from 1981-1986.

Shirley was also interested in youth bowling and was involved locally as well as on the State level, serving as director and officer of both the Midland YABA and the Michigan State YABA for eighteen years.

For her outstanding performance locally, Shirley was elected to the Midland Bowling Hall of Fame in 1986. She was named Midland's Bowler of the Year in 1967.

On the State level, Shirley became a Director in 1975 and served in that capacity for eleven years. She was elevated to Fifth Vice-President in 1985. A very active member, she served on many committees: Finance & Budget, Tournament Rules, Awards & Services, Credentials, Nominating, Hall of Fame, Legislative and Scholarship. When the opportunity presented itself, she ran, and was elected Secretary-Treasurer of the Michigan Women's Bowling Association in 1988. She was elected to the Michigan State Women's Hall of Fame in 1990.

After her retirement on the board, she also served a few years as tournament supervisor of the senior's tournament.

She will truly be missed, but will live on in the memory of friends and family.



### Queens Tournament

The annual Queens tournament will be held on April 1 and 2 at Holly Lanes Bowling Center in Fenton.

Michigan Women's Bowling Association sponsors this tournament as a showcase for our scratch bowlers.

Holly Lanes In Fenton is hosting for us this year.



Are you up for the challenge?  
click on the link below-- fill out and get yours in today!

[2017 Queens Tournament entry](#)

## Seniors Tournament

If you are over 50 (and admit it) this is the tournament for you. There are several divisions based on age and it is sure to be a good time

We do have a new tournament director, Karen Russell from Lapeer. Joyce Allen has decided to retire and we thank her for her years of service.

Tournament runs May 10, 11,12,13, 17,18,19, 20 and ends on May 21,  
one squad a day at 12 noon.

Tournament will be held at Airport Lanes in Jackson.

Link below is the entry waiting for you to fill it out!

[2017 Senior entry](#)

Hope to see you there.

## Association News-Sheridan

Carol Klein picked an interesting location to get her first career 300 game.

Klein, 52, became the first women to ever throw a perfect game at Sheridan Lanes when she did it during her Monday Night Women's League. Sheridan Lanes opened in 1947.

Klein wasn't paying too close attention to her game when she started the perfect. She said: "Honestly we were bowling slow and I didn't know I had 6 in a row until one of my teammates pointed it out" From then on, Klein didn't want to be around anyone. She then let us know: " I just kept to myself. Once you get to nine in a row you have potential and that's when you get nervous."

And nervous she was. Eventually, she got the first two strikes in the 10th frame to set up a career game. Her previous high game was 288. When she rolled the 12th ball of the game, it was a solid pocket 10, but when all 10 pins went down, the house was in an up roar. Everyone congratulated her. Klein was in shock.



Carol is a 176 average bowler. Carol said the feat still hasn't sank in yet, letting us know " I'm still not sure it's real. It's something that you, as an avid bowler, dream of".

## Tournament opening

Many thanks to those who were part of opening ceremonies, and to all 27 teams of bowlers that were there to start our tournament. Tournament continues weekends through May 14th - check the website for weekly updates to scores.

Special thanks to Jonathan Betts photography for these great shots.





Flowers for opening



Bay County Vet's Council Honor Guard



Sharon Schildroth- Assoc. Manager  
Brad Bilihimer-Bay Area President  
Merry DeBoer- MWBA President  
cut the ribbon to officially start the 90th  
tournament



Sandy Nyland-Tournament  
Honoree



Sandy Nyland and friends from Cadillac

Welcome from our host houses



Don Dodick- Monitor Lanes



Mickely Laskey- Bay Lanes

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A Happy Easter to all....dare we hope that Spring is here to stay?

We have a great Contest coming....read below and start digging thru your old files

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Not because they are worthless,  
**BUT because they are PRICELESS!**

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### State Office News

#### [End of Season Forms.....](#)

It is once again that time of year! The following forms are being mailed to each local association: (so watch that mailbox!)

- Local Association Officer Report
- Officer and/or Director's Name and/or Address Change form
- High Game/Series Reports
- Michigan State USBC WBA 300 & 800 Award forms
- Michigan State USBC WBA 200 Average Award form
- Tournament Participation
- Local Hall of Fame certificate application
- 600 Club Form
- Les Dames 700 Club form

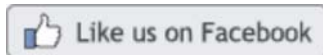


It is important to remember that several of these forms have deadlines that must be met in order to properly recognize your membership.

Please take care to submit them by these deadlines to insure that your membership receives the recognition due them. The Officers Report must be completed and mailed within ten days following your local association annual meeting and in particular your Organizational Meeting for merging associations.

Remember - all these forms can also be found on our website at [michiganwba.com](http://michiganwba.com) - just type, print and mail, email or Fax.

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### Contest

In honor of our 90th tournament we are having a contest to see who has the **oldest state tournament team picture**.

This picture, of course must show the year, and where the tournament was held. It would be nice if the names of the ladies bowling were also sent. Please make sure your name is included. The winner will receive \$100.00 for just digging thru old files!!

In case of a tie, on the year, a drawing will be held to select the winner. We hope to publish these pictures in the 10 pin topics, and on the website to honor Michigan Women Bowlers.

Please scan and email to: [tenpintopics@gmail.com](mailto:tenpintopics@gmail.com)

or send to: [Michigan State Women/Contest](#)  
[PO Box 217](#)  
[Grandville, MI 494680217](#)

If you need your picture returned please provide a self addressed stamped envelope. Entries are due by June 1, 2017



### Queens Tournament

The Queens tournament was held April 1 and 2 at Holly Lanes in Fenton.

Brian Aubuchon, owner of the lanes, told the bowlers he was going to give

\$ 250.00 for the first 300 game, and

\$ 250.00 to the Queen.

Little did he know that the very first game of competition he would be paying out ..... Brandie Reamy took "his" money with a 300 game and she never lost sight of the crown for the rest of the two day tournament. She averaged over 230 for the tournament, with that 300, and a 290 game. So of course, Brandie took ALL the money from Brian!







2017 Queen  
Brandie Reamy

There were 56 bowlers in the tournament, this was up from last year, so ladies we thank you for your support and hope to again build this tournament up as a means of showcasing our high average bowlers. The bowlers, voted on houses they would like bowl in next year, so the committee will contact the center for availability.

**The Fabulous Four** are pictured at right

Top row: Robin Orlikowski, Cyndi Patterson, and Olivia Wirtz with our Queen- Brandie Reamy. In the step ladder finals, Olivia rolled a 186 to Robin's 181. Next set Olivia bested Cyndi 242 to 156, and in the final round Brandie rolled a 210 to capture the crown from Olivia, who rolled a 192.



Below is a picture of our "**Elite Eight**"



Brandie Reamy, Olivia Wirtz, Cyndi Patterson, Robin Orlikowski, Julie, Halstead, Jennifer Maples, Erica Ewald, and Jennifer Clark

**Thanks to Holly Lanes and their staff, our Queens Committee, (and "Honorary members": Kim Kopf, Angela Wilt, Lisa Bishop), and of course, to ALL of the bowlers that support this tournament.**

**Special thanks to the crew from the "Bowling Showcase" who filmed the Queens tournament: viewing will be available the end of April.**

## Midwest Tournament



The Midwest tournament will be held in Dayton, Ohio this year. The tournament opens on May 26 and runs thru June 25, unless extended. As of mid-March, there are 542 teams scheduled and 159 reservations.

There are teams from IL, MI, WI, OH, IA, IN, KY, MN, MO, VA, AR, FL,





NE, NV, TN, LA, MD and PA. There are individual bowlers coming from MS, AZ, WA, NC, UT, TX, CA and SD.

There are 6 team squads that are full and 8 squads that have less than 5 spots available. June 2-4; 9-11 and 23-25 are the most popular weekends.

There are still plenty of openings on May 26-28 and June 16-18.

Something else to do while you are visiting Dayton:

The Dayton Dragons are hosting "Bowlers" nights. There are 3 weekends available for specially priced tickets for the bowlers. It would be a great night out for the ladies.....the Dragons' games are so much fun!!!! check out the website listed below for more info..



Entries close on May 8, 2017, so if you do not have yours in, please make sure you click on the link below and get it filled out and mailed in.

[Midwest entry 2017](#)

Visit the website: [www.midwestwomensbowling.com](http://www.midwestwomensbowling.com)  
or the Facebook page: [Midwest Women's Bowling tournament](#).

Hope to see you there and also plan on a trip across the lake for next year's tournament in Green Bay, Wisconsin

Mark your calendars

**April 24-27**- USBC Convention in Las Vegas

**April 26th**- Midwest entries are due

**April 23- July 9** - USBC Championship tournament in Baton Rouge, LA

**May 4th**- State Senior Entries are due and tournament begins

**June 9 and 10th** - State Annual Meeting- Sterling Heights

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Dear Merry,

We wish ALL Mothers a wonderful day on Sunday, and also  
We take time in May to remember our service people;those who  
have served their country, so we may enjoy our freedoms.

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As this issue reaches you, we are finishing this year's 2017 tournament. We wish to thank both Bay Lanes (team) and Monitor Lanes (double/singles) for their hospitality and outstanding support of this year's tournament. And to the Bay Area USBC - many thanks for all your assistance in running this tournament and making it the success it was.

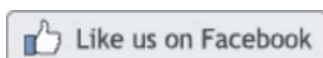
**End of the Year forms** have been mailed to each association. Please make every effort to return them to us so that your bowlers can be recognized. If you have no one that qualifies in a particular area, please make that notation and return that as well. We don't want to overlook anyone.

#### **ANNUAL MEETING!**

All Delegate information has been mailed to all delegates. Please watch your mail for this information which includes the schedule of events and the nominating slate. Again this year there will be NO CREDENTIALS. Delegates will be registered per the delegate forms that were submitted to us from each association. Simply give your name and association and your badge and materials will be given to you.



### Stay Connected



Should an alternate be needed, Alternates will be seated in the order listed on the delegate form or by letter from the association president. Remember, to be eligible to vote, you must be a current Michigan State USBC WBA member.

**Annual Meeting Workshop** - scheduled for the afternoon of June 9th from 2 pm-4:30 pm. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

Credential Desk will be open on Friday evening - June 9th from 6 - 8 p.m. and again on Saturday, June 10th from 8 - 8:45 am.

Delegates will register (NO DELEGATE CREDENTIALS WILL BE SENT),

**Delegate Reception** - This event will be held on Friday, June 9th from 8 - 10 p.m.

As always, this event is for DELEGATES AND INVITED GUESTS ONLY. This will be a Detroit Sports Teams theme and there will be a buffet, entertainment and door prizes.

Please plan on attending and enjoy renewing old friendships and making new ones!

**Business Meeting:** The meeting will begin promptly at 9 am and is open to all members and visitors, however only registered delegates will have the privilege of voting. Presidents and Managers of merged Associations (if not voting delegates) are encouraged to attend as guests. Everyone must be in their seats by 8:55 a.m.

**Award Presentations** - Hall of Fame Inductions, Scholarship presentations, Manager of the Year, Tournament Honoree and Tournament Champions will be honored and recognized at the Awards Luncheon at 1 pm following the morning business meeting. Remember delegates that do not recognized at the Awards Luncheon at 1 pm following the morning business meeting. Remember delegates that do not cancel their lunch reservation prior to June 5th, will be charged as we are required to pay for all reservations made.

Some reminders ~ Send **Memorial information** to Chair Sue Milligan and please do not forget to submit your High Game and Series forms to the office - they are due June 15th! ALL associations merged or non-merged should be submitting these forms.

## Final Frame

In Memorarium . . . . . a personal note from your association manager....

Bowling lost another valued volunteer when on April 27, 2017, Past Michigan State USBC BA President Ken DeBoer passed away after a brief illness.

Ken, served both his local association of Greater Holland and the Michigan State USBC BA for well over 20 plus years. On a local level he held positions as Director, and Vice President, and on the state level as Zone 7 Director, 2nd Vice President, 1st Vice President and in the 2015-16 season as their President. In 2016,



Ken was recognized for his service by the Michigan State BA with their Yearbook/Tournament Dedication.

Ken was also one of the 'go-to' guys that assisted the Michigan State Women's association at their many tournaments and events.

Ken served his country as a United States Navy Sea-bee in Vietnam and worked for over 25 years for Conway Express. A lifelong bowler, Ken was also an avid hunter, fisherman, golfer and a meticulous gardener. His love for Montana grew when his son relocated to that part of the country where he traveled to and enjoyed hiking, snowmobiling, building and the companionship of his grand-daughter Cassidy.

Ken is survived by his wife Merry, their son and daughter-in-law and their grand-daughter Cassidy, several in-laws and nieces and nephews.

For myself and my husband, we were privileged to have been able to call him friend and to travel many miles across the state and country with Ken - whether bowling, dining or just chatting, it was our pleasure and our good fortune. He will be missed.....  
Sharon Schildroth



## Local Associations news- Traverse City

The annual Traverse City Bowling association Hall of Fame and Awards banquet, was held March 11, 2017. Denise Vaughan was selected as this year's female inductee. Denise started bowling in 1986 with an average of 106. She continued to improve her average as she started bowling in more leagues, entering tournaments and practicing diligently. She held the women's city for high average many times. Her high game is a 299, she has four city tournament titles and two wins in the Traverse City 600 club singles tournament.

Denise continues to bowl in leagues in Traverse City and Cadillac. You can find her Jeep with the lady bowler hood ornament in the bowling centers parking lot almost every night. She also has served on both the Traverse City and the Cadillac women's bowling association boards. Denise was up for the challenge this year, and bowled in the State Queens Tournament.



Thanks to Memories by Misty for this picture of Denise

Her personality, performance on the lanes, work ethic and dedication to the continuance of the sport explains why she was inducted into the Traverse City Bowling Hall of Fame.

## State 600 Club

I would like to introduce myself. My name is Melissa (Missy) Boone. I am the new Michigan Women's 600 Club Tournament Director/Secretary/Treasurer. As the new Director, I would like take this opportunity to introduce myself and reach out to all Michigan 600 Lady Bowlers. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. I look forward to working with you in the future.

Missy Boone  
MI Women's 600 Club Tournament  
Director/Secretary/Treasurer  
8531 West M-21



Ovid, MI 48866  
(989) 627-9640  
email: [mi600tournament@gmail.com](mailto:mi600tournament@gmail.com)

## 500 Club tournament

### **The 41st Annual Michigan Women's 500 Bowling Club tournament**

will be held at Belmark Lanes, in Ann Arbor on Saturday, June 3.

Click on the link below to get your entry or email: [michwomen500club@gmail.com](mailto:michwomen500club@gmail.com)

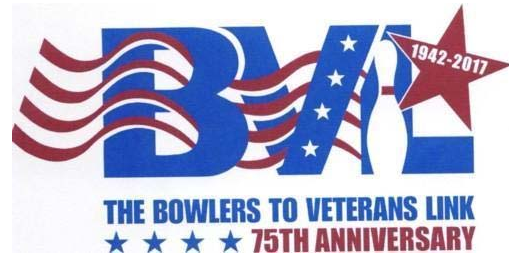
[Entry 500 Club tournament](#)

Visit them on Facebook: Michigan Women's 500 Bowling Club

## BVL

During this historic **75th Anniversary** year we are asking for your help in spreading the BVL message and encouraging the growth of our very important mission.

Since our founding by a group of bowlers in 1942, BVL has funded more than **\$50 million** of recreational therapy programs that boost spirits, speed recovery, and provide lifelong skills to keep veterans active and involved. Studies show that recuperating and/or hospitalized veterans who get involved in sports and arts activities are more likely to successfully rehabilitate and continue in a lifelong healthy and happy lifestyle. We've found the cure for physical and emotional depression. Now, we need to make sure our special brand of medicine reaches every veteran who needs it!



To get started helping our veterans, we ask that you take these few simple steps:

- Visit the BVL website: [www.BowlforVeterans.org](http://www.BowlforVeterans.org) and watch our video
- "Like" us on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/BowlerstoVeteransLink](https://www.facebook.com/BowlerstoVeteransLink)
- Order a free fund-raising kit <http://www.bowlforveterans.org/downloads>

Our sport made a promise in 1942 that we know you'll want us to keep:

**"We remember and honor the sacrifices of America's military heroes."**

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**Dear Merry,**

Summer is on the horizon .... so get out the sun screen!

### MWBA State meeting

**If your association was not represented at the Women's State Meeting you missed:**

- 1.Hearing from the other bowling integers
- 2.Hearing about the rule changes at nationals that affect your bowlers
3. Learning more about the mergers

### [Attending the delegate reception](#)

- 1.Detroit Sport Theme
- 2.Great food and entertainment
- 3.Giveaways for the delegates
- 4.Getting an orange Tiger hat from the Detroit association
5. meeting our bidding cities- Lansing and Battle Creek

### [Attending the meeting](#)

- 1.Voting
- 2.Getting to pick where we go in 2019
- 3.Reports
4. collecting for the BVL -helping our veterans

### [Attending the awards banquet](#)

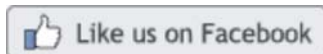
....again great food, where we:



- 1.Honored our Hall of Fame, Scholarships and Association Manager of the year recipients
- 2.Applauded our tournament winners and champions
- 3.Greeted some of our past tournament honorees
- 4.Enjoyed a gift from the MWBA for our 90th Tournament.

Meeting old friends, making new friends  
Learning, Hugs, laughs, and fun!!

### Stay Connected



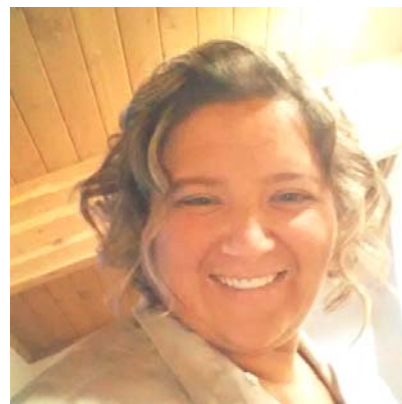
## Michigan State Hall of Fame

### This year's Hall of Fame inductee for Superior Performance is Michelle Keirns.

Michelle started her bowling career with other things in mind. At the age of five and for almost the next two decades Michelle bowled as a way to spend time with her family. In fact, this new Hall of Famer went to college as a softball player.

As part of a bowling family, this Jackson native bowled and excelled in the sport enough to bowl in Michigan Junior Masters Association tournaments. She even won an MJMA tournament in 1999 at Novi Bowl. That same year she became a state youth champion in doubles competition. After college and starting a career as an accountant she still only bowled as an activity. Things changed however, when Michelle met Tanisha Burris in 2008.

The pair started to travel and bowl in tournaments on the weekends. The tournaments have included the Rip 10 Women's Series, PWBA regional stops, and the USBC Queens. They are also members of several leagues in several associations. Michelle is currently an association member of Lansing, Greater Jackson, and Metro Detroit. Michelle has also been a member of Battle Creek, Kalamazoo BA, and bowled a summer league in Greater Grand Rapids. For her efforts she has been named to all-city teams in Jackson (2009- 2016), Lansing (2013 & 2014), and Detroit (2014). Michelle has won local Queens Titles in Jackson (2008 & 2010), Lansing (2011), and Detroit (2013).



In local association championship tournament play Michelle holds titles in the Lansing USBC for Actual Team (2012, 2014, 2015, and 2016) and Actual All-Events (2012, 2015) and Metro Detroit Actual Team (2014). In state association tournament play Michelle holds titles in Doubles (2013, 2014) and Team (2013). In 2011, Michelle won the Michigan State USBC WBA Queens title and has continued to be a consistent top competitor in that tournament.

To round out her bowling resume Michelle has thirteen 300 games to her credit. Two of those 300 games were bowled on the same day on October 18, 2008 during Sport League competition. In addition, to the 300's Michelle has seven more games of eleven in a row. She has three 800 series with the highest being 818. The most impressive statistic for this new Hall of Fame inductee is she has averaged 220 or more for a decade. Her highest average of 230 was established in 2013 at Pro Bowl West in Lansing.

Bowling is still a family affair for Michelle. At tournaments you will spot family members rooting her on and now Aunt Michelle can be spotted rooting for her two nieces on the lanes. Michelle has come a long way from the five year old bumper bowler at Jackson's Bowl-A-Rama. Congratulations, Michelle on your well-deserved induction into the Michigan Women's Hall of Fame.

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### Shirley Bowman

We honor her with an induction into the Michigan State USBC Women's



### Bowling Association **Hall of Fame for Meritorious Service**

Shirley Bowman is a lady who likes to keep a low profile. She quietly goes about the business side of bowling with little fanfare. She has however been involved in the business of running a bowling association for over forty years. This Traverse City native was a working single mother when she started her bowling career. In 1960, Shirley met and married Les Bowman and had a son. A couple of years later the new family moved to Muskegon which included Shirley's older daughter. Shirley continued to work and bowl in her new hometown. It was in Muskegon that she became involved in the business side of bowling as a league secretary. As league secretary she attended the association meeting and she became involved in the Muskegon association as a director. The family decided to move back to Traverse City in the mid 70's. The bowling obsession continued with Shirley bowling a high of five times a week. Before long Shirley joined the board in Traverse City. During her tenure with the Traverse City Women's Bowling Association she served as a director, 2nd vice president, 1st vice president, and president. In 2008, Shirley termed out of the new Traverse City USBC WBA. Among her proudest accomplishments during her time on the TC Board included helping start up the Traverse City Hall of Fame. She was inducted into that Hall of Fame in 2001. In 1999, Shirley began her role as Director #2 on the Michigan Women's Bowling Association Board. During her time on the Michigan Women's Board she has been a member of Hall of Fame, Delegate Reception and Luncheon, Champion Awards Banquet, Tournament Rules, and Awards and Services. In addition, Shirley serves as the Honorarium Chair on the board. In 2001, Shirley was appointed to the Michigan State YABA Board of Directors. She has served since that time as the Northern A Director. On the youth board her committee assignments have included Schildroth Invitational Tournament, State Recognition Programs, and Nominating. She rotates as the chair of Nominating.



Shirley can be found at both championship tournaments each year as a worker bee. She does not seek the spotlight but goes about the business of getting the job at hand done. All who meet Shirley are greeted with a warm smile and a friendly word. Her gentle soul has been an asset to both boards.

Shirley also has a long history of charitable work in the Traverse City area. Not one to sit on her hands she started working with the Northwest Michigan Community Action Agency on their Meals on Wheels program. In 2001, she started as a site facilitator at the Traverse City site. The site services several counties in northwest Michigan. Shirley has since retired from the daily duties as site director but now drives for the program. She drives three days a week but offers her services as a substitute the other two days. Shirley's route on Mondays is a 77 mile round trip to her Meals on Wheels recipients.

For fun Shirley still bowls league sporting a 146 average and she travels to tournaments. She has bowled 42 WIBC/USBC Tournaments and has bowled state tournaments since 1958. Shirley can be seen annually at the Midwest Women's and with her Hall of Fame partner Sue McCormick at the Michigan Seniors each year.

### National Queen's bowlers

We have always said the State Queens is a marathon not just a tournament....so we applaud these ladies as they challenged themselves to bowl in an even more difficult tournament, the National Queens.

Pictured on the right: Katie Bishop, Julie Ozcepek, and Robin Orlikowski



We also want to say that at this point, in the USBC National Tournament, Julie is sitting in second place for the Diamond Singles with games of 287, 216, 210-713 and is also in 11th place for All events with a 652,603,716- 1968.

**Michigan is PROUD!**





Julie Ozcepek

## Bowling is a lifelong sport

We sometimes may think it is time to hang up that ole' bowling ball...and then we meet someone like Jo, who is an inspiration to all.

Dorothy "Jo" Pollock had a reason to celebrate at the recent State Tournament. She will be celebrating a milestone birthday soon.

Mickie Laskey from Bay Lanes (right) decided a celebration was in order...and Dorothy received flowers and a bowling pin commemorating this special event.



Here is Dorothy with her team.

**From the entire Michigan State Women's Bowling association we wish you A VERY Happy 100th birthday on July 16, 2017**



## Southwestern Michigan Association-Hall of Fame

Betsy Albrecht has been a member of the South Western Michigan association since 1967.

Besides bowling in Coloma, she has bowled at Blossom Lanes, Lakeshore Lanes and Kelley's Bowl on several leagues, most recently the Moonshiners and the Bud Light Ladies. She has served as President, Vice-President, and Sgt.-at-Arms on several leagues. She has been a team captain



for 20+ years, and has served on various league committees, i.e., Prize, Rules, Nominating, etc.

Betsy is also a member of the Blossomland 600 Club and the National 600 Bowling Club, and participates in the State 600 tournament in Owosso each year. She also participates in the women's state and national tournaments.

Betsy was elected to the Board of Directors in 2003, and has served for the past 14 years.

While serving on the Board of Directors Betsy has served on the following committees: Banquet, Tournament Opening Ceremonies, Tournament Visitation, Tournament Trophy, Tournament Rules & Prize, Legislative, Bowl with the Board, 25-Year Club, Senior (Foxy 55), BVL & National Hall of Fame Fundraisers, and Adopt a Road



The Board of Directors of the Southwestern Michigan USBC WBA recognizes Betsy Albrecht and her service to our association and the sport of bowling. It is with extreme pleasure that we take this opportunity to induct her into the SMUSBC WBA Hall of Fame for Meritorious Service.

Mark your calendars

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and relax in the sun while you read!



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### Workshop news

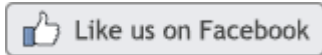
The mailings for the September workshop have been sent to each Association Manager and President for the Association Officers workshop.

This is a chance to get together as officers and share ideas, work on promoting, find out what works and doesn't work in smaller or larger associations. It is a time to see old friends and make new ones...OUR common goal is to do the best for our bowlers in Michigan...  
PLEASE make sure your association is represented.

To be held:  
September 8, 9 and 10 in Holland

[Friday golf](#) will be at Pigeon Creek Golf Course/ 10195 120th Ave / West Olive - 616 875 4300 - \$ 45.00 (includes lunch) 10:00 am

### Stay Connected



shot gun start  
[www.golfpigeoncreek.com](http://www.golfpigeoncreek.com)

**Saturday Golf** will be at West Ottawa Golf Course/60145 136th Avenue/Holland - 616 399 16780-\$45.00  
 (Includes lunch) 9:00 am shot gun start

**Saturday night bowling** - Bowling will be held on Saturday 7:30 pm- Northland lanes/ 308 North River Avenue/ Holland. Singles tournament- Two divisions- men and women

**Workshop** - workshop will be held on Sunday -starting promptly at 9:00 am- luncheon to follow at the Haworth Inn and Conference Center/ 255 College Ave /Holland 616 395 7200  
[www.haworthinn.com](http://www.haworthinn.com)

#### Lodging

**Holiday Inn Express** / 12381 Felch Street / Holland - 616 738 2800 - \$ 129.00 per night + tax  
 Toll Free # 1 866 315 6182 [www.Suburbaninns.com](http://www.Suburbaninns.com)

**Hampton Inn** / 12427 Felch Street/ Holland - 616 399 8500  
 -\$129.00 per night + tax  
 Toll free # 1-888-933-8500 [www.Suburbaninns.com](http://www.Suburbaninns.com)

Room blocks are reserved under:

Michigan State USBC Bowling Association

Reservations must be received by **Tuesday, August 8, 2017** to get this special rate.

## 50 years national tournament



This past April, **Marilyn Davidson** received her award for 50 years of participating in the Women's National Bowling Tournament.

The USBC celebrated her great achievement with a 50 year plaque and presented her with a necklace on her lanes at the tournament. Marilyn is the 1st lady from the Grand Rapids area to receive this award. Since, she retired years ago, she spends her winters down south and stays here in Grand Rapids in the summers.

At the beginning of June, Marilyn had an open house to celebrate. Inviting family, friends and fellow teammates to come and see all the awards, pins, patches, pictures, and a quilt that she had made out of all of her past team shirts. It was incredible. Her photo album contained all the tournament photos of team, doubles, singles and a participation photo card, from 1963 till now, with a couple missing in the late 60s early 70s.

Congratulations, Marilyn keep on rolling.  
 Next step 55 years.



## Arbor Valley Hall of Fame



### **Cynthia L. Rohraff** **Meritorious Service - 2017**

Cindy devoted many hours of service to the bowlers in her leagues, the tournament bowlers she interacted with and the members of the Arbor Valley USBC Association. It was a shock to all that knew her when she unexpectedly passed away on June 15th, 2016 at the age of fifty-eight (58).

She was the league secretary for the Bowlerette's women's league at Maplewood Lanes for fifteen (15) years starting with the 2001-02 season and the Gutter Dusters mixed league starting with the 2005-06 season. Cindy was selected as Secretary of the Year by the association for the 2005-06 season.



Cindy was a member of the association's board of directors for eight (8) years from 2008 to 2015. She served on many association committees and assisted in the operation of the annual Women's and Open Annual tournaments. She was a key staff member in the operation of the Ed Rondot's Pro Shop Shootout series of tournaments.

She organized squads for the Michigan State USBC WBA and BA annual tournaments. She also coordinated the entries for the Michigan State Mixed Annual tournament and the Michigan Women's 600 Club State tournament.

Also an accomplished bowler Cindy won the Award of Merit (association highest series by a female) for her 769 series in 2010. She bowled two (2) 299 games. She was on the 2014 Michigan State Mixed Tournament winning team. Her teams won the association's Women's Annual Tournament handicap team division in 2012 and again in 2015

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### **Leslie Jones** **Bowling Performance - 2017**

Leslie's bowling career was cut short in 1990 by a serious illness at the age of thirty-eight (38). She was a twelve (12) year member of the Ann Arbor Women's Bowling Association and was a dominate league and tournament bowler. She threw a reverse hook from the left side of the lane and if you just saw her ball rolling down the lane you would have sworn it was delivered by a left-hander. In no way was it a "backup" ball.

Her high series of 742 was bowled in 1981 is one of her four (4) career 700's. She was the fourth female bowler in the association to bowl a 700 series and was the third female member of the Ann Arbor 700 Club. Leslie's high average of 192 was accomplished during the 1983/84 season. She was consistently in the top three association averages during the years she bowled. She bowled her high game of 289 in both 1981 and 1982.



Leslie won ten (10) Ann Arbor Woman's B.A. Annual Tournament titles in five (5) years. They included the 1984 actual all-events, 1985 Doubles actual with Mary Hardy, singles actual and all-events actual, 1987 team actual with Lodge Lanes. In 1988 she swept the actual divisions by winning team with The Directors, doubles with Jayne Atkinson, singles and all-events. She also won the 700 Club Singles Tournament in 1983 at Washtenaw Lanes.

Leslie passed away on July 22nd, 2012.

### **Association Manager of the Year- State**

It is with great pleasure that we introduce  
the **2017 Association Manager of the Year, Sue Milligan.**



Sue started bowling as a youth and bowled in that group for eight years before joining adult leagues.

In the adult leagues, Sue has been a Secretary as well as President and Vice-President. It was a natural progression to becoming a director in the Sturgis WBA and then secretary/manager which she has been since 1997 - 20 years. Sue then joined the Michigan WBA as a director in 2000 and is now our 1st Vice President.

For her day job, she's been the office manager - handling the bookkeeping - for Martin Products for 36 years.

As if that's not enough, she works at Sturgis Bowl during the bowling season. Sue started out in the nursery and worked with the youth.

After a hiatus for a few years, she went back and became the manager/counter personnel and has been there for 30 years.

And let's not forget her work with the youth leagues in Sturgis - for 28 years! Lucky kids to have such a dedicated person looking after them.

With a little more spare time during the summer, Sue enjoys working with flowers in the garden, an interest inspired by her grandmother. She is also busy with her own two grandchildren during the summer. If there is ANY spare time left, she and husband Chris enjoy traveling.

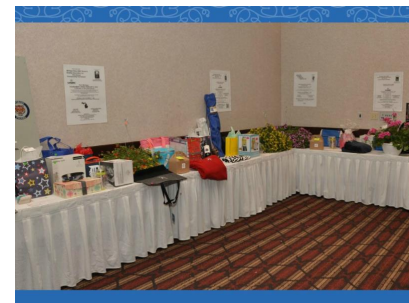
Congratulations Sue on this well-deserved honor!



## State Meeting pictures



delegates reception

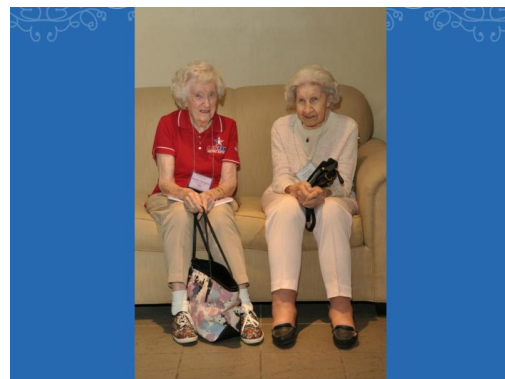


gifts for delegates

What can we say about these two ?

- 1.They are in the Hall of Fame for the Michigan State
- 2.Had the state Tournament dedicated to them
- 3.Honorary members of the MWBA Board
- 4.LONG time friends,who have given so much to the sport of bowling.

Dorothy Thompson and Rose Marsh  
.... WE love you ladies.



## Midwest Tournament

The Midwest tournament has completed and we thank Ohio for a great job!

Go to: <http://www.midwestwomensbowling.com>  
to view the final standings

and plan your trip for the 2018 tournament to Green Bay, Wisconsin !!



## Media Award

The **Michigan Bowling Council** is comprised of representatives from the Michigan Women, Michigan BA (men), Michigan Youth, the Proprietors and the Mixed Tournament. One of the projects of the council is recognizing individuals for their efforts in the promotion of our game of bowling. Their prize is a \$600 scholarship presented in their name to a youth bowler of their choice.

The honoree for 2017 is Karen Hagan.

Karen is from the Flat Rock Youth association and a member of the Michigan State USBC Youth Board.

Karen is being recognized for her work on Facebook for the Michigan State Youth. In today's society, social media is a way to reach literally 1000's of people instantly and Karen is responsible for making this happen for the Youth, Coaches and Parents of the state of Michigan.



Her recipient may have to wait a few years before claiming that scholarship, but Tyson Hill stole the show with that wonderful smile he has.

He will be 7 on July 21st and will be going into the 2nd grade at Sterling Elementary in Carleton. He has been bowling for 3 years now and averaged 65 last season. He likes to go and practice bowling with his Aunt Karen and is a little math wizard. He will tell you who won and by how much and also what everyone's total score is; and at 6 years of age can tell you what your score will be if you open or if you make your spare. While in kindergarten he would come to her house once a week after school and would play Wii Bowling with his great grandpa who was in a wheelchair. Aunt Karen could not be prouder to present this young man with a scholarship and we all hope she will keep us posted on his endeavors, as we believe they will be AWESOME.

Mark your calendars

### January 7, 2018

The Delegates meeting for the New merged State association will be held at Royal Scot Lanes in Lansing. More information coming.

**THE NEW Michigan State Bowling Association is LOOKING for a few GOOD men and women:**

Nominations forms will be coming out in July to associations; they will also be available online(both the BA and WBA websites) and we will put a link in the August News letter for you.

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### Dear Merry,

Summer is fleeting... be sure and get out and enjoy what is left... but don't forget to attend your league meetings and DUST off that ole' bowling ball- IT will soon be time!

### State office news

The State office has undergone needed renovations over the summer as well as the loss of its staff.

As a result, the office is operating with limited access and hours. Beginning with the month of September, office hours will be Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10 am to 4 pm. Until we are able to hire someone to answer the phone on a regular basis, our preference of contact is by email:

[miwomenbowlers@comcast.net](mailto:miwomenbowlers@comcast.net)

Please be patient as we fill these vacant positions and bear in mind there will be days when the office is vacant as the Manager is out of the office for meetings.

We are currently looking for a few individuals who would like to work in the state office. We can offer flexible hours and a relaxed working environment.

Interested persons should have a good working knowledge of bowling and USBC rules, self-starters, comfortable answering the phone, computer experience, at ease with e-mail and are able to multi-task. Duties include, but are not limited to; processing of tournament entries, mailings, filing, and answering the phone(s). Organization is a must.

Should you be interested in working for the Michigan State USBC WBA, please submit your interest and skills/qualifications to:

[Michigan State USBC WBA - PO Box 217 - Grandville MI 49468-0217.](#)

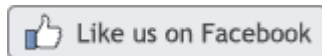
Entries for the 2018 tournament will not be available until the Joint Workshop with the State BA and State Youth - September 8-10.



We will post a fill-able entry on our website in the near future - watch Facebook for this announcement. Reservations are being done by Director Ann Block - email us for information and Ann will contact you back.

[Here's to a great 2017-18 season - hope to see ALL of you in Waterford for the 91st Championship Tournament.](#)

### Stay Connected



### Jamboree/ Workshop

Just a reminder:

**Associations your deadline to sign up delegates for the September 8-10 workshop is August 25, 2017.** Forms were sent to each Association manager so please make sure your area is represented.

There will be social times, golfing and bowling, and the workshop and luncheon on Sunday. Your associations will be able to pick up entry blanks for many of the upcoming tournaments, forms for various awards, and information you may need from the state associations. If you did not receive these forms, please contact either Sharon Schildroth or Richard Loughlin for information.

[miwomenbowlers@comcast.net](mailto:miwomenbowlers@comcast.net) or [mibaloughlin@gmail.com](mailto:mibaloughlin@gmail.com)

### Scholarships- Star of Tomorrow

**Taylor Davis** is a self-professed bowling geek. She lives to bowl and a large part of her life re-volves around the sport.

Taylor grew up in the bowling world as her father Bryan is a youth bowling coach, worked as a manager for Southland /Grand Blanc Lanes and served as Greater Flint USBC Youth President. Taylor is following in his footsteps at the association level as a youth director on the Greater Flint Youth Board and as a youth bowling coach in the middle school. It is little surprise that Taylor considers her dad her idol. Next fall Taylor will start school at Arkansas State University. She will be part of the Lady Red Wolves Bowling Team. Taylor has been bowling for 11 years and is currently averaging 215 on house patterns and 192 on sport conditions. Taylor has a 300 game in a non-certified high school competition



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**Olivia Hoeksema** of Zeeland did not start a bowling career because she came from a bowling family. Her story is a little different. She liked to spend Friday nights with her friend Mackenzie. Mackenzie bowled on Saturday mornings so Olivia had to go with her if she spent the night. Olivia was intrigued by the sport and decided to join the league too. She has been bowling ever since. Olivia is a current member of the West Shore USBC Youth where she has made the All-City Team





four consecutive years. Her home center is Zeeland Lanes. She currently averages 193 there with her team Olivia and the Peasants. Her current high game is 268 and her current high series is 693.

This Zeeland West High School graduate will continue her bowling career as a Concordia Lady Cardinal next year. As a student Olivia excels in math and science and tutors fellow students in both subjects. She also has a strong commitment to Physical Education and has been a four year student in the Aer-obics class at her high school.

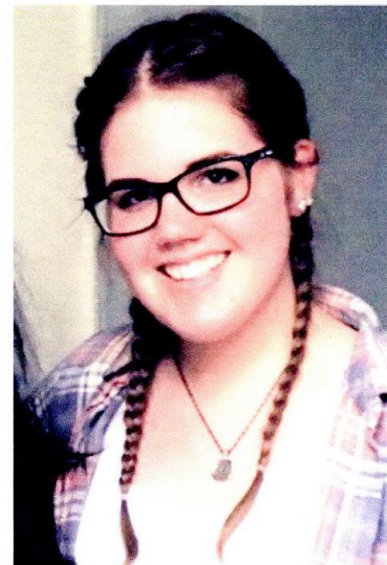
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**Meghan Macunovich** of Canton is a well-rounded student-athlete. Next fall she will head to Robert Morris University-Chicago to bowl and pursue a degree.

Meghan is a member of both the Metro Detroit and Western Wayne County USBC. She has a high game of 299 bowled in the Western Wayne Youth Travel Classic. Her high series of 778 was bowled in 2014 in the Michigan State USBC Youth Championship Tournament. Meghan's highest average to date is 208 and was bowled at her home center Super Bowl. Next year Meghan will join the Robert Morris Lady Eagles Bowling Team. She would like to continue to bowl in Junior Gold events and maybe one day try the PWBA Tour.

Meghan is a Level I Coach at Super Bowl on Friday afternoon

Her senior project involved running a bowling fund-raiser to benefit the Live Like Max Foundation. This organization raises money to provide free heart screenings for student athletes. In her free time Meghan is an avid reader



## Scholarships- Future Leaders

**Kayla Jackson** of Flat Rock is currently a student at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

This 2016 Flat Rock High School graduate has continued her bowling career at the two year college. One of the biggest adjustments for Kayla was becoming an Ocelot after years of being a Ram. She has also always participated in sports be-sides bowling including volleyball, basketball, and softball. She considers herself a student/athlete and prides herself on working hard for her grades and her athletic achievements.

Kayla considers herself a bit different than some kids her age as she enjoys to learn.

Flat Rock Lanes has been Kayla's home center for both her youth program and her high school varsity bowling. In her high school years she was part of a very successful Flat Rock girls' team. In individual play she is the 2016 MHSAA Division 3 State Singles Champion

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**Molly Mora** of Schoolcraft is one of this year's Future Leader Scholarship Winners.

Even at the young age of a Michigan State University Sophomore, Molly has already established a long history of service to both animals and humans.

At nine years old Molly started in 4H and raised reserve champion goats and rabbits and grand champions in goats and cats. In addition, she served on animal projects with sheep, cows,





chickens, turkeys, and pigs. Molly's bowling career was spent in large part at Airway Lanes in Kalamazoo. A recreational bowler she participated in local, state, and Pepsi tournaments through her leagues at Airway. She is described by her coach, Jeff Triezenberg as passionate, caring, and an excellent example of good sportsman-ship. Molly will be joining the MSU Bowling Club in the fall semester.



### State Mixed Doubles and Team tournament

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Bowling is at Gateway Lanes in Clare.  
Hope to see you there.



### State Mixed Tournament

### Final Frame

Barney Richard Eagan, 71, of Mason, Michigan, died August 16, 2017, after a courageous battle with Multiple System Atrophy. Barney was born February 10, 1946 to George and Esther Eagan of Clio, Michigan.



After graduating from Clio High School in 1964, Barney went into the pattern making industry, where he would spend 40 years.

A lifelong bowler, Barney found his true passion in serving his fellow bowlers.

He served as a board member for the Greater Muskegon Bowling Association for a number of years, was among the founders of the Greater Muskegon Bowling Hall of Fame.

He spent 10 years as the Association Manager of the Michigan State Bowling Association.

Barney was recognized for his meritorious service in numerous ways, most notably when he was inducted into the Greater Muskegon and Michigan State Bowling Halls of Fame.

Barney will be remembered for his ready smile and his love of the game of bowling. Special thoughts go out to his wife Kathy and his family.

Mark your calendars

**January 7, 2018**

The Delegates meeting for the New merged State association will be held at Royal Scot Lanes in Lansing. Letters have been sent to all associations with the number of delegates they are to receive.

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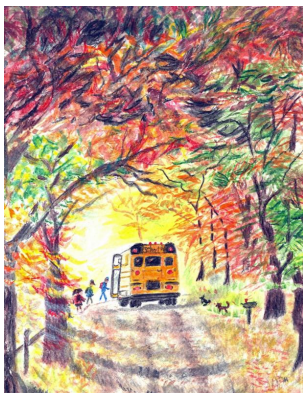
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**January 7, 2018 -check-in: 12:00 -meeting: 1:00 PM**

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No delegates will be seated without submitting credentials prior to the deadline of: **October 15, 2017**

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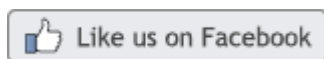
The state needs good people to continue service to our Michigan Bowlers....if you haven't sent yours in please do so!

**These are due no later than October 15, 2017**

[Application for Michigan State Board](#)

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**2018 State WBA Tournament will be in Waterford**  
Team at Airway Lanes and D/S at Century Bowl

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Email questions to: [miwomenbowlers@comcast.net](mailto:miwomenbowlers@comcast.net) as the office is closed until September 25, 2017 for needed renovations

Entries available on the website or  
Click on the links below:

[State tournament entry](#)

[2018 Tournament average](#)

[Hotel information and map](#)

## Jamboree/ Workshop

The weekend of September 8-10 found many associations visiting Holland.

It was the first ever combined workshop with the Youth, Men and Women. If your association was not represented you lost a wonderful opportunity to socialize with fellow bowlers, to pick up entries and forms, to learn about upcoming events, and to hear the latest and greatest from USBC. Mike Larsen and Ben Brose were part of the Jamboree and meetings.

## Jamboree/ Workshop - phase 1 - golf

Both Friday and Saturday there was golf for anyone who would like to participate

On Friday there were about 35 golfing and Saturday around 50 participated.

The weather was beautiful... lunch was provided both days by the Holland Association.

According to "some" of the golfers it was great, but there were a few who were not sharing their

scores. We only heard of one club that was sent flying !!!!!!



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Jim DeGraaf instructing the golfers

## Jamboree/ Workshop - phase 2- bowling

Over 100 people attended.

A great time was had by all ... but we do have to mention that Mike Larsen and Ben Brose both used a house ball and house shoes to compete. We are not sure but one of a couple of things could occur:

1. Mike could join a league in Holland , a bit of a commute from Texas,





2. or he may be negotiating with the owner of Northland lanes to buy the OLD black diamond house ball that he rolled a 721 with.

### Jamboree/ Workshop- Phase 3 -meeting

We began with a welcome from the host association and the Presidents from the State Bowling associations introducing their boards.

Both the Seniors (Karen Russell) and the State Mixed (Ella Sharp) tournaments gave reports. Libbi Fletcher spoke on BVL and how it helps our veterans....and YES the pink BVL pigs made their rounds, getting fed.

\$ 857.70 was raised by the delegates attending this meeting. Remus association also gave a check for \$50.00 - so our total for the weekend was a **WHOPPING \$ 907.70**

Both Association managers: Richard Loughlin and Sharon Schildroth (Youth and WBA) spoke, giving information on rule changes, the upcoming tournaments, and provided all associations present with forms, entries, information they will need for the upcoming season.

Ben and Mike gave a great presentation, touching on the USBC meeting in April, lane inspection changes coming up, rules, re-rates, and ending with a program entitled "why certify" Their was a few questions on the merger.

Mike also discussed the new logo's that can be personalized for associations... His example was wooden shoes for Holland, Which gave Jim DeGraaf the association manager a new slogan for Holland: " Wooden shoe like to join USBC?"

Presentation of the awards from the golf and the bowling were then handed out.

One of those went to Mike Larsen for his "excellent" bowling Mike is pictured to the right with his HUGH trophy he won in this exciting competition !

**Special Thanks to Holland for a great Jamboree/Workshop, to Mike Larsen and Ben Brose for a great presentation, and to all associations that took the time to attend. And to top it all off, the food for the luncheon was TOP NOTCH!**



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### **BVL Donations Top One Million Dollars for 16-17 Season: Michigan USBCs Recognized for Contributions**

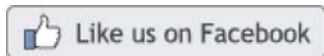
For the first time since 2001, bowling's own, oldest and most successful charity, the Bowlers to Veterans Link, has cleared the million dollar mark - raising \$1,069,779.75 going into the organization's 75th Anniversary year.

"We're absolutely delighted that we have broken that million dollar mark," notes BVL Executive Director Mary Harrar. "These monies were raised across America by volunteers that understand the importance of the BVL mission to Brighten Veterans' Lives. They know that their efforts will truly have an important impact on our veterans."

The majority of the contributions - more than \$630,000 - was derived from approximately 300 USBC associations and leagues throughout the country, up from \$594,000 in the 15-16 season. Of that, \$50,607.05 came from the State of Michigan.

"We can't thank our bowlers from Michigan enough to help us brake past that million dollar number," notes BVL Executive Director Mary Harrar. "Throughout the state -- in small towns and big cities -- your hard working volunteers really made a difference."

The remainder of the funds raised was the result of donations from bowling center campaigns, corporate support, personal



contributions, and dollars donated in honor of members of the bowling community and military veterans. Harrar adds, "From our corporate partners to youth league fund-raisers, our cause is being embraced by all segments of the sport."

## Hall of Fame- Saginaw

### Exie Robinson- Meritorious Service

Exie has been involved in the sport of bowling by either participating as a bowler or promoting the sport for over 30 years. She has 1--300 game, 1-299 game and 1- 298 game, with a high series of 754. She has volunteered and been involved on the Local, State and National levels.

She was a director on the Saginaw WIBC for 10 years and served on the Saginaw USBC board as Vice President.

She has also been and League secretary and served as a league President for many years and now devotes her time by helping with various tournaments(including working the state BA tournament yearly ) and coaching youth bowlers.

She is currently publicity director for the Saginaw USBC bowling association, and with that smile and that enthusiasm who better to serve in that position....A true ambassador for the sport



## Hall of Fame- Lansing

### KATHLEEN (Kathy) A. LOCKWOOD - Meritorious service

Kathleen Lockwood is being inducted into the Lansing Bowling Hall of Fame in the Meritorious Category for her dedication to the sport

bowling.

Kathleen was born on September 7, 1945. She graduated from Resurrection High School and has remained a lifelong resident of Lansing. She was introduced to the sport of bowling by her late

husband Phillip Lockwood and began participating in Mixed and Women's leagues in Greater Lansing becoming an officer in most of them.

Since 2002 Kathleen has continued to bowl in as many as 4 leagues a week always encouraging the growth and awareness of the sport in our local community. She has held numerous bowling league positions including President, Secretary and Treasurer.



As Kathleen became immersed in the Lansing bowling scene she served on the Lansing Women's Bowling Association (LWBA) as a Board Director from 1983 through 1993. Kathleen rose to the office of 1st Vice President of the LWBA from 1993 and served until 1997 in that position. Additionally, Kathleen served as the LWBA Secretary from 1997 through 2002. She was also selected as a delegate to the Michigan WBA Convention and WIBC Convention while serving on the Board.

Kathleen had worked on many tournaments including the 3-6-9 Tournament as a Committee member and has been involved with the Hall of Fame Bowling Committee and on the Bowling Council Committee.

## Hall of Fame- Flint

### Debbie Alexander- Meritorious Service

Debbie started bowling at the age of 21, and has not stopped since. She also works at Richfield Bowl during the day and bowls 3 ½ leagues a week and in additions to being co- commissioner of

the Flint Metro Bowling Conference High School bowling program which consists of over 60 teams spread over 4 conferences and oversees the Flint Metro Middle School Conference which consists of 56 teams. This is where Debbie's passion lies, in helping the youth bowlers in her area. She has been helping for over 16 years, with the Flint Metro Bowling Conference and 9 years with the middle school program; which has grown from 22 teams to 56 teams.

Her highest game was a 278 and highest series a 703. She bowls in many tournaments around the state., which include bowling in the Women's state tournament for 24 years. She has bowled in the 600 Club tournament in Owosso and the Women's nationals. She has been secretary of the various leagues over the years, including Twilight Maniacs ( 22) Tuesday Night Strikers ( 9) Blue Jay Flyers ( 7) and also served as "sgt-of-arms" (10) for the Thursday Richfield Ladies.

Debbie stated: "Many years ago when my son bowled youth tournaments I would always hear one tournament official say..Have fun and make a new friend... Well bowling for me, has made melifetime friends and friends from all over the state."



## Final Frame

We mourn the loss of Jane Ryefield, board member of the Michigan State Women's Bowling Association. Jane devoted many years to bowling.

She was a member of the Muskegon Women's Association for over 40 years, which included serving as the association manager for many of those years. For her service to them, she was inducted into the Muskegon Hall of Fame in 2010. She also served as a delegate/alternate to WIBC/USBC conventions for 20 years.

She was the Youth program Co-coordinator at Sherman lanes for more than 30 years, a Michigan State YABA delegate for 25 years, tournament director(with husband Randy) for the State Schildroth Inv. Classic Tournament for several years, and was the West Shore Youth Tournament director for over 30 years. This is just naming a few of the "jobs" Jane held , giving many years to the sport of bowling and especially to the youth. She was also a certified level 1 coach. This was her passion and it showed in her commitment to them.

While serving on the MWBA board of directors she served on the following committees: Scholarship, Tournament Opening, Awards Banquet, Michigan State Queens, Senior Queens and kept us updated on the "happenings" of our Michigan Youth.

Although Jane dealt with health issues the last few years, we remember her for her never ending energy, her making a banquet for over 200 kids and their parents, seem like a dinner for four. Jane knew her kids and called them by name, feeling proud when they accomplished a "new" record - like bowling their highest game ever.- be it 100,200 or a 300, she was thrilled. Many of those "kids" today, bowl in adult leagues and still fondly remember Jane.



Note from the editor: Jane was a longtime friend, we worked together locally and on the state level, and her smile was always there. She will indeed be missed and our thoughts and prayers go out to her family.  
"Rest in peace my friend; your legacy will live on in those you touched. "

[Our last board picture with Jane  
June 2017](#)

## USBC National Tournament

The USBC Women's Championships are held annually with more than 16,000 participants. The 2018 tournament site is at the National Bowling Stadium in Reno from April 19th until June 30th, offering 4 divisions in 4-women TEAM and 6 average divisions for Doubles, Singles, and All-Events as follows:

- Diamond(190 & above) in TEAM, D&S, & All-Events
- Ruby(175 thru 189) in TEAM, D&S, and All-Events
- Emerald(160 thru 174) in TEAM, D&S, and All-Events
- Sapphire(145 thru 159) in TEAM, D&S, & All-Events
- Amethyst(130 thru 144) in D&S and All-Events
- Topaz(129 and below) in D&S and All-Events

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Dear Merry,

This time of year reminds us of being thankful for all of our blessings..... family and friends, and we also give a special thanks to the coaches, and the wonderful volunteers throughout the state that give so much to bowling...

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### From the State Office

As the holidays approach, a few reminders.....

....**Yes** you can still enter the State Tournament in Waterford - openings are filling up quickly, but we still do have plenty of openings. Call us and we will work with you on dates and times.

Don't forget to send your articles to:

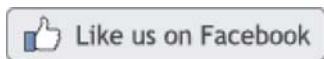
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....**Delegate forms** to the last Michigan State USBC Women's Annual meeting will be mailed to each association in the month of January. Credentials of Delegates will be due back to the state by April 1st. We will be meeting in Frankenmuth and we are planning some wonderful surprises and lots of fun for all of you. **Please make sure your association will be represented.**

.... Remember all local associations must file the **990 form** by the December 15th deadline.

....And for ALL local associations - USBC has asked that everyone **submit a backup of your WinLabs to them** - this is NOT your transmittal - it is a copy of your backup. Please remember to do so.

.... Please visit our website at [michiganwba.com](http://michiganwba.com) OFTEN for valuable information and forms

**Happy Thanksgiving!**

## Detroit Hall of Fame

**Teresa Catchpole** won the MDUSBC Senior Queens in 2017. She also was member of the winning four-person team at the Michigan State USBC Women's tournament in 2017.

Her resume also includes a second team women's All-City in 2016 and a first team senior women's All-City in 2017.

She also won the Cheryl McGowan Sportsmanship award in the Luxury Ladies Invitational in the 2011-12 season.

She is the proud owner of six 300 games, five 299 games and one 800 series (806). Her high career average is 219.



**Martha Marshall** has four local Detroit titles. All-Events in 1984; team in 1984 and 2000; and doubles in 1995.

In Michigan State Women's competition, she was the all-events and doubles champion in 1983, team champion in 1989 and four-person team champion in 2017.

Other tournament titles include Hoinke Classic team in 1995; Arbor Valley team champion in 1982, 2006 and 2016; Monroe all-events in 1996, 1998 and 1999. She also won the Cheryl McGowan Sportsmanship award in the Luxury Ladies Invitational in the 2014-15 season.

Marshall also coaches the Ann Arbor Huron High School team.

Her career high average is 201, achieved in the 2013-14 season.

**Consuelo Cleveland** began bowling in the late 1970's. Much of her success has been in the TNBA with titles in the Women's team (2012) and Senior team (2010 and 2015).

She won the Michigan State Women's doubles in 1990 and 1991 with Gloria Edgar. During the 2014-15 season, her team received USBC National Team Recognition for the highest team game of 1,355 for a four-man, one-woman team. She contributed 258 to the effort.

She has two career 300 games and a career high average of 207.



## Midland Hall of Fame

**Lillian Barber** started her bowling career in 1960 when bowling was very new in this area . She started with a 136 average and continued to bowl for the next 40 years. Lillian achieved a high average of 184, high game of 260 and high series of 690.

In 1993-94 she was on the All Stars top 10 with a 178 average and Seniors All Stars Top 10 in 1994-95 and 1996- 96. Lillian bowled in many leagues with her husband, family and friends. In 1989 Barbers were the "family of the Year"

Lillian was very active on the Midland Women's Board. She held several positions: Director from 1978 until 1989, Sergeant at arms from 1978- 1981 and 600 Club Director.

Lillian was inducted into the Midland Hall of Fame in the category of "Star of Yesteryear".



## Final Frame

Bowling lost a wonderful lady, earlier this month. She was a class act and always greeted everyone with a sincere smile.

Mary Mohacsi achieved success in amateur competition on the local, state, national and international levels. In 1984 Mohacsi was named the U.S. Olympic Committee's Bowling Athlete of the Year. In recognition of her achievements, she was invited to the White House to meet then-U.S. President Ronald Reagan and Vice President George H.W. Bush. Mary was also the first Michigan State Senior Queen.



### From her hall of fame induction in Detroit:

Mary was Detroit's "Queen" of bowling in 1964, 1965, 1974, 1977, 1978, 1982, 1983, 1985, 1986 and 1987 and has bowled many series of 700 or better with her highest being 771. She also has one 300 game to her credit. Through 1988 she had a ten year average of 201 (21st in the country) and a five year composite average of 207 which is 7th nationally. She has contributed much to the image and prestige of bowling in Detroit and is currently averaging over 200.

As a member of the U.S. Team in the F.I.Q. Tourney in 1974, she won four medals. She also bowled in the F.I.Q. Tournament in 1981 in Winnipeg, Canada winning a gold medal in the singles and five women teams. She again represented the USA in the 1983 F. I.Q. Tournament in Caracas, Venezuela and won a bronze medal. She also won a gold medal in the International Amateur Tournament in Las Vegas in 1984 and the Masters Games in Toronto, Canada in 1985. The International Olympic Committee selected her as Sportswomen of the Year in 1984 and 1985. She was captain of the All-American Amateur team in 1984 and a member of the team in again in 1985.

She won or shared in many city and state championships and ranks as one of Detroit's all-time bowling greats, and was inducted into the Detroit Hall of Fame in 1977. She was inducted into the Michigan Women's Bowling Association Hall of Fame for Superior Performance in 1982 and the Michigan Amateur Sports Hall of Fame in 1984. She will truly be missed.....

## State Mixed Doubles and team Tournament

### State Mixed Tournament Final Standings

This tournament has wrapped up for the 2017 season. Thanks to Gateway Lanes in Clare for hosting and of course to Ella Sharp and her "staff" for all their help.

We hope to see you next year at Holly lanes, Fenton



**HOLLY LANES  
BOWLING CENTER**  
2018 in Fenton, MI

Ok Michigan we have received the challenge from Ann Kelly's home state- North Dakota... We can beat them.... **Please sign up and get your entry in**



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A Christmas Tree for you....

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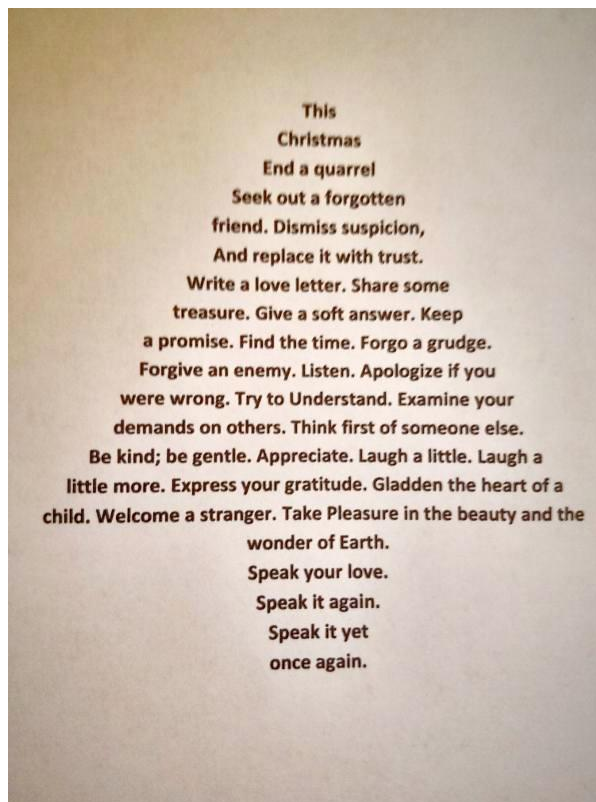
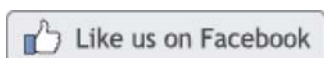
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We also hope to have the entire "new" state board in attendance for you to meet.

The [91st State Championship Tournament](#) is being held in Waterford (Metro Detroit association). There is still room and time to enter. Closing dates for entries is January 10, 2018. After that date, entries will be accepted on a space available basis and an additional cost of \$5 per person. There are no walk-ins, so bowlers entering late, MUST call the office for availability.

Opening ceremonies will be held on Saturday, February 17th where we will honor this year's tournament honoree - Libbi Fletcher. The tournament will continue weekends through May 6th (no bowling Easter

weekend). Call the state office at 616/635-2032 for additional information. We look forward to everyone's participation in this year's tournament.

The 2018 Queens tournament will be held at Riverwood Lanes in Mt Pleasant. A fillable entry is already posted on our website and entries have also been mailed to each association and centers. Past participants will be mailed an entry directly to them in January.

Check our website at [michiganwba.com](http://michiganwba.com) for other tournament entries as well --- State Seniors, Midwest and the National 600 Club mail-o-graphic.

In closing, from myself as your Association Manager along with the Office Staff - we extend our best wishes for wonderful holidays with family and friends and hope that 2018 brings blessings of good health and great friends.



## Delegates meeting information

**These associations sent in delegate information prior to the October 15 deadline. They will be electing YOUR new combined board.**

Arbor Valley, Battle Creek BA, Bay Area, Blossomland BA, Bronson, Charlotte, Clare-Harrison BA, Flat Rock Youth, Gladwin-Beaverton, Greater Flint Area, Greater Flint Youth, Greater Grand Rapids, Greater Holland, Greater Kalamazoo, Greater Lapeer, Greater Tuscola County BA, Greenville, Hillsdale, Houghton Lake BA, Lakeview-Howard City, Lansing, Lansing Youth, Marshal WBA, Marshall BA, Marshall Youth, Mason, Metro Detroit, Mid Thumb BA, Midland, Monroe WBA, Mt. Pleasant, Muskegon BA, Muskegon WBA, Niles Four Flags, Ogemaw County, Owosso BA, Petoskey Emmet, Port Huron BA, Saginaw, Sheridan BA, Sheridan WBA, Southwestern Michigan, St Charles Area, Sturgis BA, Sturgis WBA, Sturgis Youth, Three Rivers, Traverse City WBA, Vassar WBA, Vestaburg-Edmore, West Shore Youth, Western Wayne County.

Check-in begins at noon on January 7 and the meeting will begin promptly at 1:00 pm.

Only delegates will be seated in the area for voting, all others will be seated in the visitors section.

Candidates shall be slated in one position, but may run from the floor for any other position. Since their credentials will already be on file, it is not necessary to resubmit .

Nominations will be taken from the floor. It is required that forms be received by the Nomination Chair prior to the election. If you are mailing, please make sure it is sent by December 31, 2017. If you are bringing to the meeting, it can be dropped off prior at the Quality Suites/Delta Parkway/Lansing by 5:00 pm on Saturday January 6, 2018.

Remember, no delegates will receive reimbursement. Any type of reimbursement for attending the meeting will need to come from their respective local associations.

## State Pins - sneak preview



200 Pin- State Tournament 2018



State Pin- Waterford-2018

## National 600 Mail-O-Graphic Tournament

[2018 Mail-O-Graphic tournament entry](#)



Ann Kelley  
National 600 Club Secretary-Treasurer  
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