



WINTER NEWSLETTER

January, February, March 2018

Activities: “For people who are Blind or Visually-Impaired”

**Sponsored by:
The Lions, Lioness & Leo Clubs of
Districts 27-A1 & 27-A2.**

Each event is free for all VIPs and guides.

Guests allowed if space is available and may be charged a fee.

C A L E N D A R O F E V E N T S

December 30, 2017; January 13 & 27, 2018...Cross-Country Skiing
January 7, 14 & 28, 2018.....Downhill Skiing at Sunburst
January 18, 2018.....BOLD Board of Directors Meeting
January 21, 2018.....Downhill Skiing at Alpine Valley
January 27, 2018.....Prospect Lions Snowshoe Roar
February 3, 2018.....Caledonia Lions Winter Party
February 4, 2018.....Downhill Skiing at Ausblick
February 10 & 24, 2018.....Cross-Country Skiing
February 11 & 18, 2018.....Downhill Skiing at Sunburst
February 23, 2018.....Richfield Lions Casino Night
February 25, 2018.....Rain date for Downhill Skiing
March 2-4, 2018.....Downhill Ski trip to Devil's Head Mountain
March 17, 2018.....Swimming at Rec Plex
March 25, 2018.....Roller Skating

Please be sure to call the BOLD Activity Call-In Number: 877-878-3030 before 9:00 PM on the call-in deadline.

Press the number of the event that you wish to sign up for.

Then leave your name, phone number and which bus stop you will be at.

If you are a VIP, you should let us know if you will be bringing a guide or guest with you or whether you will need a guide to be provided for you.

Guides, you are also required to call in if you can help with an event. This would help us to be sure that there is a guide for each VIP.

Please do not call the Activity Leaders to sign up for EVENTS. Only call the Activity Leader with questions about the event. Their names and numbers are included at the end of each article.

President's Corner

Greetings VIPs, Guides and Friends of BOLD!

I am excited to announce that we will be offering BOLD's very own apparel in time for Christmas. We are starting off with a winter beanie, a tee shirt and a hoodie in a variety of colors. We are starting with these and will grow into this new venture so we will definitely rely on your feedback on these items. Watch our website for when these will be available for order. Fingers crossed that it will be done in time.



We also have a feature article from a rookie VIP Carla Ernst. This wonderful letter should be used to remind us how important our programming is and to also encourage those who are newly experiencing vision loss to get out there and be BOLD.

You will also find with this issue a copy of the BOLD Policy Manual. New VIP's and veteran VIP's alike should refer to this document to learn about how BOLD's board of directors manages our events, guest policy, guide information about responsibilities and what behavior is expected at events. Please take some time to read it over.

From the BOLD Board of Directors, we wish you a very Merry Christmas and A Joyous New Year! Let the snowfall begin or at least weather suitable for snow making, so our Downhill and Cross Country Ski programs can enjoy great outings.

As always you can share any comments with me using the "22" line of our call-in system or via phone or email.

Lion Ray Tweedale - BOLD President

**Saturdays,
Schedule listed below.**

**Lapham Peak State Park
Cross Country Skiing**

BOLD-XC SKI SCHEDULE

Well it's that time of year again. Time to start thinking about about the upcoming X-C Ski season.



**We have five Saturdays scheduled:
December 30, 2017, January 13 & 27, February 10 & 24,
2018.**

**As usual we start skiing at 10:00am at Lapham Peak
Park. Lunch afterwards is usually provided by one of our
wonderful Lioness Chapters.**

**Wheel and Sprocket will again be generously providing
ski equipment.**

**Transportation will be provided. There will be a \$5.00
guest fee.**

**I say this every year, so I will say it again. Any VIP's or
Guides that might be interested in X-C Skiing (no
experience necessary) feel free to join us for a great day
on the snow.**

**The call-in deadline to mailbox #1 is 9:00pm on the
Sunday prior to the event and will be strictly enforced.**

**Gary Dahms
BOLD-XC Ski Coordinator**

**Sundays,
Dates listed below**

**Downhill Skiing
Location below.**

Downhill skiing starts Sunday January 7th at Sunburst Ski Area. BOLD will have additional ski nights at Sunburst on January 14th, 28th, and February 11th, and 18th. We will also visit Alpine Valley on January 21st. The Ausblick ski day will be hosted by Ken Sosalla on February 4th. Please



see the special article regarding Ausblick. BOLD will ski each night from 5:00 pm until 8:30 pm. Guides are urged to arrive by 4:30 pm for guide assignments. VIP's must call the BOLD call-in line to mailbox #2 by Tuesday evening of each week by 9:00 pm.

BOLD is excited to offer an overnight ski trip this season to Devils Head in Merrimac, WI. Please mark your calendars for this event. We will be departing on Friday morning March 2nd and returning Sunday, March 4th. As in the past, we would appreciate our VIP's and guides attending a minimum of two alpine events before the Devils Head trip. The BOLD ski program reserves the right to limit participation on the overnight trip. More information will be provided at the Sunday ski events.

The BOLD ski program has several guides who are professional ski instructors certified by the Professional Ski Instructors of America. The instructors are available for beginners and experienced BOLD VIPS and Guides. They are happy to introduce new participants to the sport as well as working with experienced participants on skill improvement.

- Schedule is subject to change and weather conditions. Any cancellations due to weather conditions will be made by 2:00 pm on the date of the event.**

If any of the above dates are canceled due to poor conditions, a make-up date is tentative for February 25th at Sunburst (conditions permitting).

Activity leader is Jim Freuck at 414-732-8598.

**Thursday,
January 18, 2018.**

**Vision Forward
Board of Directors Meeting**

The next meeting of the BOLD Board of Directors will be Thursday evening January 18 at 7:00 pm. The meeting will be at Vision Forward, 912 N. Hawley Rd., Milwaukee, WI.

If there is an issue that you would like to bring to the board's attention, please contact any member of the board. Their contact information is listed at the end of this newsletter. Any VIP, guide, Lion, Lioness or Leo is welcome to attend.



BOLD encourages you to be BOLD this winter.

Many of the events offered in this newsletter do require a level of physical ability. We encourage you to take advantage of these events to improve your overall health and well-being. All of our events are run with your safety in mind. Our guides for skiing are certified ski instructors who have been specially trained to guide blind skiers. If you have never participated in the sport of skiing before, you can be sure that we are dedicated to guaranteeing that your experience is a fun one. Many of our participants started skiing after their meeting vision loss and in mid-life, so come on out and give it a try.

OUTREACH

Do you know of a group or organization who would like to know more and become involved with BOLD? Let us know. Contact Bruce Leickel (414-795-2988) or Jeana Angelini (414-759-2038). We have been making presentations at Lion Zone meetings and Lion District Conventions throughout the area.

**Saturday
January 27, 2018.**

**Snowshoe Roar
Prospect Lions**

All VIPs and guides are invited to participate in the Prospect Lions 5th Annual Snow Shoe Roar. The event will be at Malone Park in New Berlin. The main event is a timed 5K race.



The Roar would be an organic affair utilizing the facilities and manpower of the City of New Berlin and the will and mission of local civic organizations like the Lions Club.

For those who are driving, the event is located at Malone Park, 168th and National Ave., New Berlin. Enter off of Casper Drive, just west of Moorland Road and go to the parking lot for picnic area #1.

**Contact Marty Hutchings for more details on bus schedule.
Activity Leader is: Marty Hutchings (262) 605-8981.
Call-in deadline to mailbox #3 is: January 20 at 9:00 pm.**

Amazon.com Smile Program

When anyone purchases products from Amazon and purchases them at the smile.amazon.com site, a portion of the purchase price (0.5%) will go to BOLD when prompted to do so. When you make the first purchase at <https://smile.amazon.com> you will be prompted to select a charity. Then afterward, all purchases at smile.amazon will be credited to BOLD.



Spread the word to all Family, Friends, Lions and Lioness Clubs and co-workers to buy items at AmazonSmile versus the regular Amazon site. Thanks!

**Saturday,
February 3, 2018.**

Caledonia Winter Party

Snowmobiling if we have snow – Hayride if there is no snow. Play bingo and listen to live music! As usual, there will be lots of great food. All the fun begins at noon and goes until 3:00! If you are driving, take Hwy 38 – 1/2 mile east of Husher. Join us for a super day! Don't miss the FUN!

Activity Leader is Bruce Laken at 262-818-7244.

Call in deadline to mailbox #4 is: January 27 at 9:00 pm.

Bus Schedule

Load time

Hartford/63 N. Main St.

8:25 am

Goerkes Corners

9:15 am

Vision Forward

9:30 am

Fountains

9:40 am

College Ave. George Web

10:05 am

Pershing Plaza

10:50 am

Hwy 20 & Green Bay Rd (Hardee's)

11:30 am

Approximate time of return to Vision Forward is 5:30 pm.

**Sunday,
February 4, 2018.**

**Downhill Skiing
Ausblick Ski Trip**

Arrangements have been made for a special day of skiing at Ausblick Ski Area, which is a private ski hill, near Sussex, WI. The ski day will be from 10am until 3 pm. VIP's qualify for this event by having your own equipment. All VIP's & Guides can call, text or email the activity leader to sign-up.



**Activity leader: Ken Sosalla at 262-548-9114.
wisconsinbold@gmail.com**

Deadline is January 28th.

**Friday,
February 23, 2018.**

**Richfield Lions
Casino Night**

The Richfield Lions Club is having a Casino Night on February 23rd and would like to offer our VIP's a chance to attend this public event.

Playing cards with braille and large print will be used. There will also be craps and roulette tables along with poker and black jack tables.



The dealers will be happy to teach you the games. Included in the evening is a \$500 voucher for gaming. Minimum age is 18. More details to come about a possible fish fry as part of this event.

Where: 1271 HWY 175, Sterling Chalet in Richfield, WI

Doors open at 6:30pm.

Gaming: 7:00pm – 10:00pm

Guest Fee is \$25

Activity Leader is: Ray Tweedale (262) 224-5517

Transportation will be provided.

Call in deadline to box #5 is: February 16, 2018 at 9:00 pm.

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Bold, Brave & Blind – Finding New Pathways to Adventure, Friendship and Fun

To state the obvious, being blind has its challenges. There are certainly setbacks, disappointments and discouraging moments. But that's all they are—setbacks. For the most part, they are surmountable. It's not blindness that defines us, it's more about how we react to our situation and the world around us that does so.

Before I lost my eyesight, I had always loved the outdoors—particularly sailing, kayaking, canoeing, scuba diving, bicycling, hiking and winter skiing. But being diagnosed with blindness or visual impairment is a not a death sentence or reason to give up on one's favorite outdoor or sporting activities.

In the year and a half that I've been blind, I continually discover many new joys of life that I had never noticed before—previously hidden by my vision. For me, the sky has never been the limit. We create our own limitations. But difficult pathways can often lead to new, different and exciting destinations. It then is about breaking our personal limitations and outgrowing ourselves to go on and live our best lives.

Like our sighted counterparts, many of us who are blind also enjoy participating in outdoor and sporting activities. Not only is it good exercise, it's also a great way to have fun and meet other people. Unfortunately, blind and visually-impaired persons are often afraid to participate in outdoor activities, thinking they can no longer do what they did before they were blind. This is compounded by the fact that organizations that provide a multiplicity of exuberating outdoor activities for the blind and visually-impaired persons are rare.

But for me, with all the technical, mobility and life-skills resources available to a blind person today, the one that stands out in terms

of helping me to be active and have fun again, is Southeastern Wisconsin Lions BOLD Inc., the largest and most active BOLD organization in the United States. BOLD provides a fun, safe and supportive environment encouraging members to participate as frequently as the desire—to whatever level they are comfortable with—in a wide variety of outdoor, sports and entertaining activities and events.

As a newly blinded woman, I first stumbled upon BOLD online when desperately looking for support. Few organizations, if any, had what I was looking for in terms of empowerment, community, being active, and encouragement. I called the number on the website, and almost before I hung up the phone, President Ray Tweedale was in my home providing an overview of BOLD, its activities and supportive culture. So, after filling out the various documents, I became a BOLD member in early January.

When I first joined and started participating in BOLD activities, I could already feel my confidence rise and self-esteem bolster. My first foray into BOLD was casino night, followed by winter hay rides, waterpark activities, motorcycle rides, water sport events, rock climbing and many more incredibly fun activities. And as I continued to participate in the events, the other members quickly brought me into the “BOLD fold,” and now, I feel they, along with the Lions, have made me feel very much at home and part of the BOLD family.

A particularly fun time was participating in a large waterpark event. The first time for me in a swimming pool without sight, I was coaxed to the top of the waterslide by my guide, then thrust hundreds of feet down into the bottom of the pool (well, maybe it was only about 10 feet), then floating back up again, safely into my guide’s arms who asked, “Carla, do you want to do that again?” I responded, “Yes, but let’s wait ‘til next year when I get the hundred feet (or so) of water out of my ears.”

Often blind and visually-impaired people don’t have friends who will include them in outdoor activities. BOLD offers that in a big way. BOLD provides the primary activities that help me

not only function as a blind person, but actually enhances my life as a whole person, often even greater than when I had sight.

The BOLD activities are not only incredibly fun, but for me, I think it's as much about the camaraderie you experience and new friends you make—including the other VIPs, guides and the Lions that make BOLD a totally unique experience. The social aspect is just as important if not more than the leisure activities, and BOLD provides me a deep sense of belonging among wonderful people who certainly see you as a whole person, and they certainly don't marginalize you due to a perceived disability.

BOLD has helped me develop meaningful relationships with people which makes life worth living. BOLD has already helped me build self-confidence and friendships with other blind and visually-impaired persons, guides and Lions. Having something fun and exciting to participate in every few weeks or so is something I now look forward to with great zest and zeal.

I can't say enough good things about BOLD. It has certainly provided me a whole new pathway to enjoying life again, and has helped me take back a fun part of my life.

Regardless of the daily challenges you may face, I hope you can be Bold, a bit Brave (and don't worry about the Blind part), and find new pathways to adventure, friendship and fun. So, if you are blind or visually-impaired and like participating in outdoor sporting activities and meeting great people, I hope to see you at the next exciting BOLD event!

Carla Ernst
BOLD Member

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BOLD encourages our readers to submit articles pertaining to vision related issues as a means to offer inspiration and knowledge.

**Saturday.
March 17, 2018.**

**Swimming
Rec Plex Water Park**

Join us for swimming and fun from 1:00 pm to 3:30pm. This is another popular event to get the kids involved with BOLD! Our BOLD Kids are encouraged to attend this event. Lap lanes, 145 ft water slide, current channel and hot tub too! Don't forget a towel and a lock for your locker. We will go for something to eat at the end of the afternoon on your own money. Rec Plex is located 1 mile east of I-94 off on Hwy 165 in Kenosha.



Activity leader is Bruce Laken, 262-818-7244.

Call in deadline to box #6 is: March 10, 2018 at 9:00 PM.

Bus Schedule

Load time

Hartford 63 N. Main St.

9:55 am

Goerkes Corner

10:45 am

Vision Forward

11:00 am

Fountain's

11:10 am

College Ave. George Web

11:35 am

Hwy 31 & Hwy 20

12:00 pm

Kenosha

12:40 pm

Approximate return time to Vision Forward: 7:00 pm

**Sunday.
March 25, 2018.**

**Roller Skating
Rollaero**

Come skate with us on this beautiful wood floor. We get the place all to ourselves, so if you don't know how to skate, this is a great opportunity to learn without the crowds. Rollaero is located 2 blocks south of Edgerton on Pennsylvania Ave. in Cudahy, WI. Those who are driving should arrive at 5:30pm. Afterwards we may go for a bite to eat on your own money.



Activity Leader is: Marty Hutchings (262) 605-8981

Call in deadline to box #7 is: March 18, 2018 at 9:00 pm.

Bus Schedule

Load time

Hartford

1:50pm

Goerke's Corners

2:35pm

Vision Forward

2:50pm

Fountains

3:00pm

College Ave. George Webb

3:25pm

Racine (Hwy 31 & Hwy 20)

3:50pm

Pershing Plaza

4:30pm

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