



**DISTRCT GOVERNOR JACKIE GLAZIER'S MESSAGE**

**Happy Easter**

**Welcome Spring**

**Remember, April Showers Bring May Flowers.**

Let's start off with some fun for our May newsletter; Lions please send in pictures of your favorite spring flower. Let's make our May newsletter colorful and cheerful. Clubs, always send in your pictures and articles of Lion projects you are doing. I know clubs are doing ALL they can to assist their communities and beyond during these times. Share your pictures and ideas with all the Lions to see. As Lions, "We Serve", even when we aren't together in a group.

Lions, I would like to give a shout out to those who have reached out to me by text, e-mail, or phone knowing how much I miss being able to celebrate our district together. Not being able to visit clubs and seeing Lions has been an adjustment.

**Lions News**

Postponed: District 11 E-1 Convention

Closed: Lions Club International office in Oak Brook, Lions State Office, Leader Dog, Bear Lake Camp, Eversight, MI Foundation Office, and Paws With A Cause.

If you need to call any state or district office, to check if they are open, most have a Call Back Service.

Canceled: State Convention in Holland, MI  
Singapore International Convention

This is the list I have going at print time and I'm sure things are being added. This is a time of patience for everyone as we adjust to the changes and continue being our best.

Remember social distancing and check on each other. Stay healthy. For all our Lions, friends, and family who are in any of the jobs that are there for the public, Thank You!

Looking forward to seeing Lions soon,

DG Jackie

## First Vice District Governor Bill Koch



Lions, COVID-19 has changed a lot of things. Our conventions have all been canceled. We are working on a way to hold elections. The worst part is we are not seeing our wonderful Lions at meetings. If you can, call some of the Lions in your Den. We still need to keep in touch. One thing I will ask, if you know any person in a care facility, write a letter not once or twice but regularly. This is a very lonely time in a continuing care facility. A letter by you to someone will brighten up their day. This will pass as all crisis do. In the meantime, we can keep in touch and write letters. Most of us will be fine. Think of all the problems

we have gone through as a nation. Every decade we have had a shock of some sort and we pull through: Korea, Vietnam, Hyperinflation, Oil embargo, 9/11, etc. It will pass. Our grandchildren are probably wondering WHAT IS HAPPENING. Call or write them or engage them in a phone game. When this is over our communities may be more receptive to becoming Lions. Staying at home may help us build membership. We forget how much we need human interaction to live a good life. The joy of seeing our friends will have to wait for now. In the meantime, we have many different ways to keep engaged with our Lions, friends, and family. Use them and you will be a Loving Individual Offering Needed Services to our communities and it will make you feel good. 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Bill



## From the desk of Second Vice District Governor Bill Bradfield

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### “COVID-19—Life comes at you fast”

Wash your hands frequently, keep your distance, use alcohol wipes to sterilize door knobs, refrigerator handles, hot and cold faucet handles, cell phones, land phones, oven and stove dials, dining room tables, counter tops, eyeglasses, hearing aids, wrist watches, computer keyboards, printers, mouse, light switches, TV tuners, coffee pots, and frequently used table tops.

When going to your mailbox wear gloves and mask, discard any non-essential mail outside in the trash. You can also leave your essential mail outside in your garage for 2 or 3 days. Some grocery stores (Meijer's) will take phone orders on your credit card and, in some cases deliver, or you can go to the store and they will bring your groceries out. Groceries can also be left in your garage for 2 or 3 days. You can shop late at night or early in the morning when there are less customers in the stores. While in the store a mask and gloves are important. Wear gloves when pumping gas. Wipe your car door handles, steering wheel and gearshift. Call and email friends, relatives, loved ones and of course other Lions to break the cabin fever which we all will go through. Exercise, eat well, and drink water or favorite beverages. Green tea and lemon is also very healthy. Fresh lemons are best but if it is from concentrate that works also.

Zone chairs should communicate with Club Presidents, Club Presidents should keep in contact with Club members, Club members should keep in contact with each other and share helpful information. Currently (3-29-20) there are 6,966 confirmed cases and 157 deaths that is 2,316 more cases and 65 more deaths in 2 days!

Watch your favorite news station for updates, your newspapers, go online and share information. Lions, today is the first day of the rest of your life. Cherish it so you will have many more. Contact information: Covid Hotline 888-535-6136, Michigan Department of Health 517-335-8165.

“Stay Safe, Stay at Home.” 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Bill Bradfield



## ***APRIL 2020 DISTRICT 11 E-1 LEADER OF THE MONTH LION RAY JOHN WILLIAMS JR.***

***HISTORY:*** Ray is an important member of a three generation Lions family. He joined the White Cloud Lions Club in 1992, sponsored by his father-in-law and he sponsored his son last year. Ray is a journeyman electrician and machine repair specialist. He was injured on the job in 1994 and retired full time in 2000. He married Audrey McClure in 1985, has two children and four grandchildren. Ray's hobbies are centered on fishing and the hunting of white tail and mule deer, bear, turkey & family squirrel camp, in Michigan, Wyoming & Ontario, Canada. Ray dabbled a bit in Township politics but found his public life to be more rewarding when working with the Lions.

***LEADERSHIP:*** Ray was the White Cloud Lions President in 1998, 2005, 2008, 2014 & 2020. He has been a perpetual member of the Board of Directors, Building and Audit Committee. He has been chairperson of the Building Rentals, Membership Committee, Finance Committee and the Scholarship Committee. He has been a Zone Chair, Region Chair, and a member of the Global Action Team at the District level.

***FUNDRAISERS WORKED:*** Bitely Homecoming Weekend in the food booth, Dime Toss and Cotton Candy project, Annual Club Anniversary Parties, monthly fish/chicken buffet dinners, Regular Bingo, Texas Hold 'Em, Carnival Bingo, special raffles plus White Cane.

***CLUB SERVICE PROJECTS:*** He has worked the Children's Easter Egg Hunt, the Community Halloween Table, Community Free Fishing Day, Spring Senior Dinners, Adult Holiday Foster Care Party's, Community Father & Son Swiss Steak dinners, Methodist Church Mother & Daughter Swiss Steak Dinners, eyeglasses, and hearing aid collections.

***LION ACTIVITIES:*** He has attended International, Multiple 11 and District 11E-1 Conventions, Michigan Forums, Welcome Homes Strawberry Festivals, worked Opening Eyes in Mt. Pleasant, started Fun Nights and Summer Picnics for White Cloud Lions and has pulled the White Cloud floats in the Memorial Day Parades and in the Bitely Homecoming Parades.

***SPECIAL NOTE:*** The local saying is '*Ray has no filter*'. He tells it like it is, makes everyone welcome, puts everyone to work and is whole heartedly trusted and respected by the Lions and among other things, is considered the White Cloud 'Swiss Steak Dinner Specialist'.

### ***LEADERSHIP—THE ART OF RECOGNITION!***

Men and women do not join Lions for recognition. We join to "SERVE". However, there are Lions that give 115 percent all the time; they are the backbone of our clubs. Clubs do have the means to show appreciation for these members. Making people feel better about themselves is not the only reason to acknowledge the achievements of our fellow Lions. Recognizing others has a positive effect on other Lions and our organization. When Lions are recognized, it makes them feel that their accomplishments are meaningful. Recognition can make people more productive, lead to a higher morale and may even lead to better retention and membership growth. Knowing that you are in a club that appreciates your time and talent makes for a happier club. Happiness is infectious. Appreciation comes in many forms; compliments in front of the club, a certificate, a standing ovation, or a fellowship from one of our state groups - Lions Foundation, EverSight, Leader Dog, and Melvin Jones from LCIF. Be creative and think of other methods. Leadership requires acknowledging those that we depend on.

Pete Conarty, District 11 E-1 GLT

## 2020 HALL OF FAME

District 11 E-1 has two inductees for the Hall of Fame.

**PDG Andy Watson** will be inducted as the deceased member to the Hall of Fame in August. Lion Andy was a member of the Midland Lions Club for 49 years and a very active member of our district and state. He was involved with the Michigan Eyebank for 15 years and involved with the Lions of Michigan Foundation for about 15 years. Lion Andy was dedicated to Lionism.



**PDG Pete Conarty** will also be inducted in the Hall of Fame. Lion Pete has been very active in his 37 years of Lionism on all levels. He was on the board of his club for 30 plus years, worked his way up the ranks and became Governor of our district. Lion Pete was also active on the state level as chairman for the Newsletter Editors. He has been a member of the Lions of Michigan Foundation and is currently the Fund Development chair now for three years. Pete is an all around Lion.

The Hall of Fame will be held August 1, 2020 in Mt. Pleasant. Join us for an evening to celebrate these two Lions into the Hall of Fame.

### May You Live in Interesting Times

The old Chinese curse, "May you live in interesting times," recently has taken on new meaning. I believe all of us would be delighted if our lives were less "interesting." I also believe in the old adage "It is an ill wind that blows no good." I see two possible opportunities for Lions in the midst of this global pandemic.

Lions have already been proactive in cancelling meetings and activities to help prevent the spread of the Corona virus. We should go a step further, and in this time of social isolation, make sure that all members of our clubs feel included in the care and concern of their fellow Lions. Phone checks, Facetime, emails can be powerful in helping to ease our separation. Many of our club members are in the most vulnerable group and might need help with groceries or medications. As Lions we all embrace our motto "We Serve," but we have rarely needed to think about serving our fellow Lions. By serving each other we can strengthen our Lions family, and perhaps become stronger, more unified as a result.

With all the uncertainty surrounding the current crisis, one thing is bound to happen. We will get through this. After weeks or perhaps months of social isolation I think we will emerge into a new normal. People will be ready to reengage with one another, and perhaps there will be fertile ground to sow the seeds of service. Clubs should consider engaging their communities in a call to service. Much work will need to be done to assist people to get their lives back on track. By tapping into the creativity, expertise, and other resources that reside in Lions Clubs within our district, and throughout the world, we can be a major player in the recovery efforts.

If during this crisis, we reach out to each other and strengthen the bonds of Lionism, and then step in to aid in the recovery in our communities, we will emerge from the pandemic stronger and maybe a little larger.

IPDG Al Roeseler

## 2020 OFFICER TRAINING

We have been listening to the club officers. They indicated that they would like an officer training session held in the Northwest part of the District. This year, we are planning three training sessions to try and cover all clubs as closely as we can. These trainings are for new club officers and continuing officers (update our skills). Also, any interested Lions. There will be trainers for presidents / vice presidents, secretaries and treasurers. All sessions will be held on a Saturday morning followed by lunch. There will be a small fee for lunch. Sessions will be from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. that will include lunch. Please plan now and put your dates on your calendar. You have a choice as to which training session you would like to attend. As we get closer to the dates, we will ask for your attendance and at which site. ***DATES AND LOCATIONS:*** HARRISON - MAY 30 (Saturday after Memorial Day) Harrison Lions Club House; BIG RAPIDS - JUNE 6, Big Rapids Safety Building; ONEKAMA - JUNE 13, Onekama Lions Club House. According to the Lions Club International Constitution all Lions club officers need to be elected by May 15, each year. This is so that all officers are in their files and can be communicated with for the year. *I would like to hear from present and incoming officers - "what would you like to have included in your training session?" Do you have questions or problems that need to be addressed that would pertain to all officers? E-mail me - [mlpjc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mlpjc@sbcglobal.net). PDG Pete Conarty, GLT*

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### ***FREE Space to put your Club's News!***

***Please contact us to be included in the next issue of the District 11E-1 Newsletter.***

***Editors, Mike and Tina Hoy***—Please submit your club information in Word and pictures as an attachment. Please contact us at [hoym@charter.net](mailto:hoym@charter.net) or 989-832-8354.

### ***Service Stories***

Each Lion and every club is changing lives in ways both great and small. Service is a personal journey that impacts the people serving and the people we serve. We make an effort to post club service stories under the District Club Happenings section of the Lion Pride. Has your story been shared? Contact your District Editor, listed here:

***District 11E-1 Newsletter Editors, Mike and Tina Hoy***—Please submit your club information in Word and pictures as an attachment. Please contact us if you have any questions or comments at [hoym@charter.net](mailto:hoym@charter.net) or 989-832-8354.

**Please submit materials for May 2020 Newsletter by April 20, 2020.**

# District Projects



Please Note: There is currently a *pause* in presentations due to COVID-19. When you are ready for a **PAWS** presentation, please contact us at [hoym@charter.net](mailto:hoym@charter.net) or 989-832-8354.

Lions Mike & Tina Hoy, Co-Chairs, **PAWS With A Cause**.

To DONATE to **PAWS With A Cause** go to [pawswithacause.org](http://pawswithacause.org) or call 616-677-7297.

## District Eyeglass Mission Trip Update

The State Department has warned us not to go to Haiti due to civil unrest. I have just received word from Costa Rica about their interest in an Eyeglass Mission to their Country. The Virus has certainly put a damper on things, but where there is a need, there's a Lion. More information as it becomes available. Time is of the essence for a trip in May, so if that does not materialize, we are considering this fall. If all does not go well, we will reschedule for next winter Feb/March when the snow is deep here and the warm southern climate is blessing us.

I received a \$500.00 Check from the Big Rapids Club for the Mission trip line item in the budget and would like to ask any Lions clubs that would like to help support this worthwhile project.

Thanks, Harry Johnson, PDG

[His contact is [lionharry1947@gmail.com](mailto:lionharry1947@gmail.com) or 1-231-745-4524.]

## Used Hearing Aid Donations

Remember we accept used hearing aids of any age or condition. All used hearing aids are recycled with one of the hearing aid manufactures. Lions of Michigan Foundation is given credits to be used towards the purchase of new hearing aids. Most Clubs collect hearing aids with their glasses. If you have hearing aids for recycling give them to our Foundation Reps. Lions Pete or Pam, your zone or region chairs, or Lion Peggy Frank at 616 217-6840 for pick-up.

## Kids Food Basket Project

The Kids Food Basket Project, that was plan for the District Convention and the State Convention, has been canceled.

## Michigan Donate Live Day

Exciting update to our annual "Buddy Day" campaign—As you know, for many years, we have celebrated this day with volunteers visiting Secretary of State branch offices to register new eye, organ and tissue donors in the Michigan Donor Registry. Soon after we mailed our postcard announcement for this year's effort on April 17, the Secretary of State's office asked for our help with a new direction. Based on past success and the Secretary of State's focus on expanding services beyond its physical facilities, we are evolving the collaboration to discontinue volunteer visits at SOS branch offices and focus on donor registration online and in the community. We are excited to ask all of our volunteers to promote donation on April 17 in one or more of the following ways:

- Participate in Donate Life America's National Donate Life Blue & Green Day contest on social media. Donate Life America provides details at <https://www.donatelife.net/blue-green-day/>
- Promote donation on social media, including Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. Be sure to tag **Eversight** by using our handle @Eversightvision and using hashtag #DonateLife.
- Organize a donor drive table in the community, at your workplace, church, school or a local business. Contact for materials: Amanda, [afrederick@eversightivision.org](mailto:afrederick@eversightivision.org) or (734) 780-2616.

## MD 11 LIONS CONVENTION UPDATE

Please note that due to safety concerns relating to the coronavirus (COVID-19), the decision has been made to cancel this year's MD 11 Lions Convention in Holland.

*The date for next year's convention in Holland will be May 20-22, 2021.*

If you have already made your room reservations at the DoubleTree Holland, the hotel will cancel your room reservation for you. AFTER May 30, 2020, you may call the hotel to make reservations for May 2021 by calling 616-394-0111.

For those of you who have mailed in your registration forms, refund checks will be mailed back to you.

If you should have any questions, contact PDG Bob Sturgis, [pdgsturgis@aol.com](mailto:pdgsturgis@aol.com) or the state office, 517-887-6640 ext 11.

Watch for updates in the Lion Pride and future e-mails.

Thank you.

Lion Wendy Burns

Executive Director, Lions of Michigan

### Dear Lion,

The Board of Directors has voted to cancel the 2020 Lions International Convention due to concerns about the coronavirus (COVID-19). This means that the next International Convention will be held in 2021 in Montreal, Canada.

After evaluating a variety of different options including moving the convention to a different venue or postponing the convention to a later date, the Board of Directors voted to cancel the 2020 convention. This decision was made with the health and safety of our Lions, staff and vendors in mind.

Canceling the International Convention for 2020 impacts international officer continuity and candidate elections. After review of the International Constitution and By-Laws, this impact is outlined below:

- Executive officers and international directors will continue in their respective positions until the 2021 convention in Montreal. All candidate elections for these positions shall comply with the provisions of the International Constitution and By-Laws for election at the convention in Montreal.
- An international director from the areas of Africa and Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Indonesia and the Islands of the South Pacific is permitted only in even-numbered years. As a result, no director from Africa or Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Indonesia and the Islands of the South Pacific would be eligible for election until the 2022 convention.
- Barring any district election complaints, district governors, first vice district governors and second vice district governors elected during a convention of their respective districts will be accepted by Lions International. The International Board of Directors intends to authorize commencement of the DG terms beginning July 1, 2020.

We are disappointed that we will not be able to move forward with this international event, but we are optimistic that with each new day there is hope, and as Lions we will continue to find new ways to put our kindness in action while safely serving our communities.

Regards,

Dr. Jung-Yul Choi

International President

## *Welcome to the Month of April 2020*

### *Spring is Here!*

LCI has designated April as ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS MONTH.

National Wildlife Week is April 7 - 13, 2020

April 1 Walking Day (Not just a day to play a practical joke, but also to enjoy the outdoors.)

April 11 Pet Day (April is Canine Fitness Month. Take your dog, or other pet, for a walk.)

April 14 Gardening Day (April is Lawn and Garden Month.)

April 22 Earth Day (A great day to get outside and be active and clean up the yard and beyond.)

April 23 Picnic Day (If the sun is shining, go to a park for a picnic. Or, with rain, picnic indoors?)

April 24 Arbor Day (Hug and/or plant a tree.)

April is a great month to get outside to enjoy the outdoors and take care of the environment during this challenging time when we have to maintain our distance from others.

April is also STRESS AWARENESS MONTH so here are some more ideas to cope with the stress that we are sharing globally:

- April is the MONTH OF HOPE and Easter is April 12 which is a sign of Hope for many.
- April is HUMOR MONTH (Share a joke or funny story.) Here are a few to get started:

“I didn’t realize how bad the smog was getting until they started making freeway signs in Braille.” (unknown)

“The other day I bought a wastebasket and brought it home in a paper bag. And when I got home I put the paper bag in the wastebasket.” (Lily Tomlin)

“I don’t make jokes; I just watch the government and report the facts.” (Will Rogers)

“As long as the world is turning and spinning, we’re gonna be dizzy and we’re gonna make mistakes.” (Mel Brooks)

“Politics is the art of looking for trouble, finding it everywhere, diagnosing it incorrectly, and applying the wrong remedies.” (Groucho Marx)

“When Joe Louis was asked who had hit him the hardest during his boxing career, he replied, ‘That’s easy—Uncle Sam!’”

“You’ve got to admire the IRS. Any organization that makes that much money without advertising deserves respect.” (unknown)

[Above jokes came from The Friars Club Encyclopedia of Jokes edited by H. Aaron Cohl, 1997]

### **April 15 is TAX Day!**

- April is POETRY MONTH (Great time to read or write poems.)
  - April 17 Haiku Poetry Day
  - April 23 Poem in Your Pocket Day
  - April 28 Great Poetry Reading Day



## ***The Road Not Taken***

*Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,  
And sorry I could not travel both  
And be one traveler, long I stood  
And looked down one as far as I could  
To where it bent in the undergrowth;*

*Then took the other, as just as fair,  
And having perhaps the better claim,  
Because it was grassy and wanted wear;  
Though as for that the passing there  
Had worn them really about the same,*

*And both that morning equally lay  
In leaves no step had trodden black.  
Oh, I kept the first for another day!  
Yet knowing how way leads on to way,  
I doubted if I should ever come back.*

*I shall be telling this with a sigh  
Somewhere ages and ages hence:  
Two roads diverged in a wood, and I—  
I took the one less traveled by,  
And that has made all the difference.*

by Robert Frost

### ●April is VOLUNTEER MONTH

National Volunteer Week is April 19 - 25, 2020

April 17 Donor Day (Please see box on page 6 for more information on how to help.)

April 25 Telephone Day (Phone friends, family members, and/or your fellow Lions to check on how they are doing and/or if they have any needs. Volunteer help if you can.)

National Public Health Week is the first full week of April (Though at this time it seems that every week is Global Public Health Week.)

A few additional April Days to make note of:

April 16 Bean Counter Day and Wear Your Pajamas To Work Day (Which is a great idea for those who now have to work from home.)

April 25 Lions Worldwide Induction Day

**For more fun and ideas for spending your time, visit**  
**[www.NationalDayCalendar.com](http://www.NationalDayCalendar.com)**

We are all in this together and with God's help we will make it through.  
Lions Mike and Tina Hoy  
District 11 E-1 Newsletter Editors

# In loving memory



## Lions District 11-E1 Memorial 2020



Mike Slavens

Arcadia Lions Club



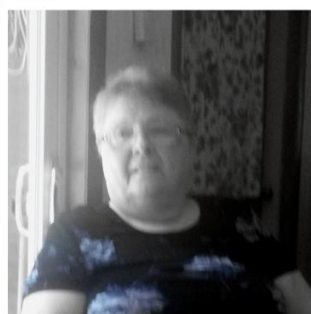
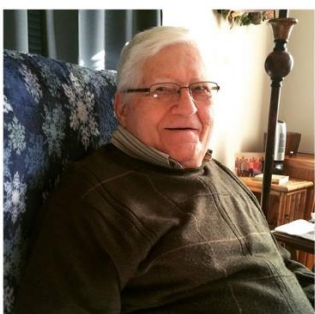
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Harrison Lions Club



Robert Flynn

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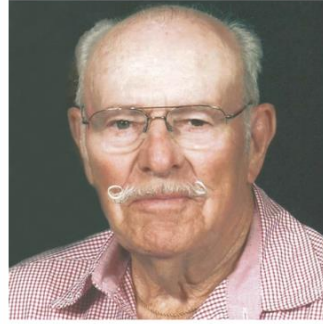


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Luther Lions Club



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Manistee Lions Club

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Mesick Lions Club



John Geasler  
Remus Lions Club

Daniel Grezeszak  
Stanwood Lions Club



William Richards  
White Cloud Lions Club

Wendy Strong  
White Cloud Lions Club



May You Rest  
In Eternal  
Peace



## Can Midland be a blind-friendly community?

When I moved back to Midland in 2018 and started my nonprofit called Life After Blindness to help senior citizens losing their vision, I began to wish Midland could be more of a blind-friendly community.

At first, I couldn't define that term for myself. After all, we who are blind can live in lots of places, provided we have the training in the skills of blindness, such as traveling with a white cane or dog, communicating via computer and cell phone, labeling things that are marked only for people who can see.

Then I read the stories about the Miracle League Field and its \$1.6 million cost. How wonderful it is for Midland to join forces to help people with a variety of disabilities to enjoy leisure.

But why, then, is it so important for me to have this concept of blind-friendliness defined? I believe there are two reasons: to give people accurate expectations for what blind people can do and to help the community understand the kinds of help we need.

Most of the blind folks in our area are in their 60s, 70s and 80s and have diabetic retinopathy, glaucoma or the big one, macular generation. How could we be blind-friendly to these folks? What should we, might we, ask of our community?

The first thing would be a notification system. On the day that an eye doctor tells a person, "You are legally blind, and your vision will get worse," they need immediate contact with someone who can offer options and even grieve with the person. When my friend had a car accident that caused her serious injury, there was no question that, yes, she would go into rehab. So, it stands to reason that legally blind persons should always, without delay, be encouraged to go to rehab. That would mean expanding state services, which would not be up to one small county. So, we might have to do it locally, as a community, among ourselves.

Second, people who no longer can read or write print MUST have written language. We must do everything in our power to see that people have access to phone numbers, the news and other things they need. We have a nationwide service to read newspapers, grocery ads and magazines, so we need to tell folks about it, immediately. We need to give people assurance that they can get help reading and writing their bills - not necessarily managing their money. If that happens, we need to have a clear path to a community service that would perform that function, with an eye report as the ONLY qualification.

Next, we need volunteers to label appliances and, perhaps, set up computers and train folks to use screen readers that speak the text and navigate the screen without using a mouse. There are state services to do that, but the state is highly overtaxed. Let's show what a great community we are and find people who would learn to be trainers!

Then there's the one that seems like low-hanging fruit, but people haven't done much thinking about it. This is the whole area of leisure. I hope to talk to Dow Gardens representatives about finding guides to take blind persons through the various types of plants and allow them to touch them while they're learning about them from a docent. We need the same help at museums and the Hall of Ideas. What about friendly people to plan hikes, fishing expeditions and maybe sailing Any ideas from you folks at Bay Sail?

We in the community must be careful before we simply say, "I can't help you." Many people don't know, for example, they can call many billing departments and pay their bills using their credit cards. What if someone wants a thorough tour through a store? We must say "yes," even if we have the person make an appointment for that. We need to have good manners: don't stick a printed note in someone's door if we know they are blind. It'll probably go unseen and the wind will blow it away.

The scary thing about all these big plans is that many people who become blind are not ready to acknowledge the need for these services. It takes time for them to accept the idea that they now have a disability and need help with things they used to do for themselves. You wouldn't believe the shame even I, born blind, felt walking around, as a 10-year-old with a white cane, feeling as big and blind as all outdoors? Think of what that feels like when you're 60 and used to run a business with 50 people working for you, or ran a house full of kids! In order to have enough people to use these services, we'd most likely need to join with Saginaw, Bay City and surrounding communities to offer these services. Wouldn't it be great if we could plan big enough to make that happen in five years?

Lion Cheryl Wade, Midland Lions Club

If you have ideas, please contact me at 517 574-6898 or [wadecheryl42@gmail.com](mailto:wadecheryl42@gmail.com).