

**DISTRICT 11-E1 CABINET MEETING  
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2011  
COMMISSION ON AGING BLDG.  
93 S. GIBBS ST.  
WHITE CLOUD, MI**

**ATTENDING:** District Governor John Monahan, 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Bill Simpson, 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Tim Anderson, IPDG Laura Johnson, Treasurer Kerry McGinley, GMT Pete Conarty, GLT PCC Richard Perrin, ZC Pam Schroeder, ZC Tony Rutledge, ZC Debra Struble, ZC Lester McClure, Lion Larry Wendt, Lion Laurene Homsher, PDG Dan Gibbons, Lion Ron Gibson, Lion Bob Roebuck, Lion Karla Roebuck, PDG Lynn Mast, Lion Gayle Morlock, PDG Larry Morlock, PDG Harry Johnson, PCC Janalee McClure, PDG Duane Witter, Lion Curt Helgren, Lion Pam Blizzard, Lion Debbie Kreitner, PDG Wayne Kreitner.

9:30 AM meeting called to order by District Governor John Monahan.

Pledge lead by DG John.

Invocation by Lion Kerry McGinley

**GOVERNOR'S REMARKS:** Governor John has several items to discuss with the cabinet. Yesterday (Saturday) he was in Lansing to meet with the Council of Governor's to appoint a new executive director for the Lions of Michigan. Mary Brown, our current executive, is retiring and a new director was appointed. The name will be released soon. A retirement party will be held for Lion Mary in Lansing, on the 29<sup>th</sup> of Oct.

Bear Lake Camp is requesting financial help in installing whole cabin fans in each of their cabins. The cost per fan is \$700.00 and they are asking each District to purchase one. DG suggested a fund raiser to purchase and perhaps labor to help install.

The Strategic Planning Committee has come up with a proposal to redistrict the Multiple into 6 Districts from the current 10. This would give each District around 2000 members. As we currently have 5 Districts below 1250 members, something has to change. The Council of Governor's set up an ad-hoc committee to put into place a final plan. This plan, when approved by the council, will have to be voted upon by all Districts over 1250 members and at the Multiple Convention by all delegates. If any District or the Multiple fails to pass this redistricting proposal, it will automatically fail.

DG John asked 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Tim to report on the Fall Conference when he gives his report.

Liberty Day organization has asked the clubs in our District to pass out copies of the US Constitution & By-Laws to all 5<sup>th</sup> graders in the schools. DG did not have any prices on the cost of the material but said if any one was interested to call him and he would give them a phone number.

One thing Governor John hopes the clubs will work on this year is the forming of LEO Clubs. There are a lot of home schooled students in our District and he suggested that an internet club might work for them.

The grant for the purchase of eye screening equipment for our District has been received, but another company has come up with a different type of equipment; the committee is still deciding on which to recommend. One is Pedia Vision and the cost of the equipment is \$9,700.00 and the other company is Plus Optics and the cost is \$8,860.00. Training on the Plus Optics equipment will be held Sat. Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup> from 9AM to 12:00. If you wish to attend, contact DG John for location.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** PDG Jim Chipman presented the Minutes of July 31, 2011 and made motion to be accepted as presented. Supported by 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Bill Simpson and the motion passed.

Lion Chipman reported that all dues have been received, except for Sheridan. Discussion was held on dues and payment of such. No one likes them but they are a necessary evil. Lion Karla reminded us about the insurance we get for our projects, and this alone can give a reason to pay our dues.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Lion Kerry McGinley presented the financial statement thru Oct. 16, 2011. It is copied below. Lion Kerry asked the Zone Chairs to remind the clubs that the Sight and Hearing Fund for the District needs a donation as it always has.

Lion Chipman made motion to authorize the treasurer to move money as needed from the Sight and Hearing account to the Pedia Vision account to pay for equipment as it comes in, up to a maxim of \$5,000.00. Motion supported by ZC Rutledge and it passed. Motion by PDG Chipman to accept treasurer's report as presented. 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG supported the motion and it passed.

DG John appointed PDG's Lynn, Wayne and Dan to review the treasurer's 2010-11 books and report back to the Cabinet.

Discussion was held again on moving the Convention Fund and the Appreciation Party Fund into one account. No action was taken.

**CONVENTION REPORT:** Before Lion Debbie Kreitner gave her report the Governor asked one of the PDG'S that reviewed Lion Deb's paper work to report on what they found. Speaking for the committee, PDG Mast stated every thing was fine; they did make some recommendations for next year.

Lion Deb has Convention for 2012 well under way. It will be held March 30-31 & April 1 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Grand Rapids on 28<sup>th</sup> St. just east of I 96. The meals have been set and approved by the Governors. The cost of the rooms will be \$89.00. A budget will be presented at our next Cabinet Meeting.

**CONVENTION SITE 2013:** PDG Chipman presented a proposal from the Holiday Inn in Big Rapids to host our 2013 District Convention. Dates reserved are March 22-24, 2013. Cost of the rooms will be \$79.00 and requirement of \$10,000 for food cost, which should be no problem. Motion was made by 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Simpson to authorize the Cabinet Secretary to sign the contract with the Holiday Inn but to check on having 3 comp rooms instead of two and make sure a room for the IT Committee will be available. Motion supported by IPDG Laura and it passed.

**1<sup>ST</sup> VDG REPORT:** Lion Bill feels that we need to redistrict, but we need to keep the flavor of our District.

Howard City Lions is having the Ear Lab come down from Munson for a festival and the cost is \$750.00 for two days. If clubs in your area wish to use it you now have an idea what it will cost.

Thanked Lion Pete Conarty for running for 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG.

Lion Bill's report follows:

There is a lot of activity going on in the District. Between officer training, GMT and GLT education and normal Club activities, we are all going fast in pursuit of our goals, trying to serve the public and our fellow Lions.

Instead of writing to encourage you to greater effort, I'd like to thank you for your service. Those that have stepped forward as trainers, those that have attended classes and accepted added responsibility, I thank you. Those that have accepted Club leadership and cabinet positions, your service has benefitted all Lions and we are grateful for your time and effort.

Sometimes unspoken, but all heartfelt, is the gratitude of those we serve and those that have benefitted from your service in ways such as eye glasses, hearing aids and other donations to community causes.

Your service is greatly appreciated.

Yours in Lionism, Bill

1<sup>st</sup> VDG

**2<sup>ND</sup> VDG REPORT:** Lion Tim gave a report on the Fall Conference, United Way and an idea to get younger members. His report follows:

Last week we had the United Way kick -off at work and I learned something interesting during their presentation. United Way doesn't physically go out and help anymore they instead now offer financial help to other organizations within the community so they can better serve and operate.

In Cadillac they fund a women's shelter, help cover costs for prescription drugs, fund various community projects even help pay the salaries and cover mileage for some of the groups. So I asked if they would ever help the Lions with costs for eye glasses. I was told it's never been done but yes it falls within the scope of projects they would support.

I was told that I could pick up a Grant application the end of November and fill it out and return it before the end of December. The gear the request towards aide we give to children 6 months to 6 years pre-kindergarten thru kindergarten age and or low income but when possible stick to the children. United Way almost never refuses a community request that involves helping kids.

I spoke to them about KidSight also eyeglass requests and was told both would at least in Wexford county be approved. "The Board are suckers for kids"! This could in a lot of areas help relieve the increasing demand for help. Cadillac is picking up their Grant application next month.

I'm putting together a special District Advisory Committee made up of Leo's, younger Lions, families, and Lions members with children 18 and under to see what everyone thinks and what ideas we all can come up with to attract younger members, families, families with kids to Lions.

The idea is to come up with a plan, maybe test it out in a few areas and see what happens and see if we can get younger people involved if we gear things more towards them - care to be part of the team?

If you know of anyone from our district that you think might be interested or fits the type of Lion I'm looking for to join this group please contact me. Together we can make a difference and change the future of our district!

VDG Tim Anderson

**GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP:** Lion Pete Conarty's report follows:  
DISTRICT 11 E1 CABINET REPORT

Lion Pete Conarty, GMT  
Global Membership Team District Coordinator

This position has been difficult from the stand point that the rules and expectations change monthly.

1. Sheridan report: I indicated at the last cabinet meeting that I

would call all the members of the Sheridan Lions Club to ascertain their involvement and concerns about the club. I followed through on that assignment and sent it to the Governor.

2. I attended the two day GMT/GLT training in Chesterton Indiana.
3. GMT presentation to Lions Clubs at the Zone Meeting in Region I Zone 1 in August (Connie's Zone).
4. Attended the Fall Conference in White Cloud.
5. Prepared a GMT presentation for the Harrison Lions.
6. Attended a non-profit Media Workshop.
7. I have scheduled a GMT presentation for all Zone meetings except Reg. III Zone 1, to be completed by January 18.
8. I plan to schedule a visit to some of our clubs of concern (under 15 members) that I don't reach at Zone meetings.
9. I am open to invitations from individual clubs to make presentations on the GMT program.
10. Zone Chair Keith Spycher and I are working with the Clare Lions Club. We have a drafted letter to send to businesses and other individuals seeking membership. We are not experiencing a positive response from the four Lions in Clare in helping us obtain businesses and individuals to send the letters to.
11. Ludington: A letter to the editor has been drafted and is being sent to the local newspaper about Lionism and referring interested parties to contact me.
12. I am periodically keeping the Zone Chairs up to date on the membership health of their Zones.

Lion Pete Conarty, District GMT

**GLOBAL LEADERSHIP:** PDG Richard Perrin's report follows:

**Global Leadership Team District Coordinator Report**

We have had 5 Club Officer Training sessions by zone so far:

**Region I** (Only 2 zones in this Region now)

Zone 2 has been trained

Zone 1 has theirs scheduled for October 27<sup>th</sup> in Traverse City

**Region II**

Zones 1 & 3 have been trained

Zone 2 Nothing yet this happens to be your zone. Hopefully, this will occur at the October 27<sup>th</sup> Zone meeting in Remus.

### **Region III**

Zones 2&3 have been trained

Zone 1 Nothing they were to have come last night but didn't show and so their training will have to be rescheduled

#### **Zone Chairman Training**

We have also held 2 Zone Chairman Training sessions:

- 1 for new Zone Chairs &
- 1 we called Senior Zone Chair Training that was held for returning Zone Chairs

We have **NOT** had any Facilitator training yet in our district but have had 3 of our districts members trained in Lansing and 2 of those went on to be trained again down in Chesterton, IN.

I am currently setting up our district's 1st Club Excellence Program (CEP) Facilitators Training which PDG Brian Shepard will be coming up to teach. In addition, District C1's Facilitators and GLT will be coming up to attend the training with our district.

I will be attending a Club Excellence Program (CEP) training program in Ottawa, IL on October 22 that is sponsored by District 1-K.

I wish to thank 2VDG Lion Tim Anderson for his support in helping me get up to speed on the GLT procedures and for supplying much of the information in this report.

Submitted by Lion Dick Perrin PDG, Global Leadership Team District Coordinator, Lions of Michigan, District 11 E-1

District Governor John thanked Lion Pete and Lion Dick for doing a great job for the District.

**NOMINATIONS:** PDG Richard Perrin has received letters of nominations from Big Rapids for Lion Bill Simpson for the office of District Governor and Midland for Lion Pete Conarty for the office of 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG.

The final date for receiving nomination letters is January 30, 2012.

### **ZONE REPORTS**

Region 1 Zone 1: Lion Connie McMorris:

Therese Cordes has stepped in to the presidents spot in Northport she had been the 1st vice she is taking over after Basil Antenucci passed away in August. her address is P.O.

Box 883 Northport, Mi 49670 phone is 231-3867513. e-mail is [tcordes@chartermi.net](mailto:tcordes@chartermi.net) . LCI has been notified of the change. Empire has 1 new member, Lake Ann has 2 new members both clubs doing well Empire had their rummage auction, in August and Lake Ann had their Pancake Breakfast over Labor Day, Honor just celebrated their 50th Anniversary, held a Fall Pancake Breakfast, participated in the Coho Festival, took part in Empty Bowls Soup Night to benefit the local food pantry and is currently in the middle of their fall Rifle Raffle. I have spoke with Traverse City about their reports they are suppose to be at the training /zone meeting on the 27th he says he takes notes but did not know he had forms to submit I have talked to him Tim has spoke to him so hopefully the 27th will take care of this problem. Frankfort is the problem club they are at 14, in talking with Gene their president, he says they are no longer going to do dinner meetings it is not cost worthy for them, and they will not be meeting during Jan. Feb. and March. They don't have enough to conduct business during this time. so any and all suggestions would be appreciated with helping them They only meet the first Monday of the Month as it is . The Training and zone is set up for Oct. 27 at TC ELKS Club at 6:00pm they do have WiFi all clubs are suppose to be there so look forward to seeing you there hopefully be over this crud I have come down with . Thanks in advance for any input to help Frankfort.

Respectfully submitted, Lion Connie McMorris

Region 1 Zone 2: Lion Pam Schroeder: Lion Pam has several visitations set and a Zone Meeting set for Oct. 18 in Mesick at 6:30 PM. Dates for the other Zone Meetings are Jan. 18<sup>th</sup> and March 14<sup>th</sup>; locations to be announced. The annual Zone Christmas Party will be hosted by Manistee Lions.

Region 2 Zone 1: Lion Keith Spycher: report follows:

Zone chair visits were completed to the Sanford and Coleman Clubs. The Sanford Club has just completed a successfully rummage sale fund raiser. The Coleman Club is busy planning for a community Halloween Party. Both clubs expressed pleasure with the possibility of a new member at each club.

A meeting with two members of the Clare Club was held by GMT Pete Conarty and the Zone Chair. It was agreed to begin contacting businesses who had supported the Clare Club in the past for possible new members. The Clare Club members were to furnish the names, and contacts were to be initiated with letters, followed by personal contacts. The contact letter is completed but the contact names are slow in coming.

A zone chair visitation to the Midland Club is scheduled for November. The zone chair's home club, Mt. Pleasant has yet to be specifically scheduled. He is to make arrangements with the club president, himself.

A Zone meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 26 at the Doherty Hotel in Clare.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lion Keith Spycher, Zone Chair

Region 2 Zone 2: Lion Tony Rutledge: Lion Tony has visited 3 clubs so far and has held a luncheon with the presidents once. Zone busy with the development of Kid Sight Testing for Chippewa Hills School District, 5 Lions Clubs involved and the Remus Club is doing the organization.

Working with the Ferris State University School of Optometry on a sorting program, where clubs in our zone will help sort used glasses for third world countries.

A zone meeting will be held Thursday October 27<sup>th</sup> at the Remus Tavern at 6:30 PM.

Region 2 Zone 3: Lion Debra Struble: Clubs are busy and doing well and Ewart is up 10 Members. First zone meeting will be held Monday evening the 17<sup>th</sup>.

Region 3 Zone 2: Lion Kyle Madole report follows:

Region 3, Zone 2, Zone Chair Lion Kyle Madole, Greenville

Minutes of Zone Meeting at the Greenville Lions Club, September 19, 2011, Monday  
The speaker was 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Lion Tim Anderson, he spoke on community pride and that the Cadillac Lions are purchasing t-shirts for the volunteers that have helped with their projects. They are also going to hold a community dinner for everyone at Christmas time and present the t-shirts to them at that time. 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Lion Tim also said how important it is to **“Toot your own Horn.”**

Zone Chair Lion Kyle Madole talked about club programs about getting something outside of Lions and then invites guests to come to meeting and see what goes on throughout the area. Lion Kyle said that is very important that we have fun during the meetings; in fact Greenville’s Treasurer Mark Warnshuis played his homemade musical machine that night called the Polka Cello with the help of song leader Dan Eagles.

**Lakeview Lions:** In conjunction with other civic organizations, they contributed to an event called Schoolapalooza. Through this outing, backpacks loaded with school essentials were given away. Also 3 hair dressers from the community volunteered their time for haircuts which seemed to be a real hit. Racks with gently used clothing were well received. The Lakeview PTO administered the well-attended event and we plan on another, even larger, one next year. Lakeview also does brat sales, once or 2 days a month at a local grocery store. They have held a chicken barbeque during their summer fest, a fishing tournament and a concession stand for the vintage snowmobile races.

**Sand Lake Lions:**

They do an “Adopt a Highway” during the year, host a Halloween game for the town Halloween party. They also sell pecans and cashews to raise money.

**Greenville Lions:**

They worked the Montcalm County 4-H Fair with their concession trailer in July for a week. They have also worked their concession trailer for the 3 days of Danish Festival. Held a spaghetti dinner to raise money for their projects, they hold that in the spring and fall. They also sold brats and hot dogs for the Corvette Car Club show.



Training Session: will be held on October 13 at 6:00 P.M. at Cole's Corner Restaurant, 25 S. Greenville Rd.

(M-91) Greenville or the corner of M-91 and Stanton Rd.

This includes training for the offices for President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Next Zone meeting, November 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 P.M. at McKenna's Restaurant on Main Street in Lakeview, on the north side of the street.

They will have a zone meeting in February at Sand Lake, date and place to be announced later.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lion Debbie Kreitner, Greenville Lions

Region 3 Zone 3: Lion Lester McClure: Held 1<sup>st</sup> zone meeting Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>; it was attended by Fremont, Hart and White Cloud, presented Governor's Contest as a tool to help strengthen Clubs. Asked Clubs to hold Orientation before next zone meeting, visit another Lions Club, and to earn some points from the Governor's Contest. Our next Zone meeting will be held January 10<sup>th</sup> at the White Cloud Lions Den.

11:48 Break for lunch

12:30 PM meeting called back to order by DISTRICT GOVERNOR JOHN

**WELCOME HOMES:** After lunch, DG John deviated from the agenda and allowed PDG Duane Witter to speak about Welcome Homes.

PDG Wayne complemented DG John for his article in the newsletter. The primary goal of Welcome Homes is to assist more people with vision problems throughout the state. They are serving nursing homes, assisted living homes and private residences. They hope to help people with vision problems stay in their homes longer. They are training staff in the assisted living and nursing homes to better understand the needs of the patients.

Welcome Homes has split with Gerontology Association and are trying to get the Lions of the State to assist them financially. Donations have been down the last few years and Welcome Homes is trying to rebuild their image in the eyes of some Lions.

PDG Association is trying to get the Association involved in more than just eating and social club and get them to do something. This year the Association will have a clean up day at Bear Lake Camp in April. They also proposed helping out at the Friday Night Fun Night at the Multiple Convention.

District Governor turned the meeting over to the Tail Twister, Lion Ron Gibson who collected over \$109.00.

District Governor John announced there will be an Eye Glass mission trip to Latvia (a former country in the USSR). The dates are May 3<sup>rd</sup> thru May 17<sup>th</sup> and the cost will be \$2,000.00. There are only 26 going on this trip; if you want to go, call DG John soon.

**IT COMMITTEE:** Lion Karla Roebuck Chair:

District 11-E1 Information Technology Committee 10-16-2011

Since all feedback has been extremely positive about the user-friendliness and ease of use of the e-clubhouse tool, even for the novice computer user, I'm at a loss as to why the great majority of our clubs have not updated their websites with the 2011/2012 officers. These 17 clubs have updated their club information on their club website:

Big Rapids

Chippewa Lake

Coleman

Fremont

Greenville

Honor

Kaleva

Lake Ann

Luther

Mecosta

Midland

Newaygo

Remus

Sand Lake

Sheridan

Stanton

Vestaburg

Congratulations!! Fremont needs to add an email link for at least one of their officers as many visitors to a club website will NOT phone, but will send a quick email with questions or comments.

To the rest of the District 11E1 clubs:

Please have your webmaster, president, secretary, or any club member who has a computer, contact me for instructions on how to log in and fix the club website (update to 2011/2012 officers, add events and activities, add a photo to the front page.)

I held 2 training sessions at the 2011 District Convention. One session was dedicated to using the e-clubhouse software to build the club website. There was one Lion in attendance. He was not the webmaster, however he was tired of his Club website being months or years out of date and wondered if there some way he could help. We got him started with e-clubhouse and today, the club website is pleasing to the eye and completely up to date and can make the club proud. THAT is leadership at its best! Zone chairs, please encourage your clubs to do the same. The second training session was "Facebook" and it was VERY well attended. We addressed all of those things that drive people crazy and are usually an easy fix. I am anticipating the need for another Social

Networking class next year in light of this total HUGE Facebook change and may cover other tools such as Linked In and Google+ if there is any interest.

No State IT Committee meetings have been scheduled yet.

Lion Karla Roebuck

**CONSTITUTION, BY LAWS, POLICY MANUAL & RULES, PROJECT**

**KIDSIGHT:** PCC Janalee McClure: Project Kidsight has been busy and since July 1, 2011, 180 children have been screened in 11-E1. Last month Cadillac had 37 children screened and 3 were referred for further testing.

PCC Janalee presented some changes for our Constitution and will have them in proper form for our next Cabinet meeting. These changes have to do with having our Constitution comply with the Constitution of Lions International and the Constitution of the Lions of Michigan.

**CREDENTIALS & HEARING:** Lion Gayle Morlock:

Credentials Committee Report  
Cabinet Meeting, White Cloud  
October 16, 2011

District convention is being planned. Credential forms will be in the January newsletter and should be turned in by February 29, 2012 to Lion Gayle Morlock, Chairperson.

The number of club delegates will be one (1) for every ten (10) members of major fraction thereof. The club membership number is determined by the count as of **February 1, 2011.**

Remind your delegates that they must register and be certified ***before*** lunch on Saturday, March 31, 2012. If a delegate is not certified before lunch, that delegate ***will not*** be allowed to vote.

Any questions, please contact Lion Gayle Morlock at 231-734-5200 (H) or email [landg@netonecom.net](mailto:landg@netonecom.net)

Lion Gayle Morlock, Chair  
Credentials Committee

Hearing Committee Report

As the district and state chairperson of the Hearing Committee, I need to know how many people each club has assisted in obtaining hearing aids and the club policy. Include in the information the club name, club hearing chairperson, sex and age of recipient of the hearing aid(s).

Don't forget that the club must sponsor the individual who is requesting hearing aid(s). Then the club requests an application from Chad McCann at Lions of Michigan Service Foundation. The applicant completes the application and takes it with them to the audiologist for completion of their part of the application. The applicant must have proof of income, insurance, and a medical clearance. After the application is completed it is returned to the club. The club signs it and sends it to Lion Gayle Morlock, district chair. The district chair will sign it and send it to the Lions of Michigan Service Foundation district trustee (PDF Jim Chipman or PDG Dan Gibbons) who will sign it and forward it to Chad McCann to complete the process.

Please send all information to: Lion Gayle Morlock  
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231-734-5200 (H)  
Email [landg@netonecom.net](mailto:landg@netonecom.net)

Lion Gayle Morlock, Chair  
Hearing Committee

**DISTRICT EDITOR:** Lion Debbie Kreitner: The District Newsletter will be out Monday. Lion Deb is mailing more copies out and of course postage is going up. All articles that clubs wish to be included in the newsletter have to be to Lion Deb by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month.

**LEADER DOG:** Lion Pam Blizzard:

October Leader Dog Report

This fall 24 email letters were sent to the 11 E1 Clubs who have not had a presentation about Leader Dogs. So far, Onekama, Luther and Sanford have responded.

Kim, future Leader Dog Journey, and retired Leader Dog Reba visited the Oscoda Lions Club in September and presented the work of Leader Dogs to them.

Together, Kim and Journey and Pam and Nicholas represented Leader Dogs and their service to the blind in Boyne City. Sixth, seventh and eighth grade students and community members were very attentive while they learned about blindness and guide dogs. The community is preparing for a visit from Robert Kurson, author of Crashing Through, in honor of Disability Month.

Leader Dogs for the Blind is currently undergoing some changes in management. However, the work of training guide dogs and matching them with new handlers goes on. We would like to thank the 11E1 District for the 100% support of Leader Dogs in 2011.

Pam Blizzard and Kim Wattles, Leader Dog Co-chairs for 11E1 Lions District

**LEO CLUBS:** Lion Laurene Homsher: She held the State Leo meeting on Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> in Lansing and 8 of the 10 Districts were represented; two Districts do not have a Chair appointed as of yet. A-1 has two new LEO clubs and A-2 is working on two. Lion Laurene challenged the Governor to get 3 new clubs for our District. The Leo Conference will be held in the spring; the location will be announced at a later date. Lion Laurene is working with C-1 in trying to form a club. Lion Laurene is trying a new program with taking a LEO member on visitations with her.

**SERGEANT AT ARMS:** Lion Larry Wendt: All ready for the Convention.

**CORPORATION PAPERS:** PDG Wayne Kreitner reports all paper work is done and he has the corporate papers at his house. Cost of the Corporation Papers was \$20.00 and he urges all clubs to incorporate; he has the papers and will give to any club interested and advise them.

**LIONS OF MICHIGAN FOUNDATION:** PDG Dan Gibbons stated there will be a meeting on the Foundation on the 29<sup>th</sup> of Oct. If any club wishes a program he will be available or Lion Chipman.

**PEACE POSTER:** DG John has two kits with him; if you think your club can get them to a school and get posters ready in time he will give them to you.

**SHERIDAN:** IPDG Laura Johnson made motion to have the Governor notify Lions International that we wish to cancel their charter for no activities and lack of dues payment. Motion supported by Lion Kerry McGinley. Discussion followed and many ideas were discussed. Lion Kerry called for the question and it was supported by IPDG Laura and the motion passed. The original motion was voted upon and it passed.

**INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION:** PDG Harry Johnson: The International Convention this year will be held in Korea; there will be a Michigan Night on Sunday evening. The cost for it will be \$37.00 and room rates will be \$137.00.

**LIONS QUEST:** PDG Harry Johnson: Lion Harry attended the USA/Canada Forum in Alaska this year and attended a meeting on Lions Quest. Lions Quest is a 3 tier program for schools k-5, 6- 10 and 11-12 which builds self esteem. \$1,000.00 grants are available for clubs that wish to get involved in this program. Grant money is to be used for training teachers. Any Club wishing for a program contact PDG Harry.

**DISTRICT FLOAT:** IPDG Laura Johnson: Since the District is now a Corporation, we need to get the trailer title transferred to the District. We do have a problem as the title has been misplaced and we will have to file for a lost title. PDG Lynn explained to Lion Laura what has to be done. So far this year, 4 clubs have used the float and 2 reservations have been received for next year.

**MULTIPLE 11 CONVENTION:** IPDG Laura Johnson: The convention will be held May 18-19 at the Crowne Plaza in Grand Rapids. Room rate will be \$85.00 and the

theme will be Las Vegas for the Friday Night Mix and Meet. There will be a golf outing on Friday and several tours available on Saturday. More information later.

**LIAISON COMMITTEE:** PDG Lynn Mast: PCC Esther LaMothe has announced her candidacy for ID. She has moved her membership to the Novi Club and meets all requirements to run. Her campaign manager will be PDG Wayne Kreitner for District 11-E1.

**MICHIGAN EYE BANK:** PDG Lynn Mast: There is a new State Chair this year; as of yet we have not had a meeting. Lynn reported that donations are down in our District. More information will be available for our next meeting.

**WHITE CANE COMMITTEE:** Lion Steve Adsmund: As Lion Steve was absent Lion Ron Gibson read his report.

“The White Cane Committee met on Wednesday, Sept 28 by tele-conference.

Committee chair is Charis Austin from C-1. The main news item from the committee was a large increase in the scholarships to be awarded for this year’s White Cane Scholarships based on the request of the Council of Governors. The request is to increase from one to three \$3000.00 scholarships to utilize savings that have accumulated in the main fund that supports the White Cane Scholarship.

Please make your clubs aware of this award change and encourage legally blind high school and college students to apply this year. Scholarship forms are due by the end of the year.”

District Governor John adjourned the meeting at 2:36 PM

Respectfully submitted,

PDG Jim Chipman  
Cabinet Secretary  
District 11-E1