

**MINUTES of the JULY 31, 2011  
DISTRICT 11-E1 CABINET MEETING  
HELD at the GATE  
BIG RAPIDS, MICHIGAN**

**ATTENDING:** District Governor JOHN MONAHAN, 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Bill Simpson, 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Tim Anderson, IPDG Laura Johnson, ZC Pam Schroeder, ZC Connie McMorris, ZC Tony Rutledge, ZC Deb Struble, ZC Lester McClure, PDG Lynn Mast, PDG Dan Gibbons, PDG Janalee McClure, PDG Harry Johnson, PDG Richard Perrin, PDG Jerry Brandt, PDG Wayne Kreitner, Lion Debbie Kreitner, Lion Pam Blizzard, Lion Michele Ludwig, Lion Kay Brandt, Lion Carl Hawkins, Lion Kim Wattles, Lion Steve Adsmoond, Lion Ron Gibson, Lion Karla Roebuck, and Lion Pete Conarty.

Call to order 9:30 AM by DG John Monahan

Pledge led by 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Bill Simpson

Invocation by PDG Jerry Brandt

**Governor's Remarks:** Training sessions have been held for zone chairs, and the new club officers. Lion Pete and Lion Carl along with the VDG's have been working hard on this.

We have two counties without Lions Clubs, Missaukee and Mason. We also have two clubs with problems, Sheridan and Clare. We will discuss these areas later.

At International Convention, International President Wing-Kun Tam of Hong Kong, asked the Districts to endorse his program on planting trees for the environment.

Roster books are available; be sure you take one home. ZC's take some for your clubs.

Fall Conference will be held in White Cloud, September 17<sup>th</sup> at the Newaygo Commission on Aging, 93 S. Gibbs St.; several programs will be held on Kid Sight and training on our new cameras may be available.

**Installation of new officers;** Gov. John asked PDG Wayne Kreitner to do the honors and afterwards PDG Wayne presented the DG with his gavel.

Introductions of all present were held.

DG John presented PDG Harry Johnson with his green coat with the patch sewed on. Lion Harry lost his jacket in a fire, and the District purchased him a new one.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT;** PDG Chipman presented the minutes of the April 1, 2011 Cabinet Meeting and the District Convention report. Motion by 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Simpson to accept as presented and supported by 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Anderson.

Minutes of April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2011 were presented by Lion Chipman. These minutes were detailing the motion to approve committing up to \$5000.00 from the sight fund for a matching grant from Lions International Foundation. This matching grant will be used for Project Kid Sight and will total, when all done with donations from the clubs, \$30,000.00. Motion by 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Tim and supported by ZC Pam Schroeder to accept these minutes. Motion passed.

District Dues; Billed for 1339 members for a total of \$14,741.25; as of today we have received payments of \$5,512.50. We owe the Lions of Michigan \$9385.25 for their portion of the dues. Lion Chipman presented a request from Chippewa Lake Lions Club to reduce their invoice by 4 members due to the fact that the Secretary got sick before she had time to file the June M report. Motion by IPDG Laura to approve dropping the 4 members from the invoice. Supported by ZC Lion Pam and the motion passed.

The District Policy Manual and Constitution were presented to the voting members of the cabinet and were asked to look at them during lunch.

**TREASURER'S REPORT;** As treasurer Lion Kerry McGinley was absent, his report was presented by PDG Chipman. Lion Chipman read the proposed budget and went through it line by line. After much discussion, the proposed budget was accepted as presented via motion from IPDG Laura and supported by ZC Lion Connie McMorris.

Lion Chipman read the final financial statement for 2010-11. Discussion was started with the high cost of this year's roster books, approx. 300 dollars more than in 2010-11. PDG Wayne Kreitner said he would go to the printer and discuss with him about the invoice and if he could get it reduced he would send the invoice on to Lion Kerry for payment. The difference between the cost of the appreciation party for PDG Wayne and the amount received was discussed. No one liked the added expense but there isn't anything to do about it as the facility has gone out of business. Motion by Lion Chipman to accept the administrative financial statement for 2010-11 as presented. Supported by ZC Lion Tony Rutledge and it passed.

The designated fund report was reported and discussion held. PDG Janalee made a suggestion to transfer \$1000.00 from the convention account to the administrative account to cover the loss of last year's appreciation party. Lion Chipman asked the cabinet to hold off action on this until the treasurer was present at the next meeting. With no more discussion Lion Chipman made a motion to accept the designated fund report as presented with the suggestion to the treasurer to consider transferring \$1000.00 from the convention fund to the administrative fund. Motion supported by ZC Lion Pam Schroeder and it passed. The financial copies follow:

**DISTRICT 11-E1  
Proposed Budget 2011-12  
Administrative Fund**

Balance July 1, 2010		\$
Receipts	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Transfer from prior years excess	\$ 4000.00	
Dues 1300 @ \$21.50	27950.00	
CD Interest	150.00	
Checking Interest	70.00	
District Convention 1325 @ \$1.00	1300.00	
District Pins	<u>500.00</u>	
Total Receipts	\$33970.00	
Expenses		
Dues 1325 @ \$14.50	\$19212.50	
Roster Book	900.00	
Newsletter and Postage	900.00	
Awards	500.00	
Region and Zone Chairs 2009-10	1000.00	
District Pins	600.00	
District Convention	650.00	
GMT & GLT	500.00	
USA/Canada Forum-Vice District Governor	1500.00	
International Convention (2010-2011)	1500.00	
Miscellaneous non-refundable DG Expenses	2750.00	
Misc. non-refundable 1 <sup>st</sup> VDG Expenses	1500.00	
Misc. non-refundable 2 <sup>nd</sup> VDG Expenses	750.00	
Miscellaneous	750.50	
Leadership Institute	300.00	
Dishonesty Bond	257.00	
IPDG Jacket	100.00	
Peace Poster	50.00	
District Website	<u>250.00</u>	
Total Projected Expenses	\$32257.50	
Balance Administrative Fund for 2011-12	0.00	
<b>Balance Administrative Fund</b>		

**DISTRICT 11-E1  
Financial Statement 2010-11  
Administrative Fund**

Balance July 1, 2010		<b>\$14445.39</b>
Receipts	<b><u>Budgeted</u></b>	<b><u>Actual</u></b>
Transfer from prior years excess	\$ 3000.00	3000.00
Dues 1350 @ \$21.50	29025.00	28380.10
CD Interest	350.00	231.92
Checking Interest	90.00	71.75
District Convention 1350 @ \$1.00	1350.00	1350.00
Cabinet Meeting		748.00
IPDG Dinner		1865.00
Spaghetti Dinner		260.00
District Pins	<u>600.00</u>	<u>783.00</u>
Total Receipts	\$34515.00	36689.77
Expenses		
Dues 1350 @ \$14.50	\$19575.00	19087.00
Roster Book	800.00	854.00
Newsletter and Postage	400.50	856.23
Cabinet Meeting		703.12
Awards	500.00	522.10
Spaghetti dinner		259.18
IPDG Dinner		2905.08
Region and Zone Chairs 2009-10	1125.00	375.00
District Pins	600.00	650.00
District Convention	675.00	675.00
International Convention	1500.00	
Miscellaneous non-refundable DG Expenses	2750.00	2750.00
Misc. non-refundable 1 <sup>st</sup> VDG Expenses	3000.00	3000.00
Misc. non-refundable 2 <sup>nd</sup> VDG Expenses	750.00	750.00
Miscellaneous	1789.50	849.37
Leadership Institute	300.00	300.00
Dishonesty Bond	250.00	257.00
IPDG Jacket (NET)	100.00	192.35
Peace Poster	50.00	50.00
District Website	<u>250.00</u>	<u>250.00</u>
Total Projected Expenses	\$34515.00	35285.43
Balance Administrative Fund for 2010-11	0.00	1404.34
<b>Balance Administrative Fund as of June 30, 2011</b>		<b>\$15849.73</b>

**DESIGNATED FUNDS**

	<b>BALANCE July 1, 2010</b>	<b>CURRENT BALANCE</b>
Sight and Hearing	\$13082.54	
CD State Farm Bank \$ 15000.00		
Owed to Administrative(1917.46)		
Expenses 1770.00		
Receipts <u>1620.00</u>		\$14402.54
Diabetes	1319.67	
Receipts 500.00		
Expenses		1819.67
Youth Exchange	210.00	210.00
LCIF	500.00	500.00
District Convention	5872.84	
Receipts 2175.00		
Expenses <u>1800.00</u>		6247.84
Miscellaneous	788.10	
Expenses (Leos) 172.98		615.12
LCI Grant		
Receipts 1750.00		
Expenses 2623.54		(873.54)
KidSight	125.88	
Receipts 8.80		
Expenses 73.50		61.18
PediaVision		4050.00
Tail Twister	1140.75	
Receipts 184.15		
		<u>1324.90</u>
<b>Balance as of June 30, 2011</b>		<b>\$28357.71</b>

Yours in Lionism,

Lion Kerry McGinley  
District Treasurer

Approval of Chemical Bank West as the District's Bank for the year by motion from IPDG Laura Johnson with support from ZC Lion Pam Schroeder. Motion passed.

Motion by 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Bill Simpson to approve the purchase of our bond from the Schuberg's Agency in Big Rapids at a cost of \$257.00. Supported by ZC Lion Connie McMorris and it passed.

**CONVENTION REPORT:** Lion Deb Kreitner reported the following figures for the 2011 District Convention held jointly with District C-1 in Mt. Pleasant.

146 Attendees from our District  
11 Comps for the Governors

Friday night banquet	E1 85 attending	C1 55 attending
Sat. breakfast	E1 68	C1 34
Sat. Lunch	E1 103	C1 95
Sat Banquet	E1 104	C1 61
Sunday Memorial	E1 52	C1 32

Total receipts for our District was \$6, 267.61. After expenses \$1500.00 returned to the District Account and \$260.28 in the Convention check book.

The 2012 District Convention will be held March 30-April 1, 2012 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Grand Rapids. The theme will be Western.

IPDG Laura Johnson was concerned about the amount of control the committee has over the convention and would like to see an amount set for the speaker's gift. She suggested a scripted agenda for the Governor at the podium. IPDG Laura made motion to set policy on amount of money given for the speaker's gift. Motion died for lack of support.

PDG Chipman reminded everyone that proposed bids for the 2013 Convention are due at the next meeting and should be voted upon at the January meeting.

District Governor John appointed PDG's Lynn Mast, Dan Gibbons and Jerry Brandt to review the books of the District Convention and report back to the Cabinet.

#### **ON GOING DISTRICT CONCERNS:**

Corporation Papers: PDG Wayne reported that the corporation papers were sent in along with a check but the check has not been cashed and it seems the paper work is lost so he has new papers to send in again, along with a check from the treasurer.

Grant from LCIF for Pedia Vision: District Governor John said the Grant has been granted but he has not received any official announcement. Even if the money was here we couldn't purchase cameras as they are not available at this time. There is some hope that the cameras will be available in Sept.

District Float: IPDG Laura says the float is ready for use; in fact the Weidman Lions used it July 9<sup>th</sup> in a parade. The next reservation is for August 6<sup>th</sup> by the Barryton Lions Club. The float takes a truck with a 2&5/16 ball to haul it. To date we have spent a total of \$2623.54 for construction, purchase, etc. of the \$3500.00 allotted. (\$1750.00 from Lions International and matching funds of \$1750.00 from our District.) If your club wishes to use it, contact Lion Laura for her committee is administrating the use of it. She passed around pictures of the float which will also be posted on the Web Site. A big thank you to Howard City Lions for constructing the float.

District Extension in Lake City: 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Tim has 21 individuals signed up for a new club but only 8 have sent checks. He is now on working on a branch club for the area, for it only takes 10 members to get started. The spaghetti dinner served 116 meals and the profits were split between the area members of the All-State Band and Lake City Fire Dept. The expenses for the spaghetti dinner were covered by donations from the District Officers.

District Pin: Lion Michele Ludwig ordered 300 pins for this year and has them available for distribution. The cost for the pins this year will be \$2.00 each. Discussion was held about the old pins from prior years. IPDG Laura made motion to donate the old pins to the All-State Band students, from our District, to be used for trading at the International Convention. Amount of pins given to each student to be set by the Pin Chair. Supported by ZC Lion Tony Rutledge and the motion passed.

## **ZONE REPORTS:**

Region 1 Zone 1: Lion Connie McMorris will be setting up her zone meetings over the next month and starting to visit her clubs.

Region 1 Zone 2: Lion Pam Schroeder is working on zone projects with all the clubs in her zone. Zone meetings will be set up soon.

Region 2 Zone 1 Lion Keith Spycher was absent but sent in the following report. "On June 14, three zone training sessions were held in Mt. Pleasant for incoming presidents, secretaries and treasurers. Approximately 17 Lions were in attendance, including the DG, 1<sup>st</sup> VDG and 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG. Besides learning proper officer procedures, ideas and suggestions were shared between the members attending.

Concern was shared about the demise of the present Clare club. This will result in working to reorganize the Clare Club."

Region 2 Zone 2: Lion Tony Rutledge has visited 4 clubs and has a request from the FSU School of Optometry for the clubs in his zone to help sort used glasses for the SVOSH Club. Zone meetings set for Oct. 27, Feb. 23 and May 31, times and locations to follow. Goal this year is to have every club gain two new members. Remus has a new member that has transferred in and may be a positive sign for that club.

Region 2 Zone 3: Lion Debra Struble has an officers training meeting set for Aug. 11 at Camp Albright in Reed City. 7 of 11 officers are coming but Baldwin's president said he does not want to be president. Deb has been working with the Governor on this problem.

Region 3 Zone 3: Lion Lester McClure has training session set for Aug. 9<sup>th</sup>; at this meeting they will set dates for zone meetings.

### **MOMENT OF PRIVILEGE**

Several Lions asked to talk about personal items and District Governor granted this just before lunch.

Lion Pete Conarty mentioned that on Aug. 31<sup>st</sup> the Midland Lions Club was honoring a Lion turning 100 with 62 years of service to the club, Lion Mark Pellerin. Lion Pete asked if the District would present him with a Certificate of Appreciation. Motion by ZC Pam Schroeder to present Lion Mark with a Certificate of Appreciation for the years served and frame said certificate in a suitable frame, with money to purchase to come from the misc. fund if necessary. Supported by Lion Connie McMorris and the motion passed.

The White Cloud Lions Club will hold their 41<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>. Time is 4:30 to 9:00 PM at the White Cloud Lions Den. Dinner will be \$7:00 per person and will start promptly at 6:30PM. Call Lion Janalee at 231-689-1321 for more information.

The Big Rapids Lions Club have some Braille equipment to loan, such as talking alarm clocks, watches, closet organizer, etc and if any club in the District needs to use some of this equipment they are welcome to borrow it. Contact Jim Chipman at 231-796-7708.

IPDG Lion Laura Johnson appreciation party is set for SUNDAY Aug. 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM at the Gate in Big Rapids. Invitations have been sent to all clubs.

Lion Laura and Lion Harry will be holding a house warming Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> at their house from 4 to 6 to thank everyone for their assistance and understanding after their house burned. Please bring a dish to pass. Contact Lion Laura or Harry.

The Honor Lions Club will be holding a 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> at the Greg Stone Mansion. This is located on US31. Cost per person is \$25.00. More to come later.

### **VDG'S REPORT:**

1<sup>st</sup> VDG Bill Simpson stressed membership; the District is down to 1319 members as of today. Bills complete report follows:



July 31st Cabinet Meeting, 1st VDG

Dear fellow Lions,

Our District starting numbers are lower this year. We have 1339 Lions and we need to improve that number. We need to be plus 1 or 2 for every club. That plus number is after every drop and/or death. That number of plus 47 is a minimum needed to keep us a viable district with enough people to staff and operate as a district. If everyone can just ask one new person to help work a project and become a Lion we have a chance to survive.

Governor John has initiated the Pedia Vision camera project. We are pleased with the early club support for this project. But like any specialized and expensive pieces of equipment, it will require both insurance and upkeep as the 3 cameras move about the district. If your Club has not made a contribution for the camera, please consider doing so. Either have a Pedia Vision project or add the Pedia Vision Kid's Site as a line item on your budget. We will do some brainstorming with the Kid's Sight committee and try to determine how to support and maintain these cameras.

The district float trailer has been completed and is ready for club use. The Howard City Lions did the assembly and we appreciate their assistance and ingenuity in producing a product that can be used by all clubs.

The push from Lions International is to identify new leaders and accent the self promotion of Lion's Clubs within their communities. We will be hearing about both community and club assessments. The idea behind these approaches is to make sure the Lions club is serving it's community's current needs and in turn fulfilling the expectations of its members.

As part of the GMT (Global Membership Team) initiative we will try and identify new Lion leaders and empower them to step forward to help lead both their clubs and the district.

Part of the "I Believe" theme, from our current International President Tam, is stressing the family atmosphere of Lions and our treatment of Lion members as family. This is nothing new for District 11- E1 Lions. This has been our approach for years. Lions become friends and part of our family. But, we can do more; we can aggressively support new women members and the addition of Leo and Cub extensions to our membership.

Another of President Tam's pushes is doing our environmental part of planting one million trees. Please incorporate this in your messages to zone and club meetings. Remember to promote the monthly Lions activity report to Lions International. This report can be hand written or done on the Lions web site.

We look forward to a prosperous year and working with everyone to strengthen our Lions organization.

Lion Bill  
1StVDG

2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Tim Anderson: Lion Tim had a great time when he went to Lions International Convention and attended many seminars while there. Some of the ideas that were presented he agreed with and some he didn't. LI feels some clubs may need to change their ways in doing business to attract new members. LI feels younger members do not care to wear Lions vest, so if your club is one that all members do you may have to make it optional. They also suggest that when asking new individuals to join your club try and ask people with-in 10 or 20 years of your age. They have found out this works better.

Cabinet Secretary Chipman asked the Governor if he could bring up Sheridan and the problems we are having with them. They have not paid last year's dues for the second half and if they don't pay this years first half the District will be out a lot of money. We have to drop them prior to Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> or we will have to pay for them again. The Governor stated he would check with Lions International and check on the process to place them on status quo.

Governor John announced he is a new grandfather again as his son & daughter-in-law had an 11lb baby boy.

11:53 AM adjourned for lunch

12:45 Meeting called back to order

**GMT REPORT:** Lion Pete Conarty: Lion Pete's complete report follows.  
DISTRICT 11-E1  
CABINET REPORT

From: Lion Pete Conarty, GMT District Coordinator

The demise of the District MERLO Team and the restructuring with GMT and GLT means that we have a lesson to learn from our approach and need to develop a stronger program that appeals to our Lions membership.

The steps to develop a viable and acceptable program will take time and will need the support of all Lions at the Cabinet level.

To date, these are the actions that I have taken to begin developing a program.

1. Presented two training programs for the Zone Chairs of our District.
2. Presented two training programs for Lions Club Presidents and help set up two more to be presented in August. In relationship to the training programs, I have kept in contact with the District's Zone Chairs urging them to set up officer training programs for their Zones.
3. During the President's training, I have urged all Presidents to do a club Individual Needs Assessment. I revamped one that International has provided Lions. I

suggested that after the Individual Needs Assessment was administered that each club set up an action plan to deal with dissatisfactions or problem areas from members' stand point. This is a great retention tool.

4. I attended the GMT training session in Lansing on July 16.
5. Studied the GMT Manual developed by Lion International and other materials pertinent to the new job.
6. I have worked for three months with the Clare Lions Club as they dissolved the club – indicating necessary approaches, storage of materials, etc. During that period, I contacted active Lions of that club to gage their reactions and motives for dissolving the club. I have started the process to retain the charter of the Clare Lions Club (40 years old). International indicates that we need to have ten members by June 30, 2012 to retain the charter. I have talked to and have four members that will retain their Clare Lions membership for 2011-12. Club members will be meeting with me and Zone Chair Keith Spycher in the near future to develop an action plan to retain the club's charter. The four club members will continue to administer requests for eye glasses from money left in the Clare treasury. If we are able to pick up ten members to retain the charter, I have pledges from the Harrison, Midland, Coleman and Mt. Pleasant Presidents that they would all send members to Clare to do a White Cane sale in the spring to be able to continue support for community requests for eye glasses.
7. I contacted two White Cloud Lions, who live in Ludington. They have agreed to be contact and information Lions in that area for people interested in being a Lion. It is our goal to hopefully generate enough interest to restart a club in that city that would include members from the surrounding area. As soon as we have 5-6 interested individuals, we will have a meeting to develop an action plan for the year. I will be doing follow-ups with other people in the area.
8. Several attempts have been made to make a contact with officers in the Sheridan Lions Club. Phone calls, etc, have gone unanswered. In discussing the matter with last year's Zone Chair, he indicated that the President was very ill. In his last conversation with one of the members, there appeared to be an interest in affiliating with a nearby Lion Club.
10. We will strive to implement the Council of Governor's goal of a +1 increase in membership for every club in the District.

Lion Pete Conarty, GMT District Coordinator

**GLT REPORT:** Lion Carl Hawkins gave the following report:

“I am very pleased to report that thanks to the hard work of the Cabinet and vision of LCI, I Believe that were off to the best year in many. The Zone and Club Officers

training was great and when put to work will strengthen our whole district. Too many times clubs elect good people to offices where they don't have a clue what is expected of them or what their jobs are. This leads to poor leaders and half jobs. I know I was one. But thanks to GMT Pete Conarty Zone chair training and the Team of District Leaders training our club officers we are on a good path to meet our goals. Thanks to VDG William Simpson we have a New Orientation Guide and Officer Guide which can simply be adjusted to each clubs needs. I truly believe that knowledge leads to better leaders. I am looking forward to working with GLT/GMT staff and all of you as we train our future leaders. Special thanks to 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Tim Anderson for keeping me updated and to those who send me all the info. I think its starting to set in. Our goal of one plus per club can be done. The years of work in Lake City have got to pay off."

**CONSTITUTION AND POLICY MANUAL:** PDG Janalee McClure presented several changes to the Policy Manual she and her committee worked on. This policy manual is on the District's Web Site with all of the changes. Highlights of the changes are the removal of the requirement for the District to provide copies of the Constitution and Policy Manual to the voting members of the cabinet. They will be instructed that they are on line. The addition of #1 under General Policies that the District Cabinet may transact business by mail, including letters, e-mail, fax or other digital means. All other changes were of the house keeping variety except for adding #13 District Property. This item will keep track of the many items the District Lions own. A motion was made by 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Bill Simpson to accept the changes as presented with the addition of "or other digital means" to #1 of the General Policies. Motion supported by 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Tim Anderson and it was passed.

**LIONS OF MICHIGAN FOUNDATION:** PDG Dan Gibbons trustee of the LMF gave the report:

District 11-E1  
July 31, 2011

### **Grants & Assistance**

Last fiscal year the Foundation provided 12 pair of hearing aids, 4 cataract surgeries, and 1 other eye surgery for District 11-E1 for a total cost to the Foundation of \$16,497.50

### **Donations**

Last year there were 23 Clubs that made donations to the Foundation totaling \$6,120.00.

Based on the District's donations and the assistance provided by the Foundation, you can see that the District needs to provide more and larger donations to the Foundation.

### **Sight & Hearing Sweepstakes**

The sales for last year were the best we have had totaling \$91,500. District 11-E1 sold \$7,730, down by almost \$2,000 from 2010 and \$4,000 from 2009, with \$2986.00 being

returned to clubs that sold tickets. There were only 2 clubs that made the 100 Ticket Club plateau – Big Rapids, 135 sold, and White Cloud, 100 sold.

### **Mints Program**

Many Clubs are continuing the mints sales program and having financial success. For Clubs that would like to try the newer “drops” there is an offer to get a FREE display filled with drops for each to try. They have been very profitable for those clubs that have tried this new item.

### **Programs**

Please contact Trustees PDGS Dan Gibbons and Jim Chipman if you are interested in a program.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**CAMP TUHSMEHETA:** Lion Larry Alman was absent but sent the following report: “Camp Tuhsmeheeta has had a very busy summer. The season is a bit longer this year to get everything in. We have added a few things this year to the summer schedule and the kids are really enjoying their summer with us. If your Club is looking for a program this coming year, please consider Camp Tuhsmeheeta.”

**DISTRICT EDITOR- DISTRICT CONVENTION:** Lion Debbie Kreitner asked all clubs, if they have deceased members that they get all information to her by March 1<sup>st</sup>, so it can be included in our memorial service at the District Convention. Please send all information to her for the District Newsletter.

**DISTRICT ELECTIONS/NOMINATIONS:** PDG Richard Perrin has no report at this time.

**INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION:** PDG Harry Johnson announced at the Intl. Convention dues were increased \$2.00 for this year and \$2.00 for next year. Everyone had a great time in Seattle. The next International Convention will be held in Pusan, Korea..

**INTERNATIONAL LIAISON:** PDG Lynwood Mast stated the budget for this year is \$3650.00. Lion Joe Preston from Arizona is the choice of Lions International for the office of 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, and the Council of Governors will be asked to endorse him at the next council meeting. As of yet, no one has been talking about replacing ID Gary Anderson from Michigan.

**MICHIGAN EYEBANK:** PDG Lynn Mast reported that over 1000 people in our state received the gift of sight. Contributions are down in our District and we need to work on this.

LCIF: PDG Jerry Brandt No Report.

LEADER DOG: Lions Pam Blizzard and Lion Kim Wattles; Thank you to all of the 11E1 Lions Clubs who have invited Kim or Pam to present the Leader Dogs for the Blind program at one of their meetings during the past two years. We appreciate the warm welcomes we received and your response to our information. This spring we added Baldwin, Coleman, Hart, Mecosta, Midland and Weidman to our list. Kim also spoke to the Hesperia schools on behalf of the Hesperia Lions Club. Our goal is to visit the remaining clubs in the next calendar year.

Leader Dog Chairs  
Kim Wattles  
Pam Blizzard

Lion Kim's e-mail address is watts24@centurylink.com

LIONESSE LIAISON: Lion Kay Brandt has no report.

LIONS QUEST: PDG Harry Johnson Lions Quest will hold a training session at the USA/Canada Forum in Alaska.

MD 11 CONVENTION/ MICHIGAN FORUM: IPDG Laura Johnson no report.

PEACE POSTER CONTEST; Lion John C. Monahan has sent letters to all clubs in our District either via e-mail or reg. mail. If your club needs a program please contact Lion John.

PROJECT KIDSIGHT: PDG Janalee McClure: Discussion was held about the operation of the Kidsight Program. Lion Janalee pointed the need for the program and the need for an executive director to over see the program. She/he will keep a record on all of the testing and the follow-up of the individual children. She/he will also be in charge of keeping all the permission slips for the testing. She/he will be paid a maximum of \$20,000.00 if it is available. This money will come from donations to the Kidsight Foundation, which is a 501c3. DG John explained that the Kidsight Foundation wishes all Districts to become a Conforming District for Project Kidsight. This means that the District agrees to follow the guidelines set by the Foundation as to permission slips, referrals, and follow up and asking clubs for a donation of at least \$1.00 per examined child. A motion was made by 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Bill Simpson and supported by ZC Lion Pam Schroeder to make our District a Conforming District. Motion passed.

STRATEGIC PLANNING: PDG Wayne Kreitner; the strategic planning has been instructed by the Council of Governors to present a plan to redistrict the state. The only Districts that will be affected will be the ones with membership below 1250.

WELCOME HOMES: PDG Chipman made a report from PDG Duane Witter who called him Sunday morning. Lion Duane said that as of last Friday Welcome Home Residential Services is no longer associated with the gerontology association they were with. What this will do to Welcome Homes he does not know. There will be a meeting on Aug. 27<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 AM at the Lions of Michigan office. If anyone wants more information they can call Duane at 989-506-9512. District Governor John said he planned on making that meeting. Received email from PDG Duane on Wed.; it is located at the end of this report.

Lion Duane also sent in a report that the PDG Association was having a meeting today in Frankenmuth to address issues relevant to the association.

WHITE CANE: Lion Steve Adsmond brought to the Cabinet meeting today a display showing some of the White Cane material available. Most of the clubs in our District participate in White Cane events and he is available to assist them with materials and information. If you want a program, call Lion Steve.

YOUTH EXCHANGE: Lion Ron Gibson will attend the Sat. Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> meeting at the state office and will give a full report at the next meeting.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

DG John mentioned that the EAR LAB was no longer a District Project but if the clubs wanted to use it all they would have to do is contact Munson Hospital.

The DG asked for a motion to accept the new positions of GLT/GMT as mandated by Lions International. Motion made by 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Tim and supported by IPDG Laura to so move and it was passed.

District Governor John also asked the District to support International President Tam's project on planting trees for the environment for his year. So moved by IPDG Laura and supported by 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Bill. Motion passed.

1<sup>st</sup> VDG Bill reminded everyone to call clubs and set up a visitation for if you wait the clubs will never call. He brought up the Governor's Contest and his Goals. They are printed in the Roster Book.

Motion to adjourn at 2:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Chipman, Cabinet Secretary

Since 2005, Welcome Homes Residential Services (WHRS) and Gerontology Network (GN) have worked together to expand services to the visually impaired of Michigan. In 2009, their affiliation grew larger to include Porter Hills Retirement Communities (PH). As part of the strategic planning, the WHRS, GN and PH Board of Directors felt it best to dissolve the affiliation agreement allowing WHRS to focus on their mission of expanding services across the State of Michigan.

On Friday, July 29, 2011, the affiliation agreement with the Gerontology Network/Porter Hills Retirement Communities was dissolved. Welcome Homes Residential Services will continue to offer services to the visually impaired clients they are currently working with at Gerontology Network and Porter Hills. In addition, WHRS may continue to receive client referrals from both organizations.

Gerontology Network and Porter Hills Retirement Communities are strong leaders in the West Michigan area, and their assistance to WHRS has been much appreciated. We look forward to working with them and their clients in the future.

As a result of the dissolved affiliation agreement, WHRS will be re-locating their office effective Monday, August 1, 2011. The updated contact information is listed below:

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