

**DISTRICT 11-E1 CABINET MEETING  
SUNDAY, JANUARY 16, 2011  
POMPEII'S RESTAURANT  
BALDWIN, MICHIGAN**

**ATTENDING:** District Governor Laura Johnson and PDG Harry, 1<sup>st</sup> VDG John Monahan, 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Bill Simpson, Treasurer Lion Kerry McGinley, Secretary PDG Jim Chipman, IPDG Wayne Kreitner and Lion Deb, PDG Lynn Mast, Lion Bob Chapman; Project Kidsight, Lion Steve Adsmund, ZC; Lion Lynn Nostrant, Diabetes & Sight; Lion Ron Gibson, Tail Twister; Lion Tony Rutledge, ZC; Lion Dick Goedge, ZC; Lion Tim Anderson, ZC; Lion Christina Anderson, Youth Exchange; Lion Pete Conarty, ZC; Lion John Hunt, Pin Chair; Lion Pam Blizzard, Leader Dog Chair; Lion Karla Roebuck, IT Chair and Lion Bob Roebuck.

Call to order at 9:30 AM by District Governor Laura

Pledge and Invocation by Lion Ron Gibson

**GOVERNOR'S REMARKS; DG** Laura offered her condolences to the Traverse City Lions Club in the passing of their president, long time Lion Doug Hunt. She also reported that Lion Connie McMorris could not be here today because her husband is not well and in the hospital. She also mentioned that Lion Jackie Perrin had an accident and PDG Dick was home taking care of her. She expressed her feelings on Lions holding on to office positions in their clubs and preventing other Lions to become leaders in their clubs, district and Multiple.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** PDG Chipman presented the minutes of September 19, 2010 and asked for motion to accept them as printed. Motion by Lion McGinley and supported by Lion W. Kreitner. Motion passed.

Lion Chipman read off the names of the clubs that are behind in their M-Reports and asked the Cabinet on their feelings on billing them, as he feels that a lot of clubs are going to tell him that they do not have as many members as Lions International thinks. PDG Wayne made motion to bill all clubs on the figures that are billed to the District and not refund any money if they claim the figures are not correct. Motion passed.

Lion Chipman asked about destroying records over 7 years old and was advised not to until it had been checked with the state office and IRS. Lion PDG Wayne will check on this.

**TREASURER'S REPORT;** Lion Kerry McGinley presented his report and it shows a balance of \$15,635.78. The complete budget follows:

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

Balance July 1, 2010 **\$14445.39**

Receipts	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Transfer from prior years excess	\$ 3000.00	3000.00
Dues 1350 @ \$21.50	29025.00	14245.10
CD Interest	350.00	247.77
Checking Interest	90.00	27.39
District Convention 1350 @ \$1.00	1350.00	675.00
Cabinet Meeting		552.00
IPDG Dinner		1865.00
Spaghetti Dinner		260.00
District Pins	<u>600.00</u>	<u>273.00</u>
 Total Receipts	 \$34515.00	 21145.26

Expenses

Dues 1350 @ \$14.50	\$19575.00	9566.75
Roster Book	800.00	854.00
Newsletter and Postage	400.50	271.04
Cabinet Meeting		575.12
Awards	500.00	312.22
Spaghetti dinner		259.28
IPDG Dinner		2905.08
Region and Zone Chairs 2009-10	1125.00	
District Pins	600.00	
District Convention	675.00	675.00
International Convention	1500.00	
Miscellaneous non-refundable DG Expenses	2750.00	1554.58
Misc. non-refundable 1 <sup>st</sup> VDG Expenses	3000.00	2113.98
Misc. non-refundable 2 <sup>nd</sup> VDG Expenses	750.00	
Miscellaneous	1789.50	
Leadership Institute	300.00	300.00
Dishonesty Bond	250.00	257.00
IPDG Jacket	100.00	
Peace Poster	50.00	
District Website	<u>250.00</u>	<u>250.00</u>
Total Projected Expenses	\$34515.00	19894.05

Balance Administrative Fund for 2010-11 0.00 1251.21  
**Balance Administrative Fund as of January 16, 2011** **\$15696.60**

**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				
Receipts	1100.00			\$14182.54
Diabetes			1319.67	
Receipts	100.00			
Expenses				1419.67
Youth Exchange			210.00	210.00
LCIF			500.00	500.00
District Convention			5872.84	
Receipts	675.00			
Expenses				6547.84
Miscellaneous			788.10	788.10
LCI Grant	Receipts	1750.00		
	Expenses	750.00		1000.00
KidSight			125.88	
Receipts				
Expenses				125.88
Tail Twister			1140.75	
Receipts	129.65			<u>1270.40</u>
<b>Balance as of January 16, 2011</b>				<b>\$26044.43</b>

Yours in Lionism,

Lion Kerry McGinley  
District Treasurer

A motion by PDG Wayne to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Supported by Lion Tim Anderson and the motion passed.

At this time Lion Chipman asked for a vote to approve the audit committee's review of the financial books from last year as we failed to do so at our last meeting. Motion by 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Simpson and supported by 1<sup>st</sup> VDG John Monahan to approve the review. Motion passed.

**CONVENTION REPORT:** Lion Deb Kreitner presented the budget for the 2011 District Convention. After much discussion, it was moved to increase her income figures by \$1,000.00. (This money will be transferred from the Convention Designated Fund into a miscellaneous fund in the convention budget.) and approve her budget as presented. Motion made by PDG Kreitner and supported by Lion Goedge. Motion passed.

2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Bill Simpson made motion to grant the chairman of the Convention Committee the latitude to disburse these miscellaneous funds at her discretion, to pay for entertainment if needed or other needs of the convention. Lion Kerry seconded the motion, and it passed.

The complete budget follows:

<b>Income</b>	2011	2011	2010
Starting Balance (Misc.)		\$1,400.00	\$789.29
	138 @ \$5.00 11 @		138 @ \$5.00 11 @
Registrations	\$10.00	\$800.00	\$800.00
Friday night get together	82 @ \$5.00	\$410.00	\$410.00
	40 @		34 @
Saturday Breakfast	\$12.00	\$480.00	\$408.00
			76 @
Lunch	76 @ 13.00	\$988.00	\$912.00
	85 @		85 @
Saturday Banquet	\$22.00	\$1,870.00	\$1,870.00
	82 @		82 @
Sunday Memorial Breakfast	\$13.00	\$1,066.00	\$984.00
50 - 50 Raffle		\$120.00	\$110.00
Decoration Auction		\$0.00	\$110.00
Silent Auction		\$1,000.00	\$973.00
District Account		\$1,800.00	\$3,000.00
District C-1 Governor's Gift Bags			\$464.41
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>\$8,534.00</b>	<b>\$10,830.70</b>

**Expenses**

Holiday Inn Meals		\$5,000.00	\$5,067.57
Hospitality Rooms		\$300.00	\$332.96
Governor's Gift give away		\$500.00	\$928.82
Governor's sign		\$45.00	\$43.50

ID Wife's gift	\$75.00	\$90.09
Printing	\$105.00	\$107.00
Ear Lab	\$0.00	\$292.00
Postage	\$47.00	\$22.00
Decorations & Candy	\$250.00	\$365.61
Entertainment	\$400.00	\$188.00
Refunds		\$3,393.15
District Account	<b>\$6,722.00</b>	<b>\$10,830.70</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>		

The Convention registration is available on the District Web Site. The date of the convention is April 1-3 at the Mt. Pleasant Comfort Inn.

Questions were asked about the dates of the 2012 District Convention; it will be held in Grand Rapids March 30-31 and April 1.

**MULTIPLE 11 CONVENTION;** Lion Deb stated the Convention will be held May 20-21 at the Center Pointe Hotel in Auburn Hills. Cost of rooms will be \$79.00 plus tax. Phone number for the hotel is 248-253-9800. Friday night at the mix and meet “Dueling Piano’s” will be the entertainment, and this mix and meet will be at no cost.

Friday Meal will cost \$20.00

Saturday Breakfast \$15.00

Saturday Banquet \$26.00

More information will be posted on the Multiple 11’s Web Site and our District Site. Plan now to attend.

**ZONE REPORT:** As Lion Tony Rutledge has to leave early, he asked to give his report now. Region 2 zone 2 has been very active and going well. He has visited all clubs and all were present at the fall meeting. Next zone meeting is set for January 27, 2011. Some problems with Remus yet, and he asked questions about club presidents being in their office for many years. This prevents new members from becoming involved in their clubs and district. Although it may not be good, the clubs must be happy and the only way to solve it is for the president to tell the club that he won’t do it anymore.

**BEAR LAKE CAMP;** Visited the camp and found it very worth while. If there is a child in your area that has a handicap, this would be a wonderful experience for them. He presented hand out material to all.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS;** DG Laura explained that the executive committee voted to purchase the trailer and construct a float. The cost of the trailer was \$750.00; it is presently stored at Lion Bill Simpson’s place of business. Plans are being developed to construct the float and get it ready for travel. The trailer is 8x18. Discussion was held on how to title the trailer and purchase a license. Major concern is the liability for the

officers of the District. Motion was made by 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG to form a committee and pursue the incorporation of our District and any necessary cost, up to \$500.00, to come from the administrative fund. Motion supported by Lion Adsmund and it passed. DG Laura named the following to the committee, IPDG Wayne, PDG Harry, 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Bill and Lion Ron Gibson. They are charged to get this done as soon as possible.

**EAR LAB;** District Governor Laura presented a letter from Lion Paul Hanrahan describing the usage of the Lab by the District. In the letter it shows for the years 2007-08 the District had 147 people screened and the donation from the District that year was \$4,000.00, besides what the individual clubs paid for the Ear Lab to come. Of course if we get the clubs to use it more the cost would go down; usage is not going up but down. Motion made by Lion Kreitner to change our policy manual and remove the Ear Lab as a District Project as of today's date and forward all monies collected thru January 31, 2011. This was supported by Lion Adsmund and it passed with 1 no vote by Lion Chipman. DG Laura asked Lion Chipman, as Cabinet Secretary, to write a letter to Paul Hanrahan about our decision. She also stressed that the Lions Clubs could continue to use the Ear Lab if they so wished.

12:00 PM Break for lunch

12:30 PM Call back to order by DG Laura.

**PROJECTORS:** 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Bill said that the cheapest he could find would run between 6 and 9 hundred dollars and it was up to the District as to what they wished to do. It was suggested that 1<sup>st</sup> VDG John include this in his budget for next year.

**1<sup>ST</sup> VDG REPORT;** Presented an evaluation form for our clubs and members to see what they think of Lions. If we can retain more members, our membership will increase.

**2<sup>ND</sup> VDG REPORT;** Bill brought up Global Membership, and asked Lion Wayne what it was all about. Lion Wayne said it is the same as MERLO except spelled differently. Written report follows;

Projectors---These are available locally or on line, depending the amount of funding the District is willing to invest, typical charges would be \$600.00 to \$900.00 each. We should have at least one for the 2<sup>nd</sup> vice position but having two would eliminate the exchanging situation between the two vices (driving) and make things a lot easier.

When Lion John returns from the International Convention we will have information on the structuring of new GM and GL teams and at that time we will set up our travel teams to begin District wide training.

The District trailer has been purchased for \$750.00 a great savings from our original price of \$3500.00 and currently sits at a self storage facility in Howard City. We are looking for indoor storage where work can begin on the trailer.

Titling of the trailer still remains a problem. The easiest way would be for someone to have the trailer titled in their name and charge the district for their insurance cost; then their insurance would be primary and Lions Int'l would cover in a secondary role for liability but not property damage.

If the District was incorporated all the District officers would be safer from liability suit since the corporate entity would be liable only to the extent of its assets. With our current situation we expose all District officers if the trailer is being used recklessly and damages exceed the primary insurance of the person towing the trailer. This would be very possible if someone was maimed or killed, such as being hit or falling off a moving trailer.

We've had our ups and downs on the quantity of zone meetings this year but third quarter is starting to look better. We have some zone meetings scheduled and hope that trend continues. Our project this year, with the zone-chairs, has been a district orientation manual that will fit in with next year's big push on orientation and retention.

Zone-chairs don't forget your after meeting report that should include distribution to the Governor and both Vice District Governors. This is your way to report between the lines and let us know what needs to be done.

Lion Bill  
2<sup>nd</sup> VDG

**PEACE POSTER;** DG Laura presented the Peace Poster that was the winner from our District. The winner was from Cedar Maple City; she will be invited to our District Convention. The Governor thanked all clubs that participated this year and hopes that more will do so next year. Lion Nostrant suggested that the clubs buy their kits now and go to the schools in the spring so the teachers can plan on it for the fall.

**ALL STATE BAND;** DG Laura said that we have 10 young adults from our District going to the International Convention. Remember to make a donation to help them if your club can and send a donation to the All State Committee.

### **ZONE REPORTS;**

Region 1 Zone 1 Lion Bob Manning: Written report follows;

In general the Zone is snowbound and things are relatively uneventful. Empire is trying to initiate a few new fund raisers for the coming year.

Northport's summer fund raisers were very successful this year. The club has resumed a new medical fund for the community.

Maple City/Cedar club had an excellent X-mas tree sale. The sales and donations exceeded \$5000 this year/

Traverse City's club, after inducting many new members last year, has recently had two members die. One being their King Lion, Doug Hunt. Their interim President will probably be voted in next meeting. Their raffle was very successful as was their white cane drive.

Most clubs seem to be working on new fund raisers for the coming year and waiting for their snow birds to return.

My computer has been in the shop for repairs this past week. Hope I did not miss any important communications.

Sincerely,  
Robert F. Manning, Region 1 Zone 1 Chairman

Region 1 Zone 2 Lion Connie McMorris: Written report follows;  
I have had 2 cabinet meeting so far one in Honor one in Frankfort both those went well Frankfort has lost two members because of deaths since October, They have a question about what exactly they should be charging for family dues for both international and district, Neal who had set the figure for them before is on leave and no one else claims to know anything about it. So their president asked if I would ask at the Cabinet meeting for them.

I have another problem if someone on the cabinet could help me with I would appreciate when I had my last meeting in Frankfort there was no one from Mesick there when they were in Honor we sat up a zone meeting for March 29th they said it would be at Margo's restraunt, well Margo has sold the restraunt and moved the phone numbers in the roster book are not good numbers for the Mesick club I no longer have a number for Louie Houghs, so if some one can help me out please give me a call  
I would like to remind Lion Laura to please get the history for the Honor Club we will have our 50th Anniversary this year coming up in October the dinner will be on October 9th at Graystone Manor in Honor please put it on your calendars now  
That is all I have at this time

Region 1 Zone 3 Lion Carl Hawkins: No report

Region 2 Zone 1 Lion Pete Conarty: Written report follows:

I am very pleased with the quality of Lionism that I am seeing in Zone I. In my visits to most of the clubs I have seen a great deal of enthusiasm, a better understanding of the relationship of the local club to the District, and a need to grow in the services that Lions provide.

International President Scruggs has asked us to do more for the needy in our communities and I have seen my clubs respond to his request. Mt. Pleasant and Midland Lions have worked in providing resources and money for the Red Cross. Harrison is doing a free



soup and bread dinner and Midland, Sanford and Coleman are helping distribute food to needy families.

Zone I clubs are beginning to visit each other and get to know the other Lions in the District. They readily share information for our Zone Newsletter and reproduce these newsletters to share with other Lions at their meetings. Communication is strong in our Zone. Fundraisers went well this years and the Zone is using the Kid Site Program. Midland screened 53 students at their last site.

However, everything is not roses. The Clare Lions Club is still having difficulty. Three years, ago, guiding Lions were sent in to help the club. Lion Jeff Panches, one of the strongest Lions in the club and a former District worker, took over as President. The club thrived for about a year. One meeting was changed to an afternoon venue to accommodate members who worked at MidMichigan Community College. However, the club has recently turned in the same direction that it did three years, ago. There are fewer Lions attending meetings and morale seems to be low. District Governor Laura Johnson talked to them about membership during her visit, I have offered my services through Lion Jeff. I went to a meeting at which four Lions showed up. Lion Jeff did come to our Zone President's forum and to our first Zone meeting. There seems to be discussion from club members about joining either the Coleman or Harrison Lions Club (more toward Harrison because they are in the same county and many of them work at MidMichigan Community College). Even though the club is a Farwell/Clare Lions Club, they seem to have difficulty getting new members and a small core is keeping the club going.

After our last Zone meeting, there was an indication that Vice Governor Bill Simpson would contact some Guiding Lions to try and discuss the matter with the club or Lion Jeff.

It is a difficult situation and beyond Jeff and a couple of other Clare Lions, I am not seeing much leadership.

The small core is running fundraisers and helping the community with small projects.

Lion Pete Conarty, Zone Chair Region II Zone I

Region 2 Zone 2 Lion Tony Rutledge: Report given earlier in the minutes.

Region 2 Zone 3 Lion Tim Anderson: Written report follows:

I've visited all of the clubs in my area

I've attended multiple fundraisers and projects at the clubs allowing me the chance to see the clubs in action and mingle and talk one on one with its members.

Membership is still increased at ALL the clubs in the zone since June and also all the clubs are still trying new projects and fundraisers

We have had 2 Zone Meetings and the 3rd is scheduled for the 15th of next month

#### Problems and Concerns

I haven't been made aware of or noticed any issues or concerns at the clubs I have visited.

1 concern at Cadillac did lose their monthly Little River Casino Trips, at the end of December. This fundraiser brought in over \$7000 a year to the club.

Submitted: ZC Lion Tim Anderson  
Region II Zone 3

Region 3 Zone 1 Lion Lanie Niemi: No report

Region 3 Zone 2 Lion Richard Goedge: Written report follows;  
Thurs. Jan. 13, 2011 McKenna's Restaurant  
Lakeview, MI

Call To Order: 6:40 p.m. Zone Chair R. Goedge

Pledge: R. Goedge

Invocation: Lion Don Vietengruber, Dist. Chaplin

Introductions:

Gov. Laura Johnson—discussed M-Reports and the need to do “drops” only in Dec. & June reports. New Member Installation at Convention by International Director.

1<sup>st</sup>. Vice Gov. John Monahan—discussed Memorial Service at convention and reminded everyone to get info + picture if possible so that a candle can be lit at the service for them.

2<sup>nd</sup>. Vice Gov.—Bill Simpson—The District's Float Trailer is in Howard City at present and there is a need for work on it to make it parade ready.

1. Sand Lake:
2. Howard City:
3. Stanton: Valentine's Day Ladies night, Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> at Clifford Lake; Sap gathering, Spring; Stanton Days; 21 members and retention is good.
4. Sheridan: Shrine Circus in conjunction with Stanton; Variety Show; membership low and needs help.
5. Greenville: membership 50/attendance around 30; Spaghetti Dinner, 3-18, 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary party at Candlestone Inn 6-24, \$20.00/each, call for reservations soon.
6. Lakeview: Snowmobile Races, concession stand; membership 31, holding, but 2 new prospects. Winterfest Feb. 11-13.

Upcoming:

- a. Mt.Pleasant- May 1, Chicken BBQ.
- b. Cadillac-Sink the Shack
- c. May 20-Mult Dist. Conv.-Auburn Hills Marriott
- d. April 1-E-1 & C-1 Dist Conv.-Mt. Pleasant.
- e. Feb. 18&19 Michigan Forum-Lansing, Ramada Inn
- f. USA/Canada Forum, Sept. 22-24, Anchorage, Alaska.d

Adjourned... Special meeting Clubs: to follow.....

Region 3 Zone 3 Lion Steve Adsmond: Written report follows;

The next Zone meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 31 at the White Cloud Lions Den at 6 pm at the White Cloud Lions Den. Our program is Presenting the Lion Organ Donor Program at Community festivals. Lion Lynn Mast, our Eye Bank chair is our presenter.

The following Zone Meeting is February 28<sup>th</sup> in Hesperia. The scheduled February 28<sup>th</sup> program will be Lions Tim Anderson scheduled for a program on Leos Clubs and trying to get clubs in our Zone to establish Leos clubs as well as Christina Anderson, District Lions Youth Exchange chairperson to introduce Lions Youth Exchange to our clubs.

Guiding Lion Ron Gibson has begun to help Hesperia with membership challenges. Hesperia does a good job of raising money and contributing to their community. Guiding Lion Janalee McClure will continue to help Newaygo with their membership challenges. Newaygo King Lion Frank Janusz is interested in being involved in the District float construction.

In addition, at our recent expensive lunch meeting round table Zone Chairperson's meeting, VDG Bill Simpson led us in a review of various orientation manuals with the purpose of creating a district orientation manual that can be used by clubs to follow or create their own orientation manual. We intend to have this 1<sup>st</sup> draft completed within the next cabinet meeting and hopefully have approval to have it available at our District Convention. I believe we need to have that to present as a seminar at our District Convention.

Submitted,

Lion Steve Adsmond, Zone 3 Region 3 Chair

**LEO'S;** Written report follows

The New Leo's of 11-E1 Facebook page has been updated - The Mesick now have their own Leo Facebook page. Still working with Fremont and Greenville on getting theirs.

I met with all but 1 of the Leo Advisors over the summer and was able to learn and get a feel for their clubs. I'm attempting to find out what works and doesn't work at each club

then maybe share what I find with all clubs. I would like to put together a uniform structure for the Leos right now they are all setup and ran very differently.

Attended and helped out with a couple Leo projects

I have 2 clubs that I'm currently scheduling or have scheduled visits to so I can put on a LEO presentation these club have expressed a interest in possibly sponsoring a Leo club. Barryton - Cedar-Maple City

Still working with a few of the clubs on filing their LEOMMR reports

All the clubs have been and are working various community projects and a full listing can be found below. I will abbreviate this information tomorrow at the cabinet meeting.

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Lion Tim stated that the Leo's in our District have been asked to put on a presentation at the Michigan Forum. The registration is \$35.00 per person and he wondered if the District could help as they have to pay even if they put on the presentation; he thinks it would be a good experience for them. Motion by Lion Chipman and supported by Lion Monahan to pay for up to 4 registrations not to exceed \$140.00. Motion passed. The money is to be taken from the miscellaneous fund.

**LIONS OF MICHIGAN FOUNDATION;** Lion Kerry McGinley said there isn't any candidate for his office of trustee as of yet. Letters of nomination have to be in by Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>. Raffle tickets are out, and he urged everyone to sell as many as possible for this money is used for the grants program. Hearing aid program still going strong; if you have an application, please contact the Foundation Office directly. Lion Kerry has a new email address [knkm51@gmail.com](mailto:knkm51@gmail.com)

**EXTENSION:** Lion Harry is still working on Lake City and plans on doing another Kid Sight program. Every time he goes, he gets another person interested in joining and maybe soon he can form a club. Winter fest will be in Lake City on Feb. 11-12, and he plans on serving hot chocolate for the kids and hand outs for the adults.

**QUEST:** PDG Harry has had some inquires about the Quest program from the clubs in Lion Pete's area and is willing to go and put on a program. Lions Quest is 25 years old and in 60 countries. It's a program designed for schools to make the kids feel good about them selves. As of yet, there is no meeting at the State level.

**MEMBERSHIP:** PDG Lynn has not had a membership meeting yet at the state level. We have to get the clubs investigate why members are dropping. The state has dropped 270 members so far this year. We have to talk about Lionism when we are out doing projects and let them know what Lions is all about. Get enthused and help your clubs.

**MICHIGAN EYE BANK:** PDG Lynn - Our District has been a leader in the Donor Registration Program and you don't have far to go to see the importance of the program, PDG Morlock. Larry is doing well, and was going to try and be here today. Our District

had 68 people receive the gift of sight. Donations are down to the Eye Bank, and we need to get them back. Willing to put on programs all you have to do is call.

**LEADER DOG;** Lion Pam Blizzard written report follows,

Thirteen clubs in the 11 E 1 district were visited by Leader Dog co-chairs, Kim Wattles and Lynard or Pam Blizzard and Nicholas in 2010. Exciting changes are taking place at Leader Dogs for the Blind. Our goal is to visit every club in our district to keep them informed about the service Leader Dog contributes to the blind community.

Clubs Visited:

Cadillac, Crystal, Empire, Ewart, Frankfort, Fremont, Harrison, Honor, Lake Ann, ,  
Mesick, Mt. Pleasant,

Traverse City, White Cloud

In January e-mails were sent to the other clubs in the district. The response has been great. We are looking forward to a busy winter and spring.

Pam Blizzard

**YOUTH EXCHANGE;** Lion Christina Anderson written report follows,

The 5 kids from other countries that came to Michigan as part of the youth exchange are currently here in Michigan staying with their host families - None were placed within our district and at this time no news has been received on how their stay is going.

After the letters about Youth Exchange went out to the schools in the fall I was contacted by 10 youths from round our district that were interested in the exchange program. After sending out all the necessary information I have had 3 of them that have gotten back with me repeatedly for more information, but I'm unsure at this time is any of them have decided to go or not.

Another district youth exchange chair has been helping me answer the questions that have been asked.(Lion Peggy Allen 11 B1) She has been very helpful.

We have had notices about the program published in several newspapers within the district but with little to no response.

One of the questions that have been asked most often is about getting grants or financial help. Do we have any money set aside for grants for kids in our district and if so how do we go about getting it. I have supplied contact information of local clubs to all those that asked about financial help and sponsorship.

Lion Christina Anderson

**DIABETES & SIGHT CONSERVATION;** Lion Lynn Nostrant has been to Fremont to put on a program and felt it went well. Lynn plans to have material available for the District Convention. If any one wants a program please call as Lion Lynn is willing to come.

**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY;** Lion Karla is not happy with the chairman of the state committee as she thinks there is a conflict of interest in his attempt to push his own website hosting and site building tool (at a cost) rather than encouraging clubs to use the Lions e-clubhouse free of charge for uniformity and one united presence on the web. She did thank Lion Deb for sending her all the material for the District Convention and it is all on the Web Site.

**KID SIGHT;** Lion Bob Chapman went to Fremont and checked eyes on some 55 kids. The cost of film is going up to \$3.00 and the State is trying to get a digital camera for all Districts thru a grant with Lions International.

**WHITE CANE;** Lion Ron Gibson announced the dates of White Cane Days as April 29<sup>th</sup> thru May 8<sup>th</sup>. You can order materials through the State Office and pick them up at the Michigan Forum Feb. 18-19.

**HONORARY COMMITTEE;** IPDG Wayne has not held a meeting but will hold one before the Convention.

**CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS;** Lion Chipman reported on B-1 and C-2 request to join together. It will be on the Multiple Convention Ballot. There will also be one on how the Council of Governors can vote if absent.

**HEARING;** Lion Gayle Morlock report follows:

**Credentials:** The certification form will appear in the January District Newsletter. The King Lion or Secretary should complete the form and return to Lion Gayle Morlock by March 15, 2011. Notice that the PDGs are listed at the end of the form.

**Hearing Committee:** The district has had a few requests for hearing aids. Remember that the club must sponsor the person which includes paying for the evaluation and the fitting of the hearing aids. The district chair or trustee for the Foundation must sign the request form before it is sent to the Foundation for approval.

**CAMP TUHSMEHETA;** Lion Larry Alman reports follows;

OUB did loose the lease from the State of Michigan but OUB will be running the programs at Camp T. for the Blind this summer and beyond as well. In the report you see more detail as to what is going on. The State is taking it over but they have no clues as to how to run a program like we do and they are asking OUB to provide staff and bring more Blind and Visually Impaired children to camp this summer and with that we do

need help from Lions and other others to pitch in and help us fulfill our dream and that is to provide an outdoor recreational facility for the Blind and Visually Impaired in the State of Michigan and we will keep on doing it.

Governor thanked everyone for coming and asked for a motion to adjourn.  
Adjourn 2:30 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Cabinet Secretary  
Jim Chipman