

**DISTRICT 11-E1 CABINET MINUTES
SUNDAY, JANUARY 15, 2012
COMMISSION ON AGING OFFICE
93 S, GIBBS STREET
WHITE CLOUD, MICHIGAN**

ATTENDING: District Governor John Monahan, 1st VDG Bill Simpson, 2nd VDG Tim Anderson, Treasurer Lion Kerry McGinley, Secretary PDG Jim Chipman, PDG Lynn Mast, PDG Jerry Brandt, PDG Harry Johnson, PDG Richard Perrin, PDG Janalee McClure, ZC Lion Tony Rutledge, ZC Lion Pam Schroeder, ZC Lion Connie McMorris, ZC Lion Lester McClure, Lion Pete Conarty, Lion Karla Roebuck, Lion Ron Gibson, Lion Laurene Homsher, Lion John C. Monahan, and White Cloud Lions Vern, Lion Nancy, Lion Jane Jibson and Lion Dave Jibson.

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

Pledge led by the DG

Invocation by PDG Jerry Brandt

GOVERNOR’S OPENING REMARKS; Governor reported that a couple Project KidSight training sessions have been held and one more is scheduled for Harrison on the 17th. 2nd VDG Tim has held a sight screening and has worked some of the problems out of the equipment.

SECRETARY’S REPORT; PDG Chipman stated that the minutes for our Oct. 16, 2011 meeting were published and made motion to accept as printed. Motion supported by ZC Connie McMorris and it was passed. As the District hasn’t received their bill from Lions of Michigan for dues, the dues to individual clubs have not gone out, but will shortly. The Lions Club of Sheridan was discussed; they have been sending in their activity reports and have made a donation to Bear Lake and purchased a pair of glasses. They have paid there International Dues but not their District Dues. PDG Mast is in contact with them and will try and get more information from them.

TREASURER’S REPORT; Lion Kerry presented the Financial Statement as of January 15; it shows a balance of \$18,591.38. The Designated Funds balance is \$14,256.97. The complete report follows.

**DISTRICT 11-E1
Financial Statement 2011-12
January 15,2012
Administrative Fund**

Balance July 1, 2011		\$15849.73
Receipts	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Transfer from prior years excess	\$ 3000.00	\$
Transfer from District Convention	1000.00	1000.00
Transfer from S & H that was owed Admin	1917.46	1917.46

Dues 1300 @ \$21.50	27950.00	13226.25
CD Interest	150.00	165.91
Checking Interest	70.00	21.61
IPDG Dinner		1575.00
Cabinet Meeting		290.75
District Convention 1325 @ \$1.00	1300.00	650.00
District Pins	<u>500.00</u>	<u>385.49</u>
Total Receipts	\$33970.00	\$19232.47
Expenses		
Dues 1325 @ \$14.50	\$19212.50	9385.25
Roster Book	900.00	922.90
Newsletter and Postage	900.00	282.14
IPDG Dinner		1691.39
Cabinet Meeting		263.50
Awards	500.00	229.86
Miscellaneous (Incorporation Fee)		20.00
Fall Conference		57.00
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	629.80
International Convention (2010-2011)	1500.00	1500.00
Miscellaneous non-refundable DG Expenses	2750.00	
Misc. non-refundable 1 st VDG Expenses	1500.00	
Misc. non-refundable 2 nd VDG Expenses	750.00	750.00
Miscellaneous	750.50	
Leadership Institute	300.00	300.00
Dishonesty Bond	257.00	257.00
IPDG Jacket	100.00	
Peace Poster	50.00	
District Website	<u>250.00</u>	<u>250.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$32257.50	\$16490.82

Balance Administrative Fund

\$18591.38

DESIGNATED FUNDS

	BALANCE July 1, 2011	CURRENT BALANCE
Sight and Hearing	\$13082.54	
CD State Farm Bank \$	13082.54	
Expenses	4365.00	
Receipts	575.00	\$ 9292.54
Diabetes	1819.67	
Receipts	100.00	

	Expenses			1919.67
Youth Exchange			210.00	210.00
LCIF			500.00	500.00
District Convention			6247.84	
	Receipts	402.00		
	Expenses	<u>1328.69</u>		5321.15
Miscellaneous				
	Expenses			615.12
LCI Grant (Float)	Receipts	1750.00		
	Expenses	2623.54		
	Expenses (11-12)	<u>425.26</u>		(1298.80)
KidSight			61.18	
	Receipts	200.00		
	Expenses			261.18
PediaVision			4050.00	
	Receipts	26330.00		
	Expenses	29400.00		(3070.00)
Tail Twister			1324.90	
	Receipts	181.21		
	Expenses	1000.00(PediaVision)		
				<u>506.11</u>
Balance as of January 15, 2012				\$14256.97

Discussion was held on the review of the 2010-11 financial records and, as only one person of the committee was present, it was moved that the 2010-11 books be reviewed at the same time as the 2011-12 records are reviewed; this will at our 1st meeting in Lion Year 2012-13. Motion made by PDG Chipman and supported by ZC Tony Rutledge. Motion approved.

District Governor John stated that the March 11, 2012 cabinet meeting would be canceled unless there were major problems that needed to be resolved.

CONVENTION REPORT; Lion Deb Kreitner was absent but sent a report which the secretary read:

The convention preparations are coming along, the registration sheets, memorial sheets, flyer and delegate certification sheets will go out by the end of the coming week.

We have a convention committee meeting at the Crowne Plaza on January 26, at 6:00 PM. Those that would like to attend are welcome to do so; we can always use extra help.

Lion Chipman presented her budget for the 2012 Convention, which follows.

Income	2012	2011	2011
Starting Balance (Misc.)	\$2,000.00	\$1,800.00 23 comp	\$1,800.00
Registrations	\$850.00	127@ \$5.00 12 @ \$10.00	\$800.00
Friday night get together	\$540.00	85 @ \$5.00	\$410.00
Saturday Breakfast	\$840.00	68 @ \$12.00	\$480.00
Lunch	\$1,495.00	103 @ 13.00	\$988.00
Saturday Banquet	\$2,310.00	104 @ \$22.00	\$1,870.00
Sunday Memorial Breakfast	\$600.00	52 @ \$13.00	\$1,066.00
50 - 50 Raffle		\$274.00	\$120.00
Decoration Auction	\$150.00		\$0.00
Silent Auction	\$1,300.00	\$1,626.00	\$1,000.00
District Account			\$800.00
District Governor's Gift		\$229.95	
Total Income	\$10,085.00		\$9,334.00

Expenses			
Hotel Meals	\$5,100.00		\$5,000.00
Hospitality Rooms	\$300.00		\$300.00
Governor's Gift give away	\$600.00		\$500.00
Governor's sign	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$45.00
ID Wife's gift	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$75.00
Printing	\$150.00		\$105.00
Postage	\$50.00	\$44.00	\$47.00
Decorations & Candy	\$250.00		\$250.00
Entertainment	\$700.00		\$400.00
Refunds			
District Account			\$6,722.00
Total Expenses	\$7,165.00		

Motion to accept the budge as presented by Lion Kerry McGinley and supported by ZC Connie McMorris. Motion passed.

District Governor John announced that ID Doug Alexander from New York will be our Saturday Night key note speaker.

PROJECT KIDSIGHT; PDG Janalee McClure read the following report;

Due to the political atmosphere at the Multiple Level, Project KidSight Exc. Director, Linda Bosma has tendered her resignation as a Lion to LCI. The Project KidSight Board of Directors voted unanimously to retain Linda Bosma as their executive Director.

We did not have any screenings, until this week, in the last two months but we have had several trainings. The last training was held at White Cloud Lions Den, Jan. 10, 2012. The training was attended by over 40 Lion members from 11 Lions Clubs: Weidman, Honor, Big Rapids, Midland, and White Cloud. Hart, Mt. Pleasant, Mesick, Newaygo, Fremont and Cadillac. We disbursed 60 packets of information to the attendees.

I have insurance quotes that will cover the cameras with a Miscellaneous Property Floater through Auto-Owners from a Lion in C-2.

\$10,000 coverage with a \$250.00 deductible for \$260.00.

\$10,000 coverage with a 0 deductible for \$302.00

DG John presented a cost analysis for using Kid Sight Cameras and an insurance quote of \$225.00 per camera. After much discussion, the following costs for holding a screening will be a \$1.00 fee per child that will go to the District and an additional fee of \$1.00 that will be sent to Project KidSight Foundation for all children between the ages of 1 year thru 5 years. The clubs using the Cameras will be responsible to send the money to the two different bodies. Motioned by PDG Chipman and supported by Lion Rutledge. The motion passed.

PDG Janalee presented a proposed District Constitution Change to make Project KidSight a District Project. Motion by Lion Kerry McGinley to present to the delegates at our 2012 District Convention a Constitutional proposal to make Project Kidsight a District Project. Supported by Lion Tony Rutledge and the motion passed.

Lion Pam Schroeder made motion to endorse a letter of resolution at our 2012 District Convention to support Project KidSight as a Multiple 11 State Project. Lion Connie McMorris supported the motion and the motion passed.

Motion was made by PDG Chipman to authorize DG John to spend up to \$1000.00 for the purchase of insurance for Project KidSight Cameras. Motion supported by 2nd VDG Anderson and the motion passed.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS PDG Janalee presented the following proposed Constitution change for the 2012 District Convention;
The District Cabinet shall acknowledge and automatically incorporate the changes in the Standard District Constitution and By-Laws of The International Association of Lions Clubs, a procedure that we adopted in 2009.

Motion by PDG Chipman and supported by 1st VDG Simpson to present at the Convention. Motion passed.

A proposed change for the Constitution dealing with the funding of Project KidSight was presented and this has to do with raising the dues \$1.00 per member for a period of 3 years.

Motion by 1st VDG Bill to present at the District Convention and supported by Lion Pam Schroeder. Motion defeated.

PDG Janalee presented the following changes to the District 11-E1 Policy Manual;

Under Section C,
1. General Policies
e) shall read:

The Immediate Past District Governor's Appreciation Night is a function and responsibility of the District. **The Appreciation Dinner should be a "break even" function that is reported through the Convention Committee Funds and any shortage will come out of the Convention fund raising activities.** The date should be established as soon as possible to avoid conflicts with other events. The IPDG, after consultation with other Governors on his/her council, should indicate to the District a date most appropriate for all concerned.

Under Section C
15. District Convention Fund.
c) shall read:

The District Treasurer will identify the Fund and maintain a separate accounting of it **and the Immediate Past District Governor's Appreciation Night.**

Motion by PDG Chipman and supported by 1st VDG Bill to adopt changes. Motion passed.

BEAR LAKE CAMP: A request was made by Bear Lake Camp for \$700.00 to purchase a fan for a dormitory room. Lion Tony Rutledge made motion to purchase said fan for \$700.00 and take the money from the Sight and Hearing Fund and ask our clubs to reimburse the funds. Motion supported by 1st VDG Bill and it passed.

1ST VDG REPORT: Lion Bill Simpson: Region zone one was restructured. We have been unable to obtain a zone chair (despite 2 appointments) and thought the best overall plan was to combine those clubs, Carson City, Crystal, Edmore, Shepherd, Six Lakes & Vestaburg into the existing zones that had coverage. This will give them a voice at council meetings. I've included a copy of the new structure with this report.

The Kid's Sight project, with new cameras, is ready to run. We've worked out most of the bugs and clubs should start lining up events, festivals, schools and preschools to use the new cameras. The down side of this new technology is that the cameras present a technology hurdle for the average Lion to cross, certainly for this Lion. The idea of transferring files from computer to flash drives to cameras and back makes me want to throw up my hands and cry foul. The worst case scenario is lost files of screenings that can't be replaced without tedious rescheduling of parents and children. My solution to this is to thoroughly train 2 to 4 people per zone and have them do the screenings and paperwork. We need people who do it right time after time with lots of repetition, so the process is second nature and they know when something isn't right.

How has the trailer been received? How many times was it used and does everyone know it is available? What I'd like to do this year at Fall Conference is have a Pedia camera and trailer show. The District should regard the trailer as a publicity and advertising tool. The trailer advertises our good work. It shows the hometown Lions to it's constituents.

The Michigan Forum is Feb. 17 & 18. Come join us for a mid-winter break, away from snow and ice. The Forum will be held at the Lansing Ramada Inn. They offer a great pool and a chance to renew friendships within our Lions organization, not to mention 14 great breakout sessions and meals for a very reasonable cost.

2ND VDG REPORT: Lion Tim Anderson: The USA/Canada forum will be held in Tampa, Fla. September 13-15, 2012. Forms are available. Lion Tim has some "Just Ask" pins for anyone that wants them, as a reminder that to get new members you have to ask. Membership is down, but the clubs are trying to get new members. Seems like two steps forward and one back. Project KidSight is moving forward and at least two members from every club should be trained in how to handle the paper work. Screening is fairly easy if everything goes right and a TV 9& 10 reporter even screened a couple of kids.

GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP TEAM: Lion Pete Conarty stressed the "just ask" program; if we don't ask we won't get any new members. He suggested that everyone ask at least two individuals and be prepared to get a lot of not interested answers. He feels a lot of Lions are not reading the District Newsletter and suggested that it be printed off and taken to club meetings. We have 45 new members so far this year, but sadly we have lost more than we have brought in; 20 clubs have not lost any members as of Dec. 31, 2011. PDG Wayne Kreitner is no longer the State coordinator, as he had to resign due to health problems.

PRESENTATION; District Governor John read a letter of thank you from IPP Sid Scruggs thanking IPDG Laura Johnson for her service. As Laura was not present, the Governor presented the letter to PDG Harry Johnson.

GLOBAL LEADERSHIP TEAM: PDG Richard Perrin; LCI Online Courses

GLOBAL LEADERSHIP TEAM DISTRICT COORDINATOR REPORT JANUARY 15, 2012

GLT Training Activities

Club Officer Complete information about the program is available on the Lions Clubs International website. Follow this link <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/common/pdfs/mtr16.pdf>

Individual Lions Training Opportunities

- Michigan Lions Forum – Lansing, MI – February 18, 2012
- USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum – Tampa Bay, FL - September 13-15, 2012

- Michigan Lions Leadership Institute – Higgins Lake, MI – November 9-11, 2012
- Michigan Lions Leadership Graduate Institute – Higgins Lake, MI – November 9-11, 2012
- Senior Lions Leadership Institutes - Not yet announced for 2012

Online Lions Educational Opportunities Through Lions Clubs International

- LCI Webinars

Leadership Training

Over the past several months we have offered club officer training at zone meetings. All of the zones in the district had some representatives there to receive club president, treasurer and secretary training. The only zone with no representation was Region 3 Zone 3.

Club Excellence Process (CEP) Program

The Club Excellence Process (CEP) Program has been introduced to the Evart, Cadillac and Big Rapids Lions clubs. Facilitators need to return to these clubs to see if they are ready to begin the program.

LCI will be conducting two webinars on the Club Excellence Program (CEP) where staff, GMT and GLT Area Leaders will provide an overview of CEP and explain how clubs can engage their members by using this new membership program.

To register for the **“CEP: The Path to Excellence”** webinar, please go the link below for the day you wish to participate:

January 24, 2012 at 7 p.m. EST. Go to

<https://www3.gotomeeting.com/register/266489110> to register

February 9, 2012 at 8 p.m. EST

<https://www3.gotomeeting.com/register/714696798> to register

CEP Facilitator Training

CEP Facilitator training was held on November 19th in Lansing. We still need to set up a training session for those Lions in the northern part of the district who have indicated that they are interested in being facilitators. So we have five (5) facilitators trained in our district.

Identifying Potential Future Leaders

One of our first identification for this process is a simple form which is a resource for each Zone Chair and District officer. All that we ask is that as you make your visitations, you keep your eyes open for anyone who you feel would be a good future leader and who deserves being brought to our attention. Return the forms once they

have been completed to the GLT District Coordinator. Our intent is to build a database of potential leaders for use by all levels of Lionism.

Lions Mentoring Program

The Global Leadership Team encourages each club in District 11 E-1 to consider participating in the Lions Mentoring Program available from Lions International.

Help your new members become the best Lions they can be. The Lions Mentoring Program provides an opportunity for new Lions to learn about the responsibilities of being a Lion from an experienced mentor. The mentor helps the Lion set goals, plan activities and mark their progress as they learn to better serve their community.

There are two levels to the program.

Level One: The Responsibility of Being a Lion. It should be the goal of every club that all new Lions complete Level One in the first three months of their membership

Level Two: Relationships. Here the new Lion develops relationships and organizational skills in preparation for leadership at the club level. This level should be completed in the new Lion's first six months of membership.

Complete information about the program is available on the Lions Clubs International website. Follow this link <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/common/pdfs/mtr16.pdf>

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2nd VDG Tim Anderson announced that Lion Dick has been accepted as a faculty development instructor for Lions International and will go for training in Ottawa, Canada in March.

12:00 PM Break for lunch

12:30 call back to order

GLT & GMT Should they have a vote on the cabinet? Motion by PDG Chipman to allow them a vote. Supported by Lion Rutledge and the motion failed.

ZONE REPORTS:

Region I zone 1 Lion Connie McMorris: She has been working with her clubs and the GLT and GMT and thinks some good things will come from it. Traverse City has been working on getting their reports in and held a Christmas tree sale. Frankfort is down to 13 members but is still holding projects and meetings. KidSight screenings will be held in the area.

Region 1 zone 2 Lion Pam Schroeder; the next zone meeting will be in Kaleva on June 18th. In case you missed it Kaleva was featured on TV with their pasties. One of our goals this year is to have all clubs in the zone represented at the convention.

Region 2 zone 2 Lion Tony Rutledge; Two meetings held with King Lions outside of regular Zone meeting. Discussion of Club issues, and development of special Zone Projects. Attended Kid Sight training, working on used glasses project, KidSight screening for Chippewa Hills Elementary School, and membership/retention. Final Club visitations set and next Zone meeting will be Feb. 23, Thursday 6:30 PM at The Gate in Big Rapids.

Region 2 zone 3 Lion Debra Struble Absent but sent following report.

I have zone chair visits set-up with all my clubs to report on what I was hoping to get out of tomorrows meeting. I received reports back from all except my 2 new clubs and Cadillac. If I get anything before tomorrow I'll send it right out to you.

Baldwin: just finished it's candy sale with a profit of over \$500. Working on a membership night.

Luther: Busy as usual with 2 soup suppers scheduled for Jan. 25th and Feb. 22nd. Also, a breakfast Feb. 5th.

Evart: Collected 476 prs. of glasses and turned them into Ferris. Helped out a local restaurant with a Breakfast with Santa, bringing in a Lion member as a last minute Santa when the restaurants Santa backed out at the last minute. Nice turnout. Donated \$100 to our local 'Giving Tree', combining our funds with another local club and getting matching funds to bring it up to \$2000. Our Christmas Party and Auction made it in the Cadillac Voice newspaper. VDG Bill Simpson attended and presented Lion Bill Wilder with a Club Excellence Award and a personal Membership Growth pin.

Region 3 zone 3 Lion Lester McClure: 2nd zone meeting was held Tuesday, January 10, 2012 at the White Cloud Lions Den; 22 Lions present from 4 clubs. Only club not present was Hesperia. Lion Pete Conarty was the speaker. The 3rd and last zone meeting will be held Tuesday, March 13th.

LCIF & INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING: PDG Jerry Brandt

LCI's web site has detail plans for planting trees. Some of the high lights to look at are 1) planning guide, 2) press releases, 3) service activities report, 4) I planted a tree button, and 5) Certificate of Appreciation. Planting trees can sustain life on earth, conserve soil and water, provide shade, provide a source of timber and medicine, absorb carbon dioxide from the atmosphere. There are many places to plant trees. Look at schools, cities, city parks, playgrounds, cemeteries, memorials, and the list can go on and on. Just plant trees.

Gates Foundation & LCIF: Reducing the Global Threat of Measles. Lions are an important partner in ensuring the safe and effective vaccines reach families who need them most.

Although measles is a highly contagious viral disease, it is widely prevented in developed countries through routine vaccinations. Measles is also a major cause of preventable blindness, particularly among children. The pilot year (2010-11) involvement from Lions will focus on three main areas: 1) advocacy at the local, regional and national levels; 2) direct involvement in social marketing; and 3) financial support, \$ 400,000, and LCIF added to those funds an additional \$300,000. In the pilot year. Our plan is to reach 41 million children in the first year.

I would hope all Lions & Lioness Clubs in the great District of 11-E1 would make a donation to LCIF for Reducing the Global Threat of Measles. It is my understanding that your donation can be credited to your club for a Melvin Jones Award. (Let all of us support this Humanitarian cause.

Lions Quest! Lions Quest believes the most effective way to implement positive development programs and bring about lasting improvement in school climate is to equip educators with current research, materials and strategies for addressing critical issues facing youth. Lions has three programs; skills for growing (K-5), skills for adolescence (6-8), and skills for action (9-12). Lion's quest provides curricula, products, training and services to support adults in helping young people deal with the complex issues they face every day. Lions Clubs should check out the entire program and check with your local schools to see how we can help the youth in your area.

Don't forget your local Lions affordable Hearing Aid Project: Check with your local Dr. who you want to use for your hearing aid projects. If you have a college in your area or one close by that has a hearing clinic, check to see if they can work with Lions program. Check with LCI for guidelines and order form.

If each Lions Club can use Lions Club International AHAP for hearing aids, it will help the funds from Lions of Michigan Foundation reach more people in our areas.

Check LCI & LCIF for resources to help our local Lions Clubs.

It is time to talk about International Understanding. Our District Convention is March 30 thru April 1, 2012 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Grand Rapids, Mi. where we will have a Lions Clubs International Director to inform us of international affairs of our service clubs. Our District Youth Exchange chairman will be there to present you with the opportunity to select a youth from a different country to come into your home for five or six weeks this summer. What a rewarding experience that will be.

Our next opportunity to meet an International Director and to talk about Youth exchange will be our Multiple District 11 Convention on May 18 & 19, 2012 at Crowne Plaza Hotel, Grand Rapids, Mi.

LCI convention will be June 22 thru 26th, 2012 in Pusan, Korea. What an opportunity to meet fellow Lions from all different countries in the world. You can make a new friend for a life time. Also you can invite them into your home or you can visit them in their home country.

The next event will be LCI USA/CANDA forum in Anchorage, Alaska on Sept. 22, 23 & 24th, 2012. Another great chance to meet and make lasting friendship with fellow Lions from our neighboring country, Canada.

Step up & take the many opportunities to expand your Lions life.

INFORMATION & TECHNOLOGY Lion Karla Roebuck; No Report

LIONS QUEST-ENVIRONMENT-INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION PDG Harry Johnson;

Lions Quest is not being used in our District at this time and Lion Harry does not know why because it is an outstanding program. If you go to the USA/Canada Forum they will have a forum on it.

Environment. The International President wants the clubs to plant trees; so again this year Lion Harry hopes that they will be available at the District Convention.

International Convention will be held in Pusan, Korea this year and very few Lions plan on attending from our District; probably just the incoming Governor and his wife.

NOMINATIONS; PDG Richard Perrin The following Lions have submitted their names and letters of support for election to the following offices:

District Governor – 1st VDG Lion Bill Simpson – Big Rapids Lions Club

1st Vice District Governor – 2nd VDG Lion Tim Anderson – Cadillac Lions Club

2nd Vice District Governor – Lion Pete Conarty – Midland Lions Club

Lions of Michigan Foundation – No nominations have been received

Reminder:

Lions who wish to run for a district office (Governor, 1st VDG, 2nd VDG or Lions of Michigan Foundation Trustee) are reminded to send in their intent letters by **Monday, January 30, 2012**. The letter should come from the club's secretary, signed by the club president indicating the club's support and sent to the Nominations Chair.

Lion Ron Gibson is also planning on running for the Office of trustee for the Lions of Michigan Foundation and his letter will be in SOON.

LIAISON & MICHIGAN EYE BANK; PDG Lynn Mast: PCC Esther LaMothe is running for endorsement at the Multiple Convention for the office of International Director.

Ten clubs from our District did not make a donation to the Eye Bank last year, some for 3 years or not ever. They have come up with a bank for the clubs to put money in and then send to the Eye Bank as their donation. The Eye Bank also has a pin for sale; they are \$20.00 each.

The Eye Bank is still working on getting donors to sign up; a good place to do so is at a fair. Try getting all the clubs in the County and man a booth all week. It will get good PR for all the clubs in the county.

LEO CLUBS; Lion Laurene Homsher has not had a State Committee meeting and no word on any scheduled. If there isn't a Multiple Conference this year, she plans on setting up a District Conference in late March or early April. She has been working with Bear Lake who has 20 students signed up, no date set yet for a charter. She has also been working with Mesick to get their club restarted. If you need a program, call her and she will come to your club.

YOUTH EXCHANGE; Lion Ron Gibson: Ten students are coming this year in June for 6 weeks and if you would like to host one contact him soon. (4 coming from Finland, 2 from Turkey and 4 from Japan)

CAMP TUHSMEHETA; Lion Larry Alman; Larry was absent but sent following report:

Summer Camp season 2011, was a big success. We are working on the camp schedule for the summer of 2012. February 18, we are planning a Snow Much Fun weekend for the kids. We have a few sets of cross country skis and other outside activities for them to participate in including ice fishing. It will be a very fun weekend. If your Club is looking for a program, we would be happy to come and present one to your Club, please call me at 616-754-9213. We are looking forward to a very exciting year.

HEARING: Lion Gayle Morlock absent but sent following report; I have signed 3 requests for hearing aid assistance in the district. Don't forget to send your requests to me before they go to the Trustees of the Foundation.

DISTRICT FLOAT& MICHIGAN FORUM& MD11 CONVENTION; IPDG Laura Johnson absent but sent written report;

DISTRICT FLOAT REPORT: I currently have 5 bookings for 2012. I will be doing another promotional mailing in March (at my own expense). Also, I'm preparing an agreement for clubs to sign when the float is picked up and returned.

MICHIGAN FORUM: I have not been able to attend any of the meetings, but I will be working registration. All clubs and PDG's should have received a registration form this past week. The committee still has not found lunch time entertainment.

MD 11 Convention:

Our second meeting will be Jan. 21. I will be sending PDG Harry in my place. Please get the word back to our clubs (Zone Chairs) we are in need of donated items for the Las Vegas night on Friday.

LEADER DOG Lions Pam Blizzard & Kim Wattles: No report.

LIONS OF MICHIGAN FOUNDATION: PDG Jim Chipman; The Foundation raffle tickets have been mailed and all clubs should have them in their possession. If your club sells 100 tickets, you can earn \$500.00. This is one of the major ways the Foundation raises money to help the clubs. We need your help.

REDISTRICTING PDG Jim Chipman has a meeting on the 28th and will report at our next meeting.

PEACE POSTER Lion John C. Monahan is sending e-mail out to all clubs asking them to appoint a chairman so clubs can get started earlier and therefore we may have more applications. We only have a few entries this year, but he plans to take pictures of all of them and place them on the Web Site so all can see.

OLD BUSINESS

Lion Kerry McGinley made a motion to move \$298.00 from the Tail Twister account to the Float acct. Motion supported by Lion Tony Rutledge and it passed.

Motion by Lion Chipman to place on our District Convention ballot to add Camp T as a District Project; it has been a District Project but it is not listed in our Constitution. Motion supported by Lion Pam Schroeder and it passed.

Lake City still only has 5 members and a Kid Sight screening is planned.

Clare has 4 members but they have had a fund raiser to purchase eye glasses and have raised \$748.00.

Lion Jerry Brandt asked about protocol at the Leadership Institute. He feels it should be taught there.

Lion Lynn Mast asked about M-Reports. Some 20 of 47 clubs are more than 2 months behind on their reports.

NEW BUSINESS

Lion Lester McClure brought up the measles program and the necessity to support Lions International Programs. Some 450 people die each day from measles.

FINAL REMARKS

DG John feels that training for the incoming officers should start in April or May and asked the zone chairs to make it happen. He thanked Lion Dan and Lion Tim for getting some of the problems out of the Project Kidsight Cameras. Thanks to all who came to the meeting.

Yours in Lionism,
Jim Chipman
Cabinet Secretary