

**DISTRICT 11-E1 CABINET MEETING
NOVEMBER 2, 2008
RANKING CENTER, FSU BIG RAPIDS**

ATTENDING: District Governor Larry and Lion Gayle Morlock, VDG Wayne Kreitner, Cabinet Treasurer Kerry McGinley, RC Laura Johnson, RC Connie McMorris, RC PDG Lynnwood Mast, ZC PDG Richard Daniel, ZC John Monahan, ZC Tony Rutledge, ZC Tim Anderson, ZC PDG Richard Maguire, PDG Harry Johnson, PDG Jack Burchard, PDG Jerry Brandt, PDG Stan Preshaw, PDG Dan Gibbons, PDG Janalee McClure, PDG Irwin Beck, PDG Harry Johnson, Lion Pam Schroeder, Lion Larry Wendt, Lion Dave Rowe, Lion Ronald Trzeciak, Lion John Sovey, Lion Ron Gibson, Lion Steve Adsmund, Lion Karla Roebuck, Lion Larry Alman, Lion John Hunt, Lion Bill Simpson.

Call to order at 9:20 AM

Pledge led by Lion Larry Wendt

Invocation by Lion PDG Harry Johnson

GOVERNOR'S REMARKS: DG Larry stated that he has been in contact with Lions International about the new membership directive. A team will come into an area that he selects and with the help of the clubs in the area, will try and form new clubs. This will be a 3 day project and the goal is to start a new club by the end of the 3rd day. DG Larry has selected Lake City, McBain and Marion as our first towns. The trainers will be coming from Indiana and they want 7 or 8 Lions to assist them. They will train the Lions at the same time they try and form a new club. If this is successful the Ludington, Scottville Area will be scheduled at a later date. DG Larry stressed that in order for this to work the clubs in the area had to help.

DG Larry spoke about problems that the Council of Governor's are having with Project Kid Sight and Welcome Homes. The problems all revolve around money, lack of it and how it is spent and who over see's the spending. Governor Larry feels the Council of Governor's responsibility is to "make sure the Club's donations are being spent properly". He asked for input from the cabinet.

PDG Mast stated he had attended a Council get together over the week-end and they discussed Welcome Homes in detail. Seems things have not changed since he was Governor. Still no financial report from them as to how they spend their money. They say they have 700 plus visually handicapped persons but truth be known only about 10 % are legally blind. PDG Lynn feels monies should be withheld from Welcome Homes until an accounting is made. He said he was told that a facility in Munising, signed up with Welcome Homes for about \$2,000.00 and 10 months later has not received any training nor have they been able to contact Welcome Homes.

Kid Sight was another area they discussed and again was told that the grant from Lions International was not sent because the paper work was not filled out properly. They too want more money and, last but not least The Lions of Michigan are thinking about moving out of the Michigan Service Foundations building and asked the Governor to report on that.

VDG Wayne asked to respond to Lion Lynn about the moving of the State Office. What brings on the idea are the personality conflicts between the Foundation and the Lions of Michigan. The proposal that was presented at the last Council meeting was all utilities included, a 5-5-5 year lease, remodeling of a new office and less rent. When the Foundation purchased the building 11 years ago it was done so with the understanding that the LOM office would remain there until the building was paid for, and he feels they should live up to that commitment.

At the last Council the Executive Director of Welcome Homes, Brian Shepherd while giving his report acted very aggressive toward the Council and the Governors took exception to him. He was unwilling to share any information, and stated that unless the Lions of Michigan donated another \$80,000.00 this year that Welcome Homes would cease to exist. One of the things the Governors dislike is that they can never reach any one at Welcome Homes.

Governor interjected that the Council cannot tell one of our State Projects what to do with its money but the Council needs a report on how it is being spent. PDG Janalee stated that Welcome Homes passed an \$80,000.00 deficit budget and Brian said to the Governors that it would be the Lions of Michigan fault if Welcome Homes failed.

Lion Janalee said the personality problem at the State Office has been on going since day one, and no one has been able to defuse it.

The question was asked who asked for the study on the plan to move the office and VDG Wayne reported it was done internally with out the knowledge of the Governors.

Foundation Trustee Kerry McGinley was asked about the effect on the Foundation and he stated that the Foundation would have to sell the building unless a suitable renter could be found soon, which was unlikely. The Foundation is willing to do some things like making the parking lot larger and getting it paved, but could not remodel as they too have limited funds. The two treasurers are supposed to meet on Thursday to discuss an agreement between the two parties and perhaps make the problems go away.

At this time Lion Laura Johnson made a motion, that the Cabinet of District 11-E1 supports the concept of the Lions of Michigan continuing their agreement with the Lions of Michigan Foundation and for the Governor to so inform the Council. Lion Connie McMorris supported this motion, and it passed unanimously.

District Governor Larry presented lapel pins to ZC Tony Rutledge and Dick Daniel.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Lion Chipman presented the minutes of September 7, 2008 and a motion was made by Lion McGinley to accept as presented. Lion Anderson supported the motion and it passed. Lion Chipman read a list of 16 clubs that were behind in their M-Reports. 3 Clubs are late paying dues.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Lion Kerry McGinley presented his report and he had a correction to make in the budgeted expense line for the USA/Canada Forum- VDG; it should be \$2,200.00 dollars not \$1,200.00. Balance of Administrative Fund is \$20,090.44 and Balance in the Designated Funds is \$26,449.92. Motion by Lion Chipman to accept the treasurer's report as given. Motion supported by Lion Anderson and it passed. Lion McGinley asked the cabinet to support consolidation of line items Public Relations, Leos, District Editor, Quest and Extension. After discussion, Lion Monahan made the motion to set up a miscellaneous account and include in the account Public Relations, Leos, District Editor, Quest and Extension and not to pay out any more than \$300.00 to any committee in a given fiscal year. Motion supported by Lion Rutledge and it passed.

VDG REPORT: Lion Wayne had a great time at the USA/Canada Forum and met some great Lions. Lion Wayne had good news for us as our District has had 46 drops at the last report and 54 new members. Some clubs have not reported all their new members so we are going in a positive direction, great work by our Lions. The Intl. Conv. This year will be in Minneapolis and the entertainment will be the Beach Boys, and Colin Powell will be the featured speaker.

REGION REPORTS:

Region I, Lion Connie McMorris: Attended Lion Carl's zone meeting in Onekama and all the clubs in the zone were present. Got word from Frankfort that they are getting two new members Monday evening and that will help them. Mesick and Bear Lake still have problems but will visit them and see what she can do to assist.

Region II, Lion Laura Johnson: Lion Laura reports that she has visited 6 clubs and 5 more are scheduled for November. All clubs are facing the same challenges, recruiting and retaining. Two zones have held their zone meeting with the 3rd scheduled for Nov. 20th. Written report on file.

Region III, Lion PDG Lynnwood Mast: Lion Lynn deferred his report until after his zone persons made theirs. He feels his clubs are doing well. Carson City has moved its meeting location, so call first. Hart has picked up two members from the Ludington Club. Lion Lynn has been visiting his clubs.

Region I, Zone 1: PDG Richard Daniel: All Clubs in Zone are pretty much through with their summer and fall programs. The clubs have many snowbirds and so don't do much in the winter time. The Empire Club continues to support the Traverse City Club with funds to provide eyeglasses. The Empire Lions have budgeted \$750.00 to support Traverse City. Written report on file.

Region I, Zone II: Lion Bob Gray: Absent

Region I, Zone III: Lion Carl Hawkins: Lion Carl was absent but sent a note that things were well in his zone and he is very pleased with their efforts. Written report on file.

Region II, Zone I: Lion John Monahan: Held zone meeting on Oct. 8th and spent majority of the time on officer training. Harrison and Sanford Clubs had their Vice Presidents attend. Written report on file.

Region II, Zone II: Lion Tony Rutledge: Lion Tony has first zone meeting scheduled for Nov. 20th. Busy visiting clubs and trying to get them to file their M-Reports on time. Stanwood has several members that have transferred to their club but all the paper work has not been filed yet.

Region II, Zone III: Lion Tim Anderson: Clubs are busy and held the first zone meeting on Sept. 23rd and the second is scheduled for January 14th in Evert. Clubs are getting new members.

Region III, Zone I: Lion Lainie Niemi: Lion Lainie absent but has been busy visiting clubs and sending in the reports on her visitations. Next zone meeting Nov. 13th.

Region III, Zone II: PDG Richard Maguire: Lion Larry Alman read the report as he has been assisting Lion Dick. Has visited all clubs and held zone meeting on Oct. 20th which no zone members showed up. Will try again Dec. 10th. Lakeview installed 4 new members. Written report on file.

Region III, Zone III: Lion Laurene Homsher: Lion Laurene was absent, so Lion Steve Adsmond read her report. Second zone meeting will be held in Hesperia on Nov. 12th. Her clubs are very busy and doing well. Written report on file.

DISTRICT CONVENTION: Lion Pam Schroeder: Will be meeting with C-1 Nov. 8th at the Holiday Inn; so far everything going well with the two Districts. Friday night there will be a mix and meet and C-1 has volunteered to pay for the entertainment for the evening. Our cabinet meeting will be held at 6:00 PM on Friday evening. Saturday will be a Lioness-Leo Breakfast (which is open to all) and this will be the time for awards by the Lioness. The LEO'S will present a short program. Flag Ceremony will be Sat. morning also. On Sat., 4 forums and IT training by Karla are scheduled. At lunch there will be a new member induction. Saturday evening, before the banquet, we will have a receiving line for the International Speaker. Awards Breakfast and Memorial Service will be held on Sunday; please get a picture of each of the deceased Lions in your club and get them to Pam. Holiday Inn room rates for that week-end will be \$75.00.

Appreciation Dinner for IPDG Bill Raymor went well, and all expenses were made for the meal. The silent auction raised \$848.00, and the money was sent to the American Diabetes Association.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS: PDG Janalee McClure: Lion Janalee presented a proposed new constitution that Lions International and the State Lions office wants the Districts to adopt so everyone has the same one so it can be easily changed when Lions International makes changes in theirs that we have to adopt. This constitution, if adopted by us, will not make any difference to the individual Lions. Lion Janalee asked everyone to read it and let her know if any mistakes have been made. We will take up the matter at our next Cabinet meeting on Feb. 22nd.

MERLOW: PDG Janalee McClure: Meeting was held on Oct. 26th in White Cloud but all MERLOW chairpersons were absent. At this meeting there were 6 other Lions and they discussed how to increase visitations between clubs and attendance at District Convention. They decided to have a puzzle piece visitation contest with C-1 and a plaque will be awarded to the winning Governor at Convention. Lion Tim Anderson volunteered to have the puzzle made at a cost of \$60.00. The puzzle is not ready yet but as soon as it is the Governor will start the contest. The next meeting of the MERLOW team will be directly after this meeting. A motion by Lion Laura Johnson with support from Lion John Monahan to accept the traveling puzzle piece contest and have funding come from the Convention Fund not to exceed \$60.00. Motion passed. Written report on file.

Break for lunch

12:35 PM Called back to order.

MEMBERSHIP: Lion PDG Richard Maguire: Lion Dick said one of the important things he has always done when trying to recruit new members was to get them to think “why am I here?” Lion Dick made an emotional speech asking the District to let him retire from the Cabinet due to ill health. The Cabinet gave Lion Dick a standing ovation, and the Governor thanked him for many years of service.

EXTENSION: Lion PDG Harry Johnson: Lion Harry had to leave early so the DG read his report. The Multiple Committee met in Lansing last month and prepared our Model Plan for starting a new club. This has to be adopted by the Council of Governors. Still working on Lake City and Marion and trying to form new clubs there. Ludington is another area we are trying to get a club started again. The Kid Sight Screenings have a positive impact on prospective Clubs and members. Written report on file.

RETENTION: VDG Lion Wayne Kreitner: Lion Wayne thanked zone chairs for getting their reports in and one way to retain new members is to make sure Clubs are running a good meeting; a meeting that tells what is happening in the club, and one where the members are having fun and being involved.

LEADERSHIP: Lion George Whyte: Lion George is still laid up with a bad back but the Governor thinks he should be out and around in a couple of weeks. Lion PDG Lynn asked about the team coming in from LI to train Lions on how to start a new club. He did

not think we needed a three day training session again. It was explained that the team comes in on Sunday and meets with several Lions from the area and gets their help to go knock on doors Monday and Tuesday. The team from LI has had great success. The Governor thinks it may be a new tool to get some new clubs.

ORIENTATION: Lion Dave Rowe: Lion Dave feels that orientation goes along with the 3 R'S; Recruitment, Retaining, and Regaining. He produced an orientation packet several years ago and it is still available on the WEB Site. He wonders how many clubs use it. He feels that all clubs should give a new copy to every member and orientation should be handled by the sponsor.

WOMEN'S DEVELOPMENT: Lion Laura Johnson: Lion Laura has visited 4 clubs and talked about the family plan and promoting the recruiting of women members. A special award has been approved by our District to be presented to clubs that bring in at least one new lady Lion this year. More details will be available in the next news letter.

LIONS OF MICHIGAN SERVICE FOUNDATION: Lions Kerry McGinley and PDG Bill Raymor: Lion Kerry stated the Foundation has a new web site (www.lmsf.net) where you can find all forms, order mints and sweepstakes tickets and what ever else you may need. So far one club has received a grant this year and that was Carson City for a hearing aid. Sweepstakes tickets are coming out soon and all clubs will be mailed tickets. Ticket price is \$10.00 this year and if your club sells at least 100 tickets \$500.00 will be returned to the club. The goal of the Foundation this year is to sell \$80,000.00 in tickets. Hearing aid requests are up this year, and if you need one get the application on line. He reminded every one about memorials that can be made to the Foundation to honor some one or in their memory. Last but not least Mints for the Military are still going strong so don't forget about our service men and women.

ALL STATE BAND: Lion Laurene Homsher: Lion Laurene was absent; Lion Steve Adsmond read her report. Applications have been mailed out to the band directors and auditions will be held at the Haslett HS on Nov. 15-16. All clubs are asked to make a minimum donation to the LMASB Adm. Fund of \$80.00 and also to support their students from your club, region or district. Written report on file.

LEO: Lion Laurene Homsher: Cadillac and Harrison are organizing new clubs and White Cloud, Onkama, and Hesperia are seeking an advisor. The Fremont Club will install 9 new members this fall. The Mesick Leos have been very active with their annual Halloween Happening. Written report on file.

PEACE POSTER: Lion PDG Stan Preshaw: Lion Stan has received 1 poster so far this year and reminds everyone Nov. 15th is the Districts deadline. He knows of only 3 clubs participating for sure.

YOUTH EXCHANGE: Lion PDG Janalee McClure: The District needs host families as last year some 15 youths came to Michigan. There is no cost to the host families and no worry about liability. Written report on file.

YOUTH QUEST: Lion PDG Harry Johnson: Lion Harry had to leave early so the Governor read his report. Lion Harry attended a training session at the USA/Canada Forum. LCI has funding available to put on workshops. VDG Wayne and Harry will put on a free training session in early January. It will be limited in size so if you want to attend please contact Lion Harry. Written report on file.

BEAR LAKE CAMP: Lion PDG John Clemens: Lion John was absent; Lion Chipman read his report. Lion John has not heard from the State Chair as of yet so has attended no meetings. He also has not received any requests for programs. Written report on file.

CAMP TUHSMEHETA: Lion Larry Alman: Camp T has a new Executive Director, Lion Sharon Burton. She took over in mid-September and had to move everything to the new office in Lansing. Camp T has received a new 3 year lease from the State of Michigan. There was a Halloween Program in Oct. and there were 38 attendees, fun was had by all. Thanks to all District Clubs for their generosity and support. Soon the camp will be sending out a newsletter to all. Written report on file.

CREDENTIALS AND HEARING: Lion Gayle Morlock: Lion Gayle presented the credential forms for our District Convention. They will be available on the web site and the newsletter. Hearing committee is working on a new brochure and it should be out soon. The hearing committee suggest that clubs use the Lions of Mich. Foundation when they have someone who needs assistance for a hearing aid. Clubs have to apply thru the Foundation and they are responsible for scheduling the audiologist and the expense of same. Lion Gayle passed out a paper on the full program. Lions International also has a similar program and you have to contact LI. Written report on file.

DIABETES: Lion PDG Richard Daniel: November is Lions Diabetes Awareness Month and Nov. 14th is World Diabetes Day. There is also a program to purchase a 10-book set from the American Diabetes Association at a reduced price of \$89.38 plus \$8.94 shipping. More information and order form will be in the forth coming news letter. You can find out more at www.programs@lionsclubs.org . Written report on file.

DISTRICT EDITOR: Lion Larry Alman: Please send all articles prior to the 1st of the month as the first is when I send articles to the State office for the Lions Pride. I do not decide what goes into the magazine. If sending digital pictures please send as an attachment. Written report on file.

DISTRICT PIN: Lion John Hunt: Only 300 pins were ordered this year and they all should sell.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY: Lion Karla Roebuck: Clubs are busy updating their Web sites and over 50% are done. At the Michigan Forum this year we will be holding computer training. Will be at Hesperia on Nov. 12th to hold training at the zone meeting.

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION & LIASON: Lion PDG Janalee McClure: International Convention will be held in Minneapolis July 6-10, 2009. The Michigan Hotel is the Ramada Mall of America in Bloomington. It is 10 miles from the Convention Center. Room rate is \$119.00. International night entertainment will be the Beach Boys and Colin Powell will be the keynote speaker.

PDG Sara Doubleday will be running for ID at the Convention. The Council of Governors passed a resolution of support for Dr. Wing-Kun Tam from China for Second International Vice President. Written report on file.

INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING: Lion PDG Jerry Brandt: Purpose of the committee is to foster peace and understanding through out the world. Many ways to do this and couple of them are attending the United Nations Day, attending the Lions Clubs International Convention and/or the USA/Canada Forum. Your club can also twin with another club outside the US.

LEADER DOG: Lion Jane Jibson: Lion Jane was unable to make the meeting because of work and church. She did an event with Lion Larry Alman at Jorgenson's Grocery in Greenville and will be doing a program on Nov. 10th at Onekama. If anyone needs a program call Lion Jane. Cell 231-335-8363. Written report on file.

LIONESSE & LCIF: Lion PDG Jack Burchard; LCIF is working to eliminate blindness and Lion Jack will have more information on this program as he makes visitations. Next week he will be at the Lioness Convention. He is also trying to get the Baldwin Lioness to be more active.

MICHIGAN EYE BANK: Lion PDG Lynn Mast: Have completed 5 programs and have 6 more scheduled. He is hoping to meet the goal of visiting 20 clubs. If you need a program, call Lion Lynn.

MICHIGAN FORUM & USA/CANADA FORUM: Lion PDG Janalee McClure: The USA/Canada Forum will be held in Memphis, Tenn. Sept. 17-19, 2009. The seminars have been increased this year by 8 because of the large facility.

The Michigan Forum will be held Feb. 20-21, 2009 in Lansing at the Holiday Inn West. The price will be \$30.00 each, the same as last year. The theme is President Brandel's "Everyday Heroes". Written report on file.

MULTIPLE 10/11 CONVENTION: Lion Pam Schroeder: The convention this year will be held at the Holiday Inn South at Cedar St. on May 15-17.

NOMINATIONS: Lion PDG Irwin Beck: The following have sent their letters to run for office at our District Convention in Big Rapids: VDG Wayne Kreitner for the office of District Governor; Lion Laura Johnson for the office of Vice District Governor; Lion Laurene Homsher for the office of Vice District Governor; Lion John Monahan for the

office of 2nd Vice Governor and Lion Kerry McGinley for trustee, Lions of Michigan Foundation. All candidates meet the requirements for the office they are running for.

PROJECT KIDSIGHT, SIGHT CONSERVATION & WELCOME HOMES: Lion PDG Stan Preshaw: Attended a Sight Conservation meeting which was not well attended. Most Districts have joined Sight Conservation and Diabetes under one chair. Most at the meeting were also Diabetes Chairs so most discussion was about Diabetes. November is Diabetes Awareness Month and one of the clubs got a lighted billboard for only \$250.00 per month.

At the Fall Conference our Lions presented to Welcome Homes checks totaling \$1,365.00. There are some 2200 legally blind persons in Michigan and of that number about 10% are blind. Lion Stan cautioned the clubs that if they are giving out White Canes to legally blind people to make sure they know how to use it. Welcome Homes assist the blind persons living in assisted living homes. They have contracts with them and visit the homes on a regular basis. Lion PDG Lynn asked Lion Stan what he new about the sale of the old building in Grand Rapids and what the money is being used for. He also questioned the cost of salaries and the amount of money the Lions donate to Welcome Homes. The projected salaries for this year are \$80,000, about what the Lions donate. Lions in our District donated \$5,818.00 last year. Lion Janalee stated that the CEO of Welcome Homes, Brian Shepherd, will be making a trip to White Cloud on Jan. 26th and she invited anyone wishing to come. Lion Stan said he would get back on the questions raised as soon as he could and with that he went onto the KIDSIGHT Program.

He started out saying a lot of miss information is being circulated and asked everyone to contact him if they have questions. Kid Sight did not lose its grant, but Lions International with held \$40,000 because it wanted more donations from the clubs and more screenings. There were some problems with the paper work because the fired director deleted all the files and they had to be rebuilt. The existing cameras will be replaced by digital ones soon. We still have film for the old cameras, but if the cameras break down they are not being fixed. The cost of film and reading it is still \$3.00. This concluded Lion Stan's report under very difficult conditions.

STRATEGIC PLANNING: Lion PDG Lynn Mast: No report

WELCOME HOMES: Lion Bill Simpson: No Report

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Lion VDG Wayne Kreitner: Lions International has grants available up to \$20,000.00 for membership growth. This money to be used for billboards, ads on TV, radio, etc. All you have to do is write a grant and Lion Wayne asked if anyone would help him write one. Lion Laura volunteered to help. Lion Lynn made a motion to authorize Lion Wayne to write a grant to see if the District can get some money. The motion was seconded by Lion Anderson and it passed.

SERGEANT AT ARMS: Lion Larry Wendt: Lion Larry will be working at the Convention with the elections committee.

It was brought to our attention that long time Lion Andy Woutila from Mesick is not doing well. Lion Janalee will get the information and send it to the editor.

Lion Marilyn Witter sent letter to the Cab. Sec. asking why she was not included in notification of the ill Lions. Lion Janalee said she explained to her that her e-mail address was not on file.

Motion by Lion McGinley to adjourn at 3:04 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Lion PDG Jim Chipman
Cabinet Secretary