



August 15, 2020  
Zoom Meeting  
9am – 1pm

Call to order, Pledge, Invocation

Introductions

Distribute DG Pin, and Membership Packets (name badges if they arrive)

Secretary's minutes for approval

Treasurer's report for approval & proposed budget 2020-21

1. District Goals 2020-21-cabinet approval
2. NAMI Update-priority clubs
3. A. GST-goals  
B. GMT-goals  
C. GLT-goals
4. Zone Chair reports
5. Governor Advisory Committee
6. Convention Update
7. Lioness Clubs Future Discussion
9. Zoom- <https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/206618765-Zoom-Video-Tutorials>
10. Roster Book

#### Old Business

Project Night – PCS Deb Davis

#### Misc:

- A. Peace Poster
- B. Granville & Betty Cutler
- C. Hearing
- D. Leadership Institute
- E. Update on Freezer Grant
- F. USA/ Canada Lions Leadership Forum Update
- G. Kidsight
- H. IPDG Paul Hodge's "District Awards Celebration"
- I. Lions of MI Service Foundation Calendars

Adjournment – next meeting Saturday Oct 10, 2020 ABVI 9am-1pm

Future meetings, Dec 12 & March 6



11-C1 Cabinet Meeting  
August 15, 2020  
DG Hohendorf's home & Zoom

Attendance In Person: DG Bob Hohendorf, IPDG Paul Hodge, PDG Julie May, 2ndVDG Diane Wehby, VDG Ron Riebschleger, ZC Amanda Hodge-Berraren, CT Earl Howell, CS Cheryl Anderson, ZC Ken Adamy, PCS Deb Davis

Attending by Zoom: PID Dr. Dennis Cobler, PID Dr. Gary Anderson, Dr. Karen Jacobs, (hearing and Speech Chair), PDG Lloyd Foster, Jim Kauppila, (Secretary Fruitport Lions), Jack Brewer

Called to Order at 9:01 by DG Bob Hohendorf with the pledge. DG Bob also handed everyone in the room his pin and President Choi's pin.

Secretary's Minutes from CS Gwen Botting were sent out prior to the meeting. There were no corrections, Paul Hodge moved to accept. Earl Howell seconded. No discussion, vote taken – passed

Treasurer's Report was sent out prior to the meeting. CT Earl Howell reported the Administrative Fund has \$376,219.24. Activities Fund has \$8,894.95. The Rod Prys Award Fund has \$1,212.87. The Granville Cutler Award Money Market has \$839.96 Cutler Award CD \$10,000. The total \$58,267.02. The budget for 2020-21 was submitted and IPDG Paul moved and ZC Amanda seconded, no discussion, vote taken, and budget passed.

1. District Goals for 2020-21: See attached (These were sent out prior to the meeting)

2. NAMI Update: PDG Julie May: We need to know from our Lions clubs where they need our help. We are not here to lead but to listen and be available. There is a real need amongst our members to strengthen communication. So many don't answer emails, ANSWER EMAILS!!!! It is a common courtesy to answer emails but do NOT "reply All". You can simply reply with a thumbs up – acknowledgment.

Julie is in the middle of initiating a district wide all member roster for communicating with members, district & clubs to see what they are doing in their club.

NAMI Update from DG Bob: There is a list of Priority One Clubs (10 or under members + those that asked for help): Allendale, Coopersville, Delton, GVSU, Grandville/Jenison, Hamilton, Hastings, Martin, Nashville, Sparta, Spring Lake, Thornapple Valley, Whitehall/Montague. The purpose of NAMI is to get these clubs membership up to 15 this year. We lost a club recently and Part of the problem is the club leaders are getting burned out from serving as president for several years and no one wants to take on a leadership position. The district needs leaders, members need to be encouraged to move up into leadership roles. The Clubs all need to be woken up after /during COVID, we as district leaders need to offer help, not tell them what to do but to get them motivated. The Zone Chairs need to start making contact with the clubs and their officers. Treat them like friends and see what their club is doing. Find out - Do they need help from the cabinet? Zone Chairs need to figure out if the club is a "red, yellow or green" club as stated in DG Bob's letter to all the clubs. (Red Light Lions: Sheltering in place until the virus eradicated. Yellow Light Lions: Meeting and serving if safe practices are in place and Green Light Lions: Who are ready to serve, meet and lead as we always have done). Our emphasis as leaders should be: How can we help to strengthen the club with service or even to get ready to start the new Lion year?

3A. GMT Report PDG Julie May: NAMI stands for North American Member Initiative. The best to communicate with clubs during COVID is to Zoom with the clubs to help get their goals in place. We need to work with the club & start new clubs. Lion Fred Yonkers is trying to get a club in the tri-city area and talking with the membership chair. He is also getting the NAMI resources to the club and its members.

B. GST Report given by 2VDG Diane Wehby goals are to grow clubs. This year-end we would like to be at 75% more service than last year. Clubs are still having a problem differentiating between service versus fundraising. When visiting clubs, please help clarify the difference between service & fundraising when entering on the LCI website.

As a district, we have set a goal of making 1,000 tri-level masks. Each club will have to contribute to our challenge of 1,000 this year. As a district, our biggest challenge in service is finding a project for childhood cancer. Any ideas? Diabetes has been our largest district project through LCI but the virus COVID, through LCI has shut us down. LCI is allowing the projects to go longer.

As the district manager, I can walk a president or secretary through the process of registering information on the LCI website. If you find a club that needs help, have them contact me. Also, LCI will reimburse for the cost of a room, food & speaker for Club President & Secretary training.

C. GLT Report given by IPDG Paul Hodge each club has been sent training procedures and the next mailing will focus on the president of the club. In November will email a description of all the officer positions to entice members to move up.

\*DG Bob appreciates everyone's hard work and it looks like everything is falling in place following the district goals

#### 4. Zone Chair Reports:

Zone 1 – Jack Brewer submitted this report. I have been caring for a Dementia person almost 24/7. I made it to Fruitport installation of officers, took a blind person shopping. I have not heard from anyone about the tri-city club. The Association of Blind in Muskegon are meeting by Zoom. Muskegon Host Club plans on White Cane at farmers market with a table. At the event, we will sit on one side of the table with information on other side. We will let the public pick up information and talk to them but stay at a safe distance. We have cancelled our pancake dinners as of now. Summer camp has been canceled for the blind. I have my garage full of glasses please let new know where and when I can take them someplace to drop off. Lion Jack

Zone 2 – Gail McCready- car trouble didn't make it to the meeting and didn't submit a report.

Zone 3 – John Zub – had to work and didn't submit a report

Zone 4 – Ken Adamy, Alto club still meeting (Zoom) Saranac, Hastings and Lyons-Muir clubs are off for the summer. Thornapple Valley, Nashville & Lake Odessa are meeting.

Zone 5 – Amanda Hode-Berranen didn't have anything to report at this time.

\*DG Bob reported that there are not enough leaders so there are no region chairs.

Governor Advisory Committee: Planning on a Zoom meeting in Sept or October after the clubs have become active. Following up on the clubs in arrears: Muskegon N.S.(acct error- PID Dennis will follow up), Allendale, Thornapple Valley. There are currently four clubs on LCI without officers. Ken Adamy with go with Amanda to Middleville to work on getting the club going. With COVID, it is suggested that it is best to work remotely by sending an email. The email also documents when you sent the email to the officer/club.

### Convention Updates:

International, Deb Davis -2021 Montreal Canada

MD11, Deb Davis – May 21-22, 2021 Doubletree Hotel, Holland MI Pres Choi is the guest speaker 11-C1, Cheryl Anderson – in conjunction with MD 11 Convention Friday afternoon May 21 2021. Will try to get Pres Choi to stop in and say a few words to our district. Motion to carry forward with the 11-C1 Convention plans by Paul, Amanda seconded, vote, passed.

7. Lioness Clubs: Fruitport is District 11-C1 only Lioness Club. They are happy as a Lioness Club because they only pay \$20 dues a year, Lions Clubs Dues are \$70. Still up in the air as to what they are going to do when Lions Int'l will stop supporting them after 2021. Branch Club was suggested but even a branch club pays Lions dues of \$70. The club itself can adjust their dues but not the Int'l, State & District Dues. This year, their first year, dues are cut in half and both membership and charter dues are free. After the first year will they drop out of Lions? They are valuable people who work hard and the district wants to keep them. PCST Ed Weesies will take the lead on working with the Lioness Club/members and report back.

8. Lions & OEPF (Optometric Extension Program Foundation) 501 C3: It is a worldwide optometric post graduate education 501C. The Executive director had an idea to work together with the Lions. This organization has speakers that could go to clubs as a guest speaker. This group has a lot to offer it is the largest education group outside of the optometry schools. They are hoping to partnership with Lions. Govenor Bob will keep us updated.

9. Zoom is a way to communicate. Jim Kauppila will work with Julie on how better to run a Zoom meeting. Jim will show how to share documents and to get things (audio) to work better for the next meeting. Julie May has Zoom from the office that we have been using but it would be best for the district to get their own account. Our own account would allow the district to use it for their club meetings. The free Zoom is limited to 40 minutes and 100 people. The annual fee of \$150 would allow 10 hosts and 24 hours of meeting length. The Zoom acct could come out of the Leadership Budget. After further discussion a vote was taken and passed to purchase a district Zoom account, approved by PDG Paul Hodge.

10. Roster Book Julie May is working on it and has had several people proof it. It is just about ready to send to the clubs for one last check and then it will go to print.

### Old Business:

Project Night, Deb Davis: An indoor event cannot take place in October. It is illegal right now to hold an indoor event with more than 50 people. We need Project Night because of the donations it brings in for the charities. It has been proposed to have a virtual event on Oct 15 at 7 pm. It will be a free event (Zoom Webinar). Registration and an rsvp is all online. It will mirror the usual Project Night with a Welcome, DG Bob will speak, the clubs will submit their dollar amounts to the various charities and at the end of the night, the dollar amounts will be announced. There will be door prizes and the event will be recorded to post on our district website for anyone to visit. If your club has already given their donations to the charities, let Deb Davis know so it can be counted and recorded. Don't hold back your monies to the charities, they need the money now and it will be counted – just contact Deb Davis with amounts and who the money went to.

## MISC:

**A.** Peace Poster has a chair Ronnie Mykols from the Fruitport Lions Club. Jim Kauppila from the Fruitport Club will contact her for this year's plans.

**B.** Granville & Betty Cutler Award Cheryl Anderson has sent out the requirements of the award to all the club's presidents and secretaries. Cheryl has asked Julie to put a notification with requirements in the Newsletter. Cheryl is now waiting for nominations to come in. The vote by previous recipients takes place in January. (See Below for qualifications & submission form)

**C.** Hearing Dr. Karen Jacobs announced she has received 3 requests already. The overall process takes three months to obtain hearing aids from the state & Lions with a lot of paperwork required. One person has given up on the paperwork and will no longer qualify. There is a new head state person and Karen is hoping this process will be streamlined. Her report submitted: The Hearing and Speech committee has a new State Chairman, Rebecca Borka. She has many great plans for our committee already. We will be having our first "virtual" meeting on August 30, 2020.

The Deborah Love-Peel Scholarship applications are now available for awards to be dispersed June 2021. This scholarship is open to any deaf/hear of hearing student in pursuit of higher education. There will be four \$1,000.00 scholarships awarded. Applications can be obtained from Karen Jacobs by emailing a request to [Karen@AVAHearing.com](mailto:Karen@AVAHearing.com).

The Lions of Michigan Foundation continues to offer Hearing Aids through the Affordable Hearing Aid Program. A new application has been developed and there are now 3 tiers of qualification/coverage. Client costs will be based on annual household income @ or below 125% of Federal Poverty Guidelines, @ or below 225% of Federal Poverty Guidelines and @ or below 325% Federal Poverty Guidelines.

Our District requests for Hearing Aid services has been much lower than previous years. This may be due to more insurance coverage in our area. I have had only 5 requests for new hearing aids this year. Two clients were found to have coverage through their Priority Health Medicare insurance, two clients were fit with hearing aids from the LIONS LIFETIME LOAN program and one client has not returned the application. The application process is a bit arduous but the state committee plans on reviewing the process and streamlining the steps wherever possible.

**D.** Leadership Institute Gary Anderson stated it will be a 3 hour virtual event on Saturday Nov 7. It will cover "How to be a Lion in a Virtual World". More info to follow. Registration \$5

**E.** Update on the Freezer Grant – The Hungry for Christ Grant received a \$45,000 freezer that more than doubled the size they previously owned. It is in the Hamilton Club area. The American Food Bank approached PDG Lloyd Foster to see if the Lions could get another grant from the Grand Rapids Lions Club to purchase another freezer in the Grand Rapids area.

**F.** USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, Cheryl Anderson reported that it has gone virtual and will be a three-day event Sept 25-27. The registration fee is \$20 for the three days. It will have 19 seminars, a welcome from Pres Choi and Memorial to Judge Haynes Townsend and more. Go to the Forum website to register. <https://lionsforum.org> (See flyer below)

**G.** Kidsight, Ken Adamy reported it has been suspended until January 2021. In January the foundation will re-evaluate and decide the future activities of Kidsight.

H. IPDG Dr. Paul Hodge's Appreciation Dinner is looking for an outside venue that could hold up to 100 people. Millenium Park had a large enough pavilion but all booked through September. Still looking for a space and IPDG Paul would like it to be called the "District Awards Celebration". Where the district awards and recognition awards will be given out. UPDATE: Byron Center has a pavilion available on Sunday September 20 or 27th. Save the date!!!

I. Lakeview Lions Club has a drive-up chicken barbecue Aug 23, 3:30-6pm The Lake Odessa Beach Pavilion on Virginia Street \$10 adults, Children \$6

J. Lions of MI Service Foundation calendars are available for \$20. The raffle will end Dec 31 and in January prizes will be given out.

Motion to adjourn by IPDG Paul Hodge, seconded by VDG Ron Riebschleger, vote taken, passed. Meeting was adjourned at 11:05 am.

Next Cabinet meeting will be Saturday October 10. Place TBD

Future Cabinet meetings are December 12 and March 6. If necessary, at our district convention on May 21.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Lion Cheryl Anderson  
11-C1 Cabinet Secretary  
1045 Lumina Drive  
Jenison MI 49428  
616-443-1995

## **Granville & Betty Cutler 11-C1 Leadership Award**

Lions Clubs it is time to think about who is the outstanding Lion in your club. The Granville & Betty Cutler Award is a very prestigious award given in our district. This award is presented at our district convention. A Lion has to be nominated by OCTOBER on the OFFICIAL NOMINATING BALLOT with the following **CRITERIA:**

1. Selection of the award recipients will be based on his/her leadership and accomplishments over a period of time (not just one (1) year – the Lion of the Year Award covers that).
2. The nominee shall be a current Lion/Lioness member in good standing of a Lion/Lioness Club within District 11-C.
3. The nominee shall have been, and a current, Lion/Lioness member for a minimum of 10 years.
4. The nominee shall have shown various qualities of leadership over an extended period of time.

**\*\*\*\*\* NOMINATIONS CAN ONLY BE ACCEPTED IF SUBMITTED BY THE PROPER FORM BELOW!!!**

**The form can be mailed to: Lion Cheryl Anderson, 1045 Lumina Drive, Jenison MI 49428**

# THE GRANVILLE & BETTY CUTLER 11-C1 LEADERSHIP AWARD

The following information is needed in order to nominate a Lion/Lioness for the Granville & Betty Cutler 11-C1 Leadership Award.

This information is to be forwarded to the District Governor no later than the 1<sup>st</sup> of February.

Lions Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Year became a Lion: \_\_\_\_\_

Club (s) Name (s): \_\_\_\_\_

Offices Held & Committees Assigned to:

Club:

District:

Multiple District:

Awards Received:

Significant – Outstanding Leadership Accomplishments (use a resume when possible):

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## General Sessions Keynotes



**Katherine Greenland**  
Katherine is a cultural innovator and inclusion strategist with over 20 years of experience as a public speaker, team builder and advisor.



**Dr. Jung-Yul Choi, President LCI**  
Dr. Choi will speak on the services and programs of LCI and give us insight on being United with Kindness and Diversity.



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August 11, 2020

Dear Lions Club Members,

I hope that this letter finds you safe and healthy. The last five months have been incredibly complicated, and our world has changed dramatically.

**But two things remain true for PAWS:** the importance of PAWS dogs in the lives of our clients and the commitment of our staff and volunteers to PAWS, our dogs, and the people that we serve.

Throughout the pandemic, our work did not stop.

- Our Client Services staff reached out to every one of our Client/Dog Teams across the country. Additional support was provided to our current teams who are already a vulnerable population, but critically so during this pandemic.
- Puppy training persisted... virtually. Trainer Haley Gorenflo produced a series of virtual training videos for Foster Puppy Raisers that were so popular, they made the evening news!
- Vet staff continued providing support to our PAWS dogs, even holding appointments outside.
- We created special work shifts to support social distancing protocols allowing us to maintain a high level of care and support of our 110 dogs currently living on the PAWS campus, as well as the sanitation of our facilities.

All of this work continues to this day. We remain committed to serving our current 430 Client/Dog Teams as well as the 71 clients waiting for a PAWS dog to be placed while keeping everyone as safe as possible.

And now, I am excited to share with you that **PAWS has begun placing dogs with new clients again.** In May we were able to send out the first dog since March to his forever home. Subsequently, we have placed 21 dogs with new clients.

While we are joyfully forging ahead, other challenges remain. We all know that this summer has been different as so many of our traditional activities have been cancelled. Summers are usually filled with community events, charity gatherings, and supply drives that provide needed resources for the care of our dogs. **As a result, we have seen a decrease in support through financial donations, which is our biggest need. We would deeply appreciate any additional contributions made during this tough time. Your gift matters now more than ever!**

Thank you for being our partners in this work. We cannot do it without you.

Stay safe and take good care.

Sincerely,

Carrie Simmons  
Marketing & PR Director



*Meet the new kids!  
These three puppies are part of our next generation of future PAWS Assistance Dogs.*

