



**District 11-E1, District Governor Lion John Monahan**  
**“Together We Serve”** **“August Newsletter 2011”**



**District Governor John & Carolyn Monahan**

Dear Fellow Lions,

We had our third Club Officer Training last night in White Cloud. We trained lots of secretaries and lots of presidents, but only one treasurer. This was our third training session. Our fourth will take place on Thursday, August 11, in Reed City. There have been a number of changes in procedure for both secretaries and treasurers, but the president's job remains about the same- leading the club. If your club needs officer training, but your zone chair has not scheduled a training session, you could get training at District E2's Fall Conference in West Branch on October 1. The conference is free. It is worth considering.

Our own Fall Conference will take place on September 17 in White Cloud at the Commission on Aging. There will be representatives from each state and district projects, as well as a parade of checks. The highlight of the conference, we hope, will be a session on the new PediaVision cameras. The cameras are supposed to be available at the beginning of September. If they are not physically available, we will have a PowerPoint of the new cameras. Because these camera systems are brand new and somewhat different from current PediaVision cameras, we will have to establish procedures for using them. We know that how we use them will be different from both the current film cameras and the older PediaVision cameras, but exactly how is yet to be determined. I hope you can come to the conference, and I hope that we will be able to demonstrate the camera in person.

Your service to your communities through Lionism and your contributions to Lions Projects are what make being a Lion great. I hope your communities are expressing their thanks to you; I certainly am. One suggestion for improving relations with those who benefit from your good works is to ask for comments from recipients when they receive aid. I was in Meijer the other day with a Lions shirt on, and a man called out, "thank you Lions; you gave me these glasses." Of course, I said you are welcome; we were glad to do it. A simple thank you can sustain a Lion through a lot of project work. So please keep up the excellent work. I am sure you will.

Your Vice Governors and I spent about 10 days in Seattle where it is supposed to rain almost every day and be cool and dreary. We had no rain, and it was sunny and warm. Now that we are back in Michigan, we get the rain. Might as well enjoy it.

I hope I see you at the Fall Conference,

John Monahan  
District Governor



**1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor Lion Bill & Vickie Simpson**

Dear fellow Lions,

Our District starting numbers are lower this year. We have 1317 Lions and we need to improve that number. We need to be plus 1 or 2 for every club. That plus number is after every drop and/or death. That number of plus 47 is a minimum needed to keep us a viable district with enough people to staff and operate as a district. If everyone can just ask one new person to help work a project and become a Lion we have a chance to survive.

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

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

The push from Lions International is to identify new leaders and accent the self-promotion of Lion's Clubs within their communities. We will be hearing about both community and club assessments. The idea behind these approaches is to make sure the Lions club is serving it's community's current needs and in turn fulfilling the expectations of its members. As part of the GMT (Global Membership Team) initiative we will try and identify new Lion leaders and empower them to step forward to help lead both their clubs and the district.

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

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

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

Lion Bill  
1stVDG



**2nd Vice District Governor Lion Tim & Chris Anderson**

Greetings fellow Lions of 11-E1

I hope all your summers and all your summer club activities have been going well. As we start gearing things back up getting ready for this new year of Lions I would like to take a moment and ask you all just one thing, a simple yes or no question. It's a question I was asked recently and it really got me thinking, "Do you think your club will still be around in the year 2050?" Now what you have to take into consideration is the current age of your club members, the projects you're doing, and the total number of "NEW" members you bring in each year.

If your answer is NO don't worry there's no need to panic yet I mean 2050 IS still 38 years away, and with a little forethought and planning, turning slightly and taking small steps in a new direction we can build our numbers and strengthen our position within our communities. I think the new CEP (Club Excellence Program) is a good start, it will help you better understand your community needs and possible weaknesses within your clubs. You will be introduced to the CEP as the year unfolds.

The willingness to work together, supporting and making a difference within our communities, and one of the most important things "tooting our own horns" getting the word out about who we are and what we are about to do and what we have done to let the people of your area know the Lions are active and we are more than just eyeglasses. We as clubs support scouting, little league teams, museums, food banks so much more but unlike so many of the other community service groups we don't normally publicize what we do instead just do it. We need to roar more, being both seen and heard will cause people to turn their heads and look our way.

One last thing, invite a friend, neighbor, coworker, maybe not to join your club (not at first) but instead invite them to help out with a project, give them a glimpse of what we do and a hour or so of the feeling we get inside while doing it and of course the chance to see that Lions is more than just a club or organization we are a family. Small steps, new approaches could very well mean new members; at least it's a start in building and creating the Lions of your community a future in 2050.

I'm currently scheduling my club visitations for the coming year, any club that would like me come visit please let me know I would be happy to share a meal with you, speak briefly (if asked) and maybe even take a chance at your 50/50. Shoot me an email [vdgtim11e1@chater.net](mailto:vdgtim11e1@chater.net) or call me at 231-920-9905 so I can get your club added to my calendar.

Thanks, Yours in Lionism

Tim Anderson, 2nd VDG



**Appreciation Dinner for**

**Immediate Past District Governor**

**Lion Laura Johnson**

**August 28, 2011, Sunday at 5:30 P.M.**

The Gate Entertainment Center

706 Perry Ave., Big Rapids, MI 49307

Social Time: 5:30 P.M. to 6:30 P.M.

Cash Bar & Appetizers

Dinner at 6:30 P.M.

Dinner will be a buffet and consist of two entrées,  
Grilled Italian chicken, slow cooked Seasoned Beef.

Please contact Lion Debbie Kreitner with your reservations  
by August 20, 2011 at 616-754-8409.

The cost for the meal will be \$25.00 per person.

You may send your check to: Lion Debbie Kreitner at  
514 W. High St., Greenville, MI 48838.

Please make the check out to District 11-E1.

When entering the Gate, there are two doors,  
Enter through the east door or the door to the right.

# 2012 11-C1 & 11-E1 Annual Convention

March 30<sup>th</sup> – April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012

**Crowne Plaza, Grand Rapids, Michigan**



The Wild, Wild West is this year's theme so you better mosey on down and celebrate with us pilgrim. (Supposed to be in a John Wayne voice) ☺

We'll have excellent entertainment for Friday Nights reception which begins at 6:00 p.m.

Saturday will feature some training sessions as well as fun seminars for everyone.

Be sure your club registers to vote as we elect our officers for 2012 – 2013.



Join us as we celebrate the 2011 – 2012 Lions Year



For more information and Registration contact your club President or Secretary. Forms can also be obtained on your district website or

Call Lion Debbie Kreitner at 616-754-8409.

## Nomination Procedures

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, 2011.** The letter should come from the club's secretary, signed by the club president indicating the club's support and sent to the persons indicated below. If you have any questions, please contact the Nominations Chair who is listed below.

### Nomination Procedures:

Any qualified member of a club in the district seeking the office of District Governor, 1st Vice-District or 2nd Vice-District Governor shall file his/her intention to so run in writing with the (1) Nominating Committee at least sixty (60) days prior to the opening session (**March 30, 2012**) of the District Convention, with copies to the (2) Cabinet Secretary and (3) Multiple District Executive Secretary and furnish evidence of his/her compliance with the qualifications for said office set out in the International Constitution and By-Laws. The Nominating Committee shall place in nomination at the district convention the name(s) of all candidate(s) so qualified. If none are so received and/or so qualified, then, but then only, nominations for the office may be made from the floor. A candidate shall be allowed one nominating speech of no more than five (5) minutes duration, and one seconding speech of no more than three (3) minutes duration.

Nominations for the office of Trustee of the Foundation shall be written and shall be certified by the President or Secretary of the Nominee's Lions Club as being the act of a majority of the members of the Club, and shall be filed with the District Nominations Committee Chairperson not less than (60) days prior to the convening date of the District Convention (**March 30, 2012**). The procedure and rules for nominating and electing a trustee of the foundation shall be the same as for District officers, which are indicated in Article 1 of these By-Laws.

Lion Dick Perrin, PDG

Nominations Chair

13948 Jet Drive

Big Rapids, MI 49307

Phone: 231-796-5675

email: [perrinr@hotmail.com](mailto:perrinr@hotmail.com)

## Coleman Lions



1) Lion Esther Gordon assists a customer. 2) Lions Bonnie Berthume and Ellen Maynard visit with a customer.

The Coleman Lions Club is having their second annual yard sale August 5 and 6. Proceeds will be used for community projects. Much of what's left will go to the Sanford Lions sale in September.

August 14 - 20, we will be found at the Midland County Fair where we will be selling raffle tickets on three great prizes, a 32" HDTV, a Garmin GPS and a camouflage sled. The raffle drawing will be held on September 17th at our 3rd annual Charter Night Party. We will also have our green, reflective 911 emergency address signs to custom make and sell. Stop in and visit us in Building 22 at the Fair if you're in the area.

September 2 and 3 you can find us at Yoder's Amish Quilt Auction and Flea Market in Clare where we will be serving Koegel Hot dogs and Polish Dogs from our concession wagon. Raffle tickets and address signs will be available there as well!

## Organ Donor Registrations Rise

A change in policy at Secretary of State Offices is credited with a surge in the organ donor registrations. The number Who signed up as organ donors increased 25 percent in June over the same month in 2010. The May total was 20 percent over the year before. In April, Secretary of State Ruth Johnson instructed employees to ask customers, time permitting, if they would like to sign up on the registry. The registry has about 2.2 million enrolled, less than a third of the state's adult population.

To join the registry, go to [Michigan.gov.sos](http://Michigan.gov.sos)

**Editor's note: this article appeared in the Grand Rapids Press.**



***Coleman Lions Club Invites  
YOU to Our  
3<sup>rd</sup> annual***

# **Charter Night**

**Celebrating 71 Years of Service**

**Saturday, September 17, 2011**

**5:30 P.M. Doors Open – 7:00 P.M. Dinner**

**COLEMAN VFW HALL**

**104 N. Fourth St.**

**Coleman, MI 48618 989-465-1099**

**\$15/person**

***Full Dinner Buffet***

***Games, Drawings, Door Prizes***

***Silent and Live Auctions***

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**Reservations must be made by Sept 9, 2011:**

Lion Marilyn Fruchey  
5125 W Fike Rd.  
Coleman, MI 48618  
989-948-7414  
[6638ms@live.com](mailto:6638ms@live.com)

**Attendees First and Last Name(s)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Lions Club** \_\_\_\_\_ **Lions Title/Office Held** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **# Reservations** \_\_\_\_\_ **Amount** \_\_\_\_\_ **Check #**



## Mesick Leo's



### Mesick Leo Honored

On June 28th the Mesick Lions attempted to hold our Summer Picnic / Canoe Trip (which was rained out). After moving the meal and meeting inside we had a nice social event, 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Tim Anderson, his wife Lion Christina and their daughter Lion Cub Rachael joined us as our guests.

VDG Tim spoke briefly about the coming year and took this opportunity to present Leo Jacob Hoaglund with the Governor's Award of Excellence for all his outstanding accomplishments while in the Leo's. Leo Jacob was a senior this past year and a member of the board for the Mesick Leo's. With his mother and members of the Mesick Lions looking on Jacob was surprised and honored to receive this award.

### Mesick installs new Lion officers

At their July 26 meeting the Mesick Lions held their Instillation of Officers. After a light meal our guest 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Tim Anderson presided over the ceremony swearing and welcoming in the new officers for the coming year. Besides the installation a report was given on or recent successful golf outing and other upcoming events were discussed.

### Information on future articles for the Lions Pride State Magazine

The district editors met at the Lions of Michigan State office and Michelle is in charge of the Lions Pride and wanted a new format for some of the first pages of the magazine. She would like to see human interest stories regarding what the clubs are doing with their money in regards to their communities. Are they giving to local charities or state and district projects or is the money ear marked for something else. Other articles will appear as they always have further back in the magazine. So please just think about this and if you have any questions you can call me at 616-754-8409 or e-mail me at: [debkreitner@charter.net](mailto:debkreitner@charter.net)  
Thanks for your help with this.

Editor Lion Debbie Kreitner

## The passing of PID Charlie Weir

August Charles Weir "Charlie"

Lansing

Born Aug. 29, 1928 in Detroit, son of Gus and Louise (Bonten) Weir passed away, Sunday, August 14, 2011 in Lansing at age 82. Charlie graduated from South Lake High School, St. Clair Shores and immediately entered the U.S. Marines. After being honorably discharged he attended and graduated from Eastern Michigan University. Later he earned his Master's Degree from MSU. In his professional life he served the Michigan School for the Blind (MSB), retiring as Acting Superintendent in 1984. While at MSB he was involved with the 1963 MSB state champion wrestling team. He was a well-respected basketball and football official at the high school and MIAA college level.

Upon retiring, Charlie was involved in the Bretton Woods Lions Club, where he held several offices including president. He continued to serve as District Governor and Council Chair for District 11-C-2 and as an International Director for Lions International. He served on numerous state and local Lions committees and helped establish the Michigan Eye Bank, Bear Lake Camp and the Lions of Michigan Service Foundation. He was active in the Leader Dog program.

He was a faithful member for 54 years of Holy Cross Catholic Church until its closing. He then transferred to St. Gerard Catholic Church. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus, Richard Council, and #788. He freely gave of his time and talents to those in need, throughout his life. He was a good friend to the "Mooser's" and was always supportive of his grandchildren's activities.

He is preceded in death by his parents, a daughter, Debbie and a son Steve. Surviving is his wife Fran, of nearly 60 years, 3 children: Brad (Becky), Scott and Marilou (Tom) Gulick, a daughter in law, Donna (Nick) Moseley, 9 grandchildren, 1 great grandson, a brother Robert and 2 nieces.

The Funeral Mass will be celebrated Friday at 10:30AM at St. Gerard Catholic Church with Rev. Fr. John Klein as celebrant. Rite of committal will follow in St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery. Visitation is Wednesday 6-8PM and Thursday 2-4 & 6-8PM at the Palmer Bush & Jensen Family Funeral Homes, Delta Chapel, 6020 W. Saginaw where the Vigil will be prayed Thursday at 7:00PM. Visitation continues Friday at 9:30AM at the church. Memorials can be made to Lions of Michigan Service Foundation or the Michigan Eye Bank in memory of Charlie. Condolences can be made at [www.palmerbush.com](http://www.palmerbush.com)<<http://www.palmerbush.com>>.



## Missaukee County Lions

Recently the District, Cadillac Lions, and the newly forming Missaukee Lions held a Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser St. John's Lutheran Church in Lake City to help raise money for the McBain Lions All State Band kids and the Lake City Fireworks. In the kitchen Chefs Lion Bill (Pasta-man) Simpson and Lion Pete (Saucy) Conarty worked their magic producing a meal that had people lined up and down the hall.

116 meals were served, pie & cake auctions were held along with a 50/50 drawing taking in \$709 total for the night. The cost of the dinner was covered through donations made by the community & by local & District Lions. The patrons bought either Red or Blue tickets at the door to indicate which of the 2 causes they wanted their money to go toward.

The next morning at "Good Morning Lake City" 3 checks totaling \$440 for the Lions of Michigan All State Band were presented to the kids from McBain to go toward their trip to Seattle. The checks were presented by 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Tim Anderson to Tami Jo Gandolfi mother of one of the band kids. Afterward, VDG Tim stopped at the Lake City Chamber of Commerce office and gave them a check for \$269 to go toward their Greatest 4th in the North Fireworks Fund. The community and causes were all pleased with the Lions support.

Currently a Branch Club is in the works for Missaukee County.



*Patricia St. Clair Elementary School volunteer Ashley Rumsey (left) service dog trainer Kim Wattle and Hesperia Lions Club President Scott Fessenden posed with some of the service dogs who visited the school recently.*

## **Students learn from service dogs**

Students at Patricia St. Clair Elementary School learned about service dogs with a school visit from some retired and future service dogs. A couple of retired service dogs and a puppy in training visited the school with Hesperia Lions Club President Scott Fessenden and service dog Wattle of Honor trainer Kim.

Students learned about how dogs are trained, how they help vision impaired people and others, and proper etiquette for interacting with the working dogs. Ashley Rumsey, who volunteers at the school, helped with the presentation.

Lions Clubs and Paws 4 a Cause help provide service dogs, which cost approximately \$39,000 per dog.

For information about the service dog program or about the Hesperia Lions Club, call club President Scott Fessenden at 231- 854-1796.

**Lion Kim Wattle is a Leader Dog Chairperson for the north part of District 11-E1 and is available for programs by contacting her at 231-325-0055 or e-mail her at [watts24@centurylink.net](mailto:watts24@centurylink.net)**

**Lion Pam Blizzard is the Leader Dog south chairperson and she can be contacted at 989-640-4046 or e-mail at [pamblizzard@cminster.net](mailto:pamblizzard@cminster.net)**

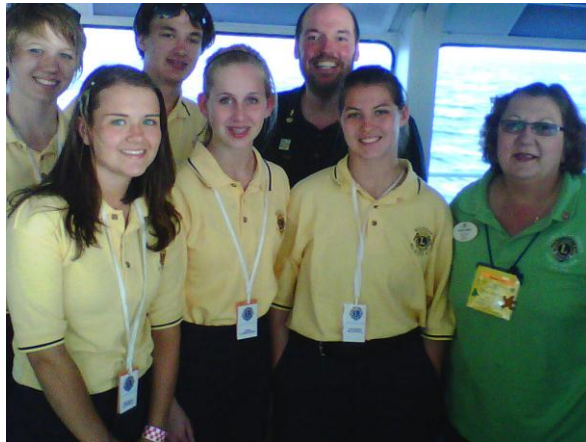
## Sand Lake



Left to right; Lion Carl Paepke, PDG Lynnwood Mast, Lion Janet Mast, Vice President Guy Hayden and DG John Monahan

### Sand Lake Lions honor 30 year charter member on June 8, 2011

An invitational was held for people to learn more about Lions Club International. The highlight of the evening was the surprise presentation of the “President’s Appreciation Award Metal” to Charter Member Lion Carl A. Paepke, in recognition of 30 plus years of serving through Lionism. King Lion Erin Allen, who gave a summary of the life of service which Lion Carl has lived made the presentation. Lion Carl refers to himself as “Just a Farm Boy” but he is much more than that. His whole life has been exemplary of SERVICE. He served in World War II, he has served the local, national and international communities for over 30 years as a very dedicated Lion, and he serves as a Montcalm County Commissioner. He said “I like to help people.” He lives the Lion Motto: “We Serve.”



### Seattle at Night

One of the highlights of the trip to Seattle last month was “Michigan Night” it’s where the Lions from Michigan got together as a group and went on boat trip to nearby Blake’s Island to enjoy dinner and an Indian folklore performance by a local native tribe at Tillicum Village. The performance and food were both interesting but the camaraderie was fantastic. On the ride over we had the chance to speak with some of the Lions of Michigan All State Band Kids from our District, they wanted to thank the clubs, our district, and Lions in general for allowing them the opportunity to take part in these once in a lifetime trips. A number of them even came up to me after we were back on the dock to shake my hand and to personally thank the Lions. The cool part was when the Music Director Lion Roger Weyersberg after hearing I was in the band in high school came over and proclaimed me an “Honorary” Lions All State Band Member.

Until I was asked what I played and when I responded the drums I was promptly informed maybe they should take back the title since percussionist don’t really PLAY music. It was a fun night!

(Picture McBain & Cadillac LMASB Kids, IPDG Laura Johnson and 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Tim Anderson)

## Cadillac Lions



### **WAM There it is!**

The Wish-A-Mile 300 Bicycle Tour, or “WAM” as it is affectionately known by riders, is a three-day tour across Michigan. 2011 marks the 24th year of riding to grant wishes! This is the Make-A-Wish Foundation’s single largest fundraiser, which is responsible for granting hundreds of wishes each year for Michigan children with life-threatening medical conditions.

The tour started up in Traverse City and the route takes the riders approximately 100 miles per day, Friday the 29<sup>th</sup> they had their Lunch/Pit Stop here in Cadillac at Forrest View Elementary School located just outside town. Over 800 riders passed through for lunch between 8:30 AM – 12 PM and the Cadillac Lions were there to help.

This is our 5<sup>th</sup> year working on this project; the Cadillac Lions meet, greet, direct, and clean up after the very appreciative riders as they catch their breath and relax their muscles for a few minutes before hitting the road again. They headed off to Big Rapids after lunch and the ride ended the next day in Chelsea, Michigan at the Heroes Hurrah Finish Line. This 3 day event raised \$1,818,145 for Make-A-Wish of Michigan.

(Picture Lion Pete Buehler, Grant Harper, Mary Buehler, 2nd VDG Tim Anderson, Lion Bill Taylor)



# 11-E1 Fall Conference & Parade of Checks

September 17, 2011  
93 S. Gibbs St., White Cloud

## FEATURING - PEDIAVISION

This year's District 11- E1 Fall Conference will be held at the Newaygo Commission on Aging, 93 S. Gibbs St., in White Cloud, MI. September 17, 2011. Conference cost which includes lunch is only \$5.00 per attendee and the theme this year is "Summer Vacation". This conference is for Lions and or clubs who wish to learn more about our NEW PediaVision Cameras and how they work, besides the presentation on the PediaVision cameras we have scheduled speakers from our District and State Projects to come and fill us in on the coming year. We will be holding a "Parade of Checks" for each of the projects at the end of their brief presentations. (NOTE: Your clubs full donation or just a token donation of say \$10 per project may be given at this time)

### Please mail the registration form to:

2nd VDG Tim Anderson, 10797 Pine Shores Drive, Cadillac, MI 49601 or If you have any questions please call VDG Tim 231-920-9905

### Proposed Schedule

- 12:00 PM - 12:05 PM "Governors Opening Remarks"
- 12:05 PM - 1:00 PM Lunch & Social Hour - Brief overview of new GMT- GLT
- 1:05 PM - 3:00 PM Project Presentations & Parade of Checks
- 3:05 PM - 4:00 PM PediaVision Presentation



Since PediaVision is about helping kids we thought we would bring out the kid in all of us with the theme "Summer Vacation" remember the days when school ended in June and you had 3 whole months before you had to go back again! Dress will be casual - summer attire, wear what you might wear if you were on a summer vacation. Please NO Speedos!

## Registration Form 11-E1 Fall Conference 2011 (Parade of Checks)

Club \_\_\_\_\_ Names of Attendees \_\_\_\_\_



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Cost is \$5.00 per attendee which includes lunch

Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: Tim Anderson, 10797 Pine Shores Drive, Cadillac, MI 49601 by September 3rd, 2011



House Warming Party for IPDG Laura & PDG Harry Johnson  
As they begin their life in their new home after the fire.

September 10, 2011, Saturday  
From 2:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.

At 1298 E. Fifteen Mile Road, Bitely, MI 49309

The meal will be provided with a Garbage Can dinner by the Johnson's.



Please bring your lawn chairs and a dish to pass or dessert and your appetite.

Please contact IPDG Laura if you plan on attending  
because she needs to have the number of people  
attending to know how many garbage cans she needs.

Phone: 1-231-250-0537  
e-mail: [lionlaura@maxnet-usa.net](mailto:lionlaura@maxnet-usa.net)