



Michigan District

"Friends for Fun Safety and Knowledge"



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Senior Michigan District Directors

Ken & Patti Kintner

down. We want to thank them all! We couldn't do what we do without their help.

Dave and Carolyn are currently Assistant Chapter Directors at Chapter V. They were selected as the Michigan District Couple of the Year in 2019. And they have been on the Michigan Team in charge of Goodies and the 2021 Michigan Road Safari. We know that they will do a great job taking the Michigan district into the future as they begin serving our members. When we find out the details of when and where they will be installed we will let you know.



Announcement! Your next District Directors will be Dave & Carolyn Frazer!

Patti and I are not quite finished yet. We are stepping down as of December 31st and between now and then we will be helping Dave and Carolyn transition. Some of our current Michigan Team will remain on, and some are stepping

We had a great time with the district team and all of our chapter officers who attended the fall officer meeting. We all shared information and had some fun doing it. A few of us camped out for the weekend and were reminded the fall is here. The acorns from the big oak trees in the campground were crashing down on buildings vehicles and campers. We want to remind you that you still have some good days to ride and get those safari stops in. Safari books are due to Dave and Carolyn Frazer and must be postmarked by October 31st. Dave & Carolyn are going to continue to coordinate the Road Safari and our Chapter Officers decided on 16 new locations for next year. A highlight for us was when Dave & Carolyn called up the Michigan Team presented a handmade Goldwing Clock that Dave made.

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Thanks to Rob & Pam Robinson, Former CDs at Chapter D2 and Julian & Mary Jo Meade for leading Chapter D2 into the future!

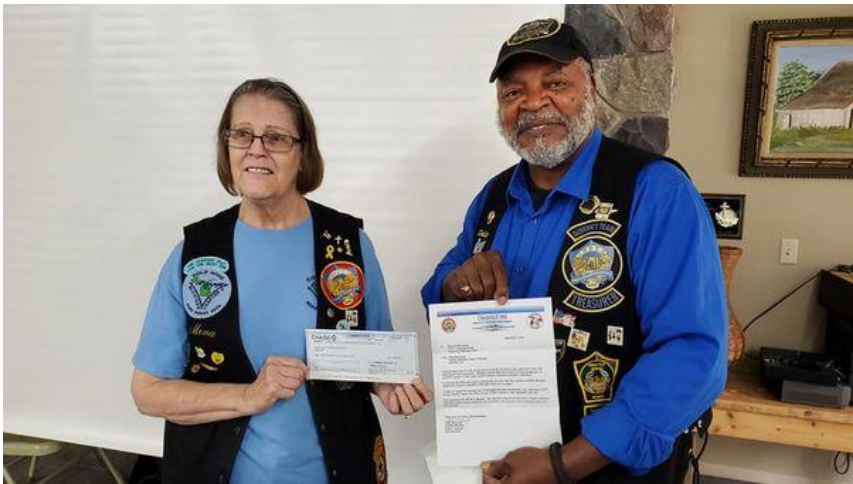




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Earlier in the month Eddie, Charlene, Patti and I met up with our \$10,000 Raffle Winner to deliver his winnings. Then at the Officer Meeting Eddie presented the 2nd and 3rd place winnings to Sandy Wentz from Chapter J2 and Mona McCaulley from Chapter V.



Dave & Carolyn’s first district event will be Wingless Weekend! The one we didn’t get to do last year... “Hawaiian Luau” the registration forms will be posted and sent out in the near future. AND we do have the 2022 Michigan District Rally set for August 18-20th, 2022! It will again be at the St. Louis Campground in St. Louis, Michigan. The officers that were present at the Fall Officer Meeting decided the theme will be... “Wild West”! So start planning for a good time at both of our 2022 Michigan District events!

We hope to see you soon at a Chapter or District event!

Your Friends for FUN Safety and Knowledge,
Ken & Patti Kintner, Michigan District Directors

Michigan District 2021 \$10,000 Raffle Winner



1st place ticket winner Dan Krupa sold by Moose from Chapter H2.

Pictured left to right is Senior Michigan District Director Ken & Patti Kintner, Dan Krupa, Michigan District Treasure Eddie & Charlene McDougle,

Pictured left to right is Dan Krupa & his wife, Michigan District Treasurer Eddie McDougle. Congratulations Dan

Michigan District 2021 \$2,500 Raffle Winner

Michigan District 2021 \$1,000 Raffle Winner



2nd place \$2,500
Sandy Wentz of Chapter J2 from Beaverton
(sold by Chapter J)
Congratulations to Sandy Wentz

3rd place \$1,000
Mona McCaulley
From Chapter V
(Sold by Chapter V)
Congratulations Ramona



Senior District Educators



Dennis & Felicia Schulte

Family,

It has been so great to see so many of you this year during chapter events, rider courses, and the rally. The fall officers' meeting will be soon, and we can't wait for another chance to meet up.

An interesting safety issue was brought up to us about the number of accidents involving motorcycles on the Blue Ridge Parkway this year. I gathered some possible reasons for these accidents from numerous articles I found on-line.

- Narrow road shoulders
- Curves that become tighter instead of widening out
- Riding side by side in groups
- Unsafe driving by other vehicles
- Unsafe road surface and hazards

So how can we prepare for these challenges? I was grateful when I saw that the Blue Ridge Parkway website did have specific links for motorcyclists, including posting the maximum speed limit of 45 mph (dropping to 35 mph in more developed areas) and the requirement of wearing a helmet. I would guess that although some of us research new areas we will be visiting, we probably don't go into the detail that is provided through the motorcyclist links available from the Parkway website of <https://www.blueridgeparkway.org>.

So, of the listed dangers, what can we prepare for? We all know how to ride in groups, we all know to watch out for other vehicles, and we all know to be more cautious when road hazards are common and when road surfaces are changing due to weather. That does not mean that we should become complacent or not keep up with our skills. In 2019, there were 349 motor vehicle crashes, with five involving motorcycles.

Some of the links go into detail regarding the design and construction of the Parkway and that it was done long ago. One of the design flaws for motorcyclists is that curves get tighter as you go through, which is the exact opposite of standard highways and roads that have a radius that never changes. The narrow road shoulders are also not common on standard highways and roads. To me, these would be considered design flaws to the parkway that would cause danger to everyone.



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There is an unequal amount of motorcycle crashes in this area compared to motorcycle owners in the area; a large percentage of these riders are from out of town. Losing control while riding uphill curves, colliding with other vehicles that are stopped or slowed to look at the view, losing control due to over-correcting, high rates of speed, are all considered causes to the accidents I reviewed online. Overlooks and access points are also a cause of all accidents, not just motorcyclists. Pulling in and out of these does cause issues, even though one would hope it would be safer to pull over out of the way to view the beautiful scenery. Could lack of attention to the road be another motorcycle accident cause?

To also give you some idea of the background of the parkway, there are 469 miles from the Shenandoah National Park in Virginia to the entrance of the Great Smokies in North Carolina. The Parkway was the first national rural parkway and was discussed in 1933, designed, and constructed for a leisure-type driving experience. It is recognized around the world as an international example of landscape and engineering design with a roadway that lies easily on the land and blends into the landscape. Fourteen million people visited the parkway in 2020 while passing through its 29 counties and bringing \$980 million to the nearby communities.

The research makes me want to go visit, but I would definitely like a safer way to see what must be some glorious scenery. It doesn't sound as though hiking or bicycle riding is much safer, although there seems to be a lot of that there, also.

Stay safe,
Dennis and Felicia
Michigan Senior District Educators



District University Coordinators & TEAM GWRRA as University Assistants



Rick & Joy Hebner

DUC Corner (District University Coordinator)



What a year this has been. In the training world, things did change in the year 2020. As many of our kids, grandkids and friends have experienced, most training had to take place in our homes, offices, basements and other locations. But we were able to still train, starting with learning how to use Zoom and web-based programs.

We have had to think outside the box—to learn how to train other than in a classroom environment. We did modify some of the classes to fit the web format. I know some of you have taken advantage of these classes. If your Chapter is looking for some training that we can provide to you using these tools, please reach out to us.

As we go in to the New Year, we congratulate and welcome the new University Director, Lorrie Thomas.

We are hoping to be able to move back into the classroom soon. We are currently planning classes for Wingless Weekend. We sure hope to see you all at one of them.

As we see this year end and a new one come in, we hope that his finds all of you doing well. We look forward to seeing you in the New Year 2021.

In the meantime, please stay safe and reach out to your friends and family.

Until next time, remember training is FUN (as well as educational).

Rick & Joy Hebner
Senior District University Coordinators

Class #	Class Description
101-02	Co-Rider (Seminar)
101-02 H	Co-Rider Hebrew לע תברומל רנימס ונופואה
101-05	Motorcycle Crash Scene Response (Seminar)
101-06	Riding at Night ~ GWRRA Module Who's Afraid of the Dark
102-01	Riding Readiness ~ GWRRA Module R U Ready to Ride
102-01 F	Etes-Vous Pret a Rouler (French) R U Ready to Ride (ITCP Certified)
102-01 I	E pronto a andare in motocicletta
102-02	Riding in the Heat ~ GWRRA Module When You're Hot, You're Hot
102-06	View from The Rear ~ GWRRA Module A View from the Rear
102-06 F	Module GWRRA Vu de l'arrière (ITCP Certified)
102-07	Helmet Facts or Fiction ~ GWRRA Module Helmets
103-01	Distracted Drivers ~ GWRRA Module Dangerous Epidemic
103-02	Riding w/New Inexperienced Riders ~ GWRRA Module How to Know What They Don't Know
103-03	Riding in the Rain ~ GWRRA Module Only Sugar Melts in the Rain
103-03 F	Module GWRRA Seul le sucre fond sous la pluie (ITCP Certified)
103-04	Team Riding (Seminar)
103-04 F	Cours de Chef de file (French) Road Captain
103-05	High Side Scenarios (Seminar)
104-01	Riding in the Cold ~ GWRRA Module Brrr, it is Cold
104-01 F	Module GWRRA Brrr...Il fait froid! La conduite par temps froid (REP Niveau II ou plus à l'élevé)
104-02	Riding Mountains, Hills, and Curves (Seminar)
104-02 F	Séminaire ~ Conduite en montagnes – Pentés et courbes (REP Niveau III ou plus à l'élevé)
104-03	Trailerling (Seminar)
104-05	Road Captain Course (Seminar)
106-01	Levels Program ~ GWRRA Module on the Level /My RE
106-01 F	Module GWRRA Parlons de Niveaux – Montez de Niveau
106-02	How Aging Affects Riders ~ GWRRA Module for the Mature Rider
201-01	Toxic People ~ GWRRA Module Bad Apple
201-02	Conflict Resolution ~ GWRRA Module Calm the Clash
201-03	Communication ~ GWRRA Module Can You Hear Me Now?
201-04	Managing Change ~ GWRRA Module Cha-Cha-Cha-Change
201-06	Newsletters ~ GWRRA Module Newsletters
202-01	Conflict ~ GWRRA Module Conflict It is Inevitable
202-02	Giving Feedback ~ GWRRA Module Do You Have a Minute?
202-03	Chapter MEC Role ~ GWRRA Module My Enthusiasm Counts
202-04	Retention ~ GWRRA Module Retention is Important
202-04 F	Module GWRRA La rétention est importante
202-05	New Member Orientation
203-01	Setting Goals ~ GWRRA Module Road Trippin'
203-02	Delegation ~ GWRRA Module Row, Row, Row Your Boat!
203-03	Difficult Conversations ~ GWRRA Module Talk to the Elephant
203-04	Women in Leadership Roles ~ GWRRA Module This Ones for the Girls
204-02	Planning a Chapter Event ~ GWRRA Module We're Doing What?
204-03	Train Your Brain ~ GWRRA Module Bee Smart
205-01	Chapter Finances ~ GWRRA Module Checks 'n Balances
205-01 F	Module GWRRA Une question d'équilibre budgétaire
205-03	Coaching Your Team ~ GWRRA Module Coaching 101
205-03 F	Module GWRRA Entraînement 101 – Développer des équipes championnes
206-01	Horizon Program
207-01	LLYR Workshop (Certified Instructor)
208-01	Module GWRRA Stage Presentation for COY
208-01 F	Module GWRRA Présentation sur scène ne pour les Coordonnateurs de l'AAE et du Couple de l'Année
301-01	Work & Life Balance ~ GWRRA Module Juggling
301-01 F	Module GWRRA Jongler
301-02	Recruitment ~ GWRRA Module More Members
301-02 F	Module GWRRA Vous avez du courrier
301-03	Gathering Feedback ~ GWRRA Module A Penny for Your Thoughts
301-05	The History of GWRRA
302-01	Stress Management ~ GWRRA Module Stress Less
302-02	Email Etiquette ~ GWRRA Module You've Got Mail
302-02 F	Module GWRRA Vous avez du courrier
302-03	Stepping Out of Your Comfort Zone ~ GWRRA Module Zone Out
303-01	Adding Fun to Socials ~ GWRRA Module Just Add Spice
305-01	Module GWRRA Preparing for Couple Selection
305-01 F	Module GWRRA Préparation à la Sélection du Couple de l'Année
308-01	GWRRA 101 Workshop
401-02	ITCP ~ Certified Instructor

District Motorist Awareness Program Coordinators

Medic First Aid Coordinators

Couple of the Year Coordinator



Gary & Carol Williams

COUPLE OF THE YEAR / INDIVIDUAL OF THE YEAR

Hello and Happy October! I love October, but for perfectly personal reasons. October is our anniversary month, and this year Gary and I celebrate 47 years of marriage! This year of 2021 is also the 8th anniversary of our being Chapter J's Couple of the Year, and the 7th anniversary of our being the Michigan District Couple of the Year. Anniversaries are a great time to remember the celebrations of life.

How about your wedding anniversary? Or your Chapter anniversary? Or perhaps District and beyond? I just want to remind you all that you are NEVER a former Couple of the Year or Individual of the Year.

You are ALWAYS the Couple or Individual of the Year for the year _____. That's how important you are. That's a reminder of your honor.

For those who have the honor of being the 2021 Couple or Individual of the Year, I hope you are considering going through the Selection process at Wingless Weekend. Please go ahead and look at and download, the Resume from the National website. It's under the Programs, then MEP, then Couple of the Year, then scroll down for the forms. Go through the resume, practice writing one out. If you write DRAFT across the front, you can even send it to me to go over with you. Please note, that if it does not say draft, I am obligated to accept it as the real resume, so please be careful.

Individuals of the Year, please use the same resume as Couples, just ignoring any sections for a spouse response.

I'll be happy to speak with you at any time and try to answer any questions you may have. My contact information is listed below.

Thank you all for simply being you! Your Chapter appreciates you and that's why they've honored you.

Blessings,
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Medic First Aid /CPR / AED

I would first like to thank those Chapters who have already scheduled and held their MFA classes. And I know of 2 others that will be held before much longer. Not only are you keeping yourself up-to-date with skills, but you are also keeping your levels up-to-date.

I would very much like to thank Cheryl Wiggins and Sandy Blackburn for their part in keeping our classes going by being awesome instructors. You two are appreciated!

For those chapters wanting to schedule a class, please go to the Michigan website, then Programs, then Rider Education, then scroll down the page to Rider Education Request Forms, then click on the request form to print or download. This form should be completely filled out and then sent to Dennis Schulte as soon as possible once you know you want a class. Dennis will then forward it on to me. I will pick the best of your 3 dates that works for one of we 3 instructors, or 2 if needed. Remember that a class is maximum 12 with one instructor, 24 with two. If you have scheduling or any other questions, please call me.

No one ever wants to use what they learn in our classes, but should the need ever arise, you will be equipped. I hope every single GWRRA member will take the MFA/CPR/AED class.

Thanks,
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MOTORIST AWARENESS

Many times when I hear someone talking about Motorist Awareness, they are basically slamming all 4 wheel drivers. When you do this, or hear this, the thing we need to remember is...those 4 wheel drivers are all of us as well.

We need to practice what we preach. One very big aspect is driving while distracted. I know we go over and over this, but repetition is key to making an impact on our memory, which makes an impact on our actions.

Anything that takes our eyes off the road, our hands off the wheel, our minds off our driving for even seconds, is distracted driving. You may think you are immune to anything happening to you when you glance at your phone, look over to change the radio station, reach to pick up your drink, or any other of a hundred scenarios, but you're not. That's what thousands of other drivers who caused accidents, from minor to major, were thinking.

Please just be aware that you have a choice to make when you're driving. If you truly need to talk on your phone, get something to eat, or even play with the radio, pull over and park somewhere to do it. Don't be that distracted driver statistic.

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North Section

Phil & Char Smock

NEWS FROM THE NORTH

Hello Friends,

We hope this finds you all settling down to the routine of shorter days. We've been busy cleaning out the garage and getting ready for a garage sale with our neighbors. The gardens have been cleaned with the help of some of our neighborhood Amish girls, and they are ready for the final days of warm weather until the frost hits. It seems strange that there has not been a frost yet. The evenings are crisp, so the cool weather of fall is upon us but the days remain warm and sunny, giving us the perfect riding weather. All that's necessary is to wait for it to dry off over a late breakfast, stick a coat in your saddle bag, and head out to enjoy the smells and sights.

We did that recently with J2 members and Neal in the lead. Of course, Neal knows all the curviest and hilliest roads to take, so we had an awesome day of riding. As we rode along, you can't help but think about all the different sights and smells we are lucky enough to enjoy from our seat in the open air. As we share some of those things with you in this article, think about your own memories of them and how much you enjoyed a particular ride that created that memory.

OOPS - Public Service Announcement ahead...SORRY

We hope your memories will spark a renewed interest to join us on future rides, stop in for a visit, or just get out and "RIDE Your Own Ride". Here's a couple of memories for you:

Do you remember when people did just stop by for a visit without pretense or planning?

Do you remember going on a spur-of-the-moment ride, just because you wanted to?

Definitely follow the Covid-19 tips on staying healthy; but when did we get so old & afraid that we can't even get in the four-wheel vehicle and come along for the FUN or sit on the porch and swap stories? We never know when it's our last ride or visit, so get spontaneous folks!

Now Back to Our Ride...

J2's impromptu ride was unconstrained & perfect, aided by the weather, and a wonderful chance to enjoy the day. Some things we saw were just that, things we see as in everyday life. Things like: animals, homes, barns, buildings of all types, grass and fields. It's appreciating the glades with hidden critters in the tall grass, the hills of barren sand, the golden fields of soybeans or dried corn stocks, and stopping on top of the highest geographical point in Michigan that makes it a ride memorable.

The longer you ride, you begin to notice more detailed sights. Cute little bridges built over driveways, signs of welcome, signs that declared "No Trespassing", signs for fresh produce and one for a corn maze. There was even a metal double sign frame without a sign in it. Then, funniest of all was a sign that said, "Hi Bob", which elicited a giggle or two since Bob Brown was on the ride.

Assistant District Directors



North Section

Phil & Char Smock

The ride went through towns large and practically non-existent. Those tiny burgs sometimes had the most interesting buildings though. Their hallmarks were abandoned store fronts, old gas pumps and advertising signs, boarded up mills and schools; but always a functioning church. It's interesting how churches have the most amazing architecture, as no two are ever the same unlike tract houses.

We saw houses of all types: new houses, old houses, big houses, tiny houses, farm houses, houses well-kept, and houses whose yards were filled with junk and trash. Some houses were derelict; as were their barns. Many styles of barns also dotted the landscape: huge, old dairy barns, newer Kentucky-style horse barns, barns with sheep, falling down barns, and barns with quilts on their sides. Some barns had old cars or equipment in or alongside them.

There were vehicles of every style and color sitting in driveways and yards: rusted out cars, fancy cars, sports cars, SUV, trucks and farm equipment. When we see a yellow vehicle while driving the Amish youth, they like to Banana Whack each other; much like when our generation did the Slug Bug whack upon seeing a Volkswagen Beetle (aww. Memories). And, we did indeed see an old rusted out Bug sitting abandoned by its owners on a two-track paved road.

The side roads were the best because we enjoyed forests of pine, stands of birch, many varieties of flowers, swamps with birds, and lakes with swans gliding gracefully along. While taking in the sights, you can't help but take in the scents of all these wonders of nature. The smell of waterways, pine lingering in the shaded areas, manure, gasoline & diesel, grilling meat and campfire smoke hanging heavy in the evening air. All of which take you back to times well spent with friends over meals, sharing rides and sitting around telling stories.

We hope this story of our FUN ride took you back to some of those shared times, even if it was only in your mind. Our memories and friendships are ours to keep, but new memories are also out there to be made with each other. Come on out and spend some time with us at a Gathering, during a potluck dinner, at a brainstorming meeting, at a rally, or even the Officers Meeting. You know the Officers Meeting is coming up on Oct 2nd in St. Louis and everyone is welcome to attend. We'll be camping there with some of our Section members Friday and Saturday nights and we welcome you to sit with us around the campfire. There will be lots of information shared, and to share, about next summer's events where we can create more new memories. So, don't be afraid to come along for the ride, the campouts, the meals, the comradery with old and new friends, the FUN and for the new memories.

Much Love and Wishes for Peace,
Yours as Friends for Fun, Safety & Knowledge
Phil and Char

Assistant District Directors

South East Section

Jeff & Terri Curtis



It's starting to feel like fall, a nip in the air, color changing of the trees, a perfect time for riding. But of course, those furry brown friends start to move about so keep one eye out at all times. They'll sneak up on you if you're not watching.

Fall always brings to mind; pumpkins. Jack-o-lanterns, decorations and of course, pumpkin pie. Then if you really want to have fun with pumpkins, there's nothing more fun or entertaining than picking them out of the pumpkin patch with a group of people. If that sounds like fun, let me know, because we still have a lot of them to pick.

Fall really is a great time to have Chapter events and socialize. Have a pumpkin carving contest or just socialize setting around a campfire to take the fall chill off. Tell stories, reminisce, eat pumpkin pie. These are some fun ways to keep members connected. We all are looking for ways to relax, laugh and have fun. Some of the best times we've had with members were simple events.

There's still time to get last minute Safari trips in so don't hesitate. Pick one of these nice days and go for it. You won't be disappointed, as any day on the bike is a good day.

Enjoy the Fall everyone!

Jeff and Terri Curtis – Assistant MI District Directors South East Section

Assistant District Directors

West Section

Randy & Cheryl Wiggins



It is hard to believe that Fall has already arrived. Those extremely hot days of summer are over with for this year and now is the time to ride in more comfortable temperatures. I guess it is also the time to break out your heated gear if you have it and to prepare for cooler temperatures. Of course, with Fall you get the added benefit of more colors and all the smells that go with this time of year. So maybe it is time to plan a ride to a Cider Mill for some fresh Apple cider and fresh baked pie or doughnuts.

Randy and I just returned home from a short ride, a little over 1600 miles. We rode over to Hershey PA to go to the Worlds Largest RV Show. We, unfortunately, didn't get to take advantage of those cool autumn days as it was in the upper 80's and 90's the whole time we were traveling. This is the second time we have attended; we went back in 2008-time frame and were surprised at how many RVs were there and we had gone during the week so there were not that many people there.

This year we had planned on attending the RV show two days (Thursday and Friday) to take part in the numerous seminars they offer and to look at as many RV's as we could. After fighting the crowds for just one day, a little over 8 hours, we decided that we had seen enough and the other seminars we would check out online, not the same as in person, but better than getting shoved around by how many people were there. There were so many people that you had to wait in line to look at an RV. The one seminar we were able to get into had well over 100 people packed into a small room. People were just everywhere. As a matter of fact, there were so many people there that they shut down their courtesy shuttles because they couldn't get through the crowds. We were talking with one of the organizers at one point during the day and they said they expected twice the amount of

people Friday through Sunday. Another reason to only go the one day.

After our day at the RV show we went back to the hotel and decided that we had some military friends that only lived about 90 miles away and since we had an extra night in the hotel, we might as well make use of our time and go see friends we hadn't seen since the early 90's. We were only able to visit with them for part of the afternoon as they had a funeral to attend, but it was a very nice visit that was way overdue and we are making plans to get together again.

So, during these days of cooler temps take advantage of them, go for a ride and visit friends or family that you haven't seen in a while. It will be time well spent and a trip that was well worth the time.

Enjoy the ride,

Cheryl and Randy Wiggins

ADD Western Section

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Michigan District Officers Meeting



Future Michigan District Directors



Michigan District Officers Meeting



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