



Recap – February 4, 2020  
Eagle Scout Cameron Keen  
Author Jocelyn Dettloff

Meeting started at 12:14pm by President Ed Thauer with a welcome & prayer  
Broke for lunch

Reconvened at 12:39pm (20 members & 3 guests) with a welcome by President  
Ed Thauer

Announcements:

1. Happy Bucks: 1st grandbaby will be a boy, travels, bowling win, 1st grandbaby, retirement reception, unretiring to be interim dir of the Bar Assoc, no Lion pin, baby-Mom in NICU-everyone home.
2. Bowling Report given by Lion Jamie Junod. First place tie, Rhinos & Bears. Tie for last place, Kangaroos & Cougars
3. Calendar stubs first drawing will be this weekend for Jan & Feb. If stubs have not been turned in, then you are not in the draw. The calendar sales this year grossed approx. \$13,500 – one of the best years yet for sales. The money will go to Cherry Health and Cherry Health sells quite a few calendars, so they sell too!
4. Guests at the meeting: Pam Vanderloop, soon to be Lion Pam Vanderloop
5. Eye-glass Recycling Center opening is now slated for end of February, first of March. They are way behind schedule with construction.
6. Blind Dinner Date: Looking for Sponsorships, please pass along sponsor forms that were emailed to you. March 24, 2020 at the BOB
7. Drive for Vision: June 15, 2020 Details to follow, still looking for a few more committee members.
8. Raffle – 8 red/1 white chip left – Brent Spoelstra wins the raffle worth \$979.50 (half of the total - \$1959)

Program: Two presenters today – Eagle Scout Cameron Keen & Author Jocelyn Dettloff

- A. Scout Cameron Keen accompanied by his leader (Dad) Rob Keen presented the Grand Rapids Lions Club with 10 hand carved Eye-glass Recycling boxes.



B. Author Jocelyn Dettloff began her talk about her accident on April 13, 1997. She was a young adventurous woman traveling the world. In Nairobi Africa, while experiencing everything around her, participated in sand sledding. Sand sledding is sliding down a huge sand dune on a piece of particle board (hangs on walls with the holes in it, used to hang like tools from it) went down a 400 foot sand dune. As she was approaching the bottom of the hill, she saw a large mound of dirt, thinking that would stop her. The mound stopped the board but catapulted her 50 to 100 meters in the air. Jocelyn doesn't remember anything after hitting the dirt, until she opened her eyes and her legs were numb. She broke her spinal cord at #5, which controls her legs. She laid on the desert floor, in the sun, for 3 ½ hours until they could get her a medivac. Thus this changed her life forever. Jocelyn got a job at Mary Free Bed as a fundraiser but more importantly is an advocate for the handicapped. Jocelyn loves to educate the public on how to make things accessible for the handicapped. She also wants the public to know, if you have a question – just ask! Wouldn't it be nice to see a show on HGTV, on making over a home for a handicapped person. By seeing this remake, it too would help educate the public and builders on accessibility. Jocelyn still participates in sporting events and back in 2005 was named Ms Wheelchair Michigan. Her book, "It Rained in the Desert, one woman's story of spirit and resilience", was published in 2013. Her lifelong journey and she has life to live.



Meeting adjourned at 1:22  
Respectfully Submitted,  
Lion Cheryl Anderson  
GR Lions Club Secretary