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New Cupholders donated by MPVA sing, "Take me out to the ball game!"

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MPVA programs include:

- Veterans' Benefits
- Wheelchair Sports and Recreation
- Spinal Cord Injury Research
- Equipment Donation
- Advocacy to eliminate architectural barriers and protect civil rights for persons with disabilities
- Referral Services for assistive devices, housing, employment and transportation
- Literature on a variety of topics including self-care, independent living, and disability rights.
- The Pump Guide: an online directory of gas stations throughout Michigan that will pump gas at the self-serve price for persons with disabilities.
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President's Report

By Kevin G. Elya

Share a Little Kindness

Summer is coming to a close and fall is upon us. Gosh, this year has gone by fast. I first want to take a moment and thank everyone who helped to make this year's picnic a wonderful success. Getting to see old friends and new is always wonderful. Thanks to everyone from the office, as always your assistance is appreciated. It was nice to just spend time with everyone on such a pretty day.

As fall approaches my thoughts return to the Veterans Day Dinner. This is our yearly event which is so wonderful and makes us able to assist so many year after year. I am hoping this year it will be as big a success as past years.

I am not sure you all enjoy my stories of my wife or my teenagers but I have to say becoming a father to three teenagers a few years back has really changed my views on many levels. I lived my life before my family worrying about myself, in many ways I did not even realize I was like that.

Well anyway, my teenagers are so kind I am not just saying that, they really are. My son Michael and my wife are so kind to a homeless man in the town of Hell. Because they used to live there and met this nice man who by poor choices and alcohol addiction fell on hard times.

My wife and son do not judge people by what they do or do not have but by how they treat others and how kind their souls are. So one day when my wife and son were back in the town of Hell visiting old friends they came upon this homeless man named, "David". My wife and son quickly noticed that David was riding a bike with a large back pack on his back in high heat and humidity.

My wife yelled out, "Would you like a ride?" Before you knew it the bike was in the back of my wife's truck with my son's help and David was rid-

ing with them. He needed to go to the store and my wife mentioned she was going there anyway and would take him. (Truth be known my wife was not going there but, went so David would not have to ride in such heat.)

When they got to the store, David got out with my wife and son. David, looking like he always did torn, dirty clothes and a stocking cap on, was telling my wife how he had not had a drink in almost five months, for which my wife hugged him. Then when they turned to walk into the store David looked down at himself and at Michael my son walking beside him and he said to Michael, "If you don't want to walk with me you don't have to in the store."

My wife was going to speak up when our son turned to David with a smile and said, "Why David are you embarrassed of me?"

The biggest smile came across David's face and he said, "I love you Michael and your Mom for all you do."

My wife was proud of our son as I am too. It is not that few young people help people in need; it is that few people will go out of their way to assist another. When my wife got home she said how happy she was to see David and that he was really bettering himself. I realized how much it must have helped David but even more noticed how happy my wife and son were to help, and to think of someone other than themselves. I think we in the MPVA overlook a lot of people like David, we all get so busy with ourselves we forget how great it feels to help someone else. With the holidays coming fast, let's all find someone who could use a little help like David. If we all just help one person just think of what we could do to better the world around us.

Hope to see you all at the next meeting. Be safe and fill someone's bucket with love. 🍹



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Executive Director's Report

By Mike Harris

MPVA Hits Home Run at Comerica Park

Over the years the Michigan Paralyzed Veterans of America (MPVA) has enjoyed a good working relationship with the Detroit Tigers and Olympia Entertainment to ensure that all baseball fans enjoy a positive experience while attending events at Comerica Park.

During the construction of the new ballpark we worked directly with the architect and project coordinator to ensure that the facility would provide accessibility to ticket holders with disabilities.

During last year's hot Tigers winning season I looked forward to joining the cheering crowds at Comerica Park. To my amazement, I quickly learned that the wheelchair seating locations didn't provide a cup holder for my beverage when every other area of the park had cup holders built in to accommodate thirsty able-bodied fans.

Providing cup holders in the wheelchair seating areas was not, as the saying goes, rocket science. At Ford Field in Detroit and Miller Park in Milwaukee fans in wheelchairs can place their beverages of choice into cup holders attached to railings.

MPVA and Comerica Park management have a positive history of addressing and resolving issues before they become problems. So I didn't hesitate to set up a meeting with Mike Healy, Stadium Operations, Comerica Ballpark, to make management aware of the need for cup holders in the wheelchair sections. As I hoped, Mr. Healy was ready to attack the issue from the perspective of the "glass being half full" instead of half empty.

I presented him with a proposal. MPVA, I told him, would be happy to purchase the cup holders for the wheelchair seating areas as long as the ballpark crew had them installed as soon as possible.

Plus, we wanted their permission to identify the cup holders as a gift from MPVA by labeling each up with the MPVA logo and contact information.. The Detroit



Tigers management quickly embraced the offer. It was a home run on behalf of the home team here at MPVA!

Every time that we have gone to the Detroit Tigers management with a request to improve accessibility at the ballpark they have jumped on board to accommodate fans with disabilities. Because of that cooperation and partnership attitude MPVA presented John McHale and the Detroit Tigers with our "Meritorious Service Award." This award honors people or organizations that go above and beyond expectations to welcome people with disabilities.

Please join us in congratulating the Detroit Tigers ball club for its willingness to meet the needs of the disability community. We're proud to have them on our team and thankful that they see MPVA as a resource for all and not as a threat to the club's independence.

"We are proud to work in partnership with the Michigan Paralyzed Veterans of America to improve the ballpark experience for our fans with disabilities," said Mike Healy, Vice President, Park Operations, for the Detroit Tigers. "We appreciate these men and women for their service to our country and understand how important it is for them to enjoy Tigers baseball with the same amenities as every other fan. The input of the MPVA has helped to make Comerica Park the best ballpark in America!"





Veterans' News

By Chuck Henning Staff Supervisor, MPVA Service Office

Prosthetics and Sensory Aids Service

The Mission of Prosthetics and Sensory Aids Service is to provide veterans with the highest quality health care in a courteous and compassionate manner to enhance the veteran's quality of life.

Basic eligibility for Prosthetic items is that the veteran is enrolled in the VA system and their provider requests an item and gives a proper medical justification for the item. Service connection does not have a role in eligibility except for certain programs.

Some of the basic programs in the Prosthetics and Sensory Aids Service include:

Automobile Adaptive Equipment Program

This Program provides equipment and training necessary for certain service-connected patients to enter, exit and operate a motor vehicle, once they have awarded an Automobile Grant by VBA (Form 4502) and completed Driver's Training with an approved driver's evaluator. If a patient does not meet the service-connected criteria to operate a vehicle (loss of or loss of use of a limb or stiffening of the joints in of one or both hips or knees), they can still be approved for equipment to enter and exit a vehicle. There are further criteria and exceptions. Please see your local Prosthetics Chief for more information.

Home Improvement & Structural Alterations (HISA) Grant Program

This HISA grant is provided for the improvements and structural alterations a veteran needs to access his home and essential bathroom facilities. Examples include ramps, railings, lowered countertops, flooring, widened doorways and handicap accessible bathrooms. The one-time monetary limit (\$1,200 for non-service connected patients and \$4,100 for service-connected patients) is dependent upon the veteran's service-connected rating.

Clothing Allowance Program

The Clothing Allowance Payment is paid annually to veterans with a service-connected condition who, because of the condition, must wear a device that causes the outer clothing to wear or tear; or if a veteran uses topical ointments prescribed by a VA provider for service-connected skin condition that causes irreparable damage to outer garments.

I have just discussed some of the general programs that the Prosthetics and Sensory Aids Service provides veterans on a daily basis. On my next article I will continue to let you know what some of the other services that this department provides for the veterans that they have contact with. 



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MPVA'S 2007 SILENT AUCTION

A Very Special Gift that Only You Can Make!

One of the exciting features during the MPVA 4th annual Salute to Veterans on November 9 at Schoolcraft College's VisTaTec Center is a special fundraiser for MPVA. We conduct a silent auction so that people can bid on items they'd like to own, with some or all of the proceeds going directly to MPVA for the programs we conduct year-round.

If you've ever felt as though you wanted to give back to MPVA but didn't know how, the silent auction may be the perfect opportunity for you. Steve Zach, owner of DC Sports (with stores in Novi and Sterling Heights) conducts the auction by professional standards, and also provides an assortment of sports memorabilia that is sure to attract eager bidders. We're thankful that our friends at DC Sports share with us a portion of their earnings that evening.

But any items that MPVA brings to the auction result in sales that return 100% of the value to MPVA! Examples of items given to us in the past are collectible coins, historic military ribbons and honors, tickets to Detroit sports games (such as the Pistons or the

Lions), theater tickets, autographed sports or military memorabilia.

You can help make this year's silent auction the best ever by making a very special gift that only you can make – the donation of an item to the MPVA Silent Auction. Could you spare one item from a collection? Do you have an historic framed and autographed photo of an American hero? There may well be something your home that you could provide to the silent auction, receive a tax-deduction for the value of your gift, and then enjoy knowing that MPVA has prospered thanks to you.

Please give us a call to talk about your potential gift. We can help you determine whether it's the right fit, and how to best get it to us before the November event.

Sometimes we're surprised at what doesn't sell; this year, a baseball autographed by Alan Trammell will make its third appearance without so much as a single bid! 

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FOR SALE

MPVA member is selling a 6-wheel MAX all-terrain amphibious vehicle.

The vehicle is equipped with hand-controls and offers easy transfer for wheelchair users.

\$3,500

Contact the MPVA office for seller's phone in the 810 area code.



Caregiver's Corner

By Annie Elya

Care Givers Must Care for Themselves Too

I have to say how excited I am with the response to our forming a support group. Many seem to like the idea of having our meetings during the regular MPVA membership meetings. I think as we go on we might even consider having an evening meeting or two. That way some who have busy work schedules besides being a caregiver can attend. As always, remember we are open to any caregiver joining. If you know of anyone who might benefit and just want to spend some time laughing and sharing invite them to join with us.

I wanted to take time in this column to discuss the fact that fall is a good time to review our own stress levels and how we manage them. Often as caregivers we overlook our own health issues. We are so busy caring for our loved ones and our households we forget how important our own health is. I realized this last year when I myself had to have surgery. I had ignored pain issues hoping they would just go away. Finally when I did go to my doctor I found out I needed surgery. I cannot tell you how this increased stress and worry for me and my husband Kevin. I'm his nurse as well as his wife.

After I came to terms with the idea that I could not put off the surgery, I had to line up care for Kevin for the weeks following. I have to be truthful, and say I hired a woman to help care for Kevin. I had trained her a few weeks before the time I would need her. Then when I had my surgery she assisted Kevin with the help of our son. They managed for the three days I was in the hospital. Then the day I got home I found I could not let someone else do all the care for Kevin. I was right there with the poor woman telling her how to care for Kevin. Before I knew it I was showing her how I thought she should do everything. A few days later I felt as if I did not need her and started doing Kevin's care against the orders of my own doctor. I later paid the price with a much slower recovery and I am lucky I did not harm myself. I truly felt it so hard to let someone help me, this is something I have had to struggle with. I think it is very hard for a primary caregiver to let someone else do duties we have done like second nature. I have now realized that others can care for Kevin as well as I can. It's better for both of us to have a "backup" ready for those times when I'm not available.

Looking back I realize that I had overlooked my own health stresses and ended up making things much worse. I have truly had to learn to let go, relax, and know it is not a

reflection in a negative way if I admit I need a break from stress once in a while. It is good for both Kevin and I. So let's take this fall season to evaluate our own health. It is a good time for a checkup and a review with your family doctor about issues which might be avoided if noticed early. We value the feeling of being needed, and loved, let's not put ourselves at risk of being away from our loved ones if it can be avoided. Take time for yourself, relax and let others help once in a while, everyone will benefit. Take care and see you at our next meeting.

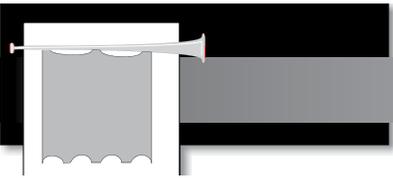
MPVA Young Friends Club

Let's go see the Fall Colors

The Young Friends Club was formed to give ideas to MPVA members for things to do with children in their families that are accessible. With fall upon us what a great time to do so many wonderful things in cooler weather. This is a great time to just go looking at fall colors.

At Kensington Metro Park there are so many things to do. The paved walking path offers a wonderful way to view the fall colors. I know in years past my own children have loved doing this. We often had a game we played where each child gets to take home three leaves. It is so fun to see how often they find a nice pretty colored leaf and change their minds on one already in hand. After everyone has three we take them home and place them between the pages in a large book, such as an old phone book. We wait a week or two then carefully retrieve the leaves. An adult then irons each leaf between two pieces of wax paper to add strength to the leaves. We then spray the leaves with a clear gloss found at crafts stores. Then put a few drops of cinnamon oil on each leaf and let this dry. When they dry we tie a ribbon to the stem and we give them to friends at Thanksgiving. Our friends hang them in their cars or homes for fall decoration and we get to remember our fun day at the park. I hope everyone has a chance to get out and enjoy this fall season.

We are trying to plan a fun winter activity day for any young family members of MPVA members. We are planning to do some great craft things and games but need to know how many might be interested. If you have a young person who would like to take part in this kind of day let us know so we can better plan. Please call me at 517-304-0765. Looking forward to planning this fun-filled day. 🍂



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MVPA members throughout Michigan who want to buy, sell, or donate items that are frequently used by people with disabilities (such as wheelchairs, computers, and ramps) have a new on-line resource. The Michigan Disability Rights Coalition (MDRC) has created a website for posting items people want to get and things they want to pass to another user, sometimes for free.

www.ATXchange.org is a free site available to shoppers, browsers and individual sellers. There is no cost to post an item and no cost to review the postings. The site was funded by the U.S. Department of Education, Rehabilitative Services Administration and is operated in Michigan by the MDRC, a nonprofit organization based in East Lansing. MDRC is a state-wide network of individuals and organizations that advances the issues of Michigan's disability community through grassroots activism, public education and advocacy.

While MPVA maintains a "supplies and equipment pantry" for our members and friends, those who live at a distance from our Novi headquarters are unlikely to use this service. The ATXchange allows the user to identify a specific location (or

range of miles) for buying or selling items. For example, listings in August included an Amigo scooter for sale in Kalamazoo, a hospital bed for free in Flint, and a lower-cost pediatric wheelchair available in Manistique.

The ATXchange is available only as a website. MPVA members who do not use a computer at home will find a public computer (and staff assistance) at your local public library, or contact the local Center for Independent Living to learn about other resources.

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VA Opening 38 New Clinics, 2 in Michigan

WASHINGTON

To bring the world-class health care of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) closer to where veterans live, Secretary of Veterans Affairs Jim Nicholson announced plans to open 38 new community-based clinics in 22 states.

"VA is committed to providing world-class health care to the men and women who have served this nation," Nicholson said. "These new clinics will bring VA's top-notch care closer

to the veterans who have earned it."

In Michigan, Alpena County and Clare County have been selected as sites for new VA community-based outpatient clinics which are expected to open in October, 2008.

With 153 hospitals and about 700 community-based clinics, VA operates the largest integrated health care system in the country. VA's health care budget of more than \$34 billion this year will provide health care to about 5.5 million people during nearly 800,000 hospitalizations and 60 million outpatient visits.



ADA: Restoring the Promise

By Michael F. Harris

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) has helped ensure that American citizens with disabilities no longer live in isolation but are independent, self-sufficient members of our communities. Seventeen years after its passage the importance of the ADA cannot be denied. It has propelled into the spotlight accessibility, universal design, and the idea of equal opportunity for those of us who live with disabilities. In the process, we have discovered that an accessible society benefits everyone.

However, the full promise of the law has not been fully realized. In recent years, the Supreme Court slowly chipped away at the broad protections of the ADA and created a new set of barriers for Americans with disabilities.

Since the act was signed into law, the courts have narrowed the definition of disability by allowing employers to say a person is too disabled to do the job but not disabled enough to be protected by the ADA.

In a bitter irony, ADA protection from employment discrimination is being denied to people with conditions like epilepsy, diabetes, HIV, cancer, hearing loss, mental illness, prosthetics, hearing aids, etc. who are declared "too functional" to have a disability. This denies them ADA's protection from employment discrimination.

For some time now people have pushed for a redefinition of the ADA in order to resolve situations like this. It's finally happening. On the 17th anniversary of the signing of the ADA, Congressional leaders – including Majority Leader Steny Hoyer (D-MD), Representative Jim Sensenbrenner (R-WI), and Senator Tom Harkin (D-IA) introduced the "ADA Restoration Act of 2007" with strong support from the disability community, including Paralyzed Veterans of America.

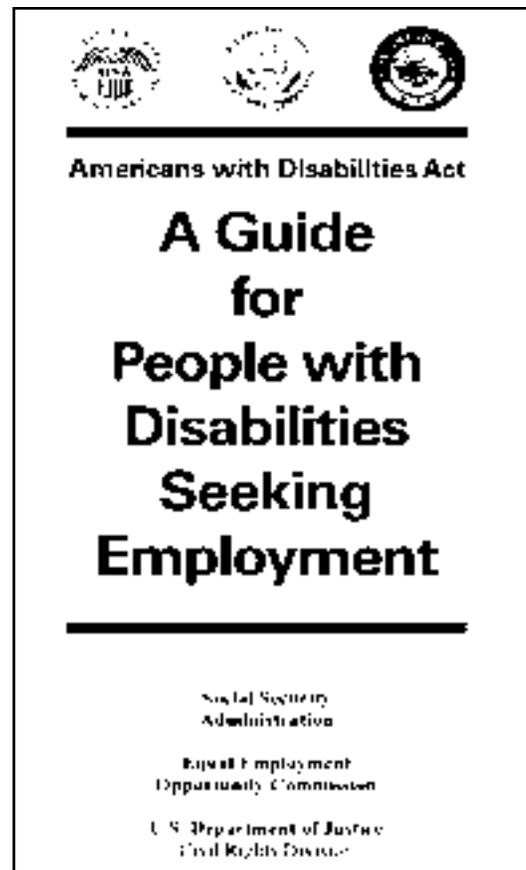
The new legislation will change the original wording of the ADA to correct the overly narrow interpretation that the Supreme Court has brought in many cases. In Rep. Sensenbrenner's own words, "The ADA Restoration Act will force courts to focus on whether a person has experienced discrimination 'on the basis of disability' rather than require individuals to demonstrate that they fall within the scope of the law's protection. The legislation will finally enable Americans with disabilities to shine a light on the discrimination they have experienced."

Passage of this legislation is critical to helping us achieve the ADA's promise – and create a society in which Americans with disabilities can realize their potential. Just like other Americans, people with disabilities can and want to work to their full ability. The ADA was passed with overwhelming bipartisan support to create a level playing field so everyone who wants a job has a fair chance to find and keep a job they have the skills to do.

The authors of the ADA envisioned a law that would clearly establish the rights of people with disabilities to take part in American life just like everyone else. The Supreme Court is undermining the law with each case when it reduces the ADA scope. Instead the court should reinforce the ADA and endorse its intent, which is the full and equal participation of people with disabilities

Disability is not the experience of a minority of Americans. Rather, it is an experience that will touch most Americans at some point during their lives. The Supreme Court's interpretations of this historic law have been largely inconsistent with the original intent of Congress in enacting the law. The Supreme Court must not be a roadblock in the promotion of policies that guarantee equal opportunity for all people with disabilities. People with disabilities must be afforded every opportunity to enter the mainstream of American life.

With the passage of the ADA Restoration Act of 2007, the ADA's clear and comprehensive national mandate for the elimination of discrimination on the basis of disability will be properly restored and the ADA can rightfully reclaim its place among our nation's most important civil rights laws. ♿



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The Grubbe Family Picnic Album

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