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Michigan Paralyzed Veterans of America (MPVA) is one of 34 member chapters of Washington, D.C.-based Paralyzed Veterans of America. A Congressionally chartered veterans service organization, MPVA has been assisting veterans with spinal cord injuries or diseases, including Multiple Sclerosis and ALS (Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, better known as Lou Gehrig's Disease), in Michigan since 1961.

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.
- MPVA is a nonprofit organization and receives no federal funding. MPVA relies on grants, sponsorships, and private and corporate donations to support its programs.

The MPVA headquarters is in Novi, Michigan. Our service officers are based out of the McNamara Federal Building in Downtown Detroit.

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# President's Report

By Kevin G. Elya

## Benefits and More

I want to start by thanking all of the staff for all their hard work on our open house April 19. We had around a hundred people come through our office headquarters to check the vendors and their displays. I want to also thank our friend from Caremore for supplying all the food.

On May 5th, I attended the VAVS meeting at the Ann Arbor VA. There are a few things I want to share with you. I found out that the Ann Arbor VA is the only VA in VISN 11 that doesn't have cable TV. If you have been an inpatient there you know how bad it is. The Volunteer services department is working hard to change that. Also, on August 19th there is a huge car show being put on by the Vietnam Veterans and the UAW in Ypsilanti with all proceeds going to replace one hundred patient TV's in the Ann Arbor VA.

The new edition of the popular handbook Federal Benefits for Veterans and Dependents by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) updates the rates for certain

federal payments and outlines a variety of programs and benefits for American veterans.

Most of the nation's 24 million veterans qualify for some VA benefits, which range from health care to burial in a national cemetery. In addition to describing benefits provided by VA, the 2008 edition of the 153-page booklet provides an overview of programs and services for veterans provided by other federal agencies.

Federal Benefits for Veterans and Dependents includes resources to help veterans access their benefits, with a listing of toll-free phone numbers, Internet addresses and a directory of VA facilities throughout the country. The handbook can be downloaded free from VA's website at [http://www.va.gov/OPA/vadocs/current\\_benefits.asp](http://www.va.gov/OPA/vadocs/current_benefits.asp).

In addition to health-care and burial benefits, veterans may be eligible for programs providing home loan guaranties, educational assistance, training and vocational rehabilitation, income assistance pensions, life insurance and compensation for service-connected illnesses or disabilities. In some cases, survivors of veterans may also be entitled to benefits.

The handbook describes programs for veterans with specific service experiences, such as prisoners of war or those concerned about environmental exposures in Vietnam or in the Gulf War, as well as special benefits for veterans with severe disabilities.

On Memorial Day our chapter was once again invited to participate in the Milford Memorial Day parade. I can't begin to tell how wonderful the parade and ceremony was. I hope next year we can get even more members involved.

Just a reminder, that the MPVA picnic will be held at Novi Lakeshore Park on July 19. This is the same location as last year's picnic. There will be a mailing going out to the Chapter membership that gives more detail. Anyone interested in going is encouraged to call the Chapter office so we can get a head-count on the number of people attending. Hope to see you at this year's picnic.

Nomination for Offices and Board of Directors were held at the April and May membership meetings. We had a good turnout at both meetings. I would like to congratulate everyone who was nominated and encourage all of our membership to send back their ballots.

Stay cool and have a wonderful summer! 🐼





# Executive Director's Report

By Mike Harris

## Agreement in Roundabout Lawsuits Mandates Pedestrian Safety

In March 2008, attorney Richard Bernstein successfully negotiated a groundbreaking legal agreement with the Oakland County Commission that could increase pedestrian safety at traffic roundabouts in Michigan and throughout the nation. I was one of the plaintiffs in the lawsuit with others from the disability community.

Richard Bernstein filed the federal lawsuit in August 2007, claiming that the county was building roundabouts that prevented citizens with disabilities from safely crossing these busy intersections.

The lawsuit asserted that the county was violating the Americans with Disabilities Act, because its road construction plans lack stoplights or other mechanisms necessary for the blind, people in wheelchairs and others with disabilities to safely cross the street.

After months of litigation, the county agreed to install special safety equipment, so that pedestrians – with or without disabilities – can activate traffic signals to stop traffic, and get visual and audio confirmation that vehicles have actually stopped before they cross roundabout intersections.

The differences between modern roundabouts and traditional intersections controlled by traffic signals and stop signs have important implications for pedestrians with disabilities. As traffic lights are eliminated, the pedestrian no longer has the means or ability to communicate with the driver. When the traffic light turns red, everyone knows that people can safely cross the street. Roundabouts eliminate that option.

Currently, Michigan Department of Transportation (M-DOT) has no guidelines on the proper installation of roundabouts. This needs to change. M-DOT and municipalities throughout Michigan, share the responsibility to ensure that traffic engineers take pedestrian safety (especially for visually impaired people or those with mobility impairments) into consideration when designing/constructing roundabouts.

The issue of roundabouts and pedestrian safety raises important questions about access. These questions must be addressed to ensure that pedestrians with disabilities can cross the streets with limited risk and without undue delay. Traffic engineers and the dis-

ability community must work together to gain a fuller understanding of the issues that roundabouts create. Roundabouts simply can't go forward until a practical solution is developed to provide all pedestrians with a safe way to cross the street.

### Assistive Devices NOT Excess Baggage

In April, the Northwest Disability Advisory Board meetings were held in Detroit this year. One of the issues discussed was Northwest Airlines' announcement that they will begin charging \$25 to check a passenger's second bag, a move that other carriers have attempted to bolster revenue in the midst of higher fuel prices.

MPVA has received numerous inquiries about airlines applying the new charges for a second checked bag to medical equipment or assistive devices. While this specific situation was not anticipated by, nor addressed in the Air Carrier Access Act (ACAA) regulations, similar regulations provide guidance.

The ACAA regulations state that assistive devices which cannot be carried on board must receive priority stowage as checked baggage. Airlines may not charge for services required by the law to be provided to qualified individuals with a disability, therefore assistive devices should not be considered checked baggage and no charge should be applied.

Assistive devices are defined by Department of Transportation (DOT) as: "Any piece of equipment that assists a passenger with a disability in carrying out a major life activity. Assistive devices are those devices or equipment used to assist a passenger with a disability in caring for himself or herself, performing manual tasks, walking, seeing, hearing, speaking, breathing, learning, working, or performing other functions of daily life. Assistive devices may include medical devices, medications, and bags or cases used to carry them."

For MPVA members and many others, assistive devices may include shower chairs, Hoyer lifts, cushions, mattress pads and medical supplies. Supplemental chairs, such as sports wheelchairs, would not be considered assistive devices for this purpose and charges may be applied.

DOT's Aviation Consumer Protection Department also advises: "This does not mean that a passenger can put a small assistive device into either a carry-on or checked bag in an attempt at circumventing the normally applicable number limits for either type of item. In other words, the passenger would need to carry-on only the assistive device or check only the assistive device, as opposed to placing such an assistive device in a bag otherwise filled with non-assistive items."

Best advice – plan ahead, carry what you can on board, and if you run into any trouble, ask to speak with the airline's Complaints Resolution Officer, or CRO. These CROs are authorized to make a decision on behalf of the airline, and

are familiar with the requirements of the ACAA.

Keep in mind that you can carry with you a copy of "New Horizons – Information for the Air Traveler with a Disability," a convenient handbook by DOT with basic ACAA information. If you would like a copy, please contact PVA's Office Services at 800-424-8200. Also, DOT provides an ACAA hotline from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Eastern time, Monday through Friday, at 1-800-778-4838 (voice) or 1-800-455-9880 (TTY).

The free publication is also available online at <http://air-consumer.ost.dot.gov/publications/horizons.htm>.



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part of the MPVA family!**

# SAVE the DATE!

## Valuable Dates for 2008

### Membership Meetings

*(all meetings are on Thursdays at the Novi  
MPVA office unless otherwise notified)*

May 22 August 21 September 18

### Special Events

July 19

MPVA member picnic

July 24-30

National Veterans Wheelchair Games, Omaha, NE

Nov.6

"Salute to Veterans" event

Dec. 6

MPVA Member holiday party



# Government Relations & Advocacy

By Bonnie L. Welbaum, Director of Government Relations & Advocacy

## Two Conferences Attended

Since the last newsletter, I attended two seminars, The Affordable Housing Conference at the Lansing Center and the National ADA Seminar in St. Louis, Missouri.

At the Michigan Affordable Housing Conference, coalitions were working to promote affordable accessible housing as well as advocating for universal design and support services. The Michigan Disability Rights Coalition received a five year grant from the Michigan Disabilities Development Council to coordinate a project that promotes accessible, affordable, integrated housing throughout Michigan. Both groups work with the Michigan State Housing Development Authorities (MSHDA) to include individual accessibility needs in future planning effort.

Concerning veterans housing, Southwest Solutions, a Detroit apartment company, broke ground June 2 on a 150-unit apartment complex and commercial building called Piquette Square. It will only be the second permanent veterans housing complex in the U.S. Veterans will be able to live in the one-bedroom apartments, with free transportation to the VA. Access to available counseling and job-skills training will be located on the lower level when it opens in 2009. This \$20-million project is financed by MSHDA with grants, bonds and tax credits.

I, along with seven Government Relations Directors from other Paralyzed Veterans of America (PVA) chapters, attended the National Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Symposium. The annual conference on the ADA and related disability laws has earned the reputation as the most comprehensive event available on the ADA.

The ADA Symposium offers break-out sessions in a wide range of topics. People attending are able to select courses to create a schedule that reflects their interests and needs. Each year, the ADA Symposium brings representatives from key federal agencies involved in implementing the ADA including the U.S. Department of Justice, the U.S. Access Board and the EEOC to provide comprehensive training and updates. All Symposium presenters are nationally recognized experts in their fields.

Many attendees expressed how frustrating it is getting businesses to enforce ADA guidelines and con-

veying the need to qualify ADA coordinators with formal certification.

People claim to know rules of ADA compliance because they have a disability. Addressing issues while designing a plan is less expensive than redoing a project to make it compliant. Making sure the ADA advisor is informed is crucial. A free online tutorial for ADA coordinators covering Title II of the ADA is available on the DBTAC's Web site at [www.ada-course.org/title2/](http://www.ada-course.org/title2/).

The Homes for Troops organization raised funds for two severely wounded Michigan soldiers May 10 at the Polish Cultural Center in Troy. Justin Hoffman was not able to attend, but his family and friends updated us on his progress. Justin is still recuperating and adjusting to a spinal cord injury he sustained in Iraq. The other soldier was PFC Casmir Werda, from Novi, who was also injured by a roadside IED (improvised explosive device) explosion. Cas, as his friends call him, had irreparable damage to both his eyes from the explosion and shrapnel. He is totally blind, but he snowboarded last winter and likes to bowl with his friends. Cas has also opened a clothing store business in Ferndale.

Both soldiers will receive accessible homes built by Homes for Our Troops. Brian Kovage Sr., father of Brian Kovage, was another person attending the event. His son was the first triple amputee veteran from Michigan. These families have gone through overwhelming experiences. Please continue to keep them and all our troops in your prayers.

There were Memorial Day parades and events across the country. Milford has one of the largest and most beautiful parades for remembering all military actions including Vietnam, Korea, WWII and other conflicts. Memorial Day is a time for getting together, walking and visiting cemeteries. Thanks PVA and staff who attended the Milford Parade. Jim Anderson, director of Great Lakes National Cemetery, indicated that they had a wonderful turnout for its ceremony on Sunday, May 25th.

In the Michigan Senate chambers, a remembrance was held for its 13th year. A young female sergeant was the keynote speaker telling her experience in Iraq-how she lost her leg and received her Purple Heart.

It was an emotional, heartbreaking speech, not easy for her to give, or to hear. Thanks Senator Garcia and both Houses for remembering to honor our United States military and families, past and present.

Information about what Social Security is doing to assist our military wounded can be found at [www.socialsecurity.gov/woundedwarriors](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/woundedwarriors). In an agreement initiated by the Social Security Administration (SSA), the Department of Defense transmits information to the SSA allowing them to quickly identify military personnel injured in Operation Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. They will answer questions about disability benefits and Supplemental Security Income (SSI).

Traumatic Brain Injuries happens to people when they witness or experience a traumatic event. A person can also receive brain injuries in a car accident. The Brain Injury of America is having their 28th National Convention at the Lansing Center Sept. 25, and 26 for professionals who work with TBI, members of the disability community, individuals over 18 who have experienced a brain injury, and families living with someone who has a TBI.

In Michigan, we fortunately have No-Fault auto insurance. It helps with financial obligations and medical bills resulting from an auto accident. Insurance companies are lobbying to make it more difficult for an injured person to receive this money. They are trying to pass a bill to completely do away with or limit benefits of no-fault insurance.

Many innocent victims have gone through great hardships, even bankruptcy, because of financial debt and decisions of the Michigan Supreme Court. Economic benefits of no-fault insurance include medical expenses, wage loss and replacement services as needed based on injuries. The Medical Expense Provision reimburses all medical expenses incurred because of injuries.

Insurance companies don't go out of their way to make it

clear what the advantage is between coordinated benefits and non-coordinated or full benefits. Coordinated only picks up what your health insurance doesn't. Non-coordinated or full benefits, pay virtually all medical expenses incurred even if those medical bills are paid by a health insurance provider. Part of the Medical Expense Provision of the No-Fault Act provides for reimbursement of needed medical transportation expenses. It requires people to keep a detailed record of mileage expenses and to submit it to their insurance company with other medical bills.

The Wage Loss Provision will reimburse 85 percent of any wages lost as a result of injuries, up to a statutory monthly maximum adjusted every year. The Replacement Services Provision pays up to \$20 a day for services people did themselves but cannot do now and covers the need to hire someone to help. The Medical Expense Provision is a lifetime benefit. Wage Loss and Replacement Services Provisions are paid three years from the date of the accident. People must immediately file a no-fault application with the applicable insurance carrier before they can receive benefits.

Application **MUST** be filled out within 12 months from the date of accident or people can lose benefits they may be entitled to receive. For items of reimbursable expense not paid by insurance carriers, a lawsuit must be filed for that item within twelve months from the date the expense occurred. A lawsuit not filed within that twelve month period could lose all rights to reimbursement for that expense.

Call your insurance company and have your agent make sure you have "NON-COORDINATED COVERAGE." At State Farm, a 23-year-old female would be charged \$12-\$14 dollars more a month for non-coordinated over coordinated coverage on a 2008 Focus. Please look into this today.

Until our next issue, enjoy your summer. 🍷

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## MPVA Open House a Huge Success!

By Michael F. Harris, Executive Director, MPVA

**I**n April, Michigan Paralyzed Veterans of America (MPVA) celebrated Paralyzed Veterans Awareness Week with our national office and the other 33 PVA chapters across the country. This year's theme was "A time to honor and highlight the continuing courage, service, and leadership of America's Paralyzed Veterans."

PVA Awareness Week was created with the hope of sharing the PVA mission of service and its countless accomplishments with our nation's citizens. Many Americans are unaware of the PVA's existence or the organization's important contributions to the disability community. While we have chapters and service offices across the nation, PVA is much smaller than most veterans' organizations because of its stringent membership criteria.

PVA Awareness Week is our opportunity to let Americans know we are here and continuing to serve. This is achieved by planning a week of activities to educate the public about

MPVA and to demonstrate how we make a difference in the lives of paralyzed veterans and others with disabilities.

PVA plays a role in meeting the full range of our members' needs. Our members, staff, partners and volunteers work throughout the year to make a positive difference in the lives of our paralyzed veterans and all people living with disabilities.

### MPVA celebrated PVA Awareness Day at various sites around Michigan.

At the Detroit, Ann Arbor and Battle Creek VAs, we had an opportunity to set up the MPVA display booth in the main medical lobby. This was a chance for us to introduce MPVA to veterans and their caregivers as well as meet with in-patients and with the medical staff to show our appreciation for the outstanding medical care they provide to veterans.

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# Veterans' News

By Charles Henning, PVA Service Office Supervisor

## Great Lakes National Cemetery Update

I want to let the Paralyzed Veterans America (PVA) membership know a beautiful VA national cemetery exists in the metro Detroit area. I visited it recently and I suggest our members visit it to consider this cemetery as a burial place in the distant future.

The property, owned by the Horton Family for more than 160 years, was purchased on Nov. 21, 2002, for \$6.2 million. More than 1,400 people attended the groundbreaking ceremony which was held on Oct. 14, 2004. The 544.3-acre site will be developed in five phases during the next 25 years. Approximately 127,000 gravesites will be available upon completion.

The cemetery began burials on Oct. 1, 2005, and currently averages six burials per day. On Nov. 11, 2005, the Great Lakes National Cemetery Advisory Council hosted the first annual Veteran's Day Ceremony. As part of the program, the Avenue of Flags was established by raising the first 34 flags on poles donated by various Veterans Service Organizations and community groups.

Burial arrangements can be made by calling the National Cemetery Administration Scheduling Office at 1-800-535-1117. The office is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., except for federal holidays. Before we can approve burial of a veteran, spouse or dependent, we must have proof of the veteran's eligibility. The best way to prove eligibility is with documentation of service and discharge, such as the DD Form 214. Once eligibility is determined, we can schedule the burial.

National cemetery interment includes U.S. government-provided benefits including: a burial plot;

assistance with a committal service; gravesite opening and closing; a headstone, gravesite marker or columbarium cover with inscriptions; a United States burial flag; perpetual care of the gravesite; and a memorial certificate signed by the President. Funeral directors' services are not covered. Almost all veterans are eligible for military honors, which may be requested through the family's funeral director and are provided by the Department of Defense.

Gravesites are assigned and cannot be selected in advance. Assignments are made without regard to rank, ethnic or religious background, branch of service or other factors. A husband and wife are interred in the same plot unless both were veterans. In that case, they may be buried side by side in separate plots. Cremated remains are buried either in the ground in specially designated sections of the cemetery, placed in a columbaria niche or the scatter garden.

All veterans interred at a national cemetery are eligible for a headstone or marker. It normally takes less than 60 days following a burial for the headstone or marker to be completed and in place. Burials and interments are scheduled at 30-minute intervals between 9 a.m. and 2:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except for federal holidays. Out of respect for all persons buried that day, the cemetery's main flag is lowered to half-staff 30 minutes before the first service, where it remains until 30 minutes following the last service.

For more information, call the Great Lakes National Cemetery Administration Office at (866) 348-860 or go to its website: <http://www.cem.va.gov>

# Welcome Aboard

to Marilyn Kittrell,  
Service Office Secretary





# Sports & Recreation

By Scot Severn

## Take Five

The weather was beautiful and the competition was strong for the 43rd annual Michigan Wheelchair Games held May 8-10, 2008, in Sterling Heights. Fifty-eight athletes participated in this year's event sponsored by MPVA. The Toledo Raptors made the trip this year, and Sports Ability from the Rehabilitation Institute of Michigan brought about 25 athletes to compete. Wheelin' Team 457 came with a smaller group this year, but it still demonstrated winning results. The Wheelin' athletes took home the small team trophy, and the Toledo Raptors narrowly beat out Sports Ability to take home the large team trophy.

Five members of Wheelin' Team 457 also traveled to Columbus the following weekend to compete in the Ohio wheelchair games; the outcome was the same. The "fab" five brought home the small team trophy for the fifth consecutive year. Congratulations to all who competed and thanks for participating. If you have yet to participate in the games, please give it a try. Let's make next year better than ever!

### TURKEY TIME

MPVA once again stepped up to the plate and helped put on this year's Wheelin' Team 457 turkey hunt. A \$1,000 grant from the national office helped feed and fund the hunt for nearly 30 turkey hunters. Although

the number of turkeys taken was down this year, everyone had a good time.

Eight longbeards were harvested this year including the largest bird shot by Ray Brown. Ray's gobbler had an 11.5-inch beard and weighed 23 pounds. All the volunteers worked countless hours to scout locations, guide and feed the hungry hunters. A very special thank you goes out to Dave and Carol Clemens for once again hosting the event. Thanks to everyone involved. We couldn't do it without you.

### TEE TIME

The MPVA-sponsored Michigan adaptive golf program is hosting two tournaments this year. The first will take place at Mott Park in Flint on July 25, and the second will be held at Kersley Lake on Sept. 12. The Warren Orlik Memorial golf outing will take place at White Lake Oaks on Aug. 15.

The first annual Wheelin' Team 457 golf tournament is set for Aug. 22 at Washaki Golf course in North Branch. All of these tournaments will have accommodations for golfers with disabilities, including a limited number of single-rider golf carts. Drop me a line at [ssevern@michiganpva.org](mailto:ssevern@michiganpva.org) or call me at (989) 225-7053 if you would like more information on any of these tournaments. 🦄

## Open House, cont.—See pics on page 11!

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MPVA made financial donations to the Detroit, Ann Arbor, Battle Creek, Saginaw and Iron Mountain VA Medical Centers in support of their VA Volunteer Services program. We were honored to make a donation to such worthy programs because their work is a priceless asset to our nation's veterans and to the Department of Veterans Affairs.

On April 17, MPVA and our participating vendors sponsored an Open House held at our chapter office in Novi. We are truly thankful for the amazing turnout we had at this year's event. MPVA members, community leaders and the attending public had an opportunity to compare and review independent and assisted living products and services.

Due to the generous support of the MPVA staff, volunteers and sponsors, this year's Open House was a huge success. Everyone's contribution truly made a difference.

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By working together, we were able to make PVA Awareness Week a huge success!

Special thanks to Josie Boore, associate member and volunteer event photographer. 🦄



# BIRTHDAYS



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 Gary L. Bennett July 02  
 Eddie Derrico July 02  
 Michelle L. Marsh July 05  
 Terry L. Novak July 06  
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 Herbert J. Spring July 06  
 Russell C. Stewart July 06  
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 Archie A. MacIntyre July 07  
 Jerry S. Adams July 08  
 Harry Gregorian July 08  
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 John R. Jacques July 10  
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 Gerald H. Talerico July 11  
 Patrick M. Adams July 12  
 Mark J. Cristao July 12  
 Eric A. Gentile July 12  
 Leon D. Renshaw July 12  
 Ronald C. Richardson July 12  
 John Dusa July 13  
 Mark T. Ozanic July 15  
 Alan R. Armitage July 17  
 Elizabeth M. Barrentine July 17  
 Thomas E. Hughel July 18  
 Eugene E. Lindsey July 19  
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 David W. Compton July 20  
 George Y. Duffy July 20  
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 Scot E. Severn July 20  
 Curtis H. Arthurs July 21  
 Robert K. Hamilton July 21  
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 Tim E. Leisner July 23  
 Kenneth J. Vajcner July 23  
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John W. Dowdle July 25  
 Richard P. Van Eenenaam July 25  
 Kirk J. Dowding July 26  
 Robert Robleski July 26  
 Kelly F. Whalen July 26  
 Steven B. Wilson July 26  
 Elizabeth A. Greenwood July 27  
 James M. Cisco July 28  
 Teresa Kamphorst July 28  
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 James T. Jensen July 30  
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 Michael Johnson August 30  
 Wilbert D. Peal August 30  
 Thomas E. Schlenkert August 30  
 John Swierczynski August 30  
 Chester V. Zack August 31



# MPVA *Annual*

## *Member*

## When? 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Food will be catered from 12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

## *Picnic* Saturday, July 19

## Where? Lakeshore Park

on Walled Lake

601 South Lake Drive, Novi

(on 13 Mile Road at Shelter #2)

Entertainment:

- Swimming Area
- Nature Trails
- Horse shoes

Call 1-800-638-6782 or e-mail

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248-476-9000

## You must RSVP by July 14



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