



OFFICIAL CONVENTION PROCEEDINGS

**SINGLE DISTRICT 10
LIONS OF MICHIGAN**

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Upper Peninsula of Michigan**

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**93rd ANNUAL CONVENTION
SINGLE DISTRICT 10 - LIONS OF MICHIGAN**

93rd Annual Single District 10 Convention
April 24-26 2015
Lake Superior State University, Sault Ste. Marie, MI



Friday, April 24, 2014
Meet & Mix, Dinner Buffet, Silent Auction, Musical Entertainment

On Friday evening during the Mix and Meet, a total of \$3,938 was raised by items sold at the live and silent auction. Entertainment was provided by the Northland Chorus, performing traditional Barbershop Quartet songs.

The evening ended with food and fellowship at the Hospitality Room.



BUSINESS SESSION

CALL TO ORDER - The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by District Governor Bill Rowe. Following the Pledge of Allegiance and invocation, Governor Rowe welcomed those assembled and introduced special guests and guest speaker for the convention, ID Karla Harris, South Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

DG Rowe appointed Lion's Jim DeCremer and Harold Schermer as Sergeants-at-Arms; Lion Bill Munsell as Parliamentarian and Lion Duke Snyder as Tail Twister.

IPDG Jerry Stephens gave the following Credentials Report:

181	Registered Conventioneers
31	SD-10 Lions Clubs Represented
90	Delegates Registered
12	Alternate Delegates Registered
1	LEO Club Represented

40 Lions Clubs were represented in total with Lions in attendance from seven (7) Districts. From Michigan, Districts SD-10, 11-A2, 11-B1 and 11-D2. Districts 27-A1, Wisconsin, MD-1, Illinois, and A-5, Northern Ontario, Canada, were also represented, making this an International Convention.

RULES COMMITTEE –PDG Bill Whippen

PDG Whippen directed Lions to review the Proposed Convention Rules provided in the convention proceedings booklet.

MOTION: Rowe, Whippen, to adopt the Proposed Convention Rules as stated. Motion carried.

APPROVAL of AGENDA

MOTION: Munsell, LaRue, to move item 9)d to item 7)b; Change item 7 to 7)a.
Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT –Lion Scott Kwarciany

Treasurer Kwarciany provided a detailed report of accounts for the budget and actuals for the time period of July 1, 4014-March 30, 2015.

**Lions of Michigan – Single District 10
3rd Quarter 2014-15 (January-March)
Financial Summary**

	<u>SD -10 General Account-Checking</u>		
Opening Balance	Income	Expenses	Ending Balance
\$46,460.07	\$7,735.00	\$4,138.89	\$50,056.18

	<u>Mint Distribution & Sales Account Savings</u>		
Opening Balance	Income	Expenses	Ending Balance
\$5,601.97	\$0.42	\$0.00	\$5,602.39
	Interest		

	<u>Hearing & Speech Account - Savings</u>		
Opening Balance	Income	Expenses	Ending Balance
\$1,746.71	\$450.15	\$0.00	\$2,196.86

<u>Donations from 6 Clubs:</u>		
Drummond Island \$100.00	Skandia \$50.00	Les Cheneaux \$100.00
Rapid River \$100.00	Days River \$100.00	Rudyard \$100.00

	<u>District Lions Magazine Account - Checking</u>		
Opening Balance	Income	Expenses	Ending Balance
\$3,996.04	\$0.50	\$0.00	\$3,996.54
	Interest		

**Lions of Michigan SD10
Profit & Loss
July 1, 2014 – April 15, 2015**

**Ordinary Income/Expense
Income**

Donations - H&S	1,250.00
Dues-State/District	15,395.00
Fines-Cabinet	96.00
Mint Distributions	672.69
Mint Sales	245.00
Miscellaneous Income	157.95
Pin Sales	<u>6.00</u>

Total Income 17,822.64

Expense:

Cabinet Meeting Meals	245.00
Donations - Cabinet Fines	51.00
Dues-State	4,088.01
Global Leadership Team	200.00
Information Technology	42.39
Lions Leadership Institute	300.00
Meetings & Conferences	750.00
Mileage	2,706.81
Miscellaneous Expense	189.55
Organizational Rosters	1,056.25
Plaques & Awards	435.80
Postage	88.20
Printing and Reproduction	142.44
Scholarship Committee	58.76
Tax Preparation	50.00
Teaching Family Homes	145.00
USA-Canada Forum	860.00
Website	<u>776.25</u>

Total Expense \$12,185.46

Net Ordinary Income 5,637.18

Other Income/Expense

Other Income

Interest-Checking	1.00
Interest-Savings	2.18
Total Other Income	<u>3.18</u>

Net Other Income \$ 3.18

Net Income \$5,640.36

2014-15 District Dues Structure
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Dues Payable to International:

Each Club is required to pay to the Lions International:**\$43.00/Member/Year**
(Equivalent to \$0.83/member/week, billed Semi-Annually)

Here is the breakdown of the 2014/2015 Lions International Expenditure:

1. Club and District Program Support	38.00 % = \$16.34
2. The Lions Magazine	16.00 % = \$6.88
3. International Convention and Meetings	14.00 % = \$6.02
4. District Governors and District Governor Elect	14.00 % = \$6.02
5. International Headquarters	10.00 % = \$4.30
6. International Officers and Board of Directors	6.00 % = \$2.58
7. Liability Insurance	1.00 % = \$0.43
8. Uncollected Dues	<u>1.00 % = \$0.43</u>
	100.00% = \$43.00

Dues Payable to District 10:

Each Club is required to pay to the District 10: ----- **\$10.00/Member/Year**
(Equivalent to \$0.19/member/week, billed Semi-Annually)

Here is the breakdown of the District 10 dues structure:

1. State Office Service	\$1.49
2. Restricted Fund Service	\$0.50
3. International Convention	<u>\$0.60</u>
	\$2.59 To Lions of Michigan State Office subtotal
4. District 10 Administrating Fund	<u>\$7.41</u>
	<u>\$10.00</u>

The Semi-Annual Billings are due in July 2014 and January 2015.

Annual Membership Dues

Year	International Dues		District Dues		Total
14-15	\$43.00	+	\$10.00	=	\$53.00

Annual Family/Student Membership Dues

Year	International Dues		District Dues		Total
14-15	\$21.50	+	\$10.00	=	\$31.50

SD-10 2015-16 Proposed Budget

RECEIPTS

Cabinet Fines	\$100.00
Convention Startup Refund	\$750.00
District & State Dues (\$10.00/member)	\$15,940.00
District Pin Sales	\$4,200.00
Governors Travel Advance Repayment	\$1,000.00
Other Income	\$0.00
Total Receipts	<u>\$21,990.00</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

All State Band	\$50.00
Bay Cliff Health Camp	\$50.00
Bond	\$280.00
Cabinet Meeting Meals	\$225.00
Cabinet Meeting Mileage	\$1,600.00
Certified Guiding Lion	\$600.00
Constitution & Bylaws	\$50.00
Council of Governors (Mileage)	\$500.00
Convention (District Startup)	\$750.00
Cultural & Community Activities	\$50.00
Diabetes Awareness and Action	\$50.00
District Trading Pins	\$3,300.00
Donations (Cabinet Fines)	\$100.00
Enviromental	\$50.00
Governors Travel (Advance)	\$1,000.00
Global Leadership Team (GLT)	\$700.00
Global Membership Team (GMT)	\$700.00
Hearing Preservation, Awareness and Action	\$50.00
Information Technology	\$50.00
International Convention Chairman	\$100.00

International Understanding & Cooperation	\$50.00
LCIF	\$50.00
Leader Dogs	\$50.00
Liberty Day	\$50.00
Liaison	\$50.00
Lions Leadership Institute (Donation)	\$300.00
Long Range Planning	\$50.00
Michigan Lions Service Foundation	\$400.00
Michigan Eye Bank	\$50.00
Nominations & Elections	\$50.00
Miscellaneous	\$150.00
Northwood's AirLifeLine	\$50.00
Organizational Rosters	\$1,300.00
Peace Poster	\$50.00
Plaques & Awards	
---Ralph Sheehan Award (\$200.00)	
--- Peace Poster (\$50.00)	
---100% Secretary Awards	
--- Distinguish Service Plaque	\$650.00
--- Certificate of Appreciations	
--- Cabinet Secretary & Treasurer Medals	
--- Past District Governors Patch	
Postage	\$150.00
Printing & Office Supplies	\$327.68
Project Kidsight	\$50.00
Public Relations and Lions Information	\$50.00
Ralph Sheehan Award Committee	\$50.00
Sergeant at Arms	\$0.00
Sight Conservation & Work With the Blind	\$50.00
Sports Committee	\$50.00
State Dues (\$2.58/member)	\$4,107.32
Student Scholarship Committee	\$50.00
Tail Twister	\$0.00
Teaching Family Homes	\$50.00
Trading Pins Committee	\$50.00
Tax Prep (2013-2014 990)	\$50.00
White Cane	\$50.00
USA/Canada Forum	\$1,250.00
VDG Travel	\$500.00
Website	\$1,000.00
Youth Opportunities & Exchange	\$50.00
Youth Outreach \Leo Clubs	\$50.00
Zone Chairs	\$500.00
Total Income – Expenses	\$21,990.00
Net Profit	\$0.00

Based on a membership of 1,590 as of April 21, 2015

MOTION: Whippen, Putvin, to receive the Financial Report pending audit.

LIONS ALL STATE BAND REPORT –PCC Jenny Ware

59 students from Michigan will attend the Lions International Convention in Hawaii. Missing from the band this year are students from SD 10. PCC Ware asked for promotion of the 2016 trip to Fukuoka, Japan, by encouraging band students from your area to get involved. Clubs help by donating to the student and administrative accounts. Administrative funds help off-set the cost for the volunteer staff to attend. Price for Japan in 2016 is \$4,995.00 all-inclusive.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY/SD-10 WEBSITE – Lion Dayna King

The SD 10 website is a tool that is provided to every member to utilized better communication, which is the driving force for success. Posting events and updated information to the site helps to spread your news. You are encouraged to connect and communicate. A significant improvement by the clubs has been shown between January 23 – April 13, 2015. Current statistics show prior to January 23 in first column:

4 out of 60 clubs have a separate link to their club’s website.
Daily average of unique visitors: 15 / 28
Average page visited per session: 3.65 / 3.82
Average session time in minutes: 2:08 / 2:10
Returning visitors from previous month: 20.7% / 36.2%
Ender: Female: 45.85% Male: 54.15%

38.06% access the website from mobile devices. Most visited pages Jan-April, 2015:

Events Calendar
Club Pages
Featured Events
News
History
Contact Information
Photo Galleries

Lion Joe Maki published two (2) newsletters which were sent to 585 subscribers and posted to the website. Both newsletters were sent in the new (non PDF) format. Engagement on Facebook is greatly improving due to a variety of news received from clubs.

LEADER DOGS FOR THE BLIND – PDG Gary Klop/Lion Greg Wagner, Co-Chairs

PDG Klop and Lion Wagner are available to provide a presentation at your Club or event on Leader Dogs for the Blind. Funds are being raised for the Leader Dog Kennel Project by various fundraisers such as pin sales, of which PDG Gary Klop donated \$826.00. The Bark River-Harris Leo Club presented a check to Lion Mike Dengate of Leader Dog in the amount of \$150.00 to be used toward the general fund for the kennel renovation. Donations by the end of the convention reached over \$950.00 to be applied toward a “SD-10 Yooper Land” kennel.

NORTHWOODS AIRLIFELINE (NWALL) REPORT –PDG Bill Whippen

On behalf of Lion George Kelly, PDG Whippen reported on NWALL.

NWALL is in need of more pilots, specifically in the Houghton, Marquette, Escanaba and Sault Ste. Marie areas. NWALL recognizes that their services are not familiar to many in certain areas of the UP, and the NWALL Co-Chair, Karen Stroobants, will be making every effort to visit Lions Clubs and provide information on services offered. The “Thank You Picnic” will be held on August 29. Check the SD 10 Lions Club website for complete details.

BAY CLIFF REPORT – DG Bill Rowe, Lion Kris Rowe, Co-Chairs

Winter & Spring have been busy for us. We held our winter weekend for the children, known as "Snow Days," in March. The 23 campers who attended (one even all the way from Saginaw!) had the opportunity to go for a dog sled ride as well as try out snowshoeing & cross-country skiing. They just loved being with their camp friends again. This month we held our annual Cerebral Palsy Family Camp weekend. Of the four families that attended, one was new to Bay Cliff, and they are excited about the possibility of their son becoming a summer camper! Bay Cliff is also holding a new program this month for our teen campers & and their parents. It will be a weekend workshop to discuss the issues of "Transitioning Teens into Adulthood." We feel it's a missing piece from our summer program, and this will be an opportunity for the families to learn and talk about what's important as you approach the adulthood chapter of life. The topics discussed this year will dwell on life skills, job experiences, and health care. The program will also include a panel of alumni Bay Cliff campers who will discuss the issues they faced as they transitioned from being a teen into an adult.

This is also the time of year we get ready for summer camp by hiring our staff and processing children's applications for the Children's Summer Therapy Program. We expect to hire 125 staff, and we anticipate approximately 160 children for the summer.

There are a few construction updates: Two (2) therapy cabins and the Music Therapy cabin are getting a face lift. One speech therapy cabin was completely gutted, re-roofed, and re-sided last fall. New windows let in more light and keep out the wasps! This spring we will be completing the electrical upgrade and drywall to make it a usable cabin this summer. Lions Day is July 11th. Please consider attending and bring a fellow Lion. Please RSVP by July 1 to: Krowe@nmu.edu or call Kris at 906-362-0202. The Lions have donated **\$3,490** to Bay Cliff so far for **2015**.

EVERSIGHT MICHIGAN –IPDG Jerry Stephens, Lion Bill Munsell

A video featuring CEO Kevin Ross was shared, announcing the name change from Michigan Eye Bank to Eversight Michigan. April is Donate Life Month and those who have not signed the donor registry are encouraged to stop by the Secretary of State's office to do so. 50% of Michigan drivers are now on the donor registry.

Donations from SD 10 in 2014 totaled \$6,000.00. As of April 6, donations have already matched last year's number. There have been 50 cornea donors in SD 10 and 8 recipients. Two Lions have been nominated for the Charles Weir and Doc Barr awards. The Charles Weir award is available to any clubs who have made \$1,500.00 in donations to Eversight, and the Doc Barr award is available to any clubs who have made \$1,000.00 in donations to Eversight.

A video was shown featuring Environmental Committee Chair, PDG Ruth Snyder, and Sault Ste. Marie Lions donating a sugar maple tree be planted on the campus of LSSU. This donation is in keeping with LCI's tree-planting efforts and is greatly appreciated by LSSU, as they have lost over fifty trees to Emerald Ash Borer disease.

LCI CONVENTION/USA-CANADA GRAND FORUM REPORTS –IPDG Jerry Stephens
SD-10 will be represented by Lions in attendance at the convention in Hawaii. The many highlights include the International Parade on Saturday, June 27; Michigan Night at Germaine's for a traditional Hawaiian Luau on Sunday, June 28; Midwest Breakfast Monday, June 29, and the International Caucus June 29.

Volunteers are needed at the USA-Grand Forum in Grand Rapids, MI, September 17-19, 2015. The Lions of Michigan are the Host State, and many volunteers are needed to help. Thursday night's Welcome will feature a carnival-themed event, with a call for clowns, entertainers, balloon makers, etc. to assist. PCC Jenny Ware is the contact for the Host Convention Registration and SD 10 Liaison.

NOMINATIONS –PDG Bill Whippen

PDG Whippen informed the delegates and Lions present of the three offices to be filled by written ballot, along with the election of a Trustee for the Lions of Michigan Foundation for a two-year term. The candidates are: 1st VDG Thomas Lanaville –Bark River Lions Club; 1st VDG Matt Doney, the Vulcan-Norway-Loretto Lions Club; 2nd VDG Lion Judy Goltz, Pickford Lions Club and Lion Jim Whalen, Newberry Lions Club. The call for nominations from the floor was repeated three times, and there were no additional nominations from the floor.

For the 2-year position as Trustee of the Michigan Lions Foundation, there was a call for nominations from the floor.

MOTION: Rowe, Lion Jane Lanaville, to nominate Lion Judy Goltz to the position of Trustee for the Lions of Michigan Foundation. Motion carried.

MOTION: Wash, DGE Tom Lanaville, to nominate Lion Bruce Labelle to the position of Trustee for the Lions of Michigan Foundation. Motion carried.

Ballots were provided to the Delegates for voting purposes.

NEW BUSINESS:

Future Convention Proposals:

MOTION: Munsell, Carrier, to approve the 2018 SD 10 Convention in Escanaba, Michigan. Motion carried.

Discussion followed on the details of the convention. The date will be April 27-29, 2018 and the convention will be held at the Days Inn, Escanaba, and hosted by the Wells Lions Club. The hotel is newly renovated and includes suites.

Introduction/Support of ID Candidate PDG Jenny Ware:

PDG Jack Holzworth gave a moving nominating speech in support of PDG Ware. A supporting speech was given by PDG Sara Doubledee.

MOTION: Holzworth, Doubledee, PDG Lion Jenny Ware be placed in nomination for the position of LCI International Director. By a voice vote, 100% supported endorsement of PDG Jenny Ware for the position of LCI International Director.

Lion Jenny addressed those assembled to express her appreciation to the Lions of SD 10 for their support and accept their nomination.

ELECTION RESULTS –PDG Bill Whippen

Tom Lanaville was elected District Governor for 2015-2016, Matt Doney was elected 1st Vice District Governor, and Jim Whalen was elected 2nd Vice District Governor. Bruce LaBelle was elected to a 2-year term as Trustee for the Lions of Michigan Foundation.

MOTION: Munsell, Stephens, to destroy the ballots. Motion carried.

TAIL TWISTER –Lion Duke Snyder

Tail Twister fines throughout the convention will be donated to Leader Dogs For the Blind, in support of their Kennel Project.

OLD BUSINESS:

Magazine funds still remain in the account and have been deemed unnecessary since the transition to an online magazine in 2013. A suggestion was made to transfer the magazine funds to the SD 10 Website account, since the same mission is used for the website as was for the magazine.

MOTION: Whippen, LaBelle, to transfer the Magazine fund to the Administrative fund. Motion carried.

Future Conventions:

2016 Harris, MI, hosted by Heart of the North Lions Club

2017 Harris, MI, hosted by Stephenson/Menominee Lions Club

Corrected Motion: Whippen, LaBelle, to transfer the Magazine fund to the Administrative fund, with the current Magazine fund to be dissolved. Motion carried.

Financial support of the campaign for PDG Ware was discussed.

MOTION: Stephens, Holzworth, to distribute \$3,000.00 from the Administrative fund to provide financial support of PDG Jenny Ware's LCI International Director's candidacy. Motion carried.

ID KARLA HARRIS- LCI Guest Speaker

ID Harris addressed SD 10 Convention attendees, outlining three key items on the ballot at the LCI Convention in Hawaii, in addition to the candidates.

- 1.) Proposed number of US Directors. Currently the US is allowed 14 Directors on a board consisting of 34 Directors. This number may be reduced to 11 Directors from the US
- 2.) Whether or not a 3rd VP is needed. Currently there is the President and a 1st & 2nd VP. With an overwhelming travel schedule, this will allow travel time to be reduced and give more time for “training” before a VP becomes President.
- 3.) Minor name changes to the Constitution & By Laws.

ID Harris highlighted the Centennial Goals, and reminded all that 100th Anniversary Grants are available to apply for.

DG Rowe received a motion to adjourn the SD 10 2015 Business Session by PDG Bill Whippen. Motion supported and the meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.



AWARDS LUNCHEON
April 25, 2015 – 11:30 a.m.
Lake Superior State University – Superior Room

The Master of Ceremonies for the luncheon was Lion Chari Fischer, President of the Rudyard Lions Club. Lion Tony Bosbous, Mayor of Sault Ste. Marie and member of the SS Marie Lions Club, welcomed the Lions and presented opening remarks. Lion Buzz Melton, Wyoming IL Lions Club, was the luncheon speaker.

Governor Bill Rowe recognized the following with awards:

100% Secretary

- Bessemer, Sue Wright
- Brampton Township Days River, Kathleen Wojda
- Calumet, Debra Parker
- Champion, Tina Koski
- Dafter, Robert St. Peter
- Delta Menominee Heart of the North, Patti Hebert
- Drummond Island, Edward Clark
- Escanaba, Thomas Sabor
- Gladstone, Joseph Maki
- Gwinn, Peggy Lindeman
- Ishpeming, Knut Strom
- Keweenaw, Frank Carlton
- Lake Linden Hubbell, Ben Leiker
- Manistique Lakes, Robert Beaker
- Marquette, Joseph Baczkowski
- Mountain, Dean Juntunen
- Negaunee, John Lenten
- Newberry, James Whalen

Ottawa, Donna Gernenz
Perkins, Dale Schneider
Pickford, Richard Morrison
Powers Spalding, Richard Malak
Rapid River, Linda Winling
Republic, Karen Stroobants
Rudyard, Gary Davis
Sault Ste Marie, Craig Krouth
St. Ignace, Mike Wilkins
Stephenson, James Svinicki
Trenary, Carla Wojtniak
Tri Town, David Kauranen
Vulcan Norway Loretto, Laura Lee Doney
Wells, Rick Rudden

Sponsoring One New Member

Bark River	Roger Charboneau
Calumet	Barbara Vichich
Chassell	Lynn Gierke
Chocolate Township	Jerome LaRue
Delta-Menominee Heart of the North	Jane Lanaville
Drummond Island	Rod Buxton
Drummond Island	Duane Goltz
Drummond Island	Lynn Graves
Drummond Island	Michael Skinner
Escanaba	Anthony LaPlant
Ishpeming	Jim Manty
Keweenaw	Cherri Allen
Keweenaw	Doug Schubert
Keweenaw	Harold Tikkanen
Kinross	Desiree McCurley
Kinross	Jason Perkins
Kinross	Karen Perkins
Kinross	Heather Suggitt
Kinross	James Suggitt
Mountain	Kip McIntyre
Mountain	Rick Saari
Negaunee	Larry Marta

Negaunee	James Thomas
Newberry	James Whalen
Ottawa	Donna Gernenz
Ottawa	Ronald Seppamaki
Pickford	Christine Ball
Powers-Spalding	Elizabeth Burk
Range	Anton Pintar
Rapid River	Maryce Farrell
Rock	Kristin Bark
Rock	Kathleen Stams
Rock	Richard Weidner
Rudyard	Chari Fischer
Sault Ste. Marie	Kenneth Miller
Skandia	David Laurich
St. Ignace	Mike Wilkins
Trenary	Carlotta Wojtniak
Vulcan/Norway/Loretto	Laura Lee Doney
Vulcan/Norway/Loretto	Dennis Lynch
Wells	Steven Lieburn

Sponsoring Two New Members

Club	Name
Brampton Township/Days River	Mike Keeney
Escanaba	Jay Owens
Germfask-Seney	Michelle Allsteadt
Germfask-Seney	Louis Berry II
Gwinn	Mark Breit
Gwinn	William Rowe
Manistique Lakes	Father Phillip Witkowski
Marquette	Karen Benstrom
Marquette	Joseph Baczkowski
Mountain	David Guilbault
Powers-Spalding	Doug Fazer
Rapid River	Wayne Christoff
St. Ignace	George Ford
Stephenson	James Svinicki
Vulcan/Norway/Loretto	Matt Doney

Sponsoring Three New Members

Club	Name
Ishpeming	Matthew Ricketts
Menominee	Barb Callahan
Powers-Spalding	Christopher LeBoeuf
Powers-Spalding	Judith Malak
Rock	Joseph Kitiuk

Sponsoring Five New Members

Ishpeming	Daniel Perkins
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A Melvin Jones Award was presented at the luncheon to PDG Jenny Ware.

Bark River Lions presented a \$10,000.00 check to Mike Dengate of Leader Dogs for the Blind to be used toward their kennel renovation project.

ID Karla Harris talked of the amazing things the Lions in SD 10 are doing, pointing out the grant money, tree planting and financial support to LCIF. “You make the difference. You change the world.”



BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Seven (7) Breakout Sessions were held in the afternoon on Saturday, which included:

- Membership – Lion Buzz Melton
- Zone Chair Training –PDG Jack Holzworth
- LEO Presentation –Bark River/Harris LEO Club
- President Training –Zone Chair Dan Perkins
- Secretary Training – 1st VDG Tom Lanaville
- Treasurer Training –Lion Bruce LaBelle
- Motivating Volunteers –ID Karla and Lion Clarence Harris



GOVERNORS BANQUET

Saturday, April 25, 2015 – 6:00 p.m.

Lake Superior State University – Superior Room

International Director Karla Harris, was the featured speaker. ID Harris is from South Milwaukee, WI, and has held many offices within her Lions Club. She has received numerous

awards, including the Leadership Award, Membership Advancement Key Award, Knight of Sight Fellowship and the International President's Medal. She was honored by the White House as a "Champion of Change" for her work to raise awareness for the visually impaired and helping to create "Rockin' the Vest" rap video for LCI. She is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

ID Karla's inspiring message spoke of the nomination of LCI by WHO for the Nobel Peace Prize, for eradicating River Blindness. SD 10 Lions helped with this endeavor, it was not accomplished by just a few. She also touched on Membership, Leadership and Service, stressing the amazing things we do as Lions every day. We are amazing, and people want to be a part of this very important group. Be proud of what we do; share what we do, and share your PRIDE!

Governor Bill Rowe presented the following awards:

Presidential Leadership Medal

Gretchen Preston

Presidential Certificate of Appreciation

Dan Perkins, Ishpeming

PDG Jack Holzworth, Rapid River

PDG Jerry Stephens, Sault Ste. Marie

PDG Jenny Ware, Brampton Township, Days River

Ralph Sheehan Award

PDG Duane Goltz, Drummond Island

Melvin Jones Award

2nd VDG-Elect Jim Whalen

Mayor Tony Bosbous

Lion Mike Kobasic

PDG Jenny Ware

SD10 Distinguished Service Award

Gary Graham, Manistique Lakes

Centennial Service Challenge

Marquette Lions Club

Club Excellence Award

Marquette Lions Club

Governor's Certificate of Appreciation

Colleen Maki

Matt Doney, Vulcan-Norway-Loretto

Tom Lanaville, Bark River

Joe Baczkowski, Marquette

Joe Maki, Gladstone

Scott Kwarcianny, Bark River

Highest Growth Percentage

Ishpeming Lions Club

Most Members Present/Miles travelled

Bark River Lions Club

Cabinet Awards

Environment Chair

Ruth Snyder

Diabetes Awareness and Action

James Svinicki

Carolyn St Juliana

Hearing Preservation, Awareness and Action

Bob St. Peter

Tracy Movalson



NECROLOGY & BRUNCH

April 26, 2015 – 9:00 a.m

Lake Superior State University, Superior Room

PDG Don Myers conducted the memorial service, honoring SD 10 Lions who passed away during the year. As each name was read, a candle was lit and a pine seedling was presented in memory of the deceased member.

District Governor Bill Rowe addressed the group, expressing thanks for the support he received during the year.

The convention's Traveling Trophy was claimed by the Bark River Lions Club. The plaque is awarded annually to the club that drives the farthest and has the most members at the convention.