



OFFICIAL CONVENTION PROCEEDINGS

**SINGLE DISTRICT 10  
LIONS OF MICHIGAN**



**Island Resort & Casino  
Harris, Michigan  
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**94th Annual Single District 10 Convention**  
**April 29-May 1, 2016**  
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**Friday, April 29, 2016**  
**Meet & Mix, Dinner Buffet, Silent Auction, Musical Entertainment**

On Friday evening during the Mix and Meet, a silent auction was held with numerous auction items donated by members on display. The local high school chorus entertained with a variety of musical compositions. A buffet dinner and theme of “Kentucky Derby” were enjoyed by all.



**BUSINESS SESSION**

**CALL TO ORDER** - The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by District Governor Tom Lanaville. Following the Pledge of Allegiance and invocation, Governor Lanaville welcomed those assembled and introduced special guests and guest speaker for the convention, ID Robert Littlefield, Ph.D., of Moorhead, MN., and his wife, Lion Kathy.

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

Lion Rose Potvin gave the following Credentials Report:

215	Registered Conventioneers
69	Delegates Registered
10	Alternate Delegates Registered
14	Past District Governors

Doubledee, Munsell, motion to adopt the Rules of the Convention as printed in the proceedings booklet. Motion carried.

Brown, Goltz, motion to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

ID Littlefield was welcomed to the podium to address the convention attendees. ID Littlefield is passionate about Lions, particularly LCIF’s One Shot One Life measles initiative. For less than \$1.00, a child can be immunized against measles for life, making the vaccine potentially the most cost-effective health intervention available. ID Littlefield displayed the LCIF fundraising pin which, when sold, will generate matching funds 1 to 1 by Gavi Matching Funds. Lions have engaged in a long-term partnership with Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, committing \$30 million

towards the fight against measles by our 100th anniversary in 2017. ID Littlefield will have pins available to purchase for \$10.00. The purchase of one pin can save 20 lives.

Lion Kathy Littlefield is a High School teacher, and understands the value of classroom attendance. She recalled the recent outbreak of measles at the Disneyland theme-park in California – bringing acute awareness to a disease that is still very real. Through their message of awareness, Lion Kathy and ID Robert have raised over \$15,000.00 from Lions.

**FINANCIAL REPORT- Treasurer Scott Kwarciany**

Treasurer Kwarciany provided a detailed report of accounts for the budget and actuals for the time period of July 1, 4015-March 30, 2016.

**Lions of Michigan – Single District 10  
3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2015-16 (January-March)  
Financial Summary**

<u>SD -10 General Account-Checking</u>				
<b>Opening Balance</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Ending Balance</b>	
\$52,448.27	\$8081.25	\$6,524.04	\$53,985.48	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter
\$53,985.48	\$233.00	\$1,617.90	\$52,600.58	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter
\$52,600.58	\$9,268.68	\$7,772.57	\$54,096.69	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter

<u>Mint Distribution &amp; Sales Account Savings</u>				
<b>Opening Balance</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Ending Balance</b>	
\$5,602.81	\$0.42	\$0.00	\$5,603.23	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter
\$5,603.23	\$1,252.42	\$0.00	\$6,855.65	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter
\$6,855.65	\$0.52	\$0.00	\$6,856.17	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter

<u>Hearing &amp; Speech Account - Savings</u>				
<b>Opening Balance</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Ending Balance</b>	
\$3,147.50	\$250.12	\$2,251.68	\$1,145.94	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter

<u>Donations from Clubs:</u>	
Les Cheneaux \$100.00	Newberry \$50.00
Rapid River \$50.00	Engadine-Naubinway \$50.00

Goltz, Andrews, motion to receive and place on file the financial report. Motion carried.

The 2016-2017 Proposed Budget was presented by Treasurer Kwarciany.

Lindeman, Gotz, motion to approve 2016-2017 Proposed Budget. Motion carried.

**BY-LAWS & AMENDMENTS REPORT –PDG Bill Whippen**

There were no changes or updates to the current By Laws & Amendments.

## **BAY CLIFF REPORT –Lion Kris Rowe**

Bay Cliff giving through April 29, 2016: \$2305

Lions Day at Bay Cliff is July 9: 11 am tours, 12:30 lunch, short presentation to follow by teen campers. Reservations due by July 1.

We held the Cerebral Palsy Family Camp on the weekend of April 23-24. Eight families attended. Four of the children with CP were new to Bay Cliff. Their experience of this weekend confirmed for the parents and for the children that Bay Cliff would be a good place to be this summer, and they are hoping they get accepted.

The month of May will find us busy with school camps. Marquette Area Public Schools will be holding their outdoor education programs at Bay Cliff. The 5th Grade camp runs for 3 days in early May, and the 7th Grade camp runs for a week during the last week of May. In between and around the school camps, we will be hosting several other programs: a weekend camp program developed by the U.P. Down Syndrome Association for children with Down Syndrome and their families, an overnight program for children with autism run by the Dickinson-Iron Intermediate School District, and a workshop for kayak instructors.

May also finds us getting ready for our Children's Summer Therapy Camp program. We will be finalizing staff hiring and camper acceptance. We have had over 170 camper applications to go process! We are currently still looking to fill staff positions for counselors (male and female), kitchen and dining room staff, housekeeping staff, and maintenance aids. If you know of anyone with a good work ethic and a desire to help make a difference in the lives of children, please have them contact Bay Cliff for more information! Staff applications are also available on the Bay Cliff website: [baycliff.org](http://baycliff.org)

## **GLT REPORT –PCC Jenny Ware**

Officer training will be held this afternoon at 2:30 p.m. during the breakout/workshop sessions. Other sessions include: Project Kid Sight, Centennial Service, Leader Dog, LEO Club, Membership and The Centennial Diabetes Ride.

## **LIONS of MI ALL STATE BAND REPORT –PCC Jenny Ware**

This year, there aren't any students from SD 10 participating in the Lions All State Band. This is expected to change next year, as the new LMASB chair is Lion Nick Pickla, Stevenson Band Director. Lion Nick is an alumnus of the LMASB and plans to encourage band students from across SD 10 to try out for the 2017 band. With the 100<sup>th</sup> Celebration in 2017 and the Lions International Convention being held in Chicago, Il., turnout is expected to be high.

Governor Russ Amidon, MD 11 C2, reported on the steps currently being taken to make the LMASB a Leo Club, and a State Project by 2017.

## **GMT REPORT –PDG Bill Rowe**

With just two months left to continue recruitment, the bottom line on membership is this: JUST ASK. 109 New members have been added since July 1; 129 dropped; 18 have passed and two clubs were lost. GMT is working to reinstate one of the two clubs.

## **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY REPORT– Lion Dana King**

The website was discussed at length. “The Governors Podium” had been taken off, but after feedback from the membership it will be reinstated. The District Governor will be asked to provide regular updates to this section, as a means to stay connected with clubs across SD 10.

The question was asked how can a club update their activities to the website, and Lion Dana has offered her assistance to any club experiencing difficulty. Each club is responsible to look at their information on the website and add their own updates. Some clubs have been unaware of this responsibility, which usually falls on the Club Secretary. ID Littlefield suggested the district appoint an administrator to update club information for better, improved monthly reporting.

### **LEADER DOGS FOR THE BLIND REPORT – PDG Gary Klop**

The Canine Development Center is nearing completion, and with the donations received from SD 10, there will be three (3) kennels named in our honor. They will be named: SD 10; PDG Jack Holzworth; PDG Gary Klop. Stevenson Lions Club raised \$7,500 and Bark River raised \$10,500 and each will have a kennel named in their honor. To date, \$39,940.00 has been raised from SD 10.

### **EVERSIGHT REPORT – Lion Bill Munsell**

Eversight has a new Executive Director, Diana Kern. Donate Life/Buddy Day was held in April and over 1,000 people signed up in one day. 54% of Michigan adult drivers registered as organ donors in 2015. All but three (3) counties in SD 10 have donated or received transplants this year. Eversight is the only Lions State Project to restore sight to the visually impaired.

### **LCIF – PDG Jerry Stephens**

Donations received through March, 2016: \$5,075.00. This is down a bit from the \$5880.00 collected from the same time period last March, 2015. LCIF supports initiatives around the world, and PDG Stephens asked all to please consider donating if your club does not already provide financial support. Disaster relief funds were sent from LCIF to assist in the recent Japan earthquake.

PDG Stephens reported one (1) Melvin Jones award would be presented at the Saturday Awards Banquet.

### **PROJECT KID SIGHT – Lion Peggy Lindeman**

SD 10 is having great success with their Kid Sight screenings. They are working on repairing the East-end camera and continue to repair and update equipment as needed. Warranty renewal fee is \$500.00 every five (5) years. To schedule a camera, send Lion Peggy two dates for consideration and she will place you on the schedule.

Michigan’s goal is to screen 10,000 Kids. SD 10 has held 20 screenings involving 813 kids, resulting in 73 referrals. 6,086 kids have been screened though March, state-wide.

Lions can now add “Michigan” to the Kid Sight name. Please note that all children screened need to have a signed parent consent form, and paperwork must all be sent to Lions of Michigan Foundation. After local screenings, send paperwork to Lion Peggy who will forward onto LMF.

**STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP –Lion Judy Racett**

The scholarship amount has been increased from \$500.00 to \$750.00, due to rising college costs. Five (5) scholarships have been awarded this year.

**TEACHING FAMILY HOMES- VDG Jim Whalen**

VDG Jim will be holding his own personal fundraiser for Teaching Family Homes by bicycling 250 miles this summer. Your support is greatly appreciated!

**CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION –**

Lion Kent Vaughn of Munising will be the Centennial Celebration Coordinator.

**TAIL TWISTER FINES-**

It was decided there would not be fines, but instead, a collection for Leader Dogs for the Blind.

**NOMINATIONS/ELECTION OF OFFICERS –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: For the office of District Governor, Lion Matt Doney, Vulcan-Norway-Loretto Lions Club; for the office of 1<sup>st</sup> VDG, Lion Jim Whalen, Newberry Lions Club; for the office of 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG, Lion Mike Kobasic, Escanaba Lions Club. The call for nominations from the floor was repeated three times, and there were no additional nominations from the floor.

MOTION: Doubledee, Andrews, to close the nominations. Motion carried.

For the office of Trustee of Lions of Michigan Foundation for a two (2) year term, PDG Duane Goltz. There were no nominations from the floor.

MOTION: PDG Andrews, support, to close the nominations for the office of Trustee, LMF. Motion carried.

MOTION: Andrews, Rowe, to nominate to the office of Trustee, LMF, PDG Duane Goltz. Motion carried.

Ballots were provided to the Delegates for voting purposes.

**OLD BUSINESS –**

PCC Jenny Ware was endorsed by the membership of SD 10 as a candidate for International Director in 2015. PCC Jenny was asked by LCI to “step back” while in Hawaii, and will go to Japan in the hopes of becoming appointed this year. Her nomination has a 2-year term limit, and no further endorsement is needed at this time.

Financial assistance in the amount of \$3000.00 was voted upon and supported last year for PCC Ware’s travel/expenses. It was suggested that amount be increased this year.

MOTION: Potvin, Holzworth, to distribute \$4,000.00 from the Administrative fund to provide financial support of PDG Jenny Ware's LCI International Director's candidacy. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS –**

Lion Bernie Hauseler reported on the new Stephenson Leo Club. The Bark River-Heart of the North Leo Club is very active, and the goal is to have so many Leo Clubs that they will host their own convention in the near future.

Centennial Celebration Riding for a Cure for Diabetes -Lion Bill Bradfield  
Lion Bill, Cadillac Lions Club, MD 11 E1, has organized a two-phase adventure to raise funds for Diabetes Research and Awareness, in honor of the upcoming Centennial Celebration. There will be two rides: July, 2016 will begin in Cadillac, travel to Sault Ste. Marie and across the UP. In January 2017, a second ride will begin on snowmobile originating in Sault Ste. Marie, continuing on through four (4) states and Ontario before returning to the Soo. The Centennial Ride is endorsed by LCI as a Centennial Project benefiting Diabetes. Your financial support of this event is greatly appreciated.

2017 Convention: April 22-23, 2017 Island Resort & Casino, Harris, MI  
2018 Convention: TBD  
2019 Convention: Marquette 100<sup>th</sup> Celebration  
2020 Convention: Open

**ELECTION RESULTS –PDG Bill Whippen**

For the office of District Governor-Elect, Matt Doney  
For the office of 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor, Jim Whalen  
For the office of 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor, Mike Kobasic  
For the office of LMF Trustee, PDG Duane Goltz.

Rowe, support, motion to destroy the ballots. Motion carried.

Tail Twister fines in the amount of \$233.00 were collected, with an additional \$43.00 collected at the Cabinet meeting.

MOTION: Whalen, LaBelle, to designate fines in the amount of \$143.00 to Leader Dog and \$133.00 to LCIF's Measles One Shot One Life initiative.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.



**AWARDS LUNCHEON**  
**April 30, 2016 – 11:30 a.m.**  
**Wolf Room – Island Resort & Casino**

The luncheon opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and invocation, followed by song. A welcome was given by Tribal Chair Ken Meshiguad, Hannahville Indian Community. This is an elected, 2-year position which he has been proudly serving for 28 consecutive years. Tribal Chair Meshiguad shared the highlight of his leadership came when a Potawatomi dictionary was published two years ago, a big undertaking. The Potawatomi language is one of the ten most endangered languages in the world. Tribal Chair Meshiguad congratulated the Lions on their upcoming 100 years as a service club.

The Bark River-Harris Leo Club gave an enlightening presentation on the history of Leo Clubs and their club activities and programs throughout the year.

Their 42 members have logged in 956 club-hours to date this year. Blood drives, bake sales, Valentine's Day Crush, Snowball Dance, Bay Cliff Prom and Wellness Day are but a few of their annual activities. The Bark River-Harris Leo Club concluded the program by presenting Leader Dogs for the Blind with a check in the amount of \$150.00 for the Canine Development Center.

100% Secretary Awards were presented by Governor Tom Lanaville to many SD 10 Clubs fulfilling the requirements of LCI rules.

Special Recognition Awards were presented to:  
Bark River Harris Leo Club – 5-year Banner Patch  
Stephenson Leo Club  
Stephenson Lions Club -Extension Award

Leader Dog “Puppy” Auction

Four (4) years ago, an idea by PDG Gary Klop was hatched to auction a Leader Dog stuffed toy puppy to the highest bidder. The recipient of the “puppy” would keep a journal and take it with them in their travels, placing the importance of Leader Dogs for the Blind in the forefront of everyone's mind. This year's auction raised \$1,000.00 with the Stephenson and Bark River Lions Clubs in a heated contest. Bark River Lions took home the prize.



## **BREAKOUT SESSIONS**

Six breakout sessions and workshops were offered on Saturday, April 30, from 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Session topics covered:

- Project Kid Sight – Lion Peggy Lindeman
- Centennial Service – VDG Jim Whalen
- Leader Dogs for the Blind – Lion Mike Dengate
- LEO Club – Bark River-Harris LEO Club
- Officer Training
- Membership – PDG Bill Rowe
- Centennial Ride for Diabetes – Lion Bill Bradfield

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**GOVERNORS BANQUET**  
**Saturday, April 30, 2016 – 6:00 p.m.**

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The evening began with a Mix and Meet with ID Littlefield and Lion Kathy. The Parade of Banners representing the clubs in attendance at the conventions signaled the start of the evening. Lion Davida Mooers, President, Heart of the North Lions Club, presiding, called the evening to order. Pledge of Allegiance, Invocation, songs, introductions and dinner all followed. A special welcome was given to PID Jim Frendewey who served as International Director of SD 10 33 years ago, in 1983-1985.

State Treasurer Paul Hemeryck took a moment at the podium to thank everyone for their support of him this past year as a candidate for International Director, MD 11. PCC Hemeryck announced his decision to rescind his candidacy pledged full support of candidate PCC Jenny Ware.

**Guest Speaker – International Director Robert Littlefield**

ID Littlefield praised the hard-working Lions of SD 10, and expressed his support of PCC Jenny Ware as an International candidate. Also recognized were the newest Leo Club and the 5-year member Bark River-Harris Leo Club and the wonderful, meaningful service they provide.

Selected by President Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada to be a part of the Centennial Action Committee and participate in the planning of the LCI Centennial Celebration. ID Littlefield looks forward to working on the celebration and encouraged all to join others and follow Lion Robert's "Service from the Heart" blog for continuous updates and notifications.

ID Littlefield closed his message with this: **LIONS. Loving Individuals Offering Needed Services.**

Governor Tom Lanaville began the awards presentation by calling the Marquette Lions Club forward to present Leader Dogs for the Blind with a check for \$800.00.

Champion Lions Club was presented with the Net Growth award. The Champion Lions were +22 for the year with 30% growth.

Delta Menominee-Heart of the North club member Lion Patti Hebert was this year's recipient of a Melvin Jones Fellowship. Her award included a letter from LCIF President Joe Preston.

Presidential Certificates of Appreciation were awarded to IPDG Bill Rowe in recognition of his leadership as chair of the GMT committee; Lion Peggy Lindeman in recognition of her work with Project KidSight; Lion Rose Potvin in recognition of her work as Convention Chair.

2014-2015 Ralph M. Sheehan Award was presented to PDG Duane Goltz during last year's convention. Due to sudden illness, PDG Goltz was unable to attend. DG Lanaville recognized this honorable award bestowed upon PDG Goltz in person this year.

2015-2016 Ralph M. Sheehan Award was presented to this year's recipient, PDG Gary Klop. PDG Klop expressed his surprise and gratitude.

Governor Tom spoke of his deep appreciation to all who contributed to the success of the 94<sup>th</sup> Annual SD 10 Convention and his year as Governor. He asked that Lions continue their involvement in the Leo Clubs, and become a part of their lives as they are the future of Lions.



### **NECROLOGY & BRUNCH**

**Sunday, May 1, 2016 – 9:00 a.m.**

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.

DG Tom Lanaville addressed the group, expressing thanks for the support he received during the year.

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

