

REPORTS FROM THE SD 10 LIONS CABINET, GOVERNOR'S HONORARY BOARD, ZONE CHAIRS AND COMMITTEE'S TO THE UPPER PENINSULA SD 10 LIONS OCTOBER 22, 2016 CABINET MEETING IN RAPID RIVER, MI. (RAPID RIVER LIONS CLUBHOUSE)

GOVERNOR MATT DONEY:

No Written Report was submitted for the Cabinet Meeting.

1ST VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR JIM WHALEN:

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It has been a very busy summer this year. After our last Cabinet Meeting in July at Bay Cliff Health Camp, my calendar seemed to never end with activities from work and with Lions. In September, I attended the USA/Canada Forum in Omaha, Nebraska. It was my first exposure to a Forum of this magnitude, and it was truly amazing. The guest speakers were incredible and very inspirational, plus our International Director Jenny Ware separated into three pieces, as a willing participant in a magic act.

Prior to leaving for Omaha, and upon my return, my wife Jennifer and I started visiting Clubs throughout the District, and we haven't stopped yet. We have visited with eleven Clubs so far, and have more visits tentatively scheduled. With all the Clubs visited thus far, I can only say thank you for your kindness and your hospitality in allowing me to take time away from your monthly Club meeting. We both enjoyed ourselves in discussion with fellow Lions, sharing stories and experiences, plus listening about Club projects and community support.

The first weekend in October, Single District 10 was the location for the Council of Governors Meeting in St. Ignace. This was my first session in meeting with my fellow Centennial Governors for the state of Michigan, and our 2nd Vice District Governor Mike Kobasic was able to meet with his fellow Vice Governors as well.

The second weekend in November, I will be in attendance at the Michigan Lions Leadership Institute, at Higgins Lakes, participating in completing the Masters Level course. During this same weekend, our GLT Coordinator PDG Tom Lanaville will be in attendance at the Faculty Development Institute, and 2VDG Mike Kobasic will be attending the Advanced Lions Leadership Institute. Both of these will be conducted in Houston, Texas. Additionally, PDG Jerry Stephens will be at the Michigan Lions Leadership Institute as well. He is observing all training sessions in preparation for him in becoming an instructor/facilitator at the Institute.

2ND VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR MIKE KOBASIC:

No Written Report was submitted for the Cabinet Meeting.

ZONE CHAIRS:

Region 1-Zone 1 (no Zone Chair has been appointed by Governor Doney-Bessemer, Mountain, Ottawa, Tri-Township and Baraga Lions Clubs):

Region 1-Zone 2 (no Zone Chair has been appointed by Governor Doney-Calumet, Chassell, Houghton, Keweenaw, Lake Linden-Hubbell and Range Lions Clubs):

Region 2-Zone 1 (Zone Chair Bernadette Haeusler-Champion, Crystal Falls, Iron Mountain-Kingsford, Republic and Vulcan-Norway-Loretto Lions Clubs):

No Written Report was submitted for the Cabinet Meeting.

Region 2-Zone 2 (Zone Chair Lion Daniel Perkins-Chocolay Township, Ishpeming, Marquette, Negaunee and Skandia Lions Clubs):

No Written Report was submitted for the Cabinet Meeting.

Region 3-Zone 1 (Zone Chair Lion James Svinicki-Carney-Nadeau, Daggett, Ford River, Menominee, Powers-Spalding and Stephenson Lions Clubs):

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The Zone Chair report will show most of the clubs content with their current position with the exception of the Menominee club. With fewer members and very little action they are in a bad spot. Lion Wojo makes more contact with them than I am able to and cannot seem to get them to re-boot.

Region 3-Zone 2 (Zone Chair Scott Kwarcianny-Bark River, Brampton Township-Days River Area, Escanaba, Gladstone, Heart of the North, Rapid River and Wells Lions Clubs):

No Written Report was submitted for the Cabinet Meeting.

Region 4-Zone 1 (Zone Chair Bruce La Belle-Chatham, Gwinn, Munising, Perkins, Rock and Trenary Lions Clubs):

No Written Report was submitted for the Cabinet Meeting.

Region 4-Zone 2 (2nd VDG Jim Whalen-Chippewa, Engadine-Naubinway, Germfask-Seney, Manistique, Manistique Lakes and Newberry Lions Clubs):

I do not have a report for my area of Zone Chair, Region 4, Zone 2.

Region 5-Zone 1 (Lion Tracy Movalson- Drummond Island, Kinross, Les Cheneaux, Mackinac Island. Pickford and St. Ignace Lions Clubs):

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Membership reports are up to date, with the exception of Mackinac Island. Year to date net growth for the zone is -4.35%. New president reporting in St. Ignace, Drummond Island, Les Cheneaux, and Pickford. Pickford had a very nice 75th anniversary celebration with ID Kenny Ware in attendance. St Ignace celebrated their 80th anniversary.

Region 5-Zone 2 (Zone-Chair Lion Andrea Osborn-Brimley, Dafter, Rudyard, Sault Ste. Marie and Sugar Island Lions Clubs):

No Written Report was submitted for the Cabinet Meeting.

GOVERNOR’S HONORARY BOARD:

Global Leadership Team Coordinator SD-10 (Chair IPDG Tom Lanaville):

No Written Report was submitted for the Cabinet Meeting.

Global Membership Team Coordinator SD-10 (Chair PDG Bill Rowe):

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For the first quarter as of Oct 20 we had the following.

New Members	34
Dropped Members	54

This means for Lions Year 2016/2017 we are down 20 members, 6 of which were deceased which leaves 14 who left for other reasons. We need to try to replace all lost members so the less we lose the smaller the minimum number we need to replace. HOW Publicize what you do for your community: newspapers, post your budget at fund raisers, and don't be afraid to brag to people about what Lions do. Encourage members, praise them for their efforts give them something to do and make them feel needed. If you need motivation attend Lions Day at Bay Cliff next July.

Liaison (Chair PDG Jenny Ware):

No Written Report was submitted for the Cabinet Meeting.

Certified Guiding Lions (Chair PDG Don Wojakowski):

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I met with Jim Weiland who is the President of the Menominee Club. I have been trying to get them going again for five months. It looks like maybe there is some positive movement. They are down to only five members. They are trying to get someone to take on the Secretary's job. If they can get that position filled they will be good to go, if not we will lose them. International has been in contact with them. I told Jim if they have a meeting to call me, I and the Zone Chair will be at their meeting.

COMMITTEE'S:

All-State Band (Chair Lion Nickolas Pichla):

No Written Report was submitted for the Cabinet Meeting.

Bay Cliff Health Camp Committee (Co-Chairs Kris Rowe and PDG Bill Rowe):

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The Lions have donated to date \$19,383 to Bay Cliff so far for 2016. Thank you!

We had 150 campers this summer. We just launched our Campership Appeal a few weeks ago and our goal is \$335,000 for 2016 with this initiative. This is a drive to get individual people to help sponsor the cost of a camper for the summer. It costs 6300 dollars per camper for the summer costs. Thank you for your donations. Please continue and please come visit camp. If you have interest in having a Bay Cliff presentation for your club please contact me via email or phone.

Convention SD-10 (Chair Lion Jim Svinicki):

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The Annual Convention is coming along fine and we'll have info out by the end of the year

Constitution and By-Laws (Co-Chairs PDG's Bill Whippen and Dr. Sara Doubledee and Lion Bernadette Haeusler):

No Written Report was submitted for the Cabinet Meeting.

Cultural & Community Activities (Chair Lion Stan Kennedy):

No Written Report was submitted for the Cabinet Meeting.

Diabetes Awareness and Action (Chair Lion James Svinicki): Co-C

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The Diabetes Awareness Committee is ok at this time with only 1 request for help since last meeting. We have not sent out a letter for donations as the fund is currently ok but plan to do so early in the new year, thanks for the support of the clubs that donate on a regular basis.

Environmental (Chair PDG Ruth Snyder):

No Written Report was submitted for the Cabinet Meeting.

Hearing Preservation, Awareness and Action (Chair PDG Bob St. Peter):

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I cannot be at this session due to my other job (hockey) and of all things it's my birthday ...the damn 39's come quick. However I do have a small report on the Hearing and Speech Committee. I will be sending out the info to the Clubs for their help as I do every year. I have been receiving \$\$\$ over the past week's due to these clubs knowing the great cause they go to. I will be sending out the I.S.D. lists also shortly. The Hearing Aid Program for our District is at full-strength and going well....just got to get the word out to the clients and that can be done by the LIONS Membership. You can also remind the members when you e-mail to the clubs for whatever reason ...I need help!!! It is a great program and it works. I have been busy with about one client every couple of weeks. So let the Clubs know and then they can call me the information for the client. I am sorry I will miss Tom's Appreciation Dinner and the fun night to follow. He certainly was a great Governor and I do wish him all the best in Lionism in his future which includes his family who have been a part of Lionism also. Shake his hand for myself and my wife Lin. Any more info you need let me know.

Information Technology/Website (Chair Lion Dayna King):
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Numbers and percentages here represent previous cabinet meetings to present.

Daily average of unique visitors: 24 / 30 / 35 / 40 / 44 / 49

Average page visited per session: 3.65 / 3.86 / 3.58 / 3.59 / 3.09 / 2.93

Average duration of session in minutes: 1:37 / 1:55 / 2:03 / 1:47 / 1:48 / 1:51

Returning visitors from the previous month: 26.3% / 32.4% / 34.1% / 31.65 / 31.89

% accessing from mobile devices: 36.86% / 32.92% / 29.10% / 27.96% / 32.65 / 24.35

Top 5 most visited pages beside home page for October 22, 2016:

1. 2017 Lions International Convention
2. Club Listing
3. Calendar of Events
4. Photo galleries
5. Contact

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Acquisition

Organic search: 68.35% / 61.63% / 60.23%

Link in e-mail, Facebook, and similar: 21.07% / 26.67% / 25.46%

Direct visit: 10.58% / 11.70% / 14.31%

Social Media

Facebook followers: 90 / 126 / 137 / 168 / 176 / 178 / 182

Twitter followers: 59 / 79 / 101 / 123 / 168 / 171 / 182

Comments:

Engagement on the website and Facebook was really good despite that summer months are in general slow when it comes to internet traffic. Updates are still pretty much on a daily basis. Most engaged clubs are Stephenson, Gladstone, Crystal Falls, Marquette and Bark River.

Chair comments: The website has been stable with some slight decrease and increase in various areas with continued and added participation from members and clubs from Single District 10. Remember to “Like” us on Facebook. If you need to get the word out, we are here for you to publicize your event, acknowledge a member and/or club. Make your website your Lions Journal, tell us about all of the amazing experiences you’ve had or are having –it could be current time!

International Convention (Chair PDG Duane Goltz):

No Written Report was submitted for the Cabinet Meeting.

International Understanding and Cooperation (Chair PDG Bob Miller):

No Written Report was submitted for the Cabinet Meeting.

**Leader Dogs for the Blind Committee (Co-Chairs PDG Gary Klop and LION Gretchan Preston):
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The Canine Development Center in Rochester Hills met its goal of 14.5 million this summer with our SD 10 contribution soaring to \$14,500, and the honor of naming 3 canine suites. The staff at Leader Dogs for the Blind have been hosting Lions tours of the facility. Their grand opening was September 24th. Thank you to all SD 10 Lions who contributed! The report back from the new kennel facility is that the young Leader Dogs in training seem more focused and relaxed. This should increase the number of dogs graduating from the program. We'll keep you posted.

Leader Dog Co-chair, PDG Gary Klop is currently raising LD #8, future Leader Dog, Patriot. He is a 20 week old, Golden Retriever/ Yellow Lab cross. Patriot is working well for Gary and we all look forward to watching him grow into a Leader Dog.

Gary, Patriot, Gretchen and Floyd have been busy attending Lion club fund-raisers for Leader Dogs for the Blind. The Marquette Lions raised over \$2000 at their 5th Annual Kickball Tournament in Marquette on September 24th. The Gladstone Lions invited the dogs and humans to dinner on October 6th. PDG Gary spoke on his experience as a puppy-raiser and Lion Gretchen focused on the mobility and GPS training programs. She demonstrated the proper way to serve as a "blind guide" for someone who is visually impaired. After their presentation, the club voted to make a donation to Leader Dogs for the Blind. The Gladstone club generously donated \$700 to the program. Thanks Gladstone Lions! Patriot, Floyd, and their accompanying Lions will be in attendance at the district cabinet meeting and PDG Tom's appreciation dinner. Leader Dog Floyd and Gretchen will be in attendance at the Rapid River Lions Octoberfest Dinner on Thursday, October 27th. This is the Rapid River Lion's Club annual benefit for Leader Dogs for the Blind.

Leader Dogs for the Blind in Rochester Hills, MI is producing a video for Lions Clubs about the building of the Canine Development Center. The video will be available after the first of the year. If your club is interested in a presentation from one of our Leader Dog Co-chairs, contact them directly for availability. Leader Dogs for the Blind is looking for puppy-raisers. For more information, go to their website; www.leaderdog.org.

Lions Club International Foundation "LCIF" (Chair PDG Jerry Stephens):

Our District goal for donations is \$9,220. To date for this Lions year, just 3 clubs from our district have donated a total of \$485 to LCIF. This seems meager, but this is not atypical for our district. I have not yet made an annual appeal to clubs in writing, but a letter will be in the mail before the end of the month.

LCIF recently made a special appeal to provide assistance to victims of recent natural disasters, including Hurricane Matthew which caused great destruction to areas of the Caribbean and widespread flooding along the southeast coast of the United States. LCIF also awarded special disaster relief grants in August to provide relief to flood victims in Louisiana.

I attended an LCIF presentation at the USA/Canada Forum in September. The fund-raising goal of LCIF for the 50-year anniversary (2017-18) is \$50M (USD). LCI is asking clubs to add a "Club Coordinator" position to their officers line up. Last year, LCIF granted over \$5M MORE than was raised, due mainly to partnerships with entities like GAVI. Only 6% of Lions and less than 50% of clubs donate to LCIF world-wide. These figures are less here in the US. LCIF would like to Chairs/Coordinators to appeal to individual Lions to become financial supporters. Every Community Member gift now counts towards LCIF and MJF credit.

Lion 1st Gentlemen Jeff Ware is our district's most recent MJF, being named so on September 23, 2016. Please congratulate Lion Jeff when you see him! I hope to continue the tradition of presenting MJF awards at the convention in April. As of September, 15 clubs have over \$1000 in "unnamed" donations, meaning they could name a MJF recipient. Some of the clubs could name multiple Melvin Jones Fellows. I plan to approach each of these clubs regarding this opportunity to recognize worthy Lions.

The Lions Clubs International Century of Service Commemorative Coin will provide a worthy tribute to the millions of Lions who have served their communities during the last



100 years. The US\$1 coin will be available in early 2017 to celebrate Lions Clubs International's 100th anniversary. In addition to highlighting a century of charitable services to people in need, a surcharge of US\$10 for every commemorative coin sold – without any cost to taxpayers – will be donated to Lions Clubs International Foundation. These funds will support ongoing Lions programs that assist the visually impaired, disabled, youth and those affected by major disasters. Watch for updates as we get closer to the launch of the coin.

I ask that you and the Vice-Governors continue to promote the Foundation during your club visits. Tell the LCIF story, encourage personal giving and encourage club giving. I certainly appreciate your efforts toward this important task.

Eversight-Michigan (Chair Lion Bill Munsell):

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I had a great opportunity to meet International Director Jennifer Ware and International President Bob Corlew September 30 at the Eversight-Michigan Office. President Corlew was on a 13 day 20 State 2 Province tour that included the Eversight office and labs. He inducted 3 new Lions and gave an inspiring speech about Lionism in its Centennial Year. Director Ware and I had an opportunity to have our picture taken with President Corlew in front of the Lions bus.

Organ donations in Michigan have grown from 26% of the population to 54% in the last 5 years thanks in part to Lions. Last year Eversight had cornea donations from 2048 donors in Michigan. In District 10, we had 58 donors and 7 people received the gift of sight. There is no waiting list for cornea recipients in Michigan.

Many District 10 clubs have given \$500 or more over the past 3 years and are eligible to designate a person for a Fellowship Award. Donations of \$500 over 3 years qualify for a Wear Fellowship and \$1,000 qualifies for a Barr Fellowship. If your club has given \$500 or more the past 3 years and would like to honor a member or citizen contact Bill Munsell for information. Eversight Executive Director, Diana Kern has confirmed she and Cornea Recipient Fran Grabowski will present at our April District Convention.

Lions Clubs in District 10 have donated only \$10 to date to Eversight. Please support this State Project that restores sight to over 2000 people each year. Last year District 10 Lions Clubs gave just short of \$7,000.

Michigan Lions Service Foundation (Co-Chairs PDG Duane Goltze 1 year term and Lion Bruce La Belle 2 year term):

No Written Report was submitted for the Cabinet Meeting.

Mint Distributor (Chair 2nd VDG Mike Kobasic):

No Written Report was submitted for the Cabinet Meeting.

Nominations & Elections (Co-Chairs IPDG Tom Lanaville and PDG Dr. Sara Doubledee):

No Written Report was submitted for the Cabinet Meeting.

NWALL (Chair PDG George Kelly):

No Written Report was submitted for the Cabinet Meeting.

Peace Poster (Chair Lion Joe Baczkowski):

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The 2016-17 Lions International Peace Poster and Essay Contest with theme, “A Celebration of Peace”, should be well underway. The deadline to order a participation kit was October 1. Clubs participating in the contest should notify the DG so he is aware and can anticipate you sending him your local winning poster by November 15. Please send directly to the DG so there is no delay. Also be sure that the “Winner Sticker” in the kit is attached to the lower right corner on the back of the winning entry and all information is filled in. We do not want anyone being dis-qualified for lack of info. The DG has until December 1 to judge and pick a District winner and forward it to the Public Relations Division at International. DG Matt, please make a copy or take a quality photo of the District winner before sending it on to International. We can use this to make a suitable prize for our winner. The International winners will be chosen by February 1, 2016. Good luck to all the students participating!

Project Kidsight (Co-Chairs Lions Don Conners, Peggy Lindeman and Rose Potvin and PDG's Duane Goltz and Bob St. Peter):

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Really no report on behalf of Project KidSight as the data is incomplete until we get all the consents in from the summer screenings. No change in funds with a balance of \$3329.21. And I will be calling into the Project KidSight State meeting while our Cabinet meeting is going on.

Ralph M. Sheehan Award (Co-Chairs PDG Bill Rowe, IPDG Tom Lanaville and DG Matt Doney 1st VDG Jim Whalen and 2nd VDG Mike Kobasic):

No Written Report was submitted for the Cabinet Meeting.

SD 10 Scholarship Committee (Chair Lion Judith Racette):

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Funds request letters were sent to all the clubs in the District at the end of September of 2016 along with a copy of the Scholarship Rules. There were five Scholarship checks in the amount of \$750.00 disbursed.

Teaching Family Homes (Chair 2nd VDG Lion Jim Whalen):

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As always, the activities at TFH is constant and well received by all. Since our last session, TFH has opened their High/Low Ropes Course and it appears that it is a great success. Upcoming events include the annual Zombie Run that is happening on Saturday, 22 October at TFH campus. It is a 5KM run through the nature trail which encompasses the forty acre property.

With fall season upon us, TFH is already focusing on Adopt-A-Child for the Christmas season. As usual, if you or your respective Lions Club wish to sponsor a child for Christmas, then please send your pledge to TFH, 1000 Silver Creek Rd, Marquette 49855. Indicate whether you would like to sponsor a boy or girl.

The annual Tour Da U.P. Bike tour that occurred in August was a great success. The awesome support from the Les Cheneaux Lions Club, Pickford Lions Club and Sault Ste Marie Lions Club was fantastic. The meals that these Clubs prepared and served was very much appreciated by all the bicyclists and I only heard favorable comments from them. I also want to thank all those who sent a monetary pledge to TFH in support of my bicycle ride. All proceeds totalled up toward \$2100.00. A big thank you to the Clubs and individual Lions members who pledged their donation. All proceeds went toward purchasing sports equipment and bicycles for the youth at TFH.

TFH has agreed to sponsor out next District Lions Cabinet Meeting on 21 January, 2017. Working in partnership with the Chocoday Lions Club.

Trading Pins (Chair DG Matt Doney):

No Written Report was submitted for the Cabinet Meeting.

USA/Canada Leadership Forum (Chair PDG Jerry Stephens):

I attended the USA/Canada Forum this past September 16-18 in Omaha. The weekend couldn't have went much smoother. Also attending from District 10 were ID Jennifer and Lion Jeff Ware, and 1st VDG Jim Whalen. We always make a statement along the lines of "this was the best forum ever..." but I think it really was. PID Gary Anderson could not have done a better job. Some should check ID Jenny for leaks...

I was honored to assist with a session at the Forum. I served as Moderator for a session delivered on the LCIF program Lions Quest. This was quite eye-opening and I have to believe there are opportunities for us in District 10.

"Lions Quest is a program to teach positive life skills to youth. Lions Quest unites the home, school and community to cultivate capable and healthy young people through positive youth development programs."

Another big highlight was a coordinated Service Project on Saturday, involving a huge food drive, eye-glass recycling and vision screening. Lion Jenny and Jeff Ware, yours truly and Miss Kimberly worked on the food drive, helping to package over 110,000 meals for those in need in the Omaha area. It was quite the production!

The 2017 Forum is scheduled to be held on September 21-23, in Portland, Oregon. The current Early Bird registration fee is \$285. This discount expires on July 9th. There are already 847 registrants for the 2017 forum. Not only does registering early save you some money, but it also helps ensure that you get your first choice for hotel.

White Cane (No Chair has been appointed):

Youth Opportunities & Exchange (Chair Lion Judie Goltz):

No Written Report was submitted for the Cabinet Meeting.

Youth Outreach/Leo Clubs (Co-Chairs Lions Gary Aderman and Judy Davis):

No Written Report was submitted for the Cabinet Meeting.