



OFFICIAL CONVENTION PROCEEDINGS

**SINGLE DISTRICT 10
LIONS OF MICHIGAN**



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**95th Annual Single District 10 Convention
April 21-23 2017
Island Resort & Casino
Harris, MI
HOSTED BY THE STEPHENSON LIONS CLUB**



**Friday, April 21 2017
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 Stephenson High School Band and Choir entertained with a variety of musical compositions. A buffet dinner was enjoyed by all.



BUSINESS SESSION

CALL TO ORDER - The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by District Governor Matt Doney. Those in attendance included: Governor Doney; DGE Jim Whalen; VDG Mike Kobasic; Treasurer Scott Kwarcianny; Sergeant at Arms Lion Jim DeCremer, PDG Duane Goltz, Lion Bob Miller; PDG Sara Doubledee, Bylaws; ID Nicolin Moore.

Following the pledge of allegiance and invocation, DG Doney welcomed International Director Nicolin Moore and distinguished guests.

ID Moore reflected on her past year and the recent LCI board meeting in Athens, Greece, where they announced the new position of Global Service Chairperson. This position will complement the GMT and GLT committees, and create the Global Action Team.

PDG Jerry Stephens was appointed Parliamentarian; PDG Sara Doubledee Tail Twister. Lion Jim DeCremer gave the credentials reports, siting 23 Clubs were registered as of this morning with 72 delegates present.

PDG Doubledee stated there were be no changes to the Constitution & By Laws to report.

MOTION -Munsell, Svinicki, to approve the Rules of the Convention as outlined in the proceedings booklet. Motion carried.

MOTION –Wojakowski, Goltz (Judy), to approve the agenda.

Discussion: Stephens, reverse items 13 & 14 on the agenda pertaining to election of officers. Decision was made to leave as written. Motion to approve agenda carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT –Lion Scott Kwarciany

Handouts of the financial report were provided. A complete overview of accounts through March 2017 (3rd quarter) was reviewed by Treasurer Kwarciany.

SD -10 General Account-Checking

Opening Balance	Income	Expenses	Ending Balance	
\$52,892.51	\$0.00	\$4,917.51	\$49,975.00	1 st Quarter
\$49,975.00	\$7,360.00	\$4,370.02	\$52,964.98	2 nd Quarter
\$52,964.98	\$7,143.00	\$4,153.60	\$55,954.38	3 rd Quarter

Mint Distribution & Sales Account Savings

Opening Balance	Income	Expenses	Ending Balance	
\$6,856.68	\$1,001.07	\$0.00	\$7,858.38	1 st Quarter
\$7,858.38	\$0.59	\$0.00	\$7,858.97	2 nd Quarter
\$7,858.97	\$0.59	\$0.00	\$7,859.56	3 rd Quarter

Hearing & Speech Account - Savings

Opening Balance	Income	Expenses	Ending Balance	
\$1,976.33	\$450.15	\$0.00	\$2,426.48	3 rd Quarter

Donations from Clubs:

Rudyard	\$100.00
Marquette	\$100.00
DM HON	\$100.00
Rapid River	\$50.00
Newberry	\$50.00
Daggett	\$50.00

MOTION – Lanaville, Lindaman, to receive the financial report and place it on file. Motion carried.

The 2017-2018 was reviewed. Discussion was held on a budget to be added for the newly created GST position.

MOTION – Wojakowski, Rowe, to accept the proposed 2017-2018 budget. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

GLT REPORT –PDG Tom Lanaville

There is a need to fill vacant Zone Chair positions. PDG Lanaville encouraged members to go back to your clubs and recruit Lions for future leadership positions. A Zone Chair must first

serve as President, and possibly Secretary. A Zone Chair is the liaison to the Governor on the club happenings.

GMT REPORT –PDG Bill Rowe

The role of the Zone Chair is to encourage membership and to report regularly to LCI. With declining membership we need to work hard at the club level to generate interest, create excitement and retain current members. There will be a GMT breakout session today and everyone is invited to attend and learn more about membership, improving on PR and getting the word out in our communities about what Lions do.

BAY CLIFF REPORT –Lion Kris Rowe

Lions Day at camp is the same day as the next cabinet meeting. July 8th. 11:30 am tours start. 12:30 lunch. A short presentation with the teen campers following lunch in the auditorium.

They are recruiting staff and are looking for counselors, dining room aides, kitchen aides, and nurses if anyone knows of anyone who might be interested.

The Recreation Center is hoping to be opened for this summer. It has a basketball floor and will have a climbing wall.

Donations to this point \$3,915. Thank you for your donations. If you have interest in having a Bay Cliff presentation for your club please contact me via email or phone, krisarowe@gmail.com or 906-362-0202.

Rapid River's wild game feed fundraiser for Bay Cliff is May 5th Doors open at 5, meal at 6:30 pm

HEARING & SPEECH REPORT

The account is in a restricted fund and used for the ISD Special Ed program only. \$2,426.28 remains in the account.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY –Lion Dayna King

Lion's business cards were created and sent out to each club to help promote and communicate to community members Lions who are serving throughout SD 10. Working on a KidSight vision screening? Hand out a business card with contact information.

Club and officer updates needing to be updated for the website can be forwarded to Lion Dayna. Club reporting needs to be done. For instruction and details, a breakout session will be offered by PDG Tom Lanaville today. Lion Dayna and Lion Tom are available anytime to assist with the PU 101 reports or any forms you need help sending to LCI.

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION REPORT–Lion Wendy Burns

Michigan Night will be held Sunday, July 2 at Tommy Guns Garage. This is a 1920's themed dinner-theater. The cost is \$57.00 and there are still available tickets.

LEADER DOG REPORT –PDG Gary Klop

A presentation was planned for 4/21/17 at the Stephenson Middle School by PDG Gary Klop and Lions Gretchen Preston and Mike Dengate from Leader Dog. The group will focus on Leader Dog, share their experiences and Lion and promote community leadership.

Harness and Leash, the newsletter produced by Leader Dogs for the Blind, included interesting statistics: There are over 1,300 active working teams around the world with 835 teams in the US. Over 635 visually impaired clients have learned to navigate safely with a white cane and talking GPS unit. LDB offers free of charge, 36 week-long training classes up to 4 students in each class.

Leader Dog expressed great appreciation to the Lions of SD 10 for their generous financial support this past year. Over \$42,000.00 was donated to their Capital Campaign. 20% of the Leader Dog budget comes from Lions.

LCIF REPORT –PDG Jerry Stephens

45% of the clubs helped SD 10 achieve 85% of the 2016-17 goal. Club visitations were ongoing throughout the year to promote LCIF. Lion Bill Michl will be running in the Lake Run Marathon and representing Lion with a stop in Brimley on August 7 for an overnight. Lion Bill will run around Lake Superior raising funds and awareness of LCIF. Volunteers are needed to help with food and lodging, and Lions can join Lion Bill by running alongside him in support.

EVERSIGHT MICHIGAN REPORT –Lion Bill Munsell, Lion Diana Kern, Executive Director

Contributions to date this year equal the total donations received 2015-2016. 1,172 new donors were added to the registry on Donor Day, held in Michigan recently. The Weir and Barr Fellowships are available and clubs are encouraged to look into presenting members with a Fellowship.

VDG Fran Grabowski, MD 11-B2 is a corneal transplant recipient and gave a moving speech on his journey. He is now a very involved Lion and strong supporter of Eversight.

STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP REPORT –Lion Judy Racette

Four (4) students were awarded \$750.00 scholarships this year. Students must be physically or learning disabled to qualify for the scholarship, and the District was pleased to award four deserving students with scholarships this year.

PROJECT KIDSIGHT REPORT –Lion Peggy Lindemann, Co-Chair

The KidSight trailer is on display and available for tours. Screening are down over last year, and the committee is looking into how to increase participation. The goal is for every club to conduct a screening. New screening guidelines allow for children to wear their glasses, which will help detect if their prescription is correct with corrective lenses.

A fourth camera has been purchased. There was a reminder that May is Recycle for Sight month and to collect used eyeglasses for recycling.

NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS REPORT

The Elections Committee reported the following break-down of attendance from members of Single District 10 at the 2017 Convention:

Registered	194
Delegates	72
Alternates	12
Lions Clubs	23
Leo clubs	2

There are three offices to fill 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 District Governor, James Whalen from the Newberry Lions Club; for 1st VDG, Michael Kobasic from the Escanaba Lions Club; for 2nd VDG, Bruce LaBelle from the Bark River Lions Club. For the 2-year position as Trustee of the Michigan Lions Foundation, there is one candidate, Governor Matt Doney from the Vulcan-Norway-Loretto Lions Club. The call for nominations from the floor was repeated three times, and there were no additional nominations from the floor.

The Elections Committee reported all nominees to be in good standing with their club and LCI. Nominations were declared closed by PDG Jerry Stephens.

MOTION: Stephens, Potvin, to nominate Lion Bruce LaBelle to the position of 2nd Vice District Governor, 2017-2018. Motion carried.

MOTION: Stephens, Miller, to nominate Lion Mike Kobasic to the position of 1st Vice District Governor, 2017-2018. Motion carried.

MOTION: Stephens, Lindeman, to nominate Lion Jim Whalen to the position of District Governor, 2017-2018. Motion carried.

MOTION: Stephens, Henrickson, to nominate Governor Matt Doney to the position of Trustee for the Lions of Michigan Foundation. Motion carried.

Elections were conducted in the form of a written ballot provided to the delegates.

Election results as reported by PDG Tom Lanaville:

For the office of 2nd Vice District Governor, Lion Bruce LaBelle

For the office of 1st Vice District Governor, 2nd VDG Mike Kobasic

For the office of District Governor, 1st VDG Jim Whalen

For the office of Lions of Michigan Foundation Trustee, Governor Matt Doney.

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

It was reported that \$135.00 has been collected in Tail Twister fines.

MOTION: Rowe, Wash, to donate Tail Twister fine money to Eversight Michigan, totaling \$135.00. Motion carried.

Discussion ensued on the purchase of a KidSight trailer.

MOTION: Goltz to purchase a KidSight trailer for Single District 10.

Discussion: PDG Stephens stated the proposal must be published sixty (60) days in advance to the membership. PDG Doubledee suggested giving the District time to hold fundraising events toward the purchase of a trailer.

MOTION: Lion Munsell, Potvin to suspend the rules to allow for the motion to purchase a Project KidSight trailer not to exceed the amount of \$6,000.00. Motion carried with three (3) opposed.

2018 SD 10 Convention will be held at the Island Resort & Casino, Harris, MI, April 20-22, 2018. Wells Lions Club will be the hosting Club.

Lion Diana Kern announced that Eversight would make a \$500.00 donation toward the purchase of the new Project KidSight trailer.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Lion Wendy Burns, Executive Director, Lions of Michigan



AWARDS LUNCHEON

The Master of Ceremonies for the luncheon was Lion Donna Thoune, President of the Stephenson Lions Club. Tribal Chair Ken Meshiguad, Hannahville Indian Community, welcomed the Lions and presented opening remarks. Dr. Marvin Pichla was the luncheon speaker.

100% Club Secretary Awards were presented to qualifying clubs.

Heart of the North Lions Club sponsored the winning Peace Poster contest. The winning poster was created by a 7th grade student from Bark River.

The 2016-2017 “Leader Dog Award” went to both Lion Gretchen Preston and Leader Dog Floyd.

The auction of a Leader Dog “puppy” has become an annual event during the convention. This years’ auction did not disappoint, raising \$2,000.00 by the Stephenson Club, with a match of \$2,000.00 donated by the **Bark River Harris Lions Club** netting a total of \$4,000.00 for Leader Dogs for the Blind.

Governor Matt Doney presented Certificates of Appreciation to many deserving Lions who have gone above and beyond the call of duty this past year, assisting him in many ways as he served as District Governor.

The luncheon closed with remarks by ID Nicolin Moore, who commented on how the conventions she has attended throughout her travels differ in many ways. She will always remember this convention for the moving experiences, especially the tour of the Indian Heritage Center.

Attendees were released and encouraged to attend the breakout sessions, with a reminder of the International Director Meet and Greet at 530, followed by the Governors Banquet at 6:00 p.m.

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BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Several workshops were presented on Saturday afternoon. A Leader Dog presentation was conducted by Mike Dengage, Leader Dog Field Representative. Sessions were also presented on Project KidSight by Lion Peggy Lindeman; Membership by IPDG Bill Rowe; LEO Clubs by Stephenson Leo Club.

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GOVERNORS BANQUET

International Director Nicolin Moore was the featured guest speaker for the evening. ID Nicolin is from Arima, Trinidad and Tobago, and was selected to serve a two-year term last year at the LCI Convention in Japan. Traveling with her was her husband, Rudy. ID Moore is a human resource consultant. In addition to her Lions activities, ID Moore has been active in numerous professional and community organizations, including member of the Board of Governors of the University of Trinidad and Tobago and member of the Human Resource Association of Trinidad and Tobago.

Lion Nicolin touched on the four areas of service, highlighting the addition of Pediatric Cancer and Diabetes. There are many program ideas listed on the LCI webpage for clubs outlining ways to become involved in serving these areas of need. She congratulated the Lions of SD 10 for the hard work they do in regards to vision screening and the environment. Involving youth is also of utmost importance, as the average age of a Lion is 40 and under, and only 9% of the members fall into this age-group. Governor Matt is a prime example!

Awards were presented by Governor Doney to the following Lions:

The district's highest recognition, the Ralph Sheehan Award, was presented to Lion Knut Strohm, Ishpeming Lions Club.

The LCI Leadership Award was presented to Lion Daniel Perkins of the Ishpeming Lions Club. The LCI Presidential Medal was presented to PDG Jerry Stephens, Sault Ste. Marie Lions Club.

ID Moore presented awards to Lions who hosted Lion Nicolin and Rudy during their stay, and those who worked so hard on this successful convention:

- PDG Jerry Stephens
- Lion Jim Svinicki
- PDG Don Wojakowski
- Lion Scott Kwarciany
- Lion Donna Thoune

The convention committee was recognized and thanked for all of their work on this year's successful convention.



NECROLOGY & BRUNCH
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PDG Bob St. Peter 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. A slide-show presentation played with the name and photo of each member who passed away over the year portrayed. Bagpiper Pierre Ogea opened with Amazing Grace and Nickolas Pichla closed the service with the playing of Taps.

The convention's Traveling Trophy was claimed by the Stephenson Lions Club. "Snagletooth" will call the Stephenson Club "home" for the next year. The plaque is awarded annually to the club that drives the farthest and has the most members at the convention.

The convention concluded with thanks expressed to the Lions who planned and hosted the convention.

Respectfully submitted by: Wendy Burns, Executive Director/State Secretary/BOOOOOOOO

