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HOSTED BY THE WELL'S LIONS CLUB



Friday, April 20 2018
Meet & Mix, Dinner Buffet, Silent Auction, Musical Entertainment

The 96th Annual Single District 10 Convention was called to order on Friday, April 20 at 5:45 p.m. by Lion Brett Way, Wells Lion Club President. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance, Welcome and Invocation. The Mix and Meet kicked-off this year's convention with a silent auction involving numerous items donated by members on display. Introductions were made of the International guest speaker, ID Nick Xinopoulos. A buffet dinner was enjoyed by all.



BUSINESS SESSION
Saturday, April 21, 2018

CALL TO ORDER - The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, April 21, 2018, by Governor Jim Whalen. The Business Session of the Lions of Single District 10 opened with the presentation of the colors by American Legion Post 438, followed by the pledge of allegiance and invocation. Governor Whalen introduced guests ID Nicholas Xinopoulos, DG and PDG Peggy and Jim Walls, MD 11 E1; MD 11 Treasurer Paul Hemeryck and MD 11 Executive Director, Wendy Burns.

Governor Whalen recognized PDGs Harold Schermer and Jim DeCremer as Sergeant of Arms. A report of the rules was given by PDG Sara Doubledee.

MOTION: Governor Whalen; PDG Bill Rowe, to approve the Rules of the Convention as outlined in the convention program. Motion carried.

MOTION: Governor Whalen; PDG Bill Rowe, to approve the proposed agenda as presented. There was a requested to add Project KidSight to the agenda under old business.

MOTION: Whalen, Rowe, to approve the proposed agenda with the addition of Project KidSight added under old business. Motion carried.

Credentials Report –PDG Jim Decramer

Total Registrations: 208
Clubs Represented: 25

Delegates: 74

Past District Governors: 15

Membership stands at 1,477 members in the second half of the year. This is just under the 1,499 members reported for the same period last year.

Governor Whalen welcomed International Director Nick Xinopoulos and pointed out he was celebrating his birthday with SD 10 Lions today. ID Xinopoulos applauded the generous spirit of the Lions of SD 10 and the wonderful work they are doing. He expressed enthusiasm for the great weekend ahead and getting to know more about the group.

Financial Report –Treasurer Scott Kwarciany

Treasurer Kwarciany gave a detailed overview of the accounts for the 3rd quarter period, January – March, 2018. Ending balance for the quarter: \$57,774.01. A detailed review of the profit/loss sheet was provided. All prior outstanding accounts are currently up to date and all accounts were reported to be well within the budget for fiscal year 2017-2018.

MINT ACCOUNT – Ending balance of \$9,206.65

HEARING & SPEECH ACCOUNT –Ending balance of \$1,129.62

DONATIONS -\$125.00

Treasurer Kwarciany presented the proposed budget for 2018-2019. The 2018-19 proposed budget remains nearly the same as the 2017-18 budget, but includes the addition of a proposed budget of \$400.00 for the newly formed Global Service Team.

MOTION: Rowe, Doubledde, to receive the Financial Report as presented by Treasurer Kwarciany.
Motion carried.

MOTION: Goltz, Klop, to approve the 2018-2019 Proposed Budget as presented by Treasurer Kwarciany.
Motion carried.

Rules/By-Laws Committee Report –PDG Sara Doubledde

PDG Doubledde reported one change to the By-Laws mandated by LCI: To adopt the Global Service Team in the existing Policy Manual. The addition to GST will formally be approved at the changeover in July, 2018.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Global Membership Team –PDG Bill Rowe

PDG Bill reported to date, the membership has gained 101 new Lions; lost 113 Lions, leaving a loss of -12 through the current period. 52% of the clubs were without new members; 52% of the clubs have not submitted activities or membership reports. 62% of the clubs are noted as “inactive”. This is due to lack of reporting. Please request assistance from PDG Bill if you need help with reporting, or attend the afternoon’s session for Secretary Training, led by PDG Bill Rowe.

PDG Bill recognized PDG Jerry Stephens and Lion Bill Munsell for reviving the Brimley Lions Club. It was also noted LCI has offered new member incentives for the period of April 1 – June 15.

Governor Whalen stressed the importance of reporting membership to LCI for proper membership totals for the District.

Bay Cliff Camp –Lion Kris Rowe

Lions Day is Saturday July 7th. Tours begin at 11:00 a.m., with lunch at 12:30 p.m., followed by a short presentation by teen campers. Please consider attending. RSVP by July 1, 2018. krisarowe@gmail.com or call Kris at 906-362-0202.

We are currently recruiting campers and staff for the summer. We are in need of a nurse, counselors and Speech, Occupational and Physical Therapists. Campers arrive June 16th.

We had two wonderful winter weekends with our adult Winter Blast weekend and kids Snow Days weekend. The campers love reuniting in a smaller group and enjoying the fire in the Big House.

To date, the total raised for 2018: \$1,235.50. Rapid River is planning a fundraiser May 2 to benefit Bay Cliff, and the Stevenson Club is charting a bus to attend Lions Day. Donations of socks were dispersed to campers last season. Thank you for your donations. If you would like a Bay Cliff presentation at your club please let us know.

Leader Dogs for the Blind –Lion Gretchen Preston

Thank you to PDG Gary Klop for your generosity and raising funds last evening by auctioning the opportunity to shave your head and beard! Lions Mike and Judy Dengate will present a breakout session this afternoon titled: "Beyond the Dogs". Summer Tours will be held this summer for 2nd VDG training, and details will be provided in today's breakout session, along with information on the Resident training, Home Delivery Program and the new, Train at Home program now offered.

Leader Dog tee-shirts are now available for order, and the cost is \$15.00.

LCIF –PDG Jerry Stephens

PDG Jerry reported that the District had a goal of raising \$9,500 for the year. To date, Lions have raised \$16,522.00.

PDG Jerry has been asked to serve another 3 year term as LCIF celebrates their 50th Anniversary with a new \$300 million campaign. Over three years, SD 10 is tasked with the goal of raising \$370,000.00. New club, new member and new personal donations have been outlined in a plan to assist in reaching this goal. When the amount is broken down over the three year period, each individual member would be asked to donate \$85/per year, for a grand total of \$255.00/year. More details will be made available as planning for this campaign is completed.

Eversight –Lion Bill Munsell

On Friday evening PDG Gary Klop held an impromptu fundraiser. The highest bidder was given the honor of shaving PDG Gary's beard and head, resulting in a \$7500.00 donation to be divided equally between Eversight and Leader Dogs for the Blind.

Buddy Day continues to be successful, thanks to the help of Lions. 4.7 million Drivers are now on the donor registry list. There is no waiting list for those in need of corneas, thanks to donors.

Global Service Team –IPDG Matt Doney

The GST position began July 1. The goal of the GST is to encourage clubs to report club service to LCI and to work on service projects within their communities. 3 out of 55 clubs have reported service through MyLCI. Lion Matt is happy to assist with anyone needing help in reporting.

The GST held a large group service project at the Michigan Forum. They stuffed 1,000 first aid kits with items donated by every district in the state, making this a state-wide Lions service project. The first aid kits were then donated to Special Olympics for use by coaches and volunteers during sporting events. Another group service project will take place at the MD 11 Lions Convention on Thursday, May 17, at Lions Bear Lake Camp. This project will benefit Lions Bear Lake Camp, a project of MD 11 and Bay Cliff Camp, a project of SD 10. 600 total back packs will be packed with items for campers and 300 bags each will be donated to Bear Lake and Bay Cliff. SD 10 will provide packets of Kleenex, and your club will be asked to donate toward the requested 600 packets.

IPDG Matt stated that all clubs need to elect a Service Chair to their Club. Governor Jim mentioned there will be a group Service Project at the USA/Canada Forum to address literacy. All are asked to bring a children's book to the Forum for this project.

Northwoods -Lion Lee Rowe

13 Clubs have donated to Northwoods. Ten pilots volunteer flight time, and the flight is free for patients in need of transportation for health care. This past year, 70 flights assisted in transporting patients.

Student Scholarships –Lion Jane Lanaville

Student scholarships are available to students with a physical disability. Four (4) \$750.00 scholarships are given out each year. Applications are sent to all schools, and the Scholarship Committee receives and reviews applications for consideration.

Project KidSight –Lion Rose Potvin

When planning a screening, contact a committee member to schedule a camera and to place your screening on the calendar. This information is posted on the website, as well. Lion Peggy Lindeman receives reports and files with LCI. A KidSight trailer is available for both tours and training today. 17 Clubs have donated to PKS this year, bringing the total donations to \$5,899.87. As a reminder, always use the most updated forms which are available on the SD 10 or Lions of Michigan Foundation website. New changes have been made to the form, and you need to have the most up-to-date forms available at screenings.

Trailer update: SD 10 will keep the trailer that is currently used throughout the District. In return, the District will make an \$11,000.00 donation to the Lions of Michigan Foundation. This donation is in part from a grant made possible through the May Mitchell Royal Foundation, specifically for the PKS trailer, with additional funds to be raised within the District.

USA/Canada Forum –PDG Jerry Stephens

This year's Forum will be held in Columbus, Ohio, September 20-22. Early Bird deadline is May 31 to receive a discounted registration rate. There will be over 80 seminars, outstanding keynote speakers, a large group service project and a Strides Walk, to name a few of the happenings at the Forum.

2018-2019 Nominations –PDG Jerry Stephens

Four positions are to be voted upon. Ballots will be handed out to Delegates for voting.

For the position of Lions of Michigan Foundation Trustee: PDG Duane Goltz

PDG Stephens received by the April 11 deadline, a letter of intent from PDG Goltz, and it has been determined he has met the qualification required to serve. PDG Stephens nominated to

the position of Trustee for the Lions of Michigan Foundation, PDG Goltz, 2nd by Lion Greg Wagner. Nominations were closed.

For the position of 2nd Vice District Governor, PDG Stephens placed for nomination Lion Joe Maki. Lion Maki serves as current Cabinet Secretary, is a member in good standing with the Gladstone Lions Club and qualified for the position of 2nd Vice District Governor. Nomination was supported by PDG Sara Doubledee. Lion Maki gave a short speech and the nominations were closed.

For the position of 1st Vice District Governor, PDG Stephens placed for nomination Lion Bruce LaBelle, currently serving the position of 2nd Vice District Governor. VDG Bruce held the position of Cabinet Treasurer and is a member in good standing with the Bark River Lions Club, and has met the requirements to run for 1st Vice District Governor. Nomination supported by Lion Gerry Christiaens. VDG LaBelle gave a short speech and the nominations were closed.

For the position of District Governor, PDG Stephens placed for nomination VDG Mike Kobasic, currently serving the position of 1st Vice District Governor. VDG Mike is a member in good standing with the Escanaba Lions Club, served as Mint Chair for 15 years, and has served the Lions of Michigan Foundation as Trustee. Lion Mike has met the requirements to run for the position of District Governor. VDG Kobasic gave a short speech and the nominations were closed. The nomination was supported by Lion Tom Brown.

The Elections Committee collected and counted ballots and reported results:

Elected to the position of Lions of Michigan Trustee – PDG Duane Goltz
Elected to the position of 2nd Vice District Governor – Lion Joe Maki
Elected to the position of 1st Vice District Governor – Lion Bruce LaBelle
Elected to the position of District Governor – Lion Mike Kobasic

MOTION: Wojakowski, Goltz, to destroy the ballots. Motion carried.

Governor Whalen congratulated the newly appointed candidates and wished them continued success.

New Business

Core 4 Grant: MD 11 Council of Governors approved the application for a state-wide Core 4 Grant for Diabetes. The goal is to raise \$200,000.00. District 11 E1 was recently approved for a Core 4 Grant and were highly successful in the program devised to use the money in a beneficial way. They created an impressive “model” that can be used and quickly put into action. The money received will be used for education and prevention. The committee is made up of the Sight/Diabetes Chair and members of the E1 Core 4 Grant committee. The committee is asking members of SD 10 to support the application for a Core 4 Grant, to be submitted to LCIF for final approval.

MOTION: Doubledee, Goltz, to support the statewide Core 4 Grant application to be submitted to LCI.

A question regarding what a Core 4 Grant entails was raised. This is a grant designed to educate, and money must be applied to Diabetes prevention and education. It was noted that future requests include a better description of what the grant is, so those not familiar are made aware.

A representative from SD 10 will be asked to serve on the grant committee. It was suggested the position be held by the 1st VDG and current Diabetes Chair, Lion Bruce LaBelle and Lion Jim Svinicki.

MOTION: Lions Munsell, K. Rowe, to appoint 1st VDG-Elect LaBelle and Lion Jim Svinicki to the Core 4 Grant committee. Motion carried.

VDG Bruce LaBelle noted new areas of service are Pediatric Cancer and a committee will need to be appointed.

Convention Bids

The 2019 Convention will be held in Marquette, at NMU. This will be a celebration of 100 years, and the theme is Roaring 20's, with a Speak-Easy and Honky-Tonk theme. Come dressed for success!

The 2020 Convention site is undetermined. PDG Jerry Stephens suggested the eastern side of the state as a venue, and offered the Sault Ste. Marie Lions Club as host and to research a location.

MOTION: Lanaville, Goltz, to appoint the Sault Ste. Marie Lions Club as host of the 2020 SD 10 Convention. Motion carried.

MOTION: Rowe, LaBelle, to appoint Stevenson Lions Club to host the 2021 SD 10 Convention at the Island Resort Casino, Harris. Motion carried.

\$131.25 was collected in Tail Twister fines, with a motion by Lion Kris Rowe, support by IPDG Matt Doney, to donate the money to Teaching Family Homes. Motion carried.

MOTION: Lanaville, Wojakowski, to adjourn the 2017-2018 Business Session of the SD 10 Convention. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by: Lion Wendy Burns, Executive Director



SATURDAY AWARDS LUNCHEON

Lion Brett Way, President, Wells Lions Club, welcomed attendees on behalf of the Wells Lions Club and made introductions of Lions and guest assisting with the Convention this year. Governor Jim Whalen introduced guest speaker, Matt Jensen, Wells Township Supervisor.

Mr. Jensen thanked Lions for their service in the community and for making an impact throughout the U.P.

AWARDS

District Governor Whalen had the help and support of many during his year as Governor. Awards, appreciation and recognition were a small way of giving back and expressing his great honor of serving the Lions of S.D. 10.

100% Club Secretary Awards were presented to many qualifying clubs. Sault Ste. Marie Lions Club sponsored the winning Peace Poster.

Governors Awards were presented to Cabinet Treasurer Scott Kwarciany and Cabinet Secretary Joe Maki for their dedicated work this past year.

PCC Sara Doubledee received an Appreciation Award on behalf of the PDG Association for her many years of service.

Leo Dillan was presented with the International President's Certificate of Appreciation

Members of the Leo Club presented Lion Gary Lunderman.

Five (5) new members from the Stephenson Lions Club were installed during the convention by ID Nic Xunopoulos.

The luncheon closed with remarks by ID Nickolas Xinopoulos who addressed those assembled, recognizing the generous spirit of the Lions of SD 10 and the wonderful work they are doing. He expressed enthusiasm for the great weekend ahead and getting to know more about the group. Attendees were released and encouraged to attend the breakout sessions, with a reminder of the International Director Meet and Greet at 5:30, followed by the Governors Banquet at 6:00 p.m.



BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Several workshops were presented on Saturday afternoon. A Leader Dog presentation was conducted by Lion Gretchen Preston; LCIF by PDG Jerry Stephens; Project KidSight by Lions Peggy Lindeman and Rose Potvin; Secretary Training by Lion Joe Maki; Treasurer Training by Lion Scott Kwarciany and a presentation by the Global Action Team: Leadership, Membership and Service, led by PDGs Tom Lanaville, Bill Rowe and Matt Doney.



GOVERNORS BANQUET

International Director Nickolas Xinopoulos was the featured guest speaker for the evening. ID Nickolas Xinopoulos was selected to serve a two-year term last year at the LCI Convention in Chicago. ID Nic is a retired manager for an aircraft engine manufacturer. A member of the Brownsburg Lions Club since 1990, he has held many offices within the association, including club president, Leo club advisor, zone chairperson and District Governor. He also served on the district GMT extension team.

Director Nic recalled a time when Lions helped him as a young boy with eyeglasses. When he became a Lion later in life, he never dreamed a young boy from Greece would move to the U.S. and become International Director of the largest service club in the world. His work over the years has been rewarding and he has been grateful for the opportunity to serve.

The banquet concluded with presentations by Governor Whalen to the following Lions:

The District's highest recognition, the Ralph Sheehan Award, was presented to PDG Robert Backlund.

Lion Bill Munsell was awarded the District Lion of the Year Award.

The LCI Leadership Award was presented to PDG William Rowe.

LCI Humanitarian Award was presented to PDG Bob St. Peter

A Progressive Melvin Jones Award was presented to Lion Don Machalk

A Progressive Melvin Jones Award was presented to PDG Ruth Snyder

A Melvin Jones Award was presented to Nicole Brown

International President Certificate of Appreciation Awards presented to Lion Dayna King and Lion Craig Krouth.

PDGs Jerry Stephens and Don Wojakowski received International President's Certificates of Appreciation for their work with Diabetes Run around Lake Superior and Guiding Lion work.

The Wells Lions Club Convention Committee was recognized and thanked for all of their hard work and detailed planning for this year's successful convention.



NECROLOGY & BRUNCH

Sunday, April 22, 2018

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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.

“Snaggletooth”, the convention's Traveling Trophy was claimed by the Stephenson Lions Club and 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 Wells Lion Club, who planned and hosted the convention.

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

