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## Calendar of Events

- Mar 21, 2009 Pancake Breakfast  
Drummond Island Lions
- Apr 5, 2009 Scholarship Breakfast  
Bark River Senior Center  
Bark River Lions Club
- Apr 25, 2009 SD10 Lions Annual Bowl Tour  
Bowl-A-Rama Escanaba  
Bark River Lions Club
- Apr 30 - May 3, 2009 SD-10 Lions Convention  
Drummond Island, MI
- May 15-16, 2009 MD 11 Convention  
Holiday Inn South  
Lansing, Michigan
- Jun 26-27, 2008 Annual Flea Market Days  
Bark River International Raceway  
Bark River, MI  
Heart of the North Lions Club
- Jul 6-10, 2009 Lions International Convention  
Minneapolis, MN
- Jul 10-12, 2009 &  
Aug 7 - 9, 2009 WSORR Off-Road Races  
Bark River International Raceway  
Bark River, MI
- Jul 18, 2009 Rock Mud Drags  
Rock Lions Club
- Sep 23-25, 2009 USA/Canada Forum  
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- Nov 13-15, 2009 MIlions Leadership Institute  
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## District Governor's Comments

By DG Robert Miller



The District Convention will soon be here and it is time to get your reservations in. Also we will be electing a second Vice District Governor this year. It is time to start thinking about stepping up and being involved at District level. The qualifications for Vice District Governor are:

- Must have been a club president for a full term or a major portion thereof.
- Must have been on the club board of directors for at least two years.
- Must have been a Zone chairperson, or Cabinet secretary or Cabinet treasurer.
- Must be endorsed by your club.
- The qualification for Zone chairperson must have been a club president.

Send your letter of nomination to Lion Gordon Snyder P.O. Box 400 Munising, Mi. 49862-0400. Nominations must be received 30 days before the District Convention. Time is running out. In addition to electing the Governor and Vice Governors we will also elect a trustee for the Lions of Michigan Service Foundation for a two year term.

Membership is still an issue. We keep getting new members, but we still keep having members drop out. Membership should be one of our biggest concerns.

As we are soon approaching a new year in Lionism the sagging economy presents a greater challenge to Lions to make the best use of the funds we generate. The need for help will increase and our ability to meet these needs will be one of our biggest challenges in the New Year. Many clubs are finding that we are working harder at our projects and bringing in less to show for our work. We must remember that it is our community that supports our fund raising efforts and we must not forget our community when help is needed. As Governor, I am supposed to remind you of our District, State and International projects. However if we don't support our community they won't support us. So in the challenging economic times we are facing we must be good stewards of the funds we have and get the best bang for our bucks.

Secretaries send your reports on time every time. We still have several clubs in the District that are lacking in sending

reports on time. This makes more work for the Governor, Vice Governor and Cabinet Secretary and Cabinet Treasurer. Sending reports every six months is not an option even though you send six at a time. Also it is time for the PU 101's to be sent in. Elections are only a month away. Get these forms in as soon as your club holds the election of officers for the New Year. We need them at District and International needs them so that roster books can get out on time.

Treasurers pay the bills on time. We still have a number of clubs that are behind on bills to District and International. Part of being good stewards is to pay bills on time.

**Project KidSight:** Clubs have you scheduled screening yet? If not why not. The sight that you save may be your grandchild's. Hasn't had training or access to a camera? If not that is your own fault. Call the Governor or KidSight chairperson Jenny Ware and we will get a camera and training to you.

Convention time will be here soon. Have you sent in your registration yet? Time is running out.

**Bay Cliff:** Don't forget Lions day at Bay Cliff this year. We can and must have a better showing than last year. We are also still a long way from meeting our commitment to the Shady Nook project.

Remember Vice Governor Don is working on the District cabinet for next year. Let him know that you can and will do to help. We need to get more Lions involved at District level. This is where our future District leaders come from. Our current District leaders are getting old. We need new and younger leaders (with unlimited energy).

Remember, working alone, you just get tired out. Working together we get the job done. See you at the convention on Drummond Island May 1-3 and at the International convention in Minneapolis, Minnesota July 6-10 supporting Lion Sarah for International Director.



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## **Busy Schedule & Wrapping-Up Remaining Clubs to Visit**

By Don Wojakowski SD10VDG

Spring is closer than we think, and my term as your Vice District Governor is more than half way through. I am enjoying visiting the clubs in my districts and have met many wonderful and dedicated people who are assets to the Lions Club. Teamwork is so vitally important when it comes to fund raisers, especially when everyone pitches in and does their share of the work. This teamwork is also good public relations for our clubs, as you never know when it might inspire new recruits.

Lion Jim Decremer wants to put on a school for newly elected officers, President, Secretary and Treasurer. Jim wants to have three locations for the schools: one in the eastern third of the U.P., one in the central part of the U.P., and one in the western part of the U.P. He needs help to find locations for putting on classes for training. Lions International will pay fifty dollars for each officer to attend these schools.

P.U. 101's reports have to be made out to our district treasurer, Bruce LaBelle. The 101's have to be made out every year, even if the same officers stay in place and in the same position. Some clubs are under the assumption that if the same officers stay in place, they do not have to make out new 101's every year. This is simply not true.

A reminder to all clubs that the second half dues bills have been sent out. There are still nine clubs that have not paid their membership dues yet. I am asking all clubs to insure that these bills are paid as soon as possible.

I have only received twenty nine Monthly Membership Reports, out of the total count of sixty district clubs which leaves me short by thirty one Monthly Membership Reports. If the Governor and Treasurer are getting the same results as I am, it's no wonder there is such a discrepancy in our census membership count. There are clubs that are over six months behind in their M.M.Rs. This type of reporting creates problems for the International and District Treasurers. The Treasurer can only bill on the number of members being listed in the M.M.Rs. When the reports are in arrears, it is not a true membership count.

Kevin Ross of the Midwest Eye Bank is going to visit our area again. I hope he has the same good results as he did when he was last here last in August 2008.

As Vice District Governor, I was privileged to present the Melvin Jones award to Lion Don Machalk at the Stephenson Lions Club, February 9, 2009. Don has contributed many hours of volunteer time to numerous club projects. He exemplifies a true, "We Serve" Lions attitude.

On January 26, I spent half a day at the LCIF headquarters in Oak Brook, Illinois. I met with various department heads and was fortunate enough to bump into International President Al Brandel. He remembered SD10 receiving the award for having the highest percentage of Lions members present from a single district at the Saskatoon, USA/Canadian forum.

Sarah Doubledee, our candidate for the International Director, went up to the podium to receive the award.

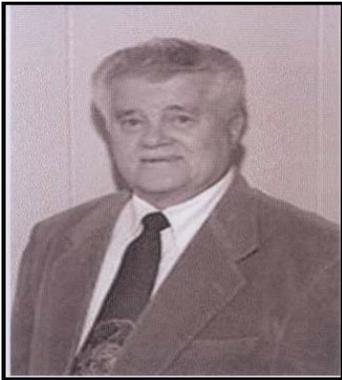
We have lost a significant number of members in our district for various reasons. Slowly, we are regaining new members, but as of yet, we are not up to the numbers where we once were. This will take more effort by the current membership to achieve. Growth is possible, but it takes each and every one of us to be that positive person to speak loudly & confidently about the wonderful things that we Lions do. If we get excited about our role, then it will become contagious to perspective members!

In our district we have a hearing aid program in place and we are working with a couple right now who are both going through the program. Lion Bob St. Peter, is the chair person of this program. If any Lions members know of any body who is in need of hearing aids, let Bob know. The interested parties will have to meet the financial criteria to be eligible for this program. We have a doctor of audiology that is handling the hearing tests in the area.

Also, on the subject of incorporation program, if anyone has any questions we now have a phone number available...1 (866) 331-2303 and a email address too: lionsclub@woltersklwer.com. This is approved by LCI Legal Division.

## CRACKS From The Whip

By PDG Bill Whippen



Sometimes writing “Cracks” is so easy. The words just flow onto the computer without much conscious effort. Other times I just sit and stare and it takes a major effort or a boot from Editor Bruce, to get going. I do not understand it but I do accept it. Procrastination? Laziness? Just me, I guess.

I think I have always been a “last-minute Charlie.” One memorable example, which Janet has never forgotten, I am sure, came 55 years ago. I had a major term paper to research and write. We lived in Toledo at the time. I brought all the books and papers with us in the back seat of the car to Munising – where we were to spend Christmas – so I could write it. It goes without saying that I never got around to it during the holidays. We drove back to Toledo, arrived at about 6 PM and I sat down to write the paper, which was due the next morning. Janet was my typist. I was writing furiously, footnotes and all, when the electricity failed (all over the city). We found candles and a kerosene lamp and, under the worst possible writing conditions, finished the paper – AT 2 AM. Janet had to get up at five and I had my class at eight. Things were very quiet around our house for a while and Janet has not typed a thing for me since that time. She “strongly” suggested I take a typing course.

Not everyone is that bad, but I am sure we all put things off - occasionally. We do it as human individuals and, as human leaders, the Lions clubs and entities (committees, Zone, whatever) we are responsible for do also. That is what makes us human. It also produces, ultimately, organization failure – whether on a club or District level.

We put off difficult decisions because they are unpleasant, or will hurt someone’s feelings, or will cause problems within the group, or we are not sure what to do but are afraid to let anyone know that so do not ask for advice, or for a multitude of reasons.

Suppose we no longer want to perform on a committee but do not want to refuse the Governor or President. We then procrastinate and/or do not do the job. The

organization suffers. Suppose we accept a job, cannot do it but are afraid admit that and just continue in the position without performing. The organization suffers.

This is where LEADERSHIP must LEAD. The job requires making the tough decisions. No one can make them for you. It is your responsibility. Attendance poor? Find out why and fix it. Need money for projects? Raise it. Need more members? Get them (bring them in yourself, if need be).

Making decisions requires a conscious effort to do so and follow-through. Once made and done we feel much better – about life and ourselves in general.

Years ago, when doing Leadership training for the District, I used this as an example of the wrong kind of Leadership: “During the French Revolution, Robespierre looked out the palace window and said, “There goes the mob. I am their leader. I must follow them.”

That’s “followership” – not Leadership. It is what has been wrong for many years. Making a decision is not easy. It is the job. The trick comes in trying to make sure it is one that works. Being right is a matter for history and hindsight. Do not worry – the decision was made.

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### Heart of the North Lions Bowling Team Wins \$1000

By Mickey Wiecech

When the challenge was presented, members came forward to bowl for a worth while cause. For the first annual Charity Bowling League held at Bowl A Rama in Escanaba, both the Bark River Lions Club and the Heart of the North Lions Club stepped forward. Keeping in mind, that most of the “Heart” team of 4 have not bowled in over 20 years and even at that never great. But with our higher handicaps and the encouragement of our top bowler Lion, Judy Sundquist and club members, we took 2<sup>nd</sup> place after a 12 week schedule. (The guys also won money, but we won’t mention the team placement). We beat the guys who are really great bowlers; the advantage was definitely for novices Lion Pat VanEnkevort & Lion Mickey Wiecech. We also had the help of Pat’s daughters Angela Wandahsega & Nicole Dutton. Just goes to show being driven for a cause, like our Lions can be fun as well as rewarding.

## From the Bylaws Committee

Any changes to the Bylaws initiated by Lions International are added automatically to our Bylaws because District 10 adopted the Standard District Constitution from Lions International and they upgrade it each time changes are adopted at the International Convention. A copy can be downloaded from the District 10 website or the Lions International website.

We do not vote on those changes since the approval is done at the International Convention by those delegates. We merely present them at our convention for your information. If we have a District change, which is specific to us, and not an International issue, we will have to present it to the SD-10 Convention for consideration and vote. If, approved, it will be added as an appendix to the written copy and posted on our website for downloading.

Not everyone shares the same enthusiasm for Bylaws as those of us on the Bylaws committee (Lions PCC Sara, Bernadette Haeusler and myself). That is unfortunate. In my opinion, lack of knowledge by the membership of our Constitution, whether International, District 10 or our individual club, not to mention the Constitution of the United States, can only lead to problems and misunderstandings. The Constitution and Bylaws of any organization are the rules for operation. They are the historical reference point, along with the amendments, that keep us together and on track. When we depart from these reference points (rules for operation), either through ignorance or convenience, without knowing or caring that we have done so, and fail to correct ourselves, we will get lost and, ultimately, lose part of our identity as Lions or citizens

This is not to suggest that we all need to be experts. It **IS** necessary that we have read them and have a basic understanding of where to find specific information. We can then use the document as a reference. That is what the Bylaws Committee has to do. We have not memorized it - just read it many times.

With the above in mind, it is important to remind you, in addition to the letter from the Nominations Committee that Lion Chair Duke Snyder will be sending to your club Secretary, that we will have **two (2) Vice District Governor positions to fill at the Convention** – one for First Vice District Governor and one for Second Vice District Governor.

A strong District results from well-trained and experienced officers. The new position of Second Vice District Governor, if properly utilized can only give us that needed experience because of that one additional year of SERVICE on the District Cabinet.

It is important that, as Lions, we remember that WE SERVE. It is equally important, perhaps vital, that we remember that we must also SERVE ourselves with SERVICE on the club and District level. It is comfortable for us to sit back and let others take positions of leadership but it is counterproductive. One of the problems that have led to our decline in membership and quality of SERVICE, as I see it, is that clubs have too few people doing the necessary jobs. When positions are recycled, Lions clubs lose potential innovation. The same old tired people bring the same old tired ideas and the same old tired performance.

When no one steps up to take a project chair then “Old Joe” or Old Sue” will – not because they want to - but because they are afraid that, if they don’t, then the club, or project, will fail since no one will step up to do it. It does not occur to the “comfortable” ones that the “reluctant volunteer” will eventually burn out. It does not occur to them that THEY are, or will be, responsible for the eventual collapse.

If it “takes a village” to produce good citizenry, as Confucius taught, that does not mean just some members of the village. It means everyone in it.

Please consider running for one of the two positions. If you want the extra year of experience, before becoming Governor, go for Second VDG. Run for Zone Chair. Ask to be on a committee. You are a part of the term “everyone.”



## United States Tax Laws

Lions clubs and districts are required to file tax forms in accordance with the United States tax laws. Information and filing requirements as well as instructions are available on the Lions Clubs International website at [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org) (click “Resources”, “Forms”, “Legal”). You will find: detailed information concerning the requirements for filing Form 990, 990-N (E-Postcard), 990-EZ; a sample Form 990-EZ, with explanations; a blank Form 990-EZ; guidelines for disclosures regarding non-deductibility of contributions or gifts to Lions districts and clubs; and a summary of provisions concerning possible tax liability for Unrelated Business Income Tax (UBIT). Additional information concerning United States tax laws may be obtained from the IRS website at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov). Please review this information at your earliest convenience.

## Greetings from IPDG Duane Goltz



90 years of history in the UP!

We celebrate 90 years this year of Lionism in the UP. The Marquette club is 90 years old. Along with that we need to celebrate that we have a candidate from our own SD 10 district, Sara Doubledee for International Director. Sara

is from the Marquette club and has a long resume of qualifications for this very important position. The voting will be at the International Convention which will be held in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The convention is in July. Check the web or your International Lions Magazine for details.

### **SD 10 Convention:**

Great plans have been made. We will start on Thursday night with plans to go to the bowling alley for bowling (shoes and ball provided), pop and pizza. Mixed drinks are available on your own. This can be a fun time to just visit too. You will enjoy this nice atmosphere.

Friday: If the weather permits we can golf 9 holes at the Rock for \$40.00 each with cart included. Plan on about 8:00am. Might want to bring your own clubs!! There will be a PDG Governors luncheon at the pins. This will be at 11:30am. Order off the menu and you are responsible for your own meal. 1:00pm-4:00pm will be a cabinet meeting at the Drummond Township Hall. Registration Desk will be open from 12:00-8:00pm at the Drummond Township Hall. The Mix and Meet will start at 5:00pm-10:30pm. You will have dinner and entertainment and there will be a cash bar available, silent auction followed by a live auction. The Hospitality Room will open in the Loft of the Lodge at 10:30 until?????? (I guess some one closes it)

Saturday: Breakfast will be on your own at several available locations. Check the ads in your convention booklet. Registration desk will be open from 7:00am-9:00am at the Township Hall. The Business meeting will be at the Township Hall from 9:00-am-11:30. Joint Awards and Partners Luncheon will be at 12:00 at the conference center (located behind the golf barn and the sports center). A guest speaker will be author Jill Brumwell (who grew up on Drummond Island). She will give a quick overall of growing up on Drummond and Island History. She will have her books available to buy also. Break out and training will be back at the Township Hall from 2:00-4:00pm and then a time to relax before the

Governor's Banquet. Ladies this is a time you can go shopping as well as I'm sure you will find some other times. Check your booklet for interesting places to go. The Governor's Banquet will start at 6:00pm with the parade of Banners at 6:30pm and dinner to follow and the International Director speaking after dinner. The Hospitality Room will open at 10:30 until it closes.

Sunday: PDG Association Meeting with coffee and rolls at 8:00am in the Lodge Loft. Then we go to the conference center for the Necrology Service at 9:00am and Brunch served at 10:00am.

If you are in need of reservations you can call the Drummond Island Tourist Association and ask for literature as to places to stay and things to do. They will not make reservations for you. Only information. 906-493-5245. We are looking forward to seeing you here.

**Lions of Michigan Foundation:** As trustee of the Lions of Michigan Service Foundation I am asking each club to look at the tickets sales and mint sales. This is what gives us the money to give back to hearing aids and glaucoma operations within our district and state. As of January 31, this year over \$41,000.00 has been given out. Let's support them in donations, sales of tickets and mint sales.

**International Convention:** The International Convention is July 6-10 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. It is so close and it would be great for you to take this opportunity to go if you have never gone to and International Convention. We also want to show support for Sara Doubledee. She is running for International Director. This is really a special opportunity to have someone from the UP as a candidate.

Along with this we think of our Lions of Michigan All State Band. They will be playing in Gladstone at the 4<sup>th</sup> of July festivities. They will be playing for the opening of the Lions convention and will be marching in the International Parade. They also will be playing the National Anthem at the Minnesota Twins and New York Yankees baseball game on the 8<sup>th</sup> of July.

If you can support this organization or any students you know going you can send money to LMASB Charities, 5730 Executive Drive, Lansing, MI 48911. Be sure to put the students name in the memo if you are sending in support of a student. We have 4 girls going this year from the UP. There are two from Gladstone and two from Escanaba. We also have 2 of our grandsons going. They are from Tri County Schools, Howard City, MI. This is a wonderful opportunity for these young people.

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PREPAID REGISTRATION – Must Be Postmarked by March 30, 2009. After that date there will be an additional \$5.00/person late registration charge.

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- ❖ Fri Evening: Mix and Meet (Auction, etc.). \_\_\_\_\_ X \$15.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- ❖ Sat Afternoon: Joint Awards & Partners Luncheon Buffet. \_\_\_\_\_ X \$15.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- ❖ Sat Evening: Governor's Banquet \_\_\_\_\_ X \$25.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Richard Johnsen Memorial

By Willie LaMarche

The Wells Lions Club sponsored the second annual Richard Johnsen Memorial Hockey Tournament on January 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. The tournament was held at the Wells Sports Complex which PDG Richard Johnsen was instrumental in building and maintenance of. Dropping the opening puck was Dick's wife Marge.



Pictured from left to right is Doug Beattie (Escanaba Eskymos), Marge Johnsen, Dave Wilson (Escanaba Athletic Director), and Tim Obradovich (Kingsford Flivvers)

## Lions on Ice



The Manistique Lakes Lions Club hot Chocolate fundraiser was held during the Curtis Winter Carnival on South Manistique Lake February 14. Pictured left/right: Lions Bart Spratto, Armand Buszko, and Mary Spratto.



District Governor Robert Miller, center, and his wife Mary visited the Rock Lions at their regular meeting in January. Rock Lions president, Jerry Maki, on the right, welcomed them to the Club.



The Rock Lions and volunteers made more than 1000 links of potato sausage at Rainbow Packing in Escanaba. The sausage is sold as a fundraiser for the Club.



The Manistique Lakes Lions Club kicked off 2009 with the addition of two new members. Rich & Cindy Oliver are pictured with their sponsor, Lion Nancy Seegert (center). This puts the clubs current membership at 54.





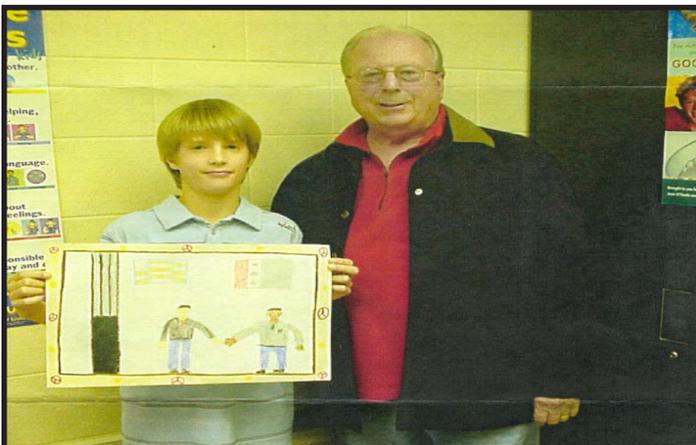
## Ottawa Lions Celebrate 40th Anniversary

By Leslie McBean

This past December, the Ottawa Lions Club, of Bruce Crossing, celebrated their 40th anniversary. Approximately 25 people attended, and enjoyed a spaghetti dinner, followed by a slide presentation given by Dean Juntunen. Guest included District Governor Robert Miller, and his wife Mary, Zone Chairman Ed Vinoski, and his wife Dooley, Bessemer Lions Club President Margaret Boline, among other invited guest, and Ottawa Lions Club members.

Pictured above are, from left to right: Ed Vinoski-Zone Chairman, Art Juntunen-40 year Charter member, District Gov. Robert Miller, and Reino Alanen-50 year Lions Club member. Lion Juntunen, and Lion Alanen, received their 40 year and 50 year (respectively) Certificate of Recognition, presented to them by Ottawa Lions Club president Leslie McBean

## Powers-Spaldings Lions Accounce Local Peace Poster Winner



2008 Peace Poster contest winner, Brandon Dombrowski, with Lion Clemet Veeseer (Right) of the Powers-Spalding Lions Club.

The Chassell Lions Club donated \$1000 to the Chassell First Responders to allow purchase of some much needed special equipment. Shown below is Lion Board Member Todd VanKleck (right) presenting the check to First Responder, Fire Chief John Routsis. In addition to the above contribution in the past two months the club has contributed over \$2300 to causes including Michigan Eye Bank, Leader Dogs for the Blind, Air LifeLine, Bay Cliff, LBFE Medical Transport Program, and Holiday Gift Certificates.



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## The Lions Affordable Hearing Aid Project

United States Lions are providing high-quality, low-cost hearing aids to hearing-impaired people of limited income through the Lions Affordable Hearing Aid Project (Lions AHAP). Currently Lions AHAP is offering for sale two hearing aids to Lions clubs and Lions hearing programs through a partnership with Rexton, Inc., a hearing aid manufacturer in Plymouth, Minnesota.

There are two affordable hearing aids. The Targa 3P hearing aid is for people with mild to moderate hearing loss, and is a digital hearing aid worn behind-the-ear. The Targa 3HP hearing aid is for people with severe to profound hearing loss and is also a digital hearing aid worn behind-the-ear. Each hearing aid costs \$200 plus shipping which does not include the provision of hearing tests, hearing aid fittings and ear molds. Lions have purchased 590 Rexton hearing aids.

Lions clubs initiate assistance by deciding an individual's eligibility based on income criteria. A partnership with a hearing care professional is necessary to fulfill the request. The hearing care professional conducts the hearing tests and orders the ear molds. The Lions order the hearing aids from Lions AHAP and the hearing aids are shipped to the hearing care professional, who programs them for the recipient and provides follow-up care.

Lions clubs interested in the program often struggle to pay for the hearing tests, hearing aid fittings, and follow-up visits. To address this we are pleased to announce HearUSA, in a partnership with Lions AHAP, is now providing hearing aid services at a significantly reduced rate to Lions clubs in ten states.

Thanks to this partnership, Lions clubs can access a complete, unilateral hearing aid solution for \$603 (\$218 for one hearing aid, \$350 for fitting and \$35 for the ear mold). This represents a 69% savings of the average \$2,000 cost one would expect to pay.

HearUSA is a comprehensive hearing care company with 170 company owned centers in ten states: California, Florida, Massachusetts, Michigan, Missouri, North Carolina, New Jersey, New York, Ohio and Pennsylvania. For the addresses and phone numbers of specific HearUSA (and HearX) centers, go to [www.hearusa.com](http://www.hearusa.com) and select "Locate a Center."

For more information contact Lions AHAP at [LionsAHAP@lionsclubs.org](mailto:LionsAHAP@lionsclubs.org) or call Deb Stamm, Program Coordinator, at 630-468-6771.

## UP LIONS BOWLING TOURNAMENT

By Bruce LaBelle

The Bark River Lions Clubs will host the annual Upper Peninsula Lions Bowling tournament on April 25, 2009 at the Bowl-A-Rama in Escanaba, Michigan beginning at 1 P.M. E.S.T.

All sorts of fun things are being planned; 50/50 raffles, Turkey shootout and snacks will be provided. The host Lions Clubs is asking each Lion Club to bring a gift for the raffle. All the proceeds will to donate to Lions Projects.

You do not have to be good to play. The event is just a time to gather with your fellow Lions members and socialize as well as generate a little money for charity. The event is open to all Lions and the spouses. We are encouraging all Lions Clubs to participate, even with only one SINGLE bowler. We can put a Team together with other singles. Just contact Lion Brian Adams (906) 466-9961 or (906) 466-2723 for additional information or let them know that you will be attending. The entry close date will not apply do to the timing of this years event and the publishing of the information. Just fill out the enclosed Registration Form and bring it along. See you here in Escanaba!



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9 Pin No-Tap Bowling Format

Host: Bark River Lions Clubs

Date: Saturday, April 25, 2009

Time: 1:00 P.M. Eastern Standard Time

## **Bowl-A-Rama**

Where: Bowl-A-Rama 2510 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue North Escanaba, Michigan

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### **OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM**

EVENTS: 5-Member Teams and Singles (See Notes) Event open to all Lions and spouses.

TEAM: \_\_\_\_\_ CAPTAIN: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

TEAM:	*Avg	Fee	SINGLES (Optional See Note)	Fee
1. _____,	_____	\$12.00	_____	\$4.00
2. _____,	_____	\$12.00	_____	\$4.00
3. _____,	_____	\$12.00	_____	\$4.00
4. _____,	_____	\$12.00	_____	\$4.00
5. _____,	_____	\$12.00	_____	\$4.00
Sub _____,	_____		Total Singles (optional)	\$ _____
<b>Total Team:</b>		\$60.00		

Note: Your score from the team event will be your Single Score!

SINGLES (Non Team Members)	*Avg	Fee
1. _____,	_____	\$12.00
2. _____,	_____	\$12.00
3. _____,	_____	\$12.00
4. _____,	_____	\$12.00
Total Singles:		\$ _____

Per person per team member, or  
Per singles non team member.

### **FEE STRUCTURE:**

Bowling Fee:	\$7.00
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Exp. Fee:	\$1.00
Total Fee:	\$12.00

\* For Average: use 2007/2008 season average  
Without established average: **Men 150, Women 130**  
Handicap: 90% of the difference between 200 and average.

100% of Prize fee will be returned, 1<sup>st</sup> (50%), 2<sup>nd</sup> (30%), and 3<sup>rd</sup> (20%) places. For the rest of you a pat on the back!

I certify that the above Lions and spouses are in good standing in the Single District 10 and the above averages are correct:

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ENTRY CLOSE: April 23, 2009

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Club Secretary or King Lion

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Lion Bruce LaBelle

Work: (906) 466-9961 or Home: (906) 466-2723  
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## Membership Increase

By PDG Harold Schermer

In these times of decreasing membership the Wells Lions Club has welcomed fourteen (14) new members in the past six months. Under the leadership of Past President Steve Lieburn and President Matt Reeves, the board and its club members have done a job well done.

Congratulations! Few Lions clubs in the District can claim such a large membership increase. The Wells Lions Club currently has 63 members and continues to grow.

The potential new members were invited to come to a Lions meeting to check out what the organization was all about, saw what a great organization the Lions was and promptly joined. The Wells Lions support many great needs in the local community and it takes a lot of hard work of its members to raise the money needed to support all of the worthwhile causes. The new members saw what a good time everyone was having while working on the various fundraisers and observed that is what keeps them as Lions. The more members that a Lion Club has, the more that a Club can accomplish without having to over burden the membership and burn them out. Membership is the key to any organization and in essential to the success and further of the organization.

The motto "We Serve" is what the Lions are all about and this Lions Club has also put a lot of fun into their meetings resulting in a large turnout of membership at each meeting to the point of breaking at the seams. If the meetings and fundraisers continue to be fun along with the work, new members will continue to come. Keep up all of the good work Wells Lions.

Pictured below is Past President Steve Lieburn (left) and President Matt Reeves (Right) of the Wells Lions Club.



## Northwood's Air Lifeline

### Service with a Heart

By PDG George Kelly

In the October 2008 issue of the Lions International Magazine, NWALL was represented by a two page article however a few mistakes was made from what was submitted. For example, they referred to NWALL as Northwood's Airline; otherwise the article was well received.

Six (6) missions were completed in December, two (2) in one fight, two (2) other fights were cancelled and five (5) requests could not be fulfilled. The most unusual request was to bring a patient to and from Haiti. NWALL chief pilot and scheduling pilot had 17 requests to sort though in December which kept him quite busy. Bruce and I would like to thank the pilots and the many volunteers that helped NWALL through another year of service from all of our personal contributors, the Lions service organization and Range Communications for the outstanding job they do. We went though a difficult year with the price of fuel making Bruce selective on the "need" of the flights NWALL did service. It was a heck of a ride in 2008.

To answer to questions in regards to the cost of fuel for a particular mission; a flight from Iron Mountain to Sault Saint Marie to pick up a patient then transport the patient to the Cleveland Heart Center and return cost approximately \$1,000 in fuel at no expense to the patient.

I will be sending out letters in the near future to the Lions and Lioness Clubs of Single District 10 as well as other supporters of NWALL again asking for their continued support for the fuel costs of the missions. I know that you have many requests for your support and we greatly appreciate the help that you provided NWALL in the past and hope that you continue to support this project.

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## Bay Cliff Health Camp Update

By Bill Rowe and Kris Rowe

Bay Cliff had their Open House on January 2nd, 2009. It was well attended by former campers, former staff, current staff, volunteers, and friends of Bay Cliff. The Big House was decorated beautifully for Christmas. A fire was burning in the fire place and you could sit in a rocking chair to enjoy it. Good food and fellowship was had by all.

Saturday, June 27th, 2009, is Lions' Day at Bay Cliff! Please consider attending this summer. Please encourage your club members to attend. It truly is a life-changing experience. Please make this a priority. Car pool and head up to Big Bay. Call neighboring clubs and see who else is going and car pool with them as well. See what amazing things your monies are helping accomplish. You will get a tour of camp and get to eat with the campers and see a presentation by the campers. It is an experience well worth the drive.

The Discovering Show on TV6 did a very nice segment on the Adult Winter Blast at Bay Cliff. This is a weekend winter camp for adults with handicaps with an all-volunteer staff. The campers enjoyed ice fishing and other activities. It was very well done. There is a link to it at the Bay Cliff, website [www.baycliff.org](http://www.baycliff.org).

Lions Clubs have donated \$108,598.50 to date for the Shady Nook Capital Campaign towards the pledged amount of \$400,000. \$120,213.50 has been donated total between Lions clubs and Lions member individual donations.

From January 2008 to January 2009, \$20,796 has been donated for the Operations budget. Remember to designate your checks to either the Shady Nook or Operations budgets. Checks can be mailed to Kris Rowe, 1216 High St. Apt. #1, Marquette, MI 49855 or directly to Bay Cliff at Bay Cliff Health Camp P.O. Box 310 Big Bay, MI 49808

Thank you for your continued support of Bay Cliff Health Camp and the many children with disabilities that benefit from it.



## Manistique Lakes Lions

The 15th annual Curtis Winter Carnival was held Saturday Feb 14. 1500 entry buttons were sold for the one day event on South Manistique Lake. It was a perfect day with temperature in the mid-20s.

Revelers enjoyed food booths, including a Chili Cook-off, Lions Hot Chocolate station, Bake and pastry sale. Entertainment included adult and kids games, free hot air balloon rides for children, and fishing for Rainbow Trout. The day ended with the kids swinging at a giant fish piñata filled with goodies, and a spectacular evening fire works display.





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## Rapid River Lions' Benefit A Roaring Success

By Jillian Jamison, Daily Press

The Rapid River Lions Club hosted its annual Bay Cliff Health Camp fund-raising event Jan. 8 at the Rapid River Lions Club. With attendance in excess of 200 people and proceeds totaling \$7,224, the event, like the camp itself, truly was a place “where dreams come true.”

More than 180 children with disabilities attend Bay Cliff Health Camp each summer. In response to the need for funding, the Rapid River Lions Club hosts the fund-raiser each year, which includes a social hour, dinner, silent and live auctions, raffles and a program. All proceeds benefit Bay Cliff.

Four Bay Cliff campers were on hand to further illuminate the event, which was already veritably aglow with the pride of volunteers, the goodness of donors and auction bidders, and the bright smiles of camp staff and event organizers.

Bay Cliff Health Camp Director Tim Bennett, asked what the best part of the evening was, said, “For me it’s being a part of this community and being a part of the genuineness - salt of the earth people, and my best friends.”

Bay Cliff Therapy Coordinator Christy Osborn said of the event, “This is my first time here, and it’s very impressive, but the best part is seeing the campers and getting to catch up with Lydia (Person) and Gene (Fletcher), and all the rest (of the Bay Cliff campers).

Aside from the obvious social bonuses of the event for both campers and donors, Lions and camp staff sought to further illustrate the many components of the facility. “Our goal is to let everyone in the U.P. who’s eligible to go to camp know about it, and about the opportunities available for attending,” said Osborn. “We’re the only camp in the country to do this,” she added, explaining that the summer portion of camp lasts seven weeks, so she wants every child to know about it.

This is Osborn’s 12th summer upcoming, and her fifth full-time staff, year round. She said it’s great to have a winterized facility now, where the staff can do so many things with the campers.

The first weekend in March, the campers return to Bay Cliff for “Snow Days.”

Said Osborn, “We reconnect with friends, go dog sledding and ice fishing, make ‘snowcream’ and all sorts of winter things. It’s great to have a winterized facility where we can do those things.”

Winterization of the facility is still in progress, and is estimated to be half completed. The more it grows, however, the more is yet to be done, according to Osborn. And the more there is to do there, the more time campers want to spend there.

“I’ve been going to camp since I was 3,” said camper Lydia Person, who said the best thing about camp is being with her friends. “I like being in physical therapy, too,” she said.



Front row from left, Bay Cliff campers Renee Cutter of Escanaba, and Lydia Person and Gene Fletcher, both of Rapid River, join physical therapist Christy Osborn and Bay Cliff Executive Director Tim Bennett for a photo opportunity. Bennett and the youth consider the event “a sort of reunion” each year.



Alice and Jim Hansen of Escanaba donated a “wine and cheese” sailboat cruise for six adults, including expert sailing instruction, aboard their 36-foot sailboat. Hansens’ now-grown daughter, Jenny, was a Bay Cliff camper for several years, and they continue to support the Rapid River Lions Club fund-raising event because they know firsthand its value.

In response, Osborn said, “We try to make it as fun as possible.” “Everything at Bay Cliff is fun,” added Bennett, “and everything is therapy.”

Attending the event were Escanaba residents Jim and Alice Hansen, whose daughter, Jenny, was a Bay Cliff camper for six years. Now well into adulthood, she lives on her own and works at Lakestate. The couple credits her time at camp for much of her self-esteem, goal-setting and personal growth.

“She’s very independent,” said Alice, recalling how hard it is to leave a child at summer camp, “but by the following year, they can’t wait to go back.”

The positive attitude and generous spirit in the Lions facility Jan. 8 was overwhelming, as was the gratitude expressed by both those Lions who assisted in planning the event and the recipients of the public’s benevolence.

Rapid River Lions Club Event Chairman Ralph Lundquist said the highlight of the evening was past camper Nap Sharkey of Perkins, who attended Bay Cliff back in 1939.

Other highlights included attendance by representative of several other organizations and individuals who donated to Bay Cliff as well, in the amount of \$1,325.

“What a night,” said Lundquist, pleased with the turnout and the success of the event. Very few people put the whole evening together, yet so many people make it all worthwhile, he explained. “As long as the Bay Cliff campers need us,” he said with a smile, “we’ll be here for them.”

Bennett, reflecting on the success of the evening, said, “God bless the Lions.”



Don and Sue Johnson of Escanaba display the Bay Cliff Health Camp jacket Sue wore while working at the camp in 1964. “I brought it along for posterity,” said Sue. The Johnsons were also the winning bidders of the sailboat cruise donated by Jim and Alice Hansen.



Ken Gartland, left, and Joe Hughes, both of Escanaba, were winning bidders of the gourmet bread baskets donated by Sara Lustik. The baskets contain an extensive variety of homemade specialty breads, which Lustik donates to the Bay Cliff fund-raiser auction each year. Gartland has made a tradition of placing the winning bid on the bread basket every year. Now that there are two, Hughes said he may just follow suit.



Chris Lundin of Rapid River, and Cheryl Stanek and Mary Gendron of Gladstone, enjoy the Rapid River Lions Club auction. The ladies, all members of the Red Hat Society “Razzle Dazzle ‘Ems,” each buy handmade bracelets from Bay Cliff camper Gene Fletcher every year.



Col. Dan Samson, left, calls for bids on a basket of homemade gourmet breads, displayed by Rapid River Lions Club Event Organizer Ralph Lundquist, during the Jan. 8 Bay Cliff fund-raiser auction.



Three happy campers eagerly await the opening of the Bay Cliff Health Camp gate on opening day of the 2008 Summer Camp season. (Bay Cliff Health Camp photo)

## **Bay Cliff: A place where dreams come true**

By Jillian Jamison, Daily Press

For those who are unfamiliar with Bay Cliff Health Camp and its services, it is a non-profit, non-denominational summer therapy camp. Its primary mission is to serve children and adults with physical disabilities during a two-month therapy session. Children with orthopedic, speech, hearing and vision disabilities attend the camp to work toward their goal of living a more independent and fulfilling life. They work regularly with on-site therapists, who also give of their time for the children. Bay Cliff does sponsor a week-long recreation and therapy session for adults with physical disabilities, as well.

The camp's Web site describes Bay Cliff as a place "where children and adults with physical disabilities learn to believe in themselves, strive for fuller lives, and realize their dreams." This goal is reached annually through the warmth and caring shown consistently by staffers and camp counselors.

According to Tim Bennett, Bay Cliff Health Camp director, the camp serves approximately 180 children each summer and has been in operation for more than 75 years. "We're really the only camp that offers therapy," said Bennett. "The kids are really here for the summer - about two months," he added.

During that two-month period, such practices as etiquette, personal care, grooming and hygiene are a point of focus. Combined with boating, swimming and other outdoors

programs, the result is that the children learn to be successful in life. Each year, the campers are even treated to a prom at Thunder Bay Lodge.

"There is no other camp like Bay Cliff in the country," said Bennett, who is proud of how much people have given and sacrificed over the years to make Bay Cliff "an awesome place."

Staff members numbering 125 live at the camp during summer. "These people come here because they're thinking of working with children with disabilities. What a life-changing experience they have. It's like being a single parent with four, five or six children with disabilities," said Bennett. "People who leave here are changed people who have a whole new perspective on life. They suddenly appreciate all their mom and dad have ever done for them."

Of the campers, most are Upper Peninsula residents. In 2008, more than 20 children were from the Escanaba area alone.

Bay Cliff is currently seeking employees to staff its eight-week therapy camp for children with physical disabilities. The 2009 summer program schedule is as follows:

Unit Leaders: June 9 - Aug. 12  
 Returning Staff: June 13  
 New Staff: June 14 - Aug. 9  
 Campers: June 20/21 - Aug. 8

The minimum age requirement for employment at the camp is 18, and each staff member must have attended at least one year of college in order to apply for most positions. Obvious bonuses of working at Bay Cliff include salary, room and board. An unexpected bonus is gaining the experience of the lifetime.

Approximately 200 people have traditionally turned out for the annual Bay Cliff fund-raising dinner, according to the Rapid River Lions Club records. In addition to being a fun night for all in attendance, the evening offers hope for disabled children through donations given at the dinner. For those unable to attend, however, contributions to the camp may be made anytime via e-mail, postal mail or through any Rapid River Lions Club member.

To date, over 2,000 people support Bay Cliff Health Camp through monetary donations. At present, these

donations are helping workers continue to winterize the camp for year-round use.

Donations from other Lions Clubs and other service organizations have been extremely generous, Bennett said. In addition to the service organizations, individual donors have also been very giving. One donor, for example, paid for the camp road to be blacktopped.

This year, after only three years, the Rapid River Lions Club members paid off their five-year commitment of \$25,000 for Bay Cliff's building campaign. Over and above that amount, they have given \$42,000 throughout the past nine years.

To assist Bay Cliff staff in their endeavors to help handicapped children, send a donation by mail to Bay Cliff Health Camp, P.O. Box 310, Big Bay, MI 49808, or by e-mail to baycliffhc@aol.com. For more information and a complete tour of the camp, visit [www.baycliff.org](http://www.baycliff.org).

"As a nonprofit organization, we rely completely on the kindness and generosity of donors - everyday people like you and me," said Bennett. "We are never disappointed in the outpouring of caring," he added.

Asked what the best thing about Bay Cliff is, Bennett stated, "Bay Cliff is great because it's a place of hope and unconditional love where the children are the most important people in the world; it's a place where people open their hearts and fall in love with the children; it's a place where dreams come true."



## Two Honored by Vulcan-Norway-Lorretto Lions Club

The Vulcan-Norway-Lorretto Lions Club recently awarded two of its members the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award. On February 10, 2009, Lions Roland Revello and Lion Jack Osborne were presented the awards by Club President Jim Wash and Treasurer Robert Backlund during the Clubs monthly general membership meeting.



Above President Jim Wash (left) presents Lion Roland Revello (center) the Melvin Jones Fellowship with Treasurer Robert Terry Backlund. Below Lion Hack Osborne (center) receives the award from the two club officers.



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## Teaching Family Homes Tour da UP

By Kristina Balzarini

The 18th annual Tour da U.P., took place August 3rd-7th, 2008. The 5-day bike tour is a fundraiser for (TFH) that aims to tackle a different area of the Upper Peninsula every year. This year the Tour started and ended in Menominee, MI. On our first day, we started off from the Menominee High School and traveled along the river to Wallace for a relaxing lunch provided by the Stephenson Lions Club and then to the DeYoung Zoo to see lions, tigers and bears. After the zoo, riders peddled up to the Skakey Lakes Campground for dinner and a good night's sleep. Day 2 took us through Faithhorn and Norway to Iron Mountain and the Lake Antoine park to set up for two nights. A dinner was provided to the cyclists by the Iron Mountain-Kingsford and Vulcan-Norway Lions Clubs in the pavilion at the park. After the climb into Iron Mountain and a hearty dinner, riders were eager for a day off to sight see and relax. Activities in Iron Mountain were plentiful with some groups visiting the Iron Mountain Iron Museum in Vulcan, White Water rafting on the Menominee River through Piers Gorge, cycling up to the Veteran's Memorial and enjoying the chance to visit with new and old friends by the campfire. Our fun didn't end there as Day 4 took us down through the woods of Felch and Foster City to the Carney-Nadeau school. After a spaghetti dinner, provided by the Carney-Nadeau Lions club, and a program, participants camped one last night before heading towards Stephenson and back to Menominee for a pasty dinner and award ceremony. Lions Clubs, schools and community organizations helped to make this tour a fun filled ride for participants from across the Midwest and from as far away as Pennsylvania and Florida.

Planning for the 19th annual Tour da U.P. has already begun and we can't wait to see our cycling friends again!



One participant commented that "it's like a big family reunion each year that you can't wait to get to!" The 2009 tour will be "Between the Lakes". We will begin in Gladstone and travel through Gwinn to Marquette and spend 3 nights. During the stay in Marquette, a day trip to Negaunee and Ishpeming will take place on day 2. After the stay in Marquette, the cyclists will then travel to AuTrain, down through to the Superior Central School for the night and then back to Gladstone the next day.

The Tour da U.P. would not be possible without the generous donations from our sponsors. Thank you for your continued support!

For information on the 2009 Tour da U.P. and registration, visit [www.tourdaup.com](http://www.tourdaup.com). If you would like a representative from Teaching Family Homes to come and speak to your Lions Club, please contact Kristina Balzarini at 906-249-5437 or [kristina.balzarini@teachingfamilyhomes.com](mailto:kristina.balzarini@teachingfamilyhomes.com).



Meals were provided to our group by the Stephenson Lions Club and the Iron Mountain-Kingsford and Vulcan-Norway Lions Clubs.

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## Leadership

By Bruce LaBelle, Cabinet Treasurer

During my Lionistic career, I have encountered many Lions who were and are great leaders. Initially, like many of you, I thought that leadership was synonymous with Lionism, but have found that few Lions want to be leaders. Looking back and knowing what I know now, I see that perhaps those Lions who do not want to be leaders are happy holding an office at the club level. They do not see their roles in the club as one of leadership. Perhaps they were never asked to step up, nor were they given the opportunity to develop their leadership skills, or they lacked access to mentors who could help them along the way.

Leadership in all aspects of Lionism is imperative. Considering how valuable leadership is, you may wonder, how does one become a leader? Is this something that I can learn in a class? Is this something one is born with and if I don't have it now, does that mean I'll never have it? Contrary to popular thinking, leaders are not born, they are cultivated. It's like a pyramid. Leaders mentor and provide opportunities for new leaders, who do the same for those who follow them, and before long there is a waiting list of budding leaders ready to meet the challenges of the Lionistic future. Many of you who are reading this are the Lions I speak of, or will be the leaders future leaders will reach out to. You may wonder whether you, as a Lion, has what it takes to be a leader of tomorrow, or

a mentor of a future leader. Although leaders are not born, there are two qualities that are essential —the drive to succeed and the willingness to get involved. The rest can be learned. What then is the blueprint for leadership? It defines those who (1) can see the big picture, see beyond the daily routine, (2) take calculated risks and encourage others to take risks to further the ideals of Lionism encourage others to take leadership roles, (3) lets others get involved, (4) assume responsibility without reservation, (5) give credit for success to those who deserve it, (6) can voice opinions without diminishing the points of view of others, (7) can embrace the strengths of others and put those strengths to good use, (8) can recognize and embrace that we, as a group, can accomplish anything.

Clubs are now considering new officers and committee chairmen for the 2009-2010 Lionistic year. VDG Don Wojokowski is considering and appointing his cabinet. If you interested in a Cabinet position contact VDG Don at (906) 753-2888 or email him at [dw7933c@alphacomm.net](mailto:dw7933c@alphacomm.net).

Develop and cultivate those Lions who show a willingness to serve. Mentor, or ask for a mentor, for that Lions that could become a future leader if just asked, given the opportunity and guided. Don't just appoint them to a position and forget about them. Remember, Leaders are developed. They are not born. Good luck with your appointments, mentoring and development of future leaders.



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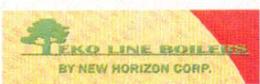
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Single District 10 has a number of Lions Pins for sale. The pins can be viewed and purchased either on the district website [www.district10lions.org](http://www.district10lions.org) or by contacting the District 10 Trading Pin Chairman Al Lemaire at [Lemairea51@hotmail.com](mailto:Lemairea51@hotmail.com) or by calling him at (906) 293-3020. His mailing address is 14118 S Cooper Street, Newberry MI 49868-1916.

The following District 10 Pins available for \$3.00/each plus postage:

- 2008-09 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Pin
- 2007-08 Drummond Island Pin

There are also a limited number of Yooper Pins available at a discounted price of \$2.00/each plus postage.

- 2006-07 Grand Island Pin
- 2005-06 Ore Boat
- 2002-03 Eagle Harbor
- 2001-02 Stonington Point
- 1998-99 Two-Hole Outhouse
- Teaching Family Homes of Upper Michigan
- Lions Dist 10-B in Michigan's U.P. "Get Screened"

## Stephenson Lions Awards Melvin Jones

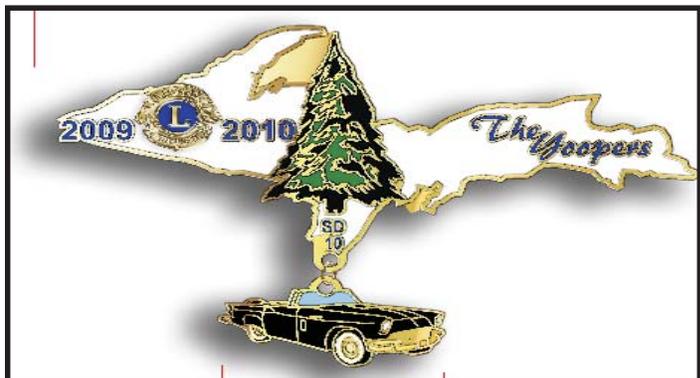


Vice District Governor Don Wojokowski present the Melvin Jones award to Lion Don Machalk at the Stephenson Lions Club, February 9, 2009. Don has contributed many hours of volunteer time to numerous club projects. He exemplifies a true, "We Serve" Lions attitude.

## 2009-10 Trading Pins



The 2009 Michigan Lions State Pin is now available! It honors Minneapolis, the site of the 2009 Lions International Convention. The pin depicts Paul Bunyan and Babe the Blue Ox against a background of trees. Pins cost \$2.00 each, plus shipping and handling charges. Contact Lion Alfred LeMaire at (906)293-0106 or email him at [lemairea51@hotmail.com](mailto:lemairea51@hotmail.com).



The 2009-10 Single District 10 Lions State Pin is now being produced and orders are being taken by Lion Alfred LeMaire. Orders for the District Pin placed by contacting Lion Alfred LeMaire at (906)293-0106 or email him at [lemairea51@hotmail.com](mailto:lemairea51@hotmail.com).

The big Christmas Tree honors VDG Don Wojakowski father, since he had the idea how to harvest the big outside Christmas Tree for the White house lawn. The White House sent the family a letter of appreciation stating that since my father had pioneered the method of lowering the big trees, there hasn't been a broken one since. Don's father was a former member of Bark River Lions Club. The pin also depicts a 1957 Ford "T" Bird, as a dangler, to represent the state of Michigan as the car capital of the world and the outline of the Upper Peninsula of Michigan represents the Single District 10 region. Pins cost \$3.00 each, plus shipping and handling charges.

## Understanding Hearing Impairments

We communicate through speech and hearing. Persons who lose their hearing live in a silent world.

### The hearing process involves:

- the movement of sound waves from the outer ear through the ear canal to the eardrum.
- sound then moves to the hammer bone, anvil bone, and the stirrup bone in the middle ear. This action causes the vibration of sound against the oval window, a delicate membrane which separates the middle and inner ear.
- Next, sound reaches the cochlea in the inner ear. Filled with fluid and hair cells, the cochlea directs electrical
- impulses through the auditory nerve to the brain.

### Symptoms of hearing conditions

- Difficulty in understanding normal speech
- A ringing or roaring in the ear(s)
- Dizziness or imbalance
- Pain or a sense of fullness in the ear(s)
- A discharge from the ear(s)

These symptoms may indicate a temporary or permanent hearing condition. An otolaryngologist (a physician specializing in the medical care of the ear, nose, and throat) or an audiologist (a professional trained to identify and measure hearing loss and help with rehabilitation) can identify different types of hearing loss.

### Temporary hearing loss

Infection or illness may cause hearing loss. Conditions which cause hearing loss include:

- **swollen or tender ear(s)** which may indicate an infection of the outer ear canal. This ailment often occurs after swimming in contaminated water or after the ear has been irritated. Medication can remedy this condition.
- **an earache with a fever** which often indicates a middle ear infection. This condition is common among children. Often, a head cold, sore throat, measles, influenza, scarlet fever, whooping cough, or diphtheria causes this condition. Medication can treat middle ear infections.

- **chronic drainage of the ear(s)** often indicates a permanent perforation of the eardrum membrane. Surgery is usually required to correct this condition.

### Permanent hearing loss

Associated with aging, the most common type of hearing loss is sensorineural. Caused by damage to or an alteration of the sensory cells (known as receptors) within the inner ear, persons with this type of hearing loss often have difficulty hearing high-pitched sounds.

Two factors that contribute to sensorineural hearing loss are long-term exposure to noise and reduced blood circulation. Hearing aids, communication strategies, assistive devices, or surgically placed cochlear implants are often effective in aiding persons with this type of hearing loss.

**A conductive hearing loss** occurs when sounds fail to reach the inner ear due to an abnormality in the outer or middle ear sections. The causes of conductive hearing loss include:

- an obstruction in the ear canal, e.g., wax or a tumor;
- fluid or an infection in the middle ear (known as otitis media) which prevents the ear drum from vibrating sounds;
- a perforated ear drum;
- an overgrowth of spongy, bone-like tissue which hampers middle ear bones from moving (known as otosclerosis).

Most conductive hearing losses can be corrected with antibiotics, surgery, or hearing aids.

**A mixed hearing loss** includes both sensorineural (inner ear) and conductive (middle ear) hearing losses.

**Central hearing loss** occurs when sounds fail to reach the brain due to damage or impairment of the pathway from the auditory nerve to the brain. Often, an accident or illness causes this condition. People with central hearing loss have difficulty understanding what they hear.

**Meniere's disease** is a hearing condition that usually affects persons between the ages of 40 and 50. A violent spinning sensation (vertigo) and ringing in the ears (tinnitus)

are among the symptoms. Hearing loss usually begins with the first episode of vertigo. Persons with these symptoms should consult a physician familiar with the condition.

### **When conversing with a hearing impaired person**

To aid communication with a hearing impaired person, remember to:

- talk in a well-lit room and away from background noises;
- face the person (so your lips can be read). If an interpreter for the deaf is utilized, direct your communication to the hearing impaired person, not to the interpreter.
- speak slowly, distinctly, and naturally. Shouting distorts the lips and face thereby hindering lip reading.
- certain speech sounds may be difficult to hear. If this situation occurs, rephrase your message.
- ask the hearing impaired person for methods of improving interpersonal communications.

### **Lions serve the hearing impaired**

Lions clubs all over the world have implemented service projects that meet the needs of the hearing-impaired.

These projects have included:

- **camp for the hearing-impaired** - Children and adults with hearing impairments can benefit from participation in camp programs. Lions often volunteer their time at established hearing camps or organize their own camps.
- **dogs for the hearing-impaired** - Raising puppies and training them for use by the hearing-impaired are services provided by some Lions clubs. Other clubs provide financial assistance to hearing dog schools.
- **hearing aid banks** - There are more than 20 Lions hearing aid banks in the world. The banks collect, recondition, and distribute used hearing aids to needy persons.
- **sponsoring screenings** - Lions sponsor public screenings to detect hearing loss in children and adults. Some Lions districts have a mobile hearing unit. Lions arrange for healthcare professionals to perform hearing screenings and provide referrals for more extensive testing.

- **providing interpretation services** - Some clubs arrange for sign language interpreters to translate public meetings, rallies, school assemblies, or religious services.
- **purchasing medical equipment** - Often, Lions clubs purchase hearing aids and other amplifying devices for needy persons who have hearing impairments. Clubs also purchase diagnostic equipment for medical facilities.
- **educating the public** - Distributing information about hearing conservation to the public (such as this brochure) and sponsoring a display of new assistive hearing devices are two methods of educating the public about hearing impairments.
- **obtaining infrared amplification devices** - Clubs have purchased infrared amplification devices for local theaters, auditoriums, and houses of worship. Then, persons with hearing impairments use special receivers to amplify sound.
- **supporting temporal bone banks** - Clubs have encouraged the public to donate temporal bones (the middle, inner ear bones, and related nerve structures) for research.
- **donating funds for hearing research** - Lions often volunteer their time and donate funds to support universities and private research facilities.

Regardless of the activity, the purpose is the same: to help those with hearing impairments into the mainstream of society so that their lives can be enriched. For more information, contact: Program Development Department Lions Clubs International 300 West 22nd Street Oak Brook IL 60523-8842 or email [executiveservices@lionsclubs.org](mailto:executiveservices@lionsclubs.org)



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## Time to Elect New Officers

By Bruce LaBelle, SD10 Cabinet Treasurer

Now is the time to elect new officers and report them to Lions Club International as well as the District. The PU101 forms are **due by May 15th**. The Officer Reporting Forms must be complete each year regardless if the officers have changed or not. The elections of Club Officers are to be completed in the month of April. This form is extremely important; all communications your new officers receive during their year in office will be based on the information you provide here. Complete and return the form immediately following your club elections in April. Final deadline is May 15. If you fail to return this form, your new officers will not be able to receive the information and materials they will need during the coming year.

Please send your forms into Lions Club International. It states to send a copy to the District Governor, but to save time it really needs to go to the Vice District Governor Don Wojakowski so that he can get the information to the necessary personnel to prepare his District Directory for next year. This is critical for the operation of the District and with the publication and distribution of the 2009-10 Organizational Roster. International needs this information so they can assign passwords to officers of the club for on-line reporting and send the necessary correspondence to the new officers.

If you submit your monthly MMR forms on-line you will be able to fill your Officer Reporting Form (PU101) on-line as well. They will not be sending out these forms to clubs who submit their monthly MMR's on-line. Clubs that have not used the WMMR site during the past year will receive a printed paper copy.

**WARNING TO LATE CLUBS:** If you are late electing officers and submitting your PU101's, you will be getting calls asking you to do this as soon as possible. This is very important to the operation of not only your club, but to the District and to International. Calling clubs about their reports (especially monthly) is not something the Governor and/or officers of this district like to do. Please do your part now, before April 15th. We had three clubs last year that still did not have their forms submitted in November.

Go to the logon page of the WMMR site and follow Page 8 of the instructions on the Quick Reference Guide, which can be downloaded from that logon page.

Anyone wishing to file a paper copy (fill out by hand and fax or mail to headquarters) may obtain one from the Web site by doing the following:

Click "Resources"

Click "Forms"

Click "Other" from the menu on the right

Click "Download" under the first entry – Officer Reporting Form

The deadline for filing all officers is May 15, 2009

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Cabinet Treasurer, Lion Bruce LaBelle, (906) 233-2118 or email at [Bruce.LaBelle@Honeywell.com](mailto:Bruce.LaBelle@Honeywell.com).



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## Monthly Membership Reports

Dear Presidents and Secretaries,

A new year is about to begin, and it is time to take responsibility for your assigned duties.

One of the main secretarial duties is the **TIMELY FILING OF THE MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP REPORT**. As the title states, this a **MONTHLY** report, to be filed electronically by the end of each month. If you are not able to file electronically, you must file by paper form by the 20th of each month. This will keep LCI and District records current. It would be great if you could report immediately after your last monthly meeting.

There is a misconception that you need only file when there is a change in membership. **NOT CORRECT**; you must file each month. If there is no change, you need only press “no membership activity”; or, send in form. Simple, it is done.

Monthly membership reports can be submitted in multiple ways. In addition to the paper form, clubs can submit reports on the new web membership site (WMMR) where clubs have access to their membership data. The new site also allows club secretaries to create rosters, club directories and generate individual member billings. At the district level, the district governor has “read only” rights to the club’s data. Districts can also generate club and district directories and rosters. Passwords are required to use the membership sites due to privacy policies.

In order to submit the monthly membership report, officer reporting form (PU-101) and activities report (A-1) via the Internet, a club president, secretary and treasurer must receive a password for the new web membership site (WMMR) to be used in conjunction with their individual membership number. This member ID number can be found on the semi-annual per capita statements sent to club treasurers.

User names and club passwords will only be given to the current club president, secretary and treasurer, district governor, vice district governor and cabinet secretary-treasurer for district passwords, and council chairperson and council secretary for multiple district passwords. Address any questions or problems experienced by clubs using this method of reporting to [wmmr@lionsclubs.org](mailto:wmmr@lionsclubs.org).

If you are a new secretary and need help to file these reports, please contact either the District Governor, or email me at [Bruce.LaBelle@Honeywell.com](mailto:Bruce.LaBelle@Honeywell.com) and I will be very happy to assist you.

If you are continuing as secretary, I thought problems were settled, and the importance of filing monthly was understood however the District has a number of Lions Clubs that continue to be delinquent in the filing of the necessary reports in a timely matter. **I was pleased that the number of clubs not current in February decreased from 11 to 2 by May. Now, we have 12 clubs (I won't mention any names) not starting the new Lionistic year with updated membership numbers.**

**PLEASE FILE YOUR REPORT IN A TIMELY FASHION!!!!!! THIS WILL MAKE ALL OUR JOBS EASIER THIS YEAR.**

Yours in Lionism,  
Bruce LaBelle  
SD10 Cabinet Treasurer

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## SD10 Lions Activities Report

Date: January 1, 2009 – February 28, 2009

**Bark River:** - \$500 Lions of Michigan Service Foundation, \$250 Big Brothers/Big Sisters of the Bay Area, \$50 Diabetes Outreach, \$500 Leader Dog for the Blind, \$200 LCIF, \$100 Michigan All State Band – Operations, \$100 Midwest Eye Banks, \$100 Northwood's Air Lifeline, \$150 Public TV13, \$100 SD10 Hearing & Speech Program, \$100 SD10 Scholarship Program, \$200 Teaching Family Homes, \$150 Youth Assistance Program, \$150 Michigan All State Band – Student Travel Expenses, \$240 Eye Exams and Eyeglasses, \$25 North Menominee County Community Schools – Winter Sports Festival, \$250 SORVADC, \$1000 Bay Cliff Health Camp – Operations

**Bessemer:** - \$500 Bay Cliff Health Camp, \$62 KidSight, \$100 Bessemer School (Fun Folic)

**Carney-Nadeau:** - \$100 Carney-Nadeau Christmas Party

**Chassell:** - \$1000 Chassell First Responders; \$2300 to causes including Michigan Eye Bank, Leader Dogs for the Blind, Air Lifeline, Bay Cliff, LBFE Medical Transport Program, and Holiday Gift Certificates.

**Delta-Menominee Heart of the North:** - Sponsored recipient of hearing aid, \$100 U.P. Diabetes Outreach Network

**Drummond Island:** - \$100 SD10 Hearing & Speech Program, \$100 Drummond Island Community Food Bank, \$200 towards resident GPS tracking device, \$50 March of Dimes

**Escanaba:** - \$2002 12-Eye Exams and Eyeglasses, \$100 Diabetes Outreach, \$200 All State Band (2 local students), \$50 Bishop Noa Home Christmas Party

**Gladstone:** - \$100 Cancer Benefit, \$250 Lions of Michigan Service Foundation

**Gwinn:** - \$500 Bay Cliff Health Camp Capital Campaign

**Ishpeming:** - \$1000 Ishpeming Ski Club, \$200 Ishpeming Jr. Ski Club, \$50 Lions of Michigan All State Band, \$250 Bay Cliff Health Camp Operations, \$200 Bay Cliff Health Camp Capital Campaign

**Lake Linden-Hubbell:** - \$600 Medical Expenses (2 local families), \$50 Calumet Figure Skating Contest

**Mackinac Island:** - \$100 Teaching Family Homes, \$250 SD10 Hearing & Speech Program

**Marquette:** - \$50 Diabetes Outreach (along with SD10 \$250 donation) to local girl, \$200 Emergency Heating Program, \$500 Medical Expenses, 100 rolls of Lions Mints for UP 200 Sled Dog Race, \$50 gifts for Peace Poster participants

**Manistique Lakes:** - \$200 eye care expenses, \$200 to Curtis Cruisers annual snowmobile ride to support the Special Olympics and other programs for the mentally-impaired in Luce, Mackinac, Schoolcraft, and Chippewa counties, \$303 Three Lakes Education Committee

**Munising:** - \$310 Christmas lighting contest, \$50 Shrine Circus Ad, \$50 SD10 Hearing and Speech Program, \$250 Salvation Army (in addition to the \$2,600 raised in Kettle Drive), \$50 Lions All-State Band, \$250 Girl Scouts, \$750 Boy Scouts (Registration fee – as sponsor – plus donation), \$260 AlTran – transportation for Senior Citizen outings, \$359 Eyeglasses and exams for needy, \$1,000 Bayshore Park Pavilion reconstruction, \$518.51 New Year's bowling party for youth (we pay all expenses), \$21 Project Kidsight, \$100 Moose Lodge (youth fishing contest)

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**Negaunee:** - \$1000 Bay Cliff Health Camp, \$100 UPDON/Teal Lake Swim, \$300 Cub Scout Troop, \$70 Negaunee High School Booster Club, \$100 Lions of Michigan All State Band, \$500 Salvation Army, \$100 American Red Cross, \$1800 Lake Superior Community Partnership Heritage Trail Exhibit, \$100 SD10 Hearing & Speech Program, \$200 Girl Scouts, \$300 Teaching Family Homes, \$200 Leader Dog, \$200 Michigan Eye Bank, \$50 Immanuel Lutheran Church, \$300 Northwood's Air Lifeline, \$200 Negaunee High School Band

**Pickford:** - \$100 Midwest Eye Bank, \$500 Leader Dogs for the Blind, \$200 Bay Cliff Health Camp Operations, \$200 Bay Cliff Health Camp Capital (Shady Nook), \$200 Northwood's Air Lifeline

**Powers-Spalding:** - \$50 All State Band, \$500 North Central Area Schools (NCA) sports programs, \$300 Eagle Scout Project, \$120 Lions of Michigan Service Foundation, \$1600 4-scholarships for NCA graduates

**Range:** - \$50 VFW, 6165 Phone Cards for GI's in Iraq, \$800 Santa's gifts for special needs children

**Rapid River:** - \$7220 Bay Cliff Health Camp Operations, \$150 Foster Grandparents Program, \$180 Key Club members to attend Leadership School, \$200 Memorial Day Committee, \$40 Sara Doubledee International Director Campaign

**Rock:** - \$100 Bay Cliff Health Camp, \$100 Northwood's Air lifeline

**Rudyard:** - \$1000 Rudyard Area School Pool Fund, \$300 EUP ISD Imagination Library (Sponsored 10 children), \$100 Michigan Lions Service Foundation, \$100 Michigan Eye Bank, \$100 LCIF, \$100 SD10 Hearing & Speech Program, \$100 Library for the Blind, \$100

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**Sugar Island:** - \$175 Marquette Hospitality House, \$175 Northern Michigan Hospitality House, \$175 Munson Hospitality House, \$175 Hospice of Chippewa County, \$125 Soo Theater Project, \$150 SD10 Hearing & Speech Program, \$100 Welcome Homes

**Vulcan-Norway-Loretto:** - \$125 Eyeglasses, \$50 2009 Graduating Class

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## Wow! What a Forum! 2009 Michigan Lions Forum Highlights

By Michelle Fields

If you weren't in Lansing on February 20-21 for the Michigan Lions Forum, you missed a great opportunity to have fun, meet other Lions and learn about a variety of topics. Over 200 people attended. Feedback was very positive.

Tim Skubick entertained attendees during lunch with stories and insights into the world of politics. Tim is the longest-serving member of the State Capitol Press Corps, with 39 years of covering Michigan government and politics. He anchors the public TV series, "Off the Record," and writes a weekly political column for 24 statewide newspapers. His sense of humor and quick wit kept the audience laughing and engaged.

PID Bill Hansen presented a session on "Profile of a Good Leader." It was an outstanding presentation, emphasizing the characteristics of leadership and how to become more effective leaders. Other Lions-related topics included "Global Membership," "Good Club Dynamics" and "Pre-Induction Orientation."

The optional Friday night round table discussion saw over 65 people in attendance. It was a great workshop, with Paul Hemeryck moderating the session. Round table

leaders included Dave Zeller, John Holmes, Bob Jenkins, Frank Cunningham and Jim Pettinato. The theme for the evening was "Keeping Meetings Fun and Interesting." Table discussions included Tail Twisting, Entertaining Programs, Bridging the Generation Gap, Meeting Organization and Fellowship. Ideas from this session will be compiled and posted on the MD 11 website soon.

The display area for Lions projects was a big hit and saw a lot of traffic between sessions.

General interest sessions included "Choosing a Pet That's Right for You," "Tai Chi for Arthritis," "Protecting Your Hearing" and "Quilting."

Six members of Single District 10 traveled to Lansing bring the snow with them to participate in the Michigan Lions Forum. PDG Sara Doubledee, International Director candidate and Lion Art Anderson of the Marquette Lions Club, PDG Duane Goltz (Drummond Island) and Lion Judy Goltz (Pickford Lions), Mike Kobasic of Escanaba Lions Club and Cabinet Treasurer Bruce LaBelle of the Bark River Lions Club.

The Forum provided a great mid-winter break and a chance for Lions to network. The Forum Committee hopes you will put the 2010 Forum on your calendar. They thank the presenters and participants at this year's event.



## New Members

**January 1, 2009 – February 28, 2009**

Member Name	Date Joined	Sponsor
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### Barbeau

Bruce Glaser	01/01/09	Jeremy Hornung
William Gregg	01/01/09	Anton Hornung

### Bark River

Timothy Holochwost	01/01/09	William Lake
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### Brampton Township Days River

Gerald Hardwick	11/01/08	Sandra Caswell
Mary Hardwick	11/01/08	Sandra Caswell
James Laughbaum	11/01/08	Jean Jones

### Calumet

Steven Delong	01/01/09	Barbara Tauren
John Tauren	01/01/09	Jackie Aalto

### Carney-Nadeau

Pamela Bottkol	01/01/09	Barbara Betzinger
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### Chassell

Teresa Lukkari	12/01/08	Dan Palosaari
Douglas Mechlin	12/01/08	Chris Sayen
Arleen Morrissey	12/01/08	James Morrissey
David Rossi	12/01/08	Chris Sayen

### Delta Menominee County

Maxine Holochwost	01/01/09	Pat VanEnkevort
Shirley Kwak	01/01/09	Pat VanEnkevort

### Drummond Island

Art Call	02/01/09	Norman Muench
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### Houghton

Dallas Bates	01/01/09	Bernard Carr
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### Keweenaw

Patricia Erlandson	01/01/09	Joseph Kezele
Karen Kezele	01/01/09	Joseph Kezele

### Manistique Lakes

Cynthia Oliver	01/01/09	Nancy Seegert
Richard Oliver	01/01/09	Nancy Seegert

### Pickford

Sherryl Braeckvel	01/01/09	James Braeckveldt
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### Rapid River

Vickie Herrick	02/01/09	Richard Denam
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### Stephenson

Nathan Anderson	02/01/09	James Svinicki
Ron Henriksen	02/01/09	Richard Peterson

Total 2008-09 New Members: 81

Total 2008-09 Dropped Members: 102



## IN MEMORIAM Jan 1, 2009 – Feb 28, 2009

<u>Lions Club</u>	<u>Member Name</u>	<u>Deceased</u>
Lanse	Bernard Penokie	01/01/09
Lanse	Larry Thomas	01/01/09
Les Cheneaux	Charles Mitchell	01/01/09
Munising	Joycelyn Scholtes	11/01/08
Newberry	Margaret Thomas	12/01/08
Pickford	Wilfred Libby	01/01/09
Stephenson	John Schoen	01/01/09



**Total 2008-09 Deceased: 17**

## ST. PETER MONUMENTS

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# MARCH IS EYE DONOR MONTH

*Hi!* My name is Roberta, District Governor of 11-B1. National Eye Donor Month is a time to pay tribute to the eye donors who make it possible for people in need of a cornea transplant to see again.

I joined the Donor Registry because it offers a last chance in life to continue to serve fellow human beings...the last gift we can give.



*Lion Roberta Sexton, DG 11-B1  
Registered Organ Donor*

During Eye Donor Month, please join me in honoring the thousands of Michigan residents who have committed to saving lives and saving sight by joining the Michigan Organ Donor Registry. You can join at [www.IJoined.org](http://www.IJoined.org). Just visit, click and join – it's that easy!

Roberta's story is one of 31 stories the Michigan Eye-Bank would like to share with you during Eye Donor Month. Visit us at [www.michiganeyebank.org](http://www.michiganeyebank.org) throughout March to see a different story each day – perhaps it will be someone from your hometown! Find Roberta's story on March 20<sup>th</sup>.

31  
Stories  
in 31  
Days

