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## Calendar of Events

May 15, 2009	Deadline to Submit Officer Reporting Forms (PU101) to Lions International
May 15-16, 2009	MD 11 Convention Holiday Inn South Lansing, Michigan
May 31, 2009	Deadline for Family Membership Certification Forms
Jun 14, 2009	Mud Runs Dafter Mud Run Park Dafter Lions Club
Jun 27, 2009	Lions Day Bay Cliff Health Camp Big Bay, Michigan
Jun 26-27, 2008	Annual Flea Market Days Bark River International Raceway Bark River, MI Heart of the North Lions Club
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Jul 6-10, 2009	Lions International Convention Minneapolis, MN
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Jul 12, 2009	Mud Runs Dafter Mud Run Park Dafter Lions Club
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Jul 18, 2009	Annual Music Festival Days River Lions Club House Days River Area Lions
Jul 18, 2009 Parade	Skandia Community Day Skandia Lions Club
Aug 1, 2009	Mud Drag Maple Lane Sports Park Skandia Lions
Aug 9, 2009	Mud Runs Dafter Mud Run Park Dafter Lions Club

Aug 10, 2009	Annual Charity Golf Outing North Shore Golf Course Menominee, MI Stephenson Lions Club
Sep 5, 2009	Labor Day Celebration Rock Lions Club
Sep 23-25, 2009	USA/Canada Forum Memphis, TN
Nov 13-15, 2009	MI Lions Leadership Institute Higgins Lake, Michigan

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## District Governor's Comments

By DG Robert Miller



Greetings from the Governor, this will be the last time I write to you as Governor. By the next issue of the magazine there will be a new Governor. I would like to congratulate Governor Don and hope that his year as Governor is the best. You have a great team leading the District this coming year.

Membership still continues to be our number one problem. As of April 30th we have gained 109 new members for the year. However we have lost 145 members. That gives us a net loss of 36 members, 26 of this number was by reason of death. If we are to continue as Lions of District 10 we must find a way to cut the number of members that slip out the back door.

Club Secretaries, have you sent in your PU 101's yet? We need them so that we can get the District roster book out and Lions International needs them so they can send the necessary information and passwords to the Club officers. The forms need to be submitted to Lions International by April 15<sup>th</sup>. Every Lions Club must submit the required form even if their officers did not change. Also do you send the monthly membership reports on time? We have 60 Lions Clubs in Single District 10 and we only receive activity reports from about 1/3 of the clubs.

The 2009 District 10 Convention is history. If you missed this convention, you missed one of the best. As Governor and a member of the host club I would like to thank PDG Duane Goltz and his hard working crew for all the work that goes into a convention. It was a job well done. Our guest International Director Beverly Stebbins was outstanding.

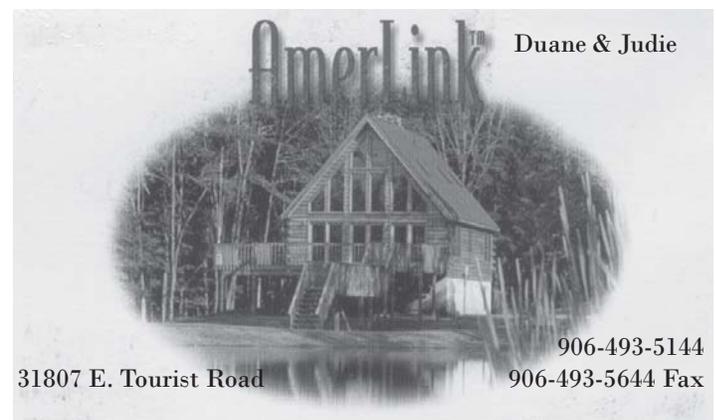
This year's recipient of the Ralph M. Sheehan Award was PDG Joseph Potvin of the Bark River Lions Club. This award goes to a Lion of District 10 who has served the District over and above the normal call of duty. This certainly describes PDG Joe. His work on the Campaign Sightfirst II helped to make District 10 a 100% District. Thanks Joe.

The Distinguished Service Award for 2008-2009 went to Lion Norman Bailey of Drummond Island Lions Club. Norm is a charter member of Drummond Island Lions Club. Over the years he was always one to lead by example. It was always "We did it", never look what I did. Because of health problems Norm is no longer able to lead the way, but must let others do it, content in the knowledge that because of the example he set we can carry on. Thanks Norm for a job well done.

I would like to thank all of you who have encouraged and helped me this year. Thank you for allowing me to serve as your District Governor for the year of 2008-2009. A big thanks to my wife Mary for her support this past year. It would have been very difficult to have done it without her encouragement. I would like to ask you to join me in wishing Governor Don and Vice Governor Gary the best in the coming year.

### Dates to remember:

- June 27, 2009 Lions Day at Bay Cliff. We need a good turnout for this annual event. Bay Cliff is one of District 10's main projects. Let's get out and support it. See you there.
- July 6-10, 2009 International Convention in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Plan to attend and support Lion Sara Doubledee our candidate for International Director and meet Lions from across the world.
- September 19, 2009 Past Governor Appreciation Celebration Drummond Island, Michigan
- October 24, 2009 we celebrate Marquette Lions Club's 90th birthday. Marquette is the first Lions Club in the state of Michigan. Come on out and help them celebrate this great event.



## Vice District Governor Comments

By VDG Don Wojakowski



This is my last report as Vice District Governor, for Single District 10.

I have enjoyed visiting the clubs in the district and have met many nice people. I look forward to visiting many more clubs, in my upcoming term as governor.

Many functions that I have attended as vice governor, have been interesting and fun.

As vice district governor, I presented two checks to two different schools with ISD programs. One went to Vulcan/Norway and the other one went to Bark River. The money is used for hearing therapy material/ learning aids depending on what is needed at the different schools.

With the economy being what it is now, these donations from the combined Lions Clubs of Single District 10 are really appreciated. Grant money is available for this program, if they apply for it and with luck, they might be recipients of the grant.

The hearing aid program that is chaired by Lion Bob St. Peter is only about a year old. This program has already helped about 10 people, in single district 10's area. If you know of anyone who has a hearing problem, contact Bob St. Peter and he will make all of the necessary arrangements for hearing tests. We have in some areas, an Audiologist that will perform the basic hearing test that is preformed first. This is a speech and therapy program.

The organ donor sign up program of Michigan was held on April 8, 2009 at all of the D.O.T., facilities. The sign up program exceeded our expectations and will help people in need, hopefully. The manager at

the facility I was at, remarked that without the Lions members' presence, the public would not have been aware of the donor program. Good job Lions members!

This is a repeat and I can not express it enough, the PU 101's have to be in NOW! This is very important information for the roster book. If the secretary does not send in the yearly PU 101's, there is a possibility that your clubs will be left blank in the roster. You all know that the PU 101's are required to be sent in every year at this time, even if the officers stay in place, (no change in positions.)

Dues are to be sent in to the district and international, twice a year. Why it is the same eight clubs are always delinquent sending in their dues? Why do these same clubs always have to be reminded...you know who you are.

Monthly membership reports are due EVERY MONTH, to the governor, vice governor, zone chair, and International. This is an International requirement.

It took awhile, but we now have the club that was in status quo back as a functioning, (among the living) club.

### Off To Minneapolis

By PCC Sara Doubledee

Soon we will be in Minneapolis for the 2009 Lions Clubs International Convention. I have received so much support from District 10 Lions that there is no possible manner to acknowledge each of you. Without this support, I would not be running for International Director. Please accept my sincere appreciation and know I will do my best to serve well.

For those of you who will be attending the convention, there will be things to do. Check out PCC Jenny Ware in the Hospitality Room at the Ramada for sign up sheets. See you in Minnesota.

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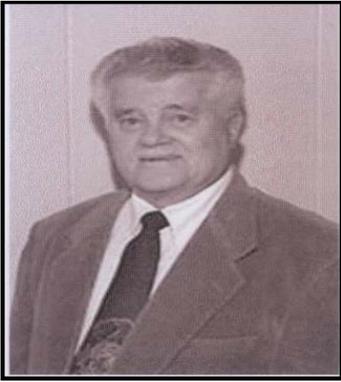
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## CRACKS FROM THE WHIP

By PDG Bill Whippen



Sorry if I did not get to visit with you on Drummond Island. PDG Goltz and the Drummond Island Lions did a tremendous job putting on our District 10 Convention.

Congratulations and many thanks and for a job well done. Drummond Island is

a U.P. treasure and well worth your visit.

Once again, the membership news was dismal. As a member of District 10 for 37 years I have watched this decline with increasing concern about the future of Lionism in the Upper Peninsula (not to mention all over the state of Michigan and the United States). It grieves me that we are unable to reverse the slide to extinction. There are pockets of hope with a few clubs experiencing growth but that is not enough. We have become almost like a dysfunctional family – the status quo of stagnation or shrinking membership or an aged population becomes so normal that we cannot see the problem. Therefore, if we do not see a problem then there is nothing to fix and we do nothing.

We need to wake up, look at our club in an objective way, and ask each other the hard questions – is this the way we have always been? Is this the way it is supposed to be? Are we able to adequately perform our mission to SERVE? Do we have enough members for proper fundraising and SERVICE projects? Were we better in the past than we are now and, if so, why and how?

A major problem, as I see it, anyway, is the lack of connection to our past as a club. Celebration of the heritage of our club and Lions International is not as important, or even relevant, to the new members. That is the fault of the club Orientation Committee (do you even have one and does it work?). Successful organizations are strong when the members are proud to belong. If they aren't really sure, what their organization is about how can they be proud to belong to it?

Munising was once the largest club with 108 members. Rapid River was the largest a few years ago with even more. Biggest does not mean best, naturally, but it was a source of pride.

The observation was made at the Cabinet meeting that Lionism is one of the best-kept secrets around. I agree – and it is a crying shame. It is even worse than that. By being so reluctant to “toot our own horn”, we do not create the community climate where people clamor to get into our clubs. That is a self-defeating exercise. If the community does not know what we do how can they appreciate us. If they do not even know we exist – and, believe me, most people don't, then how can they be expected to want to participate? The community may know one or two Lions members. If you are so active, why shouldn't they know most of them?

New members are great to have. We need them to grow. However, if we are to keep them, and sustain and increase that growth, they need to have a reason to stay. In my opinion, pride in being a Lion makes for a stronger Lion pride. (FYI – a pride is the term for a group of lions; the four-legged kind).

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## Comments from Vice District Elect

By Gary Klop

Fellow Lions, the district convention for 2009 is over. My hat is off to Drummond Island Lions for a great Convention. I thought everything went really well and was impressed with the facilities. Thank you for all your time and effort to making it such a great success.



It was a pleasure to see a lot of familiar faces and also to see so many newer ones. Seeing the Air Lifeline airplane, that PDG Kelley arranged to have flown in, was super. What a proud feeling it gave me to see the Leader Dog vans with the saying “Sponsored by Lions Clubs”. It sent shivers down my back to think that yes, I am part of those Lions.

I would like to thank everyone for the kind words of support and the votes I received to make me your next Vice District Governor. I hope I can live up to the expectations so many of you have for me. To summarize some of International Director Stebbens message, I can’t do it alone but together we can do anything!!!!

I sat through the convention and watched when we were asked to stand if we had 20 years in—then 30 then 40. I thought, what would happen if all those with that much time in gave up and would have quit years ago? What an inspiration to see people with more than half their lives spent helping others. And then I think—yea that’s why I joined the Lions—to help others, not to worry about the little things that go on, but to help those who need it the most.

After the convention I stayed on and played 18 holes of golf and got thinking things over. I love Golf and also love the Lion Clubs. The similarities are so much the same. Both of these activities are very hard to do a lot of the time. Sometimes I can’t find the time for the activity. Sometimes I wonder if it’s worth my time. About the time I think I have everything going right I am humbled by something that sets me back. Sometimes it seems impossible to improve or get better at what I’m doing. But yet I keep going back

because I love the challenge that both give me and I think of the pleasure I get from both of them.

I called this weekend the start of my 2-year journey. Saturday night I started a fundraiser, which is going to be called “**Gary’s Hairy Fundraiser**” that is going to take 2 years while I am in Office. Eight years ago I did a personal fundraiser in which I collected \$1700.00 to shave my head. My hair was down past my shoulders and had been for several years. I challenged those at the convention to go back to their clubs and go above and beyond their normal yearly donations to groups. I asked everyone to come up with some way whether it is \$10.00 a month or whatever he or she could come up with, to earmark it, and hold onto it for 2 years. While you are doing that, I am going to let my hair and goatee grow. Then on the Saturday night after the Governors banquet in Ishpeming, I will allow the club that raised the most to have first cut on my hair as long as they don’t draw blood. I was going to set a minimum limit on how much I needed to get but then again you are all Lions—are you going to let one member, on his own, over 8 years ago raise more than a whole District of Lions?? I challenge the District 10 Lions to at least double what I did on my own. The money we raise will be donated to 6 Organizations: Leader Dogs, Teaching Family Homes, Michigan Eye Bank, Air Lifeline, Baycliff Health Camp, and Lions of Michigan All State Band.

PDG Jenny Ware already has a start—she is offering kisses for a \$1.00 and in a short time before we left the convention had collected \$26.00.

My wife Judy and I are looking forward to working with District Governor Don and his wife Jean and meeting as many of you as we can over the next 2 years. Just as in golf, we will be swinging your way through the great UP. Let the journey begin.

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## Comments from the International President

By President Al Brandel

Usually when we say “We Serve” we mean we meet the needs of our communities and the world.

But have you ever considered that one of the greatest needs that exists in our communities is the need to serve? It’s true. Especially in hard times generous, open-hearted people turn their empathy and good intentions into action and results.

I think it comes down to this: people need to be relevant. People need to make a difference in the world. As with many needs in our communities a Lions Club is the perfect vehicle to meet this universal need among our neighbors and friends.

But your club can only meet this need if it is itself relevant to the community and to your membership. Does your club seek out the most pressing needs in your community? Does it craft innovative ways to make the world a better place? Are your members willing to try something new? Do they have the heart and dedication to take on big projects? Does your club meet your member’s needs to be involved in their community?

In my travels as international president I have seen some astounding examples of Lions creating innovative answers to the biggest, most urgent needs of their communities and the world. In fact, I would call them miracles, but they are miracles brought about by everyday people.

The miracle in Germany is that hundreds of children from around the world, many injured terribly by war and violence in their homelands, have a place to go and heal. They live at the Peace Village in Oberhausen while receiving medical treatment they could not possibly receive at home. Many, for the first time, are spending months in a peaceful, safe environment.

The Peace Village serves many and addresses a global need, but many miracles take place one at a time. In Africa, I met a 26 year old woman whose sight had been restored by a corneal transplant. She cried tears of joy because she could see her children clearly for the first time. Lions performed this miracle.

And in North America, Lions – Lions just like you – partnered with local doctors and dentists to work a miracle. They provided medical and dental services for more than 1,500 people who could not afford it. The event may well have saved the lives of some in dire need of care, but it also helped create a happy

future. After receiving attention from a dentist, one young woman looked in the mirror and exclaimed, “Now I can smile at my wedding!”

As you seek to meet your membership goals this year you should, of course, work with your district leaders and the membership development experts for your area. But keep in mind that the most powerful recruiting and retention tool your club can have is a strong program of effective and relevant service projects. Relevance leads to recognition. Recognition leads to respect.

When your club is recognized and respected as a meaningful and satisfying way for individuals to channel their energies into community service, your invitations to new members will fall on fertile ground.

As Lions of the 21st century I believe we must strive to be relevant in all ways, including operations and communications. As part of our effort to leverage the power of technology and new media, Lions Club International has established a presence on Facebook, the social networking Web site that serves more than 150 million people worldwide. Please become a “fan” of the Lions Club page by visiting ([www.facebook.com/pages/Lions-Clubs-International/27922222491](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Lions-Clubs-International/27922222491) ). You will be able to view videos and photos, keep up with international events and read messages from other Lions around the world. To be sure that you are at the official Lions Club International Facebook page, please copy the Web address from this newsletter and paste it into your browser, then bookmark the page.

LCI also is greatly improving its Web site to make it easier to use and more informative. You will be able to find what you need much faster. It will be easier to find a resource, file a report or get the latest news.

In closing, in these difficult times, I urge you – meet the need to serve. Give your neighbors what they need. They deserve it. Your community and the world requires it. And your club will benefit greatly from it.



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## Comments from the Editor

By Bruce LaBelle

I continue to look for and ask Lions Clubs of the Single District 10 to submit articles and photos about their clubs activities for publication in the Lions Magazine. I urge all of our clubs to supply us with upcoming events so that news from your club can be shared with all. Could each Club look at assigning someone within their organization to write articles for submission to the Magazine? Let the world know what you are doing. The stories do not have to be long. A picture and a small paragraph about the picture including who is in it is enough. I know a lot of Lions Clubs have some very large fundraisers and no one hears about them. If they did maybe they would plan on attending or volunteer to assist you with the event.

The information that we use in the Club activities & Calendar of Event section of the Magazine is obtained from the Monthly Membership Reports and District Activities Reports that the Club Secretaries are suppose to submit each month to Lions International and the District Governor.

I have been asked a number of times from members of various Lions Clubs from across the Upper Peninsula why nothing from their individual Lions Club ever shows up in the District Magazine. I have to reply to them that nothing is sent to the editor or the District Governor. We can not publish something if we do not know what is happening. We have sixty Lions Clubs in our District and only have a small portion ever submit anything.

The Lions Magazine Committee has been looking at options to offset the price-hike due to mailing and publishing cost in order to keep the Single District 10 Lions Magazine viable. Based on our current membership, the number of advertisers remaining the same and the projected cost increases for the coming year in publication and postage, the Magazine will lose \$1203 next year if no action is done by the committee or District.

The options include (1) raising advertising costs, (2) increasing the number of advertisers or (3) eliminating an issue. It has been several years since the magazine has adjusted advertising rates and it may become imperative to do so in the near future.

In light of the lack of stories and information being submitted by the Lions Clubs of the District and in order to keep the SD10 Lion Magazine financially sound, the Magazine Committee is recommending reducing the number of Issues from five (5) to four (4) annually and increasing the number of pages from 32 to 36 in an effort to reduce costs due to increased publishing and postage rates. We also have decided to keep the price of the ads the same as the past three

years in order not to lose any of the current advertisers due to a price increase at this time. It is expected that we will lose 4-5 advertisers this coming year. I have been contacted by two that they will be dropping after the May 2009 Issue.

The new months of publishing will be September, December, March and June. The Magazine will go to the publisher on the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month; I.E. September 2009 issue will go to press on September 1<sup>st</sup>.

On another note; we will be looking for new advertisers for upcoming 2009-10 Fiscal year. If any know anyone that would like to advertise in the Single District 10 Lions Magazine please have them contact me at [Bruce.LaBelle@Honeywell.com](mailto:Bruce.LaBelle@Honeywell.com) or call me at (906) 233-2118. We offer 1/8, 1/4, 1/2, & full page ads at very reasonable rates. This past year we published five times (Sep, Nov, Jan, Mar, May) and sent out 1800 issues each month as well as publish the issue on-line on the District website [www.district10lions.org](http://www.district10lions.org). The ads can be changed each month as long as the new ad is received at least 2-weeks prior to the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month of publication. If a business card size (1/8-page), you can either have the master emailed to me or send me a card in the mail and I can scan the image in.

### Magazine Goals:

1. Get articles from more clubs.
  - a) Receive more stories and fewer captions from clubs
  - b) Encourage clubs to send articles and photos about community service projects, and things they are doing, rather than people giving out plaques.
  - c) Attempt to get photos that give the story more impact and presence.
2. Educate clubs on the kind of stories the magazine is looking for.
  - a) A story is more than two sentences
  - b) It says something about what the activity is for, what it supports, and why the club participates.
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## Fletcher plans 'Trek to Bay Cliff'

By Jillian Jamison, Daily Press

Fourteen-year-old Gene Fletcher of Isabella has been on a journey his whole life. Born with cerebral palsy and scoliosis, he is confined to a wheelchair. That has not stopped him from living life to the best of his abilities, though. "Fletcher," as his friends refer to him, is preparing for a feat that reflects his strength of character and his firm belief that he can do anything children without disabilities can do.

Filled with self-determination and not an ounce of self-pity, Fletcher is soon to embark on a journey that will test his inner strength, let alone his physical capabilities.

"My goal this year is to ride my wheelchair 100 miles," said Fletcher, "from Rapid River, on the northern tip of Lake Michigan, to Big Bay, on the south side of Lake Superior."

What is the purpose of this trek?

"By pushing, pulling or riding under my own power, this four-day trip will be an adventure that will last me a lifetime and allow me to give back to a program that means so much to so many," he explained.

Fletcher is referring to Bay Cliff Health Camp in Big Bay, where approximately 180 youth ages 3-17 attend summer camp for seven weeks each year. There, youth with disabilities of various types learn new skills and have new experiences that enrich their lives and help them become more independent.

Since moving to Isabella from Sacramento, Calif. in 2002, Fletcher has been a regular camper at Bay Cliff. Despite his physical hinderances, he has created bracelets on his own every year, as a fund-raiser for the camp that means so much to him.

Now, in his sixth year, Fletcher has decided to help raise camp funds in a whole new way. "Trek to Bay Cliff" is a program he began, through which he and other campers can raise money for Bay Cliff. His goal is to "bring awareness to the world that kids like me can do the same as other kids without debilities." He explained that it's just a matter of doing things differently, and that youth such as himself "just want an opportunity to do these things."

Bay Cliff offers Fletcher and his co-campers that opportunity. Through physical, occupational, speech and music therapies, in combination with instruction for those with visual and speech impairment, Bay Cliff staff and volunteers work with individual campers to help them achieve new goals and master personal challenges.

"We spend seven weeks each summer having fun and learning new skills," said Fletcher, adding, "Bay Cliff is our summer home."

Having established Trek to Bay Cliff, Fletcher now wants to spread the word about both the undertaking and the opportunity for the public to make donations to the camp that means so much to him and scores of others who, like him, consider the camp a second home.

"I invite you on this journey with me," said Fletcher, as he prepares for the journey ahead of him. "Your contribution to Trek to Bay Cliff will help us raise needed funds," is his message to the public.

June 16, the trek will kick off at Trenary Lions Club with a baseball game and brat feed.

The following day, Fletcher and company will begin the day at 6 a.m. in Rapid River, with a 9 a.m. ceremony at Rapid River Lions Club before getting rolling at 10 a.m.

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Traveling with Fletcher at different points throughout his journey will be: Scout Troop 400 of Manistique, led by Linda Mason; Fletcher's cousins, Sean and Adam Kell of Iowa; and several Big Bay elementary school teachers.

The group will stop every 6-8 miles (about once each hour) for Fletcher's wheelchair batteries to cool. Volunteers continue to be sought for these pit stops, at which the Fletcher and his companions will require water and snacks.

Through careful planning, Fletcher has been able to gauge the length of the journey at approximately four days. Once at Bay Cliff, all proceeds gathered will be turned over to Bennett in support of the camp's programs.

Fletcher invites interested individuals, businesses and organizations to make a contribution by sending a check to: Trek to Bay Cliff, P.O. Box 83, Nahma, MI 49864. Visit [www.trektobaycliff.com](http://www.trektobaycliff.com) for more information about this event.

"Help all of us accomplish our goals toward greater independence," said Fletcher. In consideration of all Bay Cliff has meant to him, he added, "Who knows? Maybe someday I, or one of my friends, can leave (Bay Cliff) walking."



Picture Caption: Island Resort & Casino Public Relations Manager Dave Feathers, left, presents a check for \$1,000 to Gene Fletcher of Isabella Friday as Gene's parents, Mike and Naomi Fletcher, look on. The donation was given in support of 14-year-old Fletcher's "Trek to Bay Cliff" planned for June 16 -20. "Seeing what Gene is trying to accomplish is very impressive," said Feathers. "You cannot help but be inspired by his spirit, enthusiasm and dedication. I'm confident that the entire community will be in full support, just as we at the Island are."  
(Jillian Jamison, Daily Press)

## Lions Clubs International Support For Special Olympics

By President Al Brandel

Lions Clubs International has had a long-lasting and very rewarding partnership with the Special Olympics organization. The Special Olympics organization is engaging in a new campaign, launching March 31, called "Spread The Word to End The Word." It is a national day of awareness for America to stop and think about their use of the R-word. That R-word is not "recession," but something more hurtful and painful – "retard."

Our partnership began with the Opening Eyes program. The Special Olympics-Lions Clubs International Opening Eyes program is supported by Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF). The partnership program began in 2001 and has provided vision care to more than 100,000 individuals with intellectual disabilities. Together our two organizations are dedicated to serving those in need; the combined effort helps a population whose needs are so often overlooked.

Our partnership has been further solidified with recent initiatives, including new special interest Lions clubs popping up all over the United States, whose main focus is working with Special Olympics athletes. I also had the pleasure of attending the Special Olympics Winter Games in Boise, ID in February, and can tell you first hand these athletes carry themselves with dignity, and deserve nothing less than our admiration and respect.

Support of this campaign is easy, and will just take a moment of your time. Click on the link provided below to sign the pledge to stop using the R-word. Declare your support for more respectful and inclusive language, specifically that referring to those with intellectual disabilities. [www.r-word.org](http://www.r-word.org)

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## Bay Cliff Lions Day 2009 Invitation

Bay Cliff Health Camp will be hosting the annual Lions Day on **Saturday, June 27th, 2009**. Mark your calendars and plan on attending this year's event. The campers look forward to our visit each year. Tours of the facility will be conducted by the "Teen Campers" beginning at 10 AM E.S.T. You will also have lunch with the campers and staff at about 12:30 with a short presentation by the teen campers in the camp auditorium following lunch.

The Rapid River Lions Club took on the Front Gate Project portion of the Capital Campaign and the gate will also be dedicated on this day.

When: Saturday, June 27th, 2009  
Where: Bay Cliff Health Camp, Big Bay, MI  
Who: Everyone is invited. The more the merrier!

Come see Bay Cliff and meet the campers even if you have gone before. Bring someone new. Carpool. R.S.V.P: Please email [Krowe@nmu.edu](mailto:Krowe@nmu.edu), or call 906-869-0131 if you can attend and let us know you/or how many from your club are attending so I can give Bay Cliff cooks a heads up on numbers. (You are still welcome even if you don't R.S.V.P.)

This organization is so dear to so many of our hearts. Please come see for yourself. If you are a returner, come and see all the progress and get the joy of spending some time with the campers. I guarantee it will be worth the drive.



**PLEDGE TO THE  
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## Generous Donation to Shady Nook Capital Campaign

Lion William Asselin, a member of the Vulcan-Norway-Loretto Lions Club made a donation from his IRA. He generously donated \$10,000 to the Shady Nook Capital Campaign on behalf of the Vulcan-Norway-Loretto Club.

Lion Asselin is a retired dentist. He has been a Lions member since December 1967. Gloria, his wife of 20 years, is also a Lion's member and joined in July 2008. They reside in Norway, Michigan, and winter in Sun City, Arizona.

We want to sincerely thank Lion Asselin for his charity and kindness.

Ways you might donate to Bay Cliff Health Camp:

**By Bequest:** An attorney can prepare a Will or Codicil that includes a gift to Bay Cliff.

**Appreciated Stock:** Your financial advisor or attorney can help you transfer stock certificates to Bay Cliff.

**Insurance Policy:** Your insurance agent can help you name Bay Cliff as owner and beneficiary of a policy to maximize your tax deductions.

**Real Estate with retained life estate:** Your attorney will prepare a deed that retains for you the right to live on your property during your lifetime.

**Retirement Plan/IRA:** Your attorney or financial advisor can help you designate Bay Cliff as a beneficiary of your retirement plan.

**Charitable Gift Annuity:** Your attorney or Bay Cliff's attorney will prepare a document describing the gift.

**Charitable Lead Trust:** Your attorney or Bay Cliff's attorney will prepare a document describing the gift.

If you would like to talk to the Camp Staff about ways you can give to Bay Cliff, please contact us at: P.O. Box 310, Big Bay, MI 49808; 906-345-9314; or [baycliffhc@aol.com](mailto:baycliffhc@aol.com) or [baycliff@baycliff.org](mailto:baycliff@baycliff.org).

The District is still a long way from reaching our Shady Nook goal of \$350,000. Please continue to support the Bay Cliff Health Camp Operations and Capital Campaign. Also please make a note on the check to designate either Operations or Shady Nook Project. We ask all Lions Clubs of Single District 10 to donate to this District Project. If your Lions Club would like a presentation, either contact Kris Rowe at (906) 226-2744 or Tim Bennett at (906) 345-9314.

## SD10 Hearing & Speech Funds Distributed

By Gary Garn, a Dafter Lion and Teacher of Visually Impaired and Hearing-Impaired

At a regular St. Ignace Lions Club meeting on March 9, 2009, Lion S-D 10 Governor Robert Miller presented a Single-District 10 Hearing & Speech Committee Fund check for the sum of \$1,044 to Gros Cap School Superintendent, Mr. William Peltier. These monies covered the purchase of a LightSpeed REDCAT Infrared Classroom Soundfield Amplification System to be installed in one of the classrooms in Moran Township.

This Soundfield System will provide a “surround-sound effect” in the classroom. When wearing the infrared carrier wave transmitter, the Teacher’s voice is received, processed, amplified, and then omnidirectionally broadcast throughout the classroom via a special dispersion speaker unit.

The Teacher’s amplified voice will not decay as rapidly and remains at a comfortable decibel level above competing ambient noises and muddling effects of reverberation that typically occur during the course of classroom activities. The integrity of the Teacher’s speech is stabilized. Voiceless phonemes (...e.g..../f/, /h/, /k/, /p/, /s/, /t/, /ch/, /sh/, and /th/) can ultimately shape the meaning of words, but are prone to decay at short distances, and being lost in the din—Students seated furthest from the Teacher are most impacted by this acoustical deterioration. Younger children have yet to acquire sophisticated listening skills, and may err at what they think they heard; whereas older students, with more listening experience, become more skilled at making assumptions as to what they heard (auditory closure).

The efficacy of these Soundfield Systems is supported by decades of audiological and educational research. At any time in any classroom, approximately one-third of any randomly selected Kindergarten through Third Grade age-level class members are not hearing as well as they should due to the presence of an “ear event.” An “ear event” means conductive hearing loss due to an infection, fluid in the middle ear, wax accumulation, allergies, et cetera. In addition to this group experiencing “ear events,” a typical classroom might have students with high distractibility to noise, those with auditory perceptual problems, as well as those who have a hearing-impaired diagnosis. Also, Medical Anthropology studies are replete with evidence that Native American children are at least twice as likely to have a history of ear infections, compared to the general population. All these children are at risk of missing what the Teacher says. Furthermore, longitudinal studies show that students who had been immersed in Soundfield-equipped classrooms score higher on standardized achievement

tests, and that Special Education referrals originating from those classrooms decrease.

Superintendent Peltier said that this first infrared Soundfield System, funded by the S-D 10 Lions, will not only be of immediate benefit to those children in that particular classroom, but it will serve as the pilot for additional grant writing to equip all the other classrooms at the Gros Cap School campus. For 15 years, the Eastern Upper Peninsula Intermediate School District has facilitated many constituent School Districts at procurement of various Soundfield Systems. Some School Districts in the Eastern Upper Peninsula have already fully installed their Early Elementary and Middle School classrooms with Soundfields.



District Governor Robert Miller (center) presents a check to Gros Cap School Superintendent, Mr. William Peltier (left). Gary Garn (right) of the Eastern Upper Peninsula Intermediate School District’s hearing and vision communications department assisted in securing funds for the electronic system for the school. (Photo by St. Ignace News)

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## Bark River Lions Club Roars into Spring

By Jillian Jamison, Daily Press

At its March 16 general membership meeting, Bark River Lions Club made a special presentation of funds that will make a positive difference in the lives of countless students, now and for years to come.

On hand to receive the \$1,583 donation were Delta-Schoolcraft Intermediate School District (ISD) Director of Special Education Dale Schlemmer and Bark River-Harris Schools Speech and Language Pathologist Don Alimenti.

The Lions of District 10 have been targeting ISDs in an effort to assist them with various acquisitions. For the 2008-09 school year, Alimenti, who has been at Bark River-Harris Schools for about three years, vied for funds on behalf of BR-H's Speech and Learning Department. This bid involved writing a "wish list" to the Lions.

Alimenti works with students who have impediments or delays, and those who have articulation delays or problems. His case load of approximately 30 students.

"My wish list (to the Lions) included two language tests - one articulation test and vocabulary test - that help diagnose students who need help," said Alimenti, whose letter went before review and was consequently selected. He received the exact amount of his request.

"I am incredibly blessed to have received the items on this wish list. The students at Bark River-Harris will greatly benefit from this gift."

The tests Alimenti will be receiving are projected be good for approximately 10-15 years, will have long-term benefits, said Schlemmer, who noted, "School funding is getting tight, and the Lions Club donation is great."

"This is the third time the Lions Club Region 10 has gifted the (Delta-Menominee) district," said Schlemmer, as he recalled Bark River Lions Club's past support of both the sight-impaired and hearing-impaired student populations within the district.

The club made provisions for sight-impaired students by donating the cost of a Braille to Manistique Schools, said Schlemmer. The club also funded Escanaba Public Schools' purchase of an FM system that "gives the teacher a direct line to hearing-impaired students," said Alimenti.

With regard to the 2008-09 school year, Alimenti said, "I was very excited to find out there were funds available to me for my department."

Formally presented by Vice District Governor Don Wojakowski, the monetary contribution was given to the Delta-Schoolcraft ISD by the Lions, and the ISD, in turn, will distribute the funds to Alimenti.

Bark River Lions Club is well known for its generous contributions to a long list of worthy causes, with a strong focus on children.

During its current fiscal year (Jan. 1-Dec. 31) alone, Bark River Lions Club has already contributed the following funds: Doctors Park Vision Center, for three individuals' eye exam and glasses; Lions of Michigan Service Foundation; Bay Cliff Health Camp Operations & Capital Campaign; Big Brothers/Big Sisters of the Bay Area; Diabetes Outreach; Leader Dog for the Blind; Lions Clubs International Foundation; Michigan All State Band; Midwest Eye Banks; Northwood's Air Lifeline; Public TV 13; Single District 10 Hearing & Speech Program; Single District 10 Scholarship Program; Teaching Family Homes; Youth Assistance Program Project Kidsight; Michigan All State Band (three students); Bay Cliff Health Camp; North Menominee Community Schools Winter Sports Festival; SORVADC; Bark River-Harris School Scholarship; American Legion Boys & Girls State Scholarships; Total contributions equal \$6,433.97.

The annual Lions Club pancake breakfast, held at the Bark River Senior Center, was yet another of the fund-raising activities that help the Lions Club continue its support of worthy causes. Upcoming is the club's annual scholarship donation, awarded to four students of the Bark River-Harris High School graduate each year during commencement night.



Delta-Schoolcraft ISD Director of Special Education Dale Schlemmer, left, and Bark River-Harris Schools Speech and Language Pathologist Don Alimenti, right, receive a \$1,583 donation from Bark River Lions Club Vice District Governor Don Wojakowski at a March 16 meeting.

(Photo by Jillian Jamison)

# Vulcan-Norway-Loretto Lions Presents I.S.D. Funds

By Mary Spera, The Current

On March 10, 2009, a luncheon was served by Rialto Lanes prior to a meeting of the Vulcan-Norway-Loretto Lions Club. The main agenda for the evening was a presentation of a check from Vice District Governor Don Wojakowski to the I.S.D. representative Carrie Zigman. This money (\$403.29) will be dispensed to Dickinson-Iron County ISD for projects for kids affecting students in pre-kindergarten through 9th grade with Hearing & Speech issues. Along with Carrie, three other teachers, Anne Decker, Janette Sword, and Shelly Broden, will use that money towards books and other helpful tools with students who have special needs. The funds came from Lions Clubs from across the Upper Peninsula that comprise Single District 10. The funds are donated to the District 10 Hearing & Speech Program and are disbursed each spring.

Also representing District #10 was Cabinet Treasurer Bruce LaBelle who discussed State and District projects as well as various fundraisers.

Each year, our own Lions Club has a community picnic with their famous grilled chicken dinner held in July for fundraising so money can be locally given to family events such as the Norway Community Easter Egg Hunt.

At this meeting, Local treasurer Terry Backlund presented Mary Spera, chairperson of the Egg Hunt, a check to buy candy to fill the eggs.



Pictured Norway Community Easter Egg Hunt Chairperson; Mary Spera as she accepts a check from Lions Club Treasurer; Terry Backlund.

## Vulcan-Norway-Loretto Lions Honors Member



Bill is shown above receiving his pin from fellow Lion Roland Revello on behalf of Lions International.

Bill Marinelli recently received a 55-year Charter Monarch Milestone Chevron Award in recognition of his 55 years of service as a member of the Vulcan-Norway-Loretto Lions Club.

Bill became a Lion in 1954 when the club was chartered and has served continuously to the present. He has been an active member and served the club in many capacities including that of the presidency.



Pictured L to R are: Vice-District Governor; Don Wojakowski, I.S.D. Representative; Carrie Zigman and Lions Club President; Jim Wash.

## Single District 10 Convention

By Bruce LaBelle, District Editor

The 87<sup>th</sup> annual Single District 10 Lions Convention was hosted by the Drummond Island Lions Club from April 30<sup>th</sup> – May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2009. The Club made a successful bid to host the convention in the spring of 2007. PDG Duane Goltz was a driving factor in the Club hosting the annual convention and there was some doubters if it could be done. Under the leadership of PDG Duane, the sixty-seven members of the Drummond Island Lions Club began the planning and preparations for the Convention. The preparations and attention to details of the event was very apparent and the event went off as planned with few problems.

This year's events was held in two locations; the town hall which hosted the Cabinet & Business Meetings as well as the Mix & Meet activities and the remainder of activities were conducted at the Drummond Island Resort and Conference Center. The hospitality room was exceptional this year as it was held in the Wood Moor Lodge Lounge in the loft which was equipped with kitchen facilities, fireplace and enough seating for all. The hospitality room was jointly hosted by DG Bob Miller, VDG Don Wojakowski, PCC Sara Doubledee, and 1st Vice Governor Candidates Gary Klop of the Pickford Lions Club and Alfred LeMaire of the Newberry Lions Club. The hospitality room was well stocked with wonderful food and of course your beverages of choice. What more could you want? Jean Wojakowski, wife of VDG Don Wojakowski even brought three beautifully decorated homemade cakes. The hospitality room was well attended each evening with the Lions members intermixing and socializing until 1 A.M.

The annual event began on Thursday afternoon with about 30 Lions gathering at the "Pins Bar & Grill and Bowling" center for a pizza party and bowling. The Pins staff kept

the Lions stuffed with all of the pizza and drinks they could want. PDG Chuck Nicklas and his wife Jan decided to forego the pizza and ordered from the menu. Jan had such a surprise on her face when they brought a platter of food that was way more than she could eat. PDG Duane Goltz and a few other Lions demonstrated their talents at bowling that evening. After numerous gutter balls, PDG Charlie Lundmark of the Gladstone Lions Club began the task of coaching PDG Goltz to the art of bowling. What an entertaining evening watching them.

To insure that no one had an excuse not to attend this function, PDG Harold Schermer of the Wells Lions Club offered to chauffeur the members free of charge the 100 feet from the motel to the Bowling Alley and back. Afterwards the members retired to the hospitality suite to continue the socialization with each other. Golfing was also available for the membership; however not many Lions members partook of this activity due to the heavy rains on Thursday. Various members took the opportunity to golf at the Rock Golf Course located at the Conference Center on both Saturday and Sunday between the various scheduled activities.



Registration was completed at the Town Hall where the attendees received their convention packets and were able to view displays from Bay Cliff Health Camp, History of Drummond Island, Leader Dog for the Blind, Michigan Eye Bank Organ Donor Program and Welcome Homes. They were also given the opportunity to purchase 50/50 Raffle tickets and look over the many items of the silent and live auction that was held Friday night at the Mix & Meet. Lion Alfred LeMaire, District Trading Pin Chairman, of the Newberry Lions Club also had a table setup with the District & State pins for viewing and purchase.

The annual event officially began on Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup> with the 4<sup>th</sup> Cabinet Meeting being held at 1 PM at the Town Hall. The Cabinet meeting progressed smoothly and efficiently with all of the Zone Chairpersons and District



Committees making their reports and recommendations to the Cabinet. The District Financial Reports, Proposed Budget, Audits and membership trends were also review and placed on file. Both old and new business was discussed among the Cabinet members. The Cabinet discussed at length as to weather to keep Welcome Homes as a District supported State Project due to the lack of results within the Upper Peninsula. After much debate and discussion, the Cabinet members came to the decision to recommend that the membership of Single District 10 remove Welcome Homes as a District State Project during the Business meeting to follow. The Cabinet will look at the project again next year and based on the results will either recommend placing Welcomes Homes back as a State Project or not.

The Cabinet in no way is telling the membership not to support this program; it is only making a recommendation to remove it as a State Project. Lions Clubs are free to support any program that it's members feel are worthy of their support. The Cabinet minutes and financial reports are available on the District Website [www.district10lions.org](http://www.district10lions.org) for viewing.

### Mix & Meet



The opening night of the District Convention was well attended. The Mix & Meet featured a buffet supper, entertainment along with a 50/50 raffle, live and silent auctions. Lions members and their guests began arriving at the Town Hall for a night of socialization and entertainment with the social hour at 5 PM, giving the attendees plenty of time to view the various vender displays and ask questions as well as view the silent and live auction items.

The dinner buffet began at 6 PM with the entertainment portion of the program beginning at 7:30 PM. Pastor Rich Kornoelje, of the Drummond Island Baptist Church, started us off with "When the Lions Come Marching In" while playing his trumpet. He is also is a ventriloquist who entertained the audience with his dummy. His "dummy"

appeared to be a person that gets around the Upper Peninsula as he appeared to know many things about some of our membership and was freely willing to share this information with everyone. Mr. Kornoelje did a tremendous job entertaining the crowd and was well received. Great Job!



The evening also featured a 50/50 raffle, silent and live auctions for various charities. The live auction was conducted by Mr. Kornoelje. There were a few bidding wars that evening with one worth mentioning: a hand made quilt donated by a local resident became a battle between a member of the Drummond Island Lions Club and our youngest Lions Club, the Heart of the North Lions. The Heart of the North Lions came prepared to spend some of their hard earned money but lost out on the bidding process when Lion Alfred LeMaire of the Newberry Lions made the final bid of \$275 for the quilt from out of the blue. Better luck next year.

The silent auction raised \$1,122 with the live auction raising \$855 for the Drummond Island charities and local projects. An additional \$168 was raised from the 50/50 raffle and \$800 from the bar on Friday Night.

After the auction was completed, many of the Lions and their guests remained at the Town Hall socializing with each other. As the night progressed the membership made their way back to the hospitality room at the Drummond Island Resort & Conference Center. During the insuing hours the candidates Gary Klop and Alfred LeMaire continued to campaign for the position of 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Governor. For the second night in a row, the membership enjoyed their comradeship into the early hours of the morning.



## Business Session

Saturday morning began with the Lions members and delegates assembling at the Town Hall to conduct the General Business Session. District Governor Bob Miller



called the meeting to order at 9 AM with Lion Deacon Chuck Krahnke giving the invocation. DG Miller welcomed the International Director Beverly Stebbins from Arlington, Texas.

Lion Duke Snyder gave the Credential Report for the convention to the delegation. Twenty-six (26) Lions Clubs were represented with 155 registered Lions members, eighty-one (81) certified delegates and seventeen (17) Past District Governors in attendance. PDG Bill Whippen read the rules report.

International Director Beverly Stebbins briefly addressed the Business Session.

The District Financial Report was presented by Cabinet Treasurer Bruce LaBelle and placed on file and the proposed 2009-10 budget was approved. The 12-page financial report can be viewed by going to the district website [www.district10lions.org](http://www.district10lions.org). The complete Single District 10 Convention Report will also be posted on the website when completed.

There were several committee members that requested permission to present their reports to the full membership during the Business Session. PDG George Kelly gave an update on the Northwood's Air Lifeline project. PDG Kelly announced that one of the aircraft from Northwood's Air Lifeline was at the airport for viewing. Pilot Steve Phillips had flown the aircraft to Drummond Island so that the Lions members could see one of the two aircraft that the Lions have purchased. He also was available to answer any questions about the program.



PDG Jenny Ware made reports on the Michigan All-State Band and the Project KidSight Program. She reported that the Lions of District 10 have screened 1248 children with 33 referrals since June 2006. Since January 2009, the Lions have conducted 14 vision screening sessions screening 189 1-5 year olds with 4 referrals.

PDG Bob St. Peter gave a compassionate report on the Single District 10 Hearing & Speech program and the Hearing Aide Program that is available through Michigan Service Foundation and Lions International. PDG Larry Klaus gave a report on Michigan Eye Bank and the Organ Donor Program.

Eric Berger of Leader Dog gave a brief report on the Leader Dog Program and announced that a Leader Dog was at the Convention. PDG Rod Pries gave an update on Welcome Homes Residential Services, formerly Welcome Homes for the Blind. He indicated that the work at the Munising Homes has run into some problems since the facility had been sold last year and that they tentatively have a contract to provide services with Bishop No Homes in Escanaba, Michigan pending the facilities final approval.



PDG Chuck Nicklas gave a report and held discussions on the current status of the Welcome Homes Residential Services. Based on the current performance of the project in the Upper Peninsula, the Cabinet recommended that the membership vote to remove the Welcome Homes as a State Project. The delegates voted by a written ballot after voting for the District Governor and Vice District Governor. The vote was split 54 in support of removing it as a State Project, 25 against removal and 19 abstaining. With the vote, the delegation approved the removal of Welcome Homes as a State Project at this time.

The District will continue to look at the program and if it sees progress in the Upper Peninsula, it will reconsider reinstating the program as a State Project. If individual Lions Clubs wish to continue to support the program, they can. The Cabinet officers will not actively solicit Lions Clubs not to support the Welcome Homes Project. The Lions Clubs of Single District 10 make their own decisions as to where they send their monies. Many of the 60 Lions Clubs of the District do not support all of the District, State and International projects.



This year the District had three offices to fill by written ballot along with electing a Director to the Michigan Service Foundation. The delegates voted to elect a District Governor, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor for the 2009-10 year. Lion Duke Snyder gave the Nominations Committee Report, reporting that the District had one candidate running for the District Governor position, two candidates for the office of 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor and no candidates for the office of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor. There was one candidate for the Michigan Service Foundation Board of Directors. There were no nominations from the floor for any of the positions.

This year the District had two qualified candidates running for the office of 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor. Stan Kennedy of the Pickford Lions Club nominated and endorsed Lion Gary Klop of the Pickford Lions Club for the office of 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor stating Gary's credentials for the office. Alfred LeMaire of the Newberry Lions Club was nominated and endorsed by PDG George Kelly of the Manistique Lakes Lions Club with a brief speech and the nomination was seconded by Past President Roland Ringquist of the Engadine-Naubinway Lions Club.

The District Governor and Vice District Governors were elected during the General Business Session by secret ballot. Vice District Governor Don Wojakowski was elected as District Governor and Lion Gary Klop was elected as the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor for the 2009-10. The office of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor remains vacant. Congratulations. We hope to see Lion Alfred LeMaire back again next year making a bid for either the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor.

Lion Don Gries of the Drummond Island Lions Club was elected to serve a two-year term on the Michigan Service Foundation Board of Directors.



Both District Governor Elect Don Wojakowski and Vice District Elect Gary Klop briefly addressed the membership following their election and asked for the continued support of the District Lions.

Bernie Mattila and Knut Strom of the Ishpeming Lions Club made a bid to host the 2010-11 Convention in Negaunee, Michigan in conjunction with the Ishpeming Tri-Township Lions Club. The Chocolay Township, Marquette and Skandia Lions Clubs were awarded the convention for 2010 in Marquette, Michigan. The Business Session was adjourned by DG Bob Miller and the membership proceeded to the Drummond Island Resort and Conference Center for the Awards Luncheon.



### Awards Luncheon

The Awards Luncheon was held at the Drummond Island Resort and Conference Recreation Center and presided over by the Master of Ceremonies PDG Duane Goltz. This year's luncheon followed last year's format with the partners having lunch with the Lions members so that they could witness the recognition of award recipients. VDG Don Wojakowski led the membership in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and PDG George Kelly lead the assembly in singing America the Beautiful. VDG Don Wojakowski gave the invocation prior to lunch being served.

Following the lunch, PDG George Kelly once more directed the membership in the singing of our national song, "Home on the Range" prior to the program beginning. Township Supervisor Frank Sasso welcomed the Lions to Drummond Island. The guest speaker for the afternoon was Drummond Island Historian Jill Lowe Brumwell, who has followed in her mother's footsteps and is a historian and writer of the history of Drummond Island. She talked about the history of Drummond Island and its influence on the history of this country.

Following the guest speaker, District Governor Bob Miller introduced the International Director Beverly Stebbins to the congregation of Lions and their guests. ID Beverly Stebbins hails from Texas and is a member of the Arlington Texas Lions Club along with her husband Edward. She is a retired school teacher. Her husband was unable to attend due to commitments with the Lions International. Both Director Beverly and her husband are Progressive Melvin Jones Fellows awardees. Director Stebbins was elected to serve a two-year term as a director of Lions Clubs International in June 2008 at the International Convention on Bangkok, Thailand. ID Beverly Stebbins made some brief remarks prior to the awards being presented.

The International Director recognized three Lions members of Single District 10 with The International President's Commendation awards for their dedicated and tireless work for the District. The awards were presented to VDG Don Wojakowski of the Stephenson Lions Club, Tom Lanaville and Bruce LaBelle, both of the Bark River Lions Club.



PDG Bob St. Peter was presented the Governors Appreciation Award for his tireless work with the Hearing & Speech Committee and the Hearing Aid programs. Lion Willie LaMarche of the Wells Lions Club was also presented the Governors Appreciation Award for his work with Districts Diabetes Outreach Program.



District Governor Bob Miller recognized three Lions Club Secretaries for the 100% Secretary Award. Lion Joseph Baczkowski of the Marquette Lions Club, Lion Leroy Bloom of the Crystal Falls Lions Club and Lion Norman Muench of the Drummond Island Lions Club.

Lions Joseph Baczkowski of the Marquette Lions Club and Tom Brown of the Sault Ste Marie Lions Club were both presented with the International Understanding and

Cooperation Awards and banner patches on behalf of their respective Lions Clubs.

DG Miller awarded three Lions Clubs members for their Club Newsletters within their respective Lions Clubs. PDG Bob St. Peter of the Dafter Lions Club, Lions Donald Demaske of the Drummond Island Lions Club and Bernadette Haeusler of the Delta-Menominee “Heart of the North” Lions Club all received the Editors Bulletin Medal.



Lions Tom Lanaville and Bruce LaBelle, both of the Bark River Lions Club were awarded the Editors Medal for their exceptional work with the Single District 10 Lions Magazine and Newsletter.



Lion Don Connors presented a check to Northwood’s Air Lifeline for \$1000 from the Crystal Falls Lions Club to PDG George Kelly.



Following the Awards Luncheon, the District held four breakout workshops. There was (1) a Questions & Answers session with the International Director Beverly Stebbins moderated by PDG Jim Decremer, (2) a session on Lions Clubs Incorporation and Tax Issues presented by PDG Paul Hemeryck, State Treasurer, (3) Membership & Membership Orientation by PDG Knut Strom and (4) Office Training conducted by PDG Jim Decremer.

### Governor’s Banquet

On Saturday evening, the Lions and their guests once again gathered at the Drummond Island Resort and Conference Recreation Center for the formal Governor’s Banquet. With everyone dressed in their finest, the Governor’s Banquet began with the Parade of Banners representing the twenty-six Lions Clubs attending this year’s convention. IPDG Duane Goltz presided over the event as the Master of Ceremonies. Drummond Island Lions Club President Dale Bevel lead the group in the Pledge of Allegiance with PDG George Kelly directing the congregation in singing of “America the Beautiful”. VDG Don Wojakowski gave the invocation prior to PDG Goltz introducing the head table and special guests.

Following dinner, District Governor Bob Miller introduced the International Director Beverly Stebbins. ID Stebbins was the keynote speaker for the evening and gave a very interesting take on “fixin”. Her theme as International Director is “Believe”. She presented this to us in her thoughts of Lionism and that we must believe in ourselves in order to serve. She concluded with a story about a bricklayer.

Following the keynote speaker, the International Director and the District Governor got down to business in recognizing the exceptional Lions of Single District 10 with various awards and presentations.

International Director Beverly Stebbins presented IPDG Duane Goltz, DG Bob Miller and VDG Don Wojakowski, PDG Sara Doubledee, PDG Jim Decremer and PDG Jenny Ware with her Friendship Ornament. She also presented the Lions members with over 40-years of Lionism and the newest Lion with the International Presidents “Miracles through Service” Lions Pin.

Robb Chabie of the Michigan Eye Bank presented PDG Larry Klaus with a Certificate of Achievement and Banner Patch to the Chocolay Township Lions Club for their 100% Club participation in signing up for the “I Joined” Donor Registry. Mr. Chabie also presented District Governor Bob Miller a Certificate of Achievement for helping to start the program in the Upper Peninsula. In one day during the Buddy Days Program, 117 Lions Clubs

throughout the State of Michigan got 5000 people to register in the Organ Donor Registry. Great work Lions!

District Governor Bob Miller gave out a very special appreciation award this year. To the surprise of all the Lions in attendance, DG Miller awarded an “Everyday Heroes” Award. This award was presented to Lion Jane Lanaville of the Heart of the North Lions Club for the support that she has given to her fellow Lion and husband Tom Lanaville of the Bark River Lions Club. DG Bob express the importance of the support of the spouse in allowing the dedicated Lions to perform their functions and the sacrifices that the family needs to make at times. The Governor presented Lion Jane with silver looped pendant with rhinestone inner loop and silver Lions emblem on 18" silver chain and corsage.

District Governor Miller presented the International Director a personnel check for her favorite Lions project, the Texas Lions Camp which is very much similar to Bay Cliff Health Camp.



Vice District Governor Don Wojakowski has been working quietly in the background this past year in an effort to help rise the necessary funding to support Single District 10 International Director candidate Sara Doubledee. VDG Wojakowski has been visiting Lions Clubs of the District and soliciting funds to purchase campaign supplies and working capital to help elect our next International Director. VDG Don presented PCC Sara Doubledee with checks for \$2600 and campaign supplies such as small jugs of Maple Syrup from the Upper Peninsula during the Governor’s Banquet.

The Single District 10 highest award, the “Ralph M Sheehan” was awarded to an exceptional Lion who has served in many capacities at both the Club and District level. This year’s recipient was PDG Joseph Potvin of the Bark River Lions Club. Lion Potvin was escorted to the

podium to receive the award by the two previous award winners PDG Jenny Ware and Lion Bruce LaBelle. See related article on Page 24.

After the conclusion of the program, the Bass Cove Roberts’ Brothers, from Drummond Island performed superb music to dance to. Those who stayed enjoyed the music while others returned to the hospitality room for a third night of socializing.

## Necrology



Sunday morning began with gathering of the Past District Governors (PDG’s) in the Woodmoor Lodge for breakfast and the induction of District Governor Bob Miller into the Past District Governors Association. During their meeting, the Past District Governors voted to present International Director Candidate PCC Sara Doubledee a check for \$1000 from the PDG Association Funds to help her with her campaign expenses for the International office.

Afterwards the Lions of Single District 10 gathered for the Necrology Service in which they honored the 28 Lions members that had passed away in the past year. PDG Don Myers did a great job with the eulogy of deceased Lions. As PDG Don Myers remembered each member, a lighted candle was carried to the podium and a tree was presented to be planted in memory of the deceased member. After all of the deceased members were eulogized, Julie Reed, a freshman at DeTour High School, concluded the service with taps. After the Necrology program District Governor Bob Miller presented a few awards and gifts to the attendees.

This year’s recipient of the District 10’s Distinguished Service Award is a Drummond Island Lions Club Charter member and was also the sponsor of DG Bob Miller. Norman Bailey of the Drummond Island Club was the recipient the 2008-09 Award for all of his service

performed over the years to his community.  
Congratulations to Norm for this distinguished honor!



He was born and raised in a small upper peninsula community. He has lived there all of his life except for the time he answered the call and served his country in World War II. After the war he returned to the place of his birth, married, raised his family, worked and became a part of the community. He saw a need and was instrumental in the formation of the volunteer fire department and the ambulance service. When the local Lions Club was chartered he was a charter member. He served his Lions Club the same way he served his country and his local community. If asked about any of these things, he would simply say there was a job that needed doing and we got it done. When his club gave him a Melvin Jones he seemed surprised that any one had noticed his service to the club and community. With him it was always we did it, never look what I did.

It is with great pleasure that the District recognizes this Lion for his many years of unselfish giving of himself to his country, community and his Lions Club.

An emotional District Governor presented his wife with a bouquet of roses for her continued support through the years and thanked the membership for allowing him to serve as their Governor. Governor Miller presented District Governor Elect Don Wojakowski a new gavel to begin his year.

District Governor Elect Don Wojakowski also presented his wife Jean with flowers and addressed the membership and asked for their continued support in the coming year.

Vice District Governor Elect Gary Klop announced a contest called "Gary's Hairy Fundraiser" that is going to take 2 years while he is in Office. He asked everyone to come up with some way whether it is \$10.00 a month or whatever he or she could come up with, to earmark it, and



hold onto it for 2 years. While we are doing that, he is going to let his hair and goatee grow. Then on the Saturday night after the Governors banquet in Ishpeming in 2011, he will allow the club that raised the most money to have the first cut on his hair as long as they don't draw blood. The money that will be raised will be donated to 6 Organizations: Leader Dogs, Teaching Family Homes, Michigan Eye Bank, Air Lifeline, Bay Cliff Health Camp, and Lions of Michigan All State Band.



A buffet brunch was served at the conclusion of the service and in closing remarks; the Drummond Island Lions were thanked for a great convention. The Bark River Lions Club claimed the District Traveling Trophy and Old Snaggle Tooth took a ride to Bark River to vacation there until next year when it will visit Marquette unless some Lions Club wants to visit the Bark River Lions Club with five members and take him home with them. The Chocolay Township, Marquette and Skandia Lions Clubs were awarded and will be hosting the 88<sup>th</sup> Single District 10 Lions Convention in Marquette next spring.



A big Thank You to all of you who traveled to Drummond Island to participate in the 87<sup>th</sup> SD10 Annual Convention, without each and every one of you, there would be nothing. Individually we can accomplish little; together we can do great things. If you have never attended a District convention, please consider attending next year in Marquette, Michigan.

This year's convention had 157 registered lions and guests. 26 Lions Clubs were represented from across the Upper Peninsula with 81 delegates and 17 PDG's in attendance.

The District was pleased to welcome members of MD-11 to the Single District 10 Lions Convention. Those who graced us with their presence were State Secretary Mary Brown, State Treasurer Paul Hemeryck, MD-11 Council Chair Terry Bowerman, Pat Bowerman, Past Council Chairs Nancy Lampman & Janalee McClure, Lester McClure, DG 11C2 Shirley Marshall, DG 11D1 Frank Revette & Mary Jane Revette, DG 11D2 Charles Belesky & Nancy Belesky, PDG 11 C2 Lloyd Kilbreath & Kathy Kilbreath. The District would like to thank each of them for traveling to the Upper Peninsula to share the experience with us.

Additional pictures of the Single District 10 Convention can be viewed on the District Website [www.district10lions.org](http://www.district10lions.org). There are over 400 photos posted on the website. Congratulations to the Drummond Island Lions Club for running a successful convention weekend.

## "Buckshot" wins Ralph M Sheehan Award

All good things come to those who wait! PDG Joseph Potvin, or "Buckshot" as he is affectionately called, took home the Single District 10's highest award at the Saturday's night Governor Banquet.

PDG Potvin becomes the 31st recipient since the award was originated in 1979 in honor of Ralph M. Sheehan, a Marquette Evening Lions member and International Director from 1941 - 1943. This is the most Prestigious and highest service award that Single District 10 presents.

A member of Bark River Lions Club for 35 years, he has been in trusted to guide the club in positions of Club President, (twice), Secretary, Treasurer, Board of Directors, Lion Tamer. And has earned the 100% President Award and was Liberty Day Chair at the Local Elementary School. He has been instrumental in the formation and ongoing support of the Club's major fundraiser, the "U.P Off Road 100" which started in 1976. In support of the "U.P. Off Road 100", Lion Joe has served in several capacities such as the Timing Chairperson for 23 years and the Off Road Treasurer for 12 years to mention a few. The Club also honored Lion Joe as a Melvin Jones Fellow.

At the District level, he has been Zone Chairperson, Constitution & By-Laws Chairperson, Single District 10 Convention Co-chair, MD-10 Student Loan Program Chairperson for 11 years. Serving as SD-10 Governor, he visited all 65 clubs of the District and received 100% District Governor's Award.

Outside of Lions, he served in the U.S. Army (Vietnam Era 3 years). He is a Graduate of Northern Michigan University (B.S. Degree in Business Administration) and retired from being a U.S. Postmaster. Lion Joe has served in the Bark River Township as a Trustee 1 year and Volunteer Fireman for 27 years. He served as Secretary-Treasurer of the Sacred Heart Cemetery for 9+ years and is a Lector at St Elizabeth Ann Seton. He is currently serving as Adjutant in the Bark River American Legion Post 438. When needed he has worked with the Western United States Forest Fires as a Wildland Firefighter-Radio Operator.

Lion Joe is a 4th Generation resident of Bark River Township and is married to Wife Rose and has three grown children and three grandchildren.



Pictured Left to Right: PDG Charles Nicklas, International Director Beverly Stebbins, Recipient PDG Joseph Potvin and District Governor Bob Miller

## Happy Hunting

Chocolay Lions Club puts on Easter egg hunt  
By Miriam Moeller, Mining Journal Staff Writer

James Hemmila, 8, and Kevin Otto, 9, said they experienced the best part of Easter Saturday morning. Equipped with buckets, they searched for brightly colored Easter eggs on the grounds of Silver Creek Church in Harvey. "I was running around and kids were just running around and looking around trees," Otto said, showing off the 20 or so plastic eggs he had collected.

Hemmila said he followed one of the people hiding the eggs. "One of the guys dropped the bucket, and I scooped up all the eggs," he said.

Some 300 kids came to the Easter egg hunt, the eighth annual event organized and sponsored by the Chocolay Lions Club, Silver Creek Church and the Chocolay Area Business Association.

Peter LaRue of the Chocolay Lions Club said the event began when he saw the annual Easter egg hunt at the White House on TV eight years ago. "I saw them doing it, and I saw no reason why we can't do that," LaRue said.

On Saturday under a bright blue sky, LaRue and his crew hid about 5,000 empty plastic eggs in the area surrounding Silver Creek Church. At 11:30 a.m. a large crowd of kids and parents gathered in front of the school and at LaRue's signal, the kids swarmed the grounds to collect as many eggs as possible. After their baskets were full, the kids traded their eggs for bags of candy, handed out by Chocolay Lions Club members.

"It's kind of fun for the kids," LaRue said, adding that he observed a bigger crowd than last year. "People want to get their kids out. People want to do more family-oriented things."

Inside the church, kids three years and younger were able to search for eggs in one of the building's classrooms.

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Children of all ages swarm the church grounds hunting for plastic eggs to exchange for candy. (Journal photos by Andy Nelson-Zaleski)

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## Race Schedule Announced

The Dafter Lions Club announced the scheduled for their annual Mud Runs this summer. The Mud runs are held at the Dafter Mud Run Park on the corner of 10 Mile Road and I-75. For further information on the scheduled events contact on of the following personnel:

Carl Marsh 906-632-9719  
Frank Marsh 906-630-4122  
J. C. Alcorn 906-253-9614



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From The West: Take M-28 to the Soo Line Road then the 10-Mile Road East for 10 Miles (Follow the signs).

From The South: Take I-75 to Exit 382 -West to the Soo Line Road (Follow the signs).

## Project KidSight in Full Swing

By Bruce LaBelle

The Lions program "Project KidSight" got off to a great start the first weeks of April with four vision screenings being completed within two weeks. The first screening was held on Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at the YMCA in Escanaba, Michigan at the annual "Youth Fitness Day".

During the four hour program, Lion Willy LaMarche of the Wells Lions Club was able to screen 40 children with PDG Jenny Ware of Brampton-Days River Lions Club and Lion Bruce LaBelle of the Bark River Lions Club assisting with the education of the program to the public and the recruitment of the children for the screening. Jenny's daughter Heather Sanderson also gave up a day with her friends to assist with the registration (constant) portion of the program. This is the 4th year that the local Lions of Delta County have supported this screening. Along with providing the screenings, they helped educate local parents, grand parents and children on the importance of screening preschool aged children.

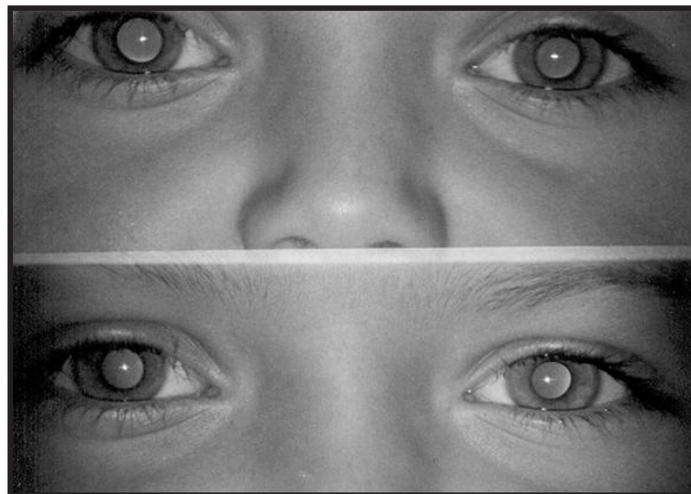
Four days later, the Lions were conducting vision screenings at the Bark River-Harris Schools during the annual kindergarten screening for the upcoming school year. The Lions have become a partner with the school in their annual screenings of the pre-kindergarten children and their younger siblings. Members from three area Lions Clubs assisted with the vision screening on Wednesday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, Lions Bruce LaBelle of the Bark River Lions Club and Willy LaMarche of the Wells Lions Club conducted the actual vision screenings with members of the Heart of the North Lions Club assisting with the registration and escort duties. Lions Pat VanEnkevort, Nancy Porath and Diane Norton provided this valuable service. The school personnel also assisted the Lions with the activities. The Lions were able to screen 34 pre-school children during this event.

On Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, Don and Janet Connors traveled from Crystal Falls to assist with the vision screening at the annual Child Find held at the Hannahville Indian School. This was the third screening that the Connors have helped with the screening at Hannahville. Twenty-eight children were screened. Lion Janet Pirlot of the Heart of the North Lions Club also assisted. Rose Potvin, Elementary Principal and event coordinator gave a big "Thank you to the Lions for helping with the screening!"

On Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup> the Lions again joined forces at the Delta Plaza to conduct free vision screening from 10 AM to 4 PM at the Delta Plaza during the annual Children Fun Fest event. Lions from Bark River (Bruce LaBelle),

Brampton-Days River Area (PDG Jenny Ware), Escanaba (Paul Harvey & Dave Wilson), Daggett (Evelyn Hanson & Donna Kehoe), and Wells (Willy LaMarche) Lions Club assisted with the visions screenings, registrations, education, recruitment and paperwork. The Lions screened 52 children during the 3 hour event.

Since June of 2006, the Lions of Single District 10 have screened 1248 children with 33 referrals. Since January 1<sup>st</sup> of this year, the Lions have conducted 14 screening with 189 children being tested and 4 referrals for follow-up testing.



The free vision screenings are completed by taking two photos of the child in a semi darkened area with an MTI photo screener, which is a large instamatic camera. These pictures are then sent to the state Project Kidsight office located in the Children's Hospital in Detroit. The screenings (photos) are read by an eye doctor who is trained to read these screenings. The results are then sent directly to the parents of the child. They receive notification that the screening was either "good" and they are recommended to be screened again in 2 years or they are recommended to make an appointment with a local eye doctor for testing. This screening is provided by the local Lion's clubs at a cost of \$2 per child for the cost of the film. Donations to the District Project Kidsight fund cover the cost of the film which is over \$500 per case.

Project Kidsight has trained screeners from Bessemer to Marquette, from Crystal Falls to Delta County, from Munising to Brimley and from Drummond Island to Manistique! The Project is scheduled to train screeners and any Lion that would like to assist with the screenings, this fall in Chassell and Manistique Lakes. Local Lion's clubs in the areas will be welcome to join. Should you like to schedule a screening or should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Lion Jenny Ware, Chair, at 9906)474-9055 or email her at pdg10jen@hotmail.com.



Lions Nancy Porath (left) and Pat VanEnkevort (right) of the Heart of the North Lions Club assist with the registration and education of the program while Lion Bruce LaBelle (center) of the Bark River assists with the screenings and supervises the screening at the Bark River-Harris Schools.



Lion Willy MaMarche of Wells Lions is shown conducting one of many screening of the day on one of the children at Bark River-Harris Schools during the annual Kindergrader screening.



Lions Evelyn Hanson (standing) and Donna Kehoe of the Dagget Lions Club assist with the screenings at the Delta Plaza's Children Fun Fest.



Lions Don and Janet Connors of the Crystal Falls Lions Club screening one of the 28 children at the Hannahville Indian School.



Lion Bruce LaBelle of the Bark River Lions explaining Project KidSight program to a parent at the YMCA that was concerned about her child's vision.



Project KidSight Chairperson and member of the Brampton-Days River Area Lions Club PDG Jenny Ware working the crowd at the YMCA Youth Fitness Day educating the attendees of the free vision screenings being offered by the Lions of Upper Peninsula.

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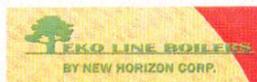
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## Newberry Lions Recycle Eyeglasses

The Newberry Lions Club would like to thank all who donated their used eyeglasses to the Newberry Lions Club. They shipped two boxes to Past International Director Dennis Cobbler, OD of Muskegon, Michigan who personally supervises the cleaning, repair and cataloging of the eyeglasses to be used on his next trip of mercy where he along with other Lions of Michigan will distribute over 5,000 pairs of glasses to needy people in two weeks in South America.

During 2007-08, Lion's eyeglass recycling centers in the United States collected over 4 million used eyeglasses. They have distributed over 2 million pairs of glasses to Lions and non-Lions groups providing eye care to needy people of developing countries.

Please look for the Lions eyeglass recycling boxes located around your communities and drop off your unused glasses. In Newberry, Michigan the recycling boxes are located at Dr. Muth's office at Helen Newberry Joy Hospital, Rahilly's IGA, Bob's Barber Shop, Our Redeemer Lutheran Church and the Newberry United Methodist Church.



Pictured left to right; Bob Jutila, Bob Moody, Sandy Caswell, Jim Whalen, Dennis Hendrickson, Katie Labron, Menzo Caswell, Vienna Hummelgard,

## Lions Hold White Cane Weekend

The Newberry Lions Club is celebrating 86 Years of Service to youth and families this year and conducted their major fundraising project, "The White Cane" street collections on May 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> at the Rahilly's IGA and Mac's Market Super Value stores. The Newberry Lions club collected \$917.33 last year from the residents of Newberry and would like to thank them for their continued support of the program.

100% of their generous gifts assisted many visually impaired who are less fortunate and in need of charitable assistance in our community. The Newberry Lions appreciate Newberry Community support.

The Newberry Lions Club supports many sight conservation projects and activities such as the Leader Dogs for the Blind in Rochester, Michigan and locally they have sponsored three Leader Dog puppies "Maggie", "Jake" and "Star" and their trainers Al and Mary Hall supply Leader Dogs to the blind free of charge.



Pictured are Lions Bob Fyvie (left) and Menzo Caswell (right) who is the clubs White Cane Co-Chairperson, Bay Cliff Health Camp Co-Chairperson and Mint Chairperson.

The Newberry Lions also support the Michigan Eye Bank & Transplantation Center in Marquette and Ann Arbor, Michigan as well as Bay Cliff Health Camp, Teaching Family Homes, Diabetes Outreach, Northwood's Air Lifeline, Peace Poster, Project KidSight, Library for the Blind & Handicapped, Hearing, Speech & Working with Deaf and children eyeglasses.

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## Peace Poster Contest

“The Power of Peace” is the theme of the 2009-10 Peace Poster Contest. Lions clubs can sponsor the program in their community for children in local schools or organized, sponsored youth groups.

Lions clubs interested in sponsoring the Lions International Peace Poster Contest can order a Peace Poster Contest kit (PPK-1) from the Club Supplies Sales Department at International Headquarters. The cost of the kit is \$9.95 plus shipping, handling and applicable taxes. The kit is available in all 11 of our official languages. Lions clubs must purchase a kit for each contest sponsored. Each kit contains:

- Official Club Contest Guide and Rules.
- Official School or Youth Group Contest Guide and Rules.
- Participant Flyer may be duplicated and given to each participating student to take home.
- Sticker to place on back of winning poster.
- District Governor Postcard to notify the district governor of your club’s participation.
- Certificates for contest winner and school or youth group.

You can order kits from the Club Supplies Sales Department at International Headquarters from January 15 to October 1. To order a kit, call Club Supplies Sales at (630) 571-5466 or 1-800-710-7822. To order online, go to Club Supplies (Item Search: Peace Poster Kit). You can also download the order form.

Please review contest rules and order kits as soon as possible to guarantee sufficient time for a well-

planned contest. For orders within the United States, please allow 3-4 weeks for delivery.

### Promoting the Contest

In addition to the kit, you can also use the following PR Tools to promote your club’s Peace Poster Contest:

- Fill-in-the-blank Peace Poster press release.
- Peace Poster Brochure.
- District Peace Poster Chairperson’s Guide.
- Honorable Mention certificate.
- Peace Poster DVD.

### Contest Deadlines

Entries not meeting deadlines will be disqualified.

- January 15: Kits go on sale from the Club Supplies Sales Department at International Headquarters.
- October 1: Deadline to purchase kits from the Club Supplies Sales Department at International Headquarters.
- November 15: Postmark deadline for a club to send one winning poster (per contest sponsored) to the district governor.
- December 1: Postmark deadline for a Governor to send one winning district poster to multiple district council chairperson.
- December 1: Postmark deadline for a Governor not belonging to a multiple district to send one winning poster to the Public Relations Department at International Headquarters.
- December 1: Postmark deadline for a Club not belonging to a district to send one winning entry to the Public Relations Department at International Headquarters.
- December 15: Postmark deadline for the multiple district council chairperson to send one winning poster to the Public Relations Department at International Headquarters.
- February 1: International winners notified on or before this date.

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“Lions Club members founded our organization in 1939, and have continued to be one of our strongest supporters. It’s important for the members to have an in-depth understanding of the programs we provide and the people we serve. We hold these annual meetings to create awareness of our services and to provide them with the tools they need to be strong advocates in their community for Leader Dog,” said Gregory Grabowski president and CEO at Leader Dogs for the Blind.

Traditionally, Lions Club members serve to identify individuals who would benefit from receiving a Leader Dog or other programs provided by Leader Dogs for the Blind. Leader Dogs for the Blind strives to enhance the lives of people who are blind and visually impaired by providing services such as: Leader Dogs for people who are blind and also for people who are both deaf and blind; computer classes; classes on how to use personal GPS units and; classes on traveling safely with a white cane.

“The school has always provided classes completely free, including travel and room and board for up to 26 days for qualified individuals. The Lions clubs are proud to support this organization. Leader Dog has always been known for being on the cutting edge of technology and training. It is a worthwhile organization to donate to and promote”.

If you would like to donate or learn more about Leader Dogs for the Blind, visit [www.leaderdog.org](http://www.leaderdog.org) or call (888) 777-5332.



## Recognition Programs

The pride Leader Dog takes in our association with Lions Clubs is reflected in an array of specially tailored recognition programs. Just as Lions are committed to assisting individuals who are blind or visually impaired, we are committed to acknowledging the outstanding fundraising efforts of individual Lions and clubs.

### Regular Club Contributions

Every club, no matter the size of the donation, will receive a handsome certificate of appreciation suitable for framing when your donation is received at Leader Dog. Levels of giving by regular club contributions of \$250 and above are acknowledged with club banner patches and a personalized expression of thanks from a Leader Dog team member. The newly designed patches for fiscal year 2008-2009 indicate the contribution level achieved, from \$250 to \$25,000. Recognition patches for your club banner will be mailed at the end of each Lions year.



### Special Recognition

Out of the ordinary gifts require out of the ordinary recognition. As part of our newly revised Lions recognition program, Leader Dog has several opportunities for those clubs that elect to provide exceptional support.

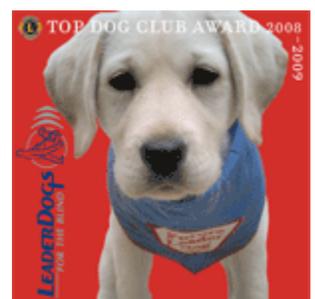
#### 70 for 70:

In celebration of Leader Dog’s 70th anniversary, Lions Clubs making a donation \$70 more than your regular club contribution will receive a commemorative “70 for 70” patch for the club banner and a pin for each club member.



#### Top Dog Club:

For those extraordinary Lions Clubs comprising our top 20 annual contributors, a Leader Dog representative will travel to your hometown to attend a club meeting and thank members personally. As a



remembrance of the event, each club will be presented with a "Top Dog" patch for the club banner, and each club member will receive special "Top Dog" pins.

### Founders Tribute:

This program allows Lions Clubs to honor an individual club member for his or her consummate service, dedication, and commitment to Lionism and Leader Dog. For a special club donation of \$500, the award recipient is given a custom engraved Leader Dog Founders Tribute plaque, as well as a commemorative Founders Tribute pin and patch. Visit our [Founders Tribute Donation Form](#) to honor a member of your club today!



### 100% Awards:

To salute those districts in which every club makes a donation to Leader Dog in a Lions year, Leader Dog presents its 100% Awards. District Governors and Leader Dog Chairs from these generous exemplary districts are presented with a certificate and a pin saluting this significant accomplishment. To receive this recognition, donations must be received at Leader Dog on or before June 30th of each year to comply with guidelines set forth by the IRS and verified in our annual financial audit.

## "I Joined"

By Sharon Neubauer

The Iron Mountain/Kingsford Lions club took part in the annual Buddy Day on April 8<sup>th</sup> at their local Secretary of State office. Several interested individuals asked about the program, revised and updated their donor information and also learned about the Lions Clubs and our activities. With the help of Lions Clubs of Michigan approx. 5000 new names were added to the Donor Registry. Rob Chabie, from Michigan Eye Bank, visited our club and gave a wonderful riveting presentation on the current donor program, "I Joined". We want to thank him for his dedication and contributions to helping make the "I joined" and donor programs such a success.



Shown left to right are Jim Olson, Rose Olson, Rob Chabie (Michigan Eye Bank), President Sharon Neubauer and Secretary Dave Riedel of the Iron Mountain-Kingsford Lions Club.

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## Stephenson Lions Club

April was a busy month for the Stephenson Lions Club, on the 18th the members got together and made about 2300 Pasties, which were all sold. The club also picked the highway north of town in the first of the Highway Pickup project.

A Big upcoming event for the Lions Club is their annual Charity golf outing in Menominee on August 10th, at the North Shore Golf Course. It is a rewarding and fun day. They encourage other Lions Clubs or individuals to come golf at this outstanding course. The Lions Club will be having four (4) great HOLE IN ONE prizes, \$5000 cash, \$10,000 cash, Honda ATV and a Ford Focus. For further information and registration forms; contact Jim Svinicki at (906) 753-6934 or email him at [eksvinicki@hotmail.com](mailto:eksvinicki@hotmail.com).



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## Apple Tree Project

By Sharon Neubauer

The Iron Mountain/Kingsford Lions Club is having their annual Apple Tree Project. The cost is only \$9.00 each. Trees are grown from seeds from a variety of wild apple trees in the local area. For best results, plant several apple trees near each other so they cross-pollinate. Trees arrive in potted plants and are approx. 16"-24"+ tall and delivered in late May early June. Proceeds from the sale will fund LOCAL EYESIGHT RELATED PROJECTS. Consider helping your local community by purchasing 1 or more of these trees. Interested individuals can call Rich Larson-Apple Tree Project Chairman or Sharon Neubauer at (906) 774-7007.



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## Heart of North Lions plan fund-raiser

By Jillian Jamison, Daily Press,  
jjjamison@dailypress.net

The Delta-Menominee “Heart of the North” Lions Club April meeting centered on the many endeavors the group has undertaken this year.

The Lions Club support of various individual and groups is well known throughout Delta and Menominee counties, and with good reason.

In addition to numerous other donations and sponsorships it executes each year, the Heart of the North Lions Club organizes one of the area’s largest fund-raisers each spring - the annual Flea Market Days. This year, the fifth annual event will take place noon to 9 p.m. Friday, June 26, and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, June 27, at the Bark River Sports Complex & Park, mile south on D Road in Bark River. Admission is \$1 per person. Proceeds benefit the many programs and charitable activities the Auxiliary organizes and/or supports annually.

Featured at the rain-or-shine event will be a flea market and craft sale, including antiques and rummage items, in addition to several on-site food vendors and live music. The entire two-day fund-raiser is designed with families in mind and will offer fun for all ages, plus a play area on the grounds.

Vendors are invited to rent spaces for the event - 20 by 30 foot site for \$35 or a double site for \$50. After June 1, vendors will pay \$45 and \$60 for the single and double sites. If interested, contact Patti Ledford, 466-2283 or [heartofthenorthlions@yahoo.com](mailto:heartofthenorthlions@yahoo.com)

For children ages 1-5, free vision screening will be offered. Specially-trained Lions Club members will use photo screening methodology to check for vision abnormalities such as amblyopia, a condition generally treatable if addressed before the age of 4. Unfortunately, many children do not receive proper eye exams until they enter school, and even then, Amblyopia is not easily detected by parents, and general health practitioners and pediatricians who may lack the equipment to perform a photoscreening eye screening or exam. Since photoscreening is only a screening process is not a substitute for a professional eye examination, parents/guardians of children suspected of needing treatment are encouraged to seek counsel with a professional vision specialist.

Other projects in which Heart of the North Lions actively participates: Sponsor club for Lions hearing aid project; Secretary of State Buddy Day (promotion

of organ donor registry); make quilts for Bay Cliff Health Camp; make pouches for wheelchairs or walkers; Lions Youth Exchange host family; sponsor Peace Poster contests at Bark River-Harris and Hannahville schools; donate non-perishable foods for Salvation Army food pantry; donate paper products to local food pantries; donate baked goods to local benefit dinners; donated old cell phones to Cell Phones for Soldiers; collection of Campbell’s soup labels, milk caps and BoxTops for education (donated to BR-H school); and ongoing collection of can tabs.

Donations and contributions of the club: Adopt a family for Christmas; Bay Cliff Health Camp; BR-H Archery Club; BR-H Fine Arts Club; Bark River fireworks; campaign for SightFirst II; Delta County 4-H youth; Hearing & Speech Committee (Lions of Michigan); Leader Dogs for the Blind; Lions Michigan All State Band; Lions of Michigan Foundation; medical expenses of local recipients; Michigan/Midwest Eye Bank; Northwoods Airlifeline; Omega House; Pinecrest residents’ Christmas gifts; Project Kidsight; Salvation Army/St. Vincent DePaul scholarships to BR-H & Hannahville; sponsor for Girls’ State Program; Teaching Family Homes; U.P. Foster Grandparents; and Youth Assistance Program (YAP).

To learn more about Delta-Menominee “Heart of the North” Lions Club, or to find out how to become a member, visit [Heart.District10Lions.org](http://Heart.District10Lions.org).



Members of Heart of the North Lions Club of Delta-Menominee County gather for a photo during a recent meeting in Bark River. Front row, from left, Club Secretary Patti Ledford, Diane Norton and Jane Lanaville. Second row: Bethany Moraski, Kathy Gauthier, 1st Vice President Winifred Sanville and Mickey Wiecech. Third Row: Donna Tourangeau, Nancy Glimn, Amy Lawrence, Shirley Kwak, Gina Bower and Club Treasurer Judy Davis. The women are planning the club’s biggest fund-raising event of the year, the fifth annual Flea Market Days, scheduled for noon to 9 p.m. Friday, June 26, and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, June 27, at the Bark River Sports Complex & Park. Photo by Jillian Jamison, Daily Press.

## **SD10 Lions Activities Report**

**Date: March 1, 2009 – April 30, 2009**

**Bark River:** - \$1000 American Legion Boys & Girls State Scholarships, \$500 Bark River-Harris School Scholarship, \$219 Eye Exam & Eyeglasses, \$100 Bark River-Harris Schools 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament, \$100 Bay Cliff Health Camp Capital Campaign (Trek to Bay Cliff), \$100 International Director Campaign, \$200 Bark River-Harris Non-Alcoholic Senior All Night Graduation, \$72 Project KidSight Screening (36 children)

**Brampton Township/Days River Area:** - \$500 Ramp for a disabled local resident, \$187 Eye Exam & Glasses, \$359 Northwood's Air Lifeline, \$326 Bay Cliff Health Camp Capital Campaign, \$30 Bay Cliff Health Camp Operations, \$30 Campaign SightFirst II

**Bessemer:** - \$100 Special Olympics, \$300 Bessemer 4th of July Committee, \$100 Sara Doubledee Campaign

**Carney-Nadeau:** - \$200 Eagle Scout Mack Loretta, \$250 Carney-Nadeau School Science Fair, \$100 Carney-Nadeau School Band Program, \$400 Bay Cliff Health Camp, \$400 Northwood's Air Lifeline, \$150 ISD Books for Children, \$200 American Cancer Society John Gavin Memorial, \$285 4 H Camp for Kids, \$300 Walk for Warmth

**Dafter:** \$50 Michigan All State Band, \$400 Northwood's Air Lifeline, \$150 Special Ed (local School), \$100 Teaching Family Homes, \$50 Leader Dog, \$150 SD10 Hearing & Speech Program, \$50 Michigan Eye Bank, \$50 Diabetes (local Hospital), \$100 Bay Cliff Health Camp Capital Campaign, \$100 High School Graduation Party

**Daggett:** - \$100 Leader Dogs, \$50 LCIF, \$50 Michigan Eye Bank, \$50 SD10 Hearing and Speech Program, \$100 Michigan All State Band, \$100 Bay Cliff Health Camp, \$200 Mid County Rescue Squad, \$100 4 H Puppy Program, \$50 Student Scholarship, \$100 Teaching Family Homes, \$100 Northwood's Air Lifeline, \$50.00 Project KidSight, \$25 Diabetes Outreach, \$50 VFW Cancer Fund

**Delta-Menominee Heart of the North:** - \$100 UP Diabetes Network, \$42 Paper Products for St. Vincent de Paul & Salvation Army, \$154 Crib sheets for Hospitals in Honduras, 13 Wheelchair pouches for Christian Park Nursing Home, \$400 MSU Girls State Sponsorship, \$100 Sara Doubledee International Director candidate campaign fund, 16 Cell Phones for the Soldiers.

**Drummond Island:** \$125 Michigan All-State Band, \$200 Project KidSight, \$100 Local youth medical expenses, \$300 Bay Cliff Health Camp, \$100 Northwood's Air Lifeline

**Escanaba:** - \$1,359 Eye Exams & Eyeglasses (9 cases), \$100 Diabetes Outreach Network, \$50 SD10 Hearing & Speech Program, \$200 Lions of Michigan All-State Band for two student travel expenses

**Gladstone:** - \$500 Northwood's Air Lifeline, \$100 American Legion Baseball, \$100 Inspiration Riding Program, \$500 8th Grade Washington DC Trip

**Gwinn:** - \$400 Bay Cliff Health Camp Operations

**Iron Mountain-Kingsford:** - \$ 25 Iron Mountain High School Graduation Party, \$25 Kingsford High School Graduation Party, \$50 Northwood's Air Lifeline, \$25 SD10 Hearing and Speech Program, \$518 4 pair of glasses for needy individuals

**Ishpeming:** - \$ 100 U.S. National Ski and Snowboard Hall of Fame, \$100 St. Joseph Church Hall use for Breakfast Buffet, \$400 Ishpeming Tri Township Lion Club Breakfast Buffet, \$50 U.P. Library for the Blind, \$200 Ishpeming Little League

**Keweenaw:** - \$100 Ski for Hearth of Community, \$140 2 Cases of Mints for Troops

**Lake Linden-Hubbell:** - \$ 100 Jenna Bensen (All State Band)

**L'Anse:** - \$75 Keweenaw Bay Shriner Club, \$435 L'Anse American Legion (Boy Scout Sponsor), \$200 Mijers Vision Clinic Glasses for needy Person, \$100 Lions of Michigan Service Foundation, \$100 Michigan All State Band, \$100 Welcome Homes, \$100 Teaching Family Homes, \$100 Michigan Eye Bank

**Mackinac Island:** - \$100 LCIF, \$100 Diabetes Outreach, \$150 (unspecified)

**Marquette:** - \$ 50 Michigan All State Band (Student Travel), \$20 Project KidSight Screening, \$200 Lake Superior Hospice, \$715 Local People Eyeglasses and Expenses, \$50 Boy Scouts, \$25 Project KidSight Administration, \$500 LCIF Sight First II

**Manistique Lakes:** - \$200 Leader Dog, \$100 Bay Cliff Health Camp, \$100 Welcome Home for the Blind, \$100 SD10 Hearing & Speech Program, \$100 Teaching Family Homes, \$50 Lions of Michigan All State Band, \$40 Michigan Eye Bank, \$100 SD10 Diabetes Outreach Program, \$100 Sight First II, \$200 Northwood's Airlifeline, \$100 Project KidSight, \$100

LCIF, \$50 Engadine Schools Senior Graduation Party, \$150 Tahquamenon Area Schools Senior Graduation Party, \$50 Gas Card Donation, \$50 Support for Lions of Michigan All-State Band member, Free monthly brunch for children ten and under from January through April.

**Menominee:** - \$190 Eye Exam & Eyeglasses

**Munising:** - \$500 Bay Cliff Health Camp Capital Campaign, \$100 Leader Dog for the Blind, \$100 Transportation costs for NMU Beautician School students to come to Munising & give free permanents to nursing home residents, \$94.50 Project Kidsight

**Negaunee:** - \$ 200 Sponsorship of a Cub Scout Troop, \$200 Sponsor Little League Team, \$500 Payment for 5 year pledge Negaunee Girls Softball Team, \$100 Negaunee Orchestra for Europe trip

**Rapid River:** - \$200 Diabetes Outreach, \$100 SD10 Hearing and Speech Program, \$200 LCIF, \$200 Leader Dog, \$908 Lions of Michigan Service Foundation, \$300 Michigan Eye Bank, \$100 Northwood's Air Lifeline, \$100 Teaching Family Homes, \$200 Walk for Warmth, \$100 Rapid River Schools Foundation, \$100 Rapid River School All Night Graduation Party, \$200 YMCA Strong Kids, \$100 Project KidSight, \$100 Beacon House, \$100 Cure Autism Now, \$150 Foster Grandparents Program, \$200 St. Charles Church (use of ovens )

**Rock:** - \$50 Lions of Michigan,

**Rudyard:** - \$ 200 Northwood's Air Lifeline, \$250 Senior Celebration (High School Graduation), \$500 Rudyard Library, \$100 Sight and Hearing Conservation, \$100 Teaching Family Homes, \$100 Welcome Homes, \$100 Youth Exchange, \$100 Diabetes Outreach, \$100 Michigan All State Band, \$100 District 10 Scholarship Program, \$207 Boy Scouts (Trailer Use), \$25 Rudyard Youth Wrestling

**Stephenson:** - \$1000 Campaign SightFirst II, \$1000 Bay Area Medical Center Foundation, \$350 1<sup>st</sup> Responders, \$100 VFW Aux Cancer Drive, \$300 Boys State, \$300 SHS BPA, \$500 Materials to build handicap ramp, Made & distributed 50 bluebird houses to 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders

**ST. Ignace:** - \$ 100 Northwood's Air Lifeline

**Sugar Island:** - \$ 125 Michigan All State Band, \$150 SD10 Hearing and Speech Program, \$100 Welcome Homes

**Tri-Town:** - \$200 Northwood's Air Lifeline, \$100 Leader Dogs for the Blind

**Vulcan-Norway-Loretto:** - \$125 Eye Care Case Local Resident, \$50 Easter Egg Hunt, \$150 Leader Dog for the Blind, \$1182 Campaign Sight First II (Lions Pancake Breakfast proceeds)

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James Johnson	02/01/09	Michael Jukuri
Eugene Niedholdt	04/01/09	Jackie AAlto

<b><u>Chocolay Township</u></b>		
Daniel Chartier	03/01/09	Jerome LaRue

<b><u>Escanaba</u></b>		
Alfred Gossan	04/01/09	George Rusch

<b><u>Gladstone</u></b>		
Michael Kelly	03/01/09	Doniver Bjorklund

<b><u>Gwinn</u></b>		
Jamie Gollakner	03/01/09	Patsy Johnson
Vignia Nyquist	03/01/09	Patsy Johnson
Nyquist Scott	03/01/09	Patsy Johnson

<b><u>Iron Mountain-Kingsford</u></b>		
Dennis Rahoi	02/01/09	Rose Olson

<b><u>Keweenaw</u></b>		
Julie Carlson	04/01/09	Patricia Erlandson

<b><u>Kinross</u></b>		
Marquita Malette	03/01/09	Jamie Corrigan
Micheal Scott	03/01/09	Charleen Scott

<b><u>Manistique</u></b>		
Albert Valentine	04/01/09	Richard Johnson

<b><u>Menominee</u></b>		
Frederick Hofer	04/01/09	Unknown

<b><u>Ottawa</u></b>		
William Greene	04/01/09	Arthur Juntunen

<b><u>Pickford</u></b>		
Harry Reinfelder	02/01/09	Frank Ball
Nancy Reinfelder	02/01/09	Christine Ball

<b><u>Sault STE Marie</u></b>		
Kenneth Miller Jr	03/01/09	Janet Coffing

<b><u>Sugar Island</u></b>		
Glen Albert	03/01/09	Frank Handziak

<b><u>Wells</u></b>		
William Hawley	04/01/09	Nathan Langager

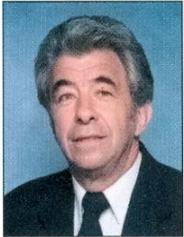
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Champion	George Kendall Jr	03/01/09
Champion	Donald Wolfe	03/01/09
Ottawa	Kenneth Huhta	04/01/09
Rock	Stanley Englund	02/01/09
ST Ignace	HE Hamel	02/01/09
Stephenson	Francis Vetort	04/01/09



**Total 2008-09 Deceased: 24**

## Bark River Lions Off-Road Racing Success

By Craig Woerpel

As the Bark River Lions Club and the Bark River International Raceway enter their 34th year of off-road racing, the event turns a new corner. In 2009, Bark River will become part of The Off-Road Championship (TORC) Series, a new racing organization that unifies Midwest and West Coast racing. "TORC gives us a strong, recognizable brand identity that speaks to the speed and muscle of the track," said Series owner and Supercross legend Ricky Johnson.

Racers will compete in Bark River July 11-12 and August 8-9. The two race weekends at the Bark River International Raceway will now be seen on ESPN2 featuring NASCAR announcer Marty Reid, extreme sports announcer Tes Sewell and former Miss USA motorsports reporter Kimberly Pressler.

"It means a lot to a small community that they can showcase the community," said Scott Kwarciany, president of the Bark River Lions Club. "It's definitely important for our sponsors." The track depends on local businesses to be major sponsors including the Island Resort & Casino and Boss Snowplow. Their sponsorships helps the Lions Club make contributions to other organizations.

In 2008, the Bark River Lions Club made 54 contributions to local charitable groups totaling more than \$31,500. Kwarciany said the impact on the community of 1,650 people is dramatic. "It's important for us to see the money go back into our community," he said. "Race fans can also see that the money they've spent with us supports programs and organizations locally." Contributions included a \$5,000 capital campaign donation to Bay Cliff Health Camp, a recreational camp in Michigan's Upper Peninsula for handicapped children and adults. The Bark River Lions Club committed \$30,000 to the program. Other contributions included Little League, the local school's athletic and reading programs, scholarship funds, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Leader Dog for the Blind, Alliance Against Violence and Abuse, the Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts, Salvation Army, the Foster Grandparents Program and the Newspapers in Education Literacy Program.

Racing started at Bark River in 1976 when some of the members of the Lions Club got together to run a race. "They just got together to put it on and it slowly built to what it is today," said Kwarciany. Over the years, the group established a new track, built ticket and concession buildings and large grandstands for 5,000 spectators. Kwarciany said the races have become a community event that reaches far beyond the Lions Club. "It brings the community together. When you have 500 volunteers, everyone has a hand in it. Without them, we would not be able to do it," he said. The Lions Club now hopes the new racing series will attract more professional racers and fans to the Bark River International Raceway as the need for charitable contributions grows in the community.

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