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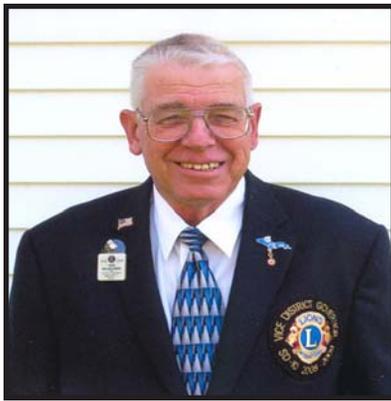
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## District Governor's Comments

By DG Don Wojakowski



As the new governor, I put out the challenge to all clubs to recruit three new members during my term as District Governor. As of July 1<sup>st</sup>, there are 1,775 members of the sixty Lions Clubs of Single District 10.

There is one district down state that is catching up with us and we Yooper's can't let this happen...right?!

The 92nd International Lions Convention held in Minneapolis, Minnesota, is now history. There were 205 countries represented, 743 new governors were installed. We were required to go through five days of intensive schooling, before we could attend the three day convention.

Collin Powell was the key speaker and gave an interesting, informative and humorous talk about his time in Washington. Anyone who gets a chance to attend one of his programs, it's worth attending.

The parade was a mile and a quarter long and all of the countries represented, had a band, float, or marchers in it. Even with my "bad leg" I managed to participate in the parade, too. The water that Eric Berger from the Leader Dog, passed out at the end of the parade was really appreciated.

The ILC entertainment for the evening was the Beach Boys. Some of the audience and kids from the band

sitting in the back of the auditorium, put on their own show and had a ball...they were better than the Beach Boys!

An October Feast was held in honor of the new Lions Club International President, Eberhard J. Wirfs and his wife. The October Feast was held outdoors at a park with plenty of brats, sauerkraut and can't forget the beer! Strolling singers and musicians entertained the crowd.

**LIONS DAY AT BAY CLIFF:** The annual event was held on June 27th with 22 Lions attending. This was a better turnout than last year, but not as good as it should have been. There were two past governor's; the current governor, governor elect and vice governor, and a couple of zone chairs, which represented eight Lions Clubs. Bay Cliff has 160 campers this year and a staff of 125.

**THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT!** The tax form 990EZ has to be filled out every year and sent to the IRS. Those clubs that don't comply are subjected to a \$20.00 per day fine. The IRS has put teeth in this law. One club down state has already found this out the hard way. We have some clubs that can't seem to pay their state and international dues on time. These clubs should take heed to the 990EZ rule.

At the Lions of Michigan office in Lansing, there is a motorized scooter that can be borrowed for any Lion member, or some one that a Lion member knows. The scooter will have to be picked up at the Lansing office and the scooter is also for sale.

**DATES TO REMEMBER:** September 19th, Past Governor's Appreciation Celebration, (Bob Miller) Drummond Island; October 24th, Marquette Lions Club celebrates its 90th year. It is the oldest Lions

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## Vice District Governor Comments

By VDG Gary Klop



On the 27th of June my wife Judy and I went to Bay Cliff for the Lions Day event. I had always planned to attend but it never happened. What a GREAT place. I was amazed at the facilities, staff, and campers that

we met while there. When we arrived we were treated to brownies, coffee and lemonade. We were given a tour by 2 campers, Bridget and Amber who both were in wheelchairs. The job they did of taking us around was excellent. They explained everything very well and answered every question we could think of asking. After the tour we were treated to a very fine lunch with all the campers in the dining hall. The meal was very good and we sat with Director Tim at the Manners table and several campers who had earned the right to sit at that table for the meal also. It is a great honor for the campers if you pick to sit at their table.

After lunch we then proceeded to the auditorium where we met the 6 campers who were attending camp for the very last year. They are allowed to go to camp until they reach the age of 18. They all introduced themselves, told us where they were from and then told us of their future plans after they complete high school. It was a question and answer time that was very interesting.



Anyone who knows me will tell you I can talk with the best of them—but when it gets personal I get choked up. Well, after listening to them I made the comment how hard it was for me to get through speech class in high school. I could never talk in front of people and these kids did it better than I could have imagined. To say the least it was very touching to hear of their dreams and hopes. As we were getting ready to leave we went to Amber to apologize for not sitting at her table at lunch. She had invited us earlier to sit with her but Director Tim had asked us to sit at the main table with him. We also thanked her for the job they did on our tour. Amber smiled at us and said, thank you for all you have done for us I really don't know how to thank you for all you do!! What a motivation to continue on with the fundraisers we may complain about at times. Needless to say we left with a tear in our eye. Please take the time one of these years to make the trip. I assure you it will be worth the time.

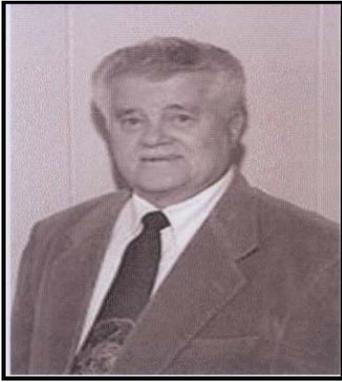
In July I started my club visitation with my 1st club visit in Bessemer. At the Mountain Club I was able to present their President, David Guilbault with a 5 member key. Governor Wojo's hope is to increase membership by 3 members a club so this certainly helps. We then met with Carney-Nadeau and had a great evening with them. It is a pleasure and a dream I had to get to meet every club in the district and see what other clubs can do. We are on our way to achieving this goal. I look forward to meeting all the clubs in the next 2 years. I have no idea where this summer went if anyone knows; please let me know when you see me.

My part of the Gary's hairy fundraiser is going well. My hair continues to grow and I enjoy explaining to people why I am letting it grow. What a great way to tell people about the LIONS. I rode my motorcycle in the Hay Days parade in Pickford and pulled a trailer with some posters for the District. At the Official podium at the parade I explained to those nearby why I am letting my hair and beard grow. I never thought ahead of time how much something so easy can get the word out about Lions. How is your part going? Do any clubs have a special plan to raise money for it? You can see my current pictures and a little about it on a website I have. The address for it is <http://www.angelfire.com/ga/uncwpage/index.html>. If you visit the page sign it and let me know what your club is planning to do.

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# CRACKS FROM THE WHIP

By PDG Bill Whippen



Just home from a 10-day hospital stay - recovering slowly but getting there. I have been inactive since the Fourth (bum hip) and this has given me the opportunity for reflection.

Lion's membership, and participation in its activities, has been a major

part of my life, as most of you know (since October, 1973). Now, here I sit, thinking of the extent to which I will be able to be involved in the future. I hope these are not my "declining years" but, at 83 a slowing down is certainly in my future – like it or not. I intend to be as active as long as my brain and, hopefully, body will allow.

I would like, God willing, another 10 years or so of full membership. However, the thought occurred to me, while engaged in the aforementioned "reflection," that while I might be willing – WILL LIONS STILL EXIST? I am fully aware that we are dying. Dying in the sense that our membership is not growing. In point of fact, we are losing!

There are many reasons for that - which I need not review here with this one exception – our Membership Chairs (District AND Club) are not doing the job. If a club has not brought in at least one new member per year it will, over time be unable to break even and, eventually die. That responsibility and blame falls directly on each Membership Chair, and the President, naturally. The top office MUST provide follow-up, right?

Nonetheless, the solutions to our declining membership should be obvious to everyone. If a Chair is unwilling, or unable, to perform the job they volunteered for then they should request a replacement. Then the Governor (for the District) or the club President needs to find someone who is able and willing to do the job.

Without effective leadership, the recruiting task falls upon the shoulders of the individual member. Without guidance, their efforts will produce minimal results, if any. That's the role of the Membership Chair – to provide guidance, information on techniques that work and energize the members with promotional programs.

On behalf of the future of Lions in District 10 I hope they all pledge, here and now, to energize their club membership to bring in TWO NEW members in the rest of 2009 and the first half of 2010. IT CAN BE DONE!!

If you enjoy Lions membership yourself ask a friend or neighbor to share the Lions experience. If you're not enjoying it then tell the leadership and make them change. If that doesn't work then join one that does or help start a new club. Either way – keep Lions going.

On another issue – Northwood's Air Lifeline I had a thought because of a recent need in Munising. The public is not fully informed as to its existence or how to avail oneself of the service. Many club members are equally uninformed. Why couldn't each club take a regular ad in their local newspaper (you already do one for club events, anyway. Right?) with the information on how it works, how a citizen can use it and complete information, including the telephone number. Not a great expense but a great service and tremendous Public Relations.

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Sep 5, 2009	Labor Day Celebration Rock Lions Club
Sep 19, 2009	PDG Bob Miller Appreciation Dinner & Charter Night Drummond Island Lions Club
Sep 23-25, 2009	USA/Canada Forum Memphis, TN
Oct 9-11, 2009	Council of Governors Meeting Quality Inn St. Ignance, MI
Oct 24, 2009	Marquette Lions 90th Anniversary Upfront and Co. Marquette Lions Club
Nov 13-15, 2009	MI Lions Leadership Institute Higgins Lake, Michigan
Feb 19-20, 2009	Michigan Lions Forum Ramada Inn Lansing, MI
Apr 23-25, 2009	SD10 District Convention Holiday Inn Marquette, MI
Jun 28 - Jul 2, 2010	International Convention Sydney, Australia

## Looking Forward

By PCC Sara Doubledee

Art and I would like to thank the Lions of Michigan for their support during my campaign for a position on the International Board of Directors. I appreciate the friendships that developed and the trust you placed in my abilities. Although not elected, I greatly appreciate the strengths that you, as Lions, bring to the State of Michigan. My husband and I are proud to be Lions of Michigan.

I would be remiss not to recognize the people closest to my campaign. I found the guidance given by the Michigan Past International Directors to be extremely helpful with special thanks to PID Bill Hansen, Dennis Cobler, John Walker and Chuck Weir.. The support of Executive Secretary Lion Mary Brown and the State Treasurer Lion Paul Hemeryck kept me on track and on time. The Council of Governors brought many insights and learning experiences to my life.

Special recognition goes to my campaign team. PCC Jenny Ware, with whom a special friendship grew as we traveled to conventions and meetings. If you are ever looking for an individual with high energy levels, creative ideas, and high spirits, PCC Jenny is the one. PCC Bill Whippen served well as he constantly edited our documents and checked our ideas against protocol. Lion Dick Foust was instrumental in alerting me to many of the early pitfalls—although I had usually jumped before he could stop me!

My district governors gave me great support and I appreciated how DG (now PDG) Bob Miller and VDG (now DG) Don Wojakowski looked after our needs. Who could ask for stronger support!

Financial support is very important in a campaign. It is surprising how the little expenses build up to big numbers. Many individuals and clubs sent donations

that helped defray costs. I want to thank the “Candy Man” Lion Mike Kobasic for his advice and the donation of mints and the most wonderful Saykly’s candy for all levels of activity. Finally, thank you to Multiple District 11, Single District 10 and the District 10 Past District Governor’s association for their financial support.

Art and I plan to continue to serve through Lionism. The ability to serve is a gift and a pleasure we would not give up for anything. We plan to continue to work on our prospective committees and look forward to celebrating the 90 years of service by the Marquette Lion’s Club on October 24. We hope to see you at that celebration.

I am proud to be a lion and to have you as friends.



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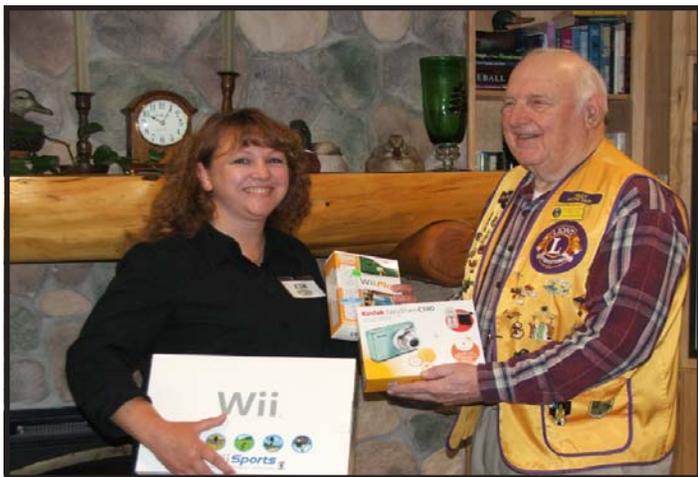
The evening will begin at 5:30 with a social hour followed by dinner, and program. Come celebrate with members of Michigan's oldest service organization and share memories, good will, and laughter. For further information, please contact President Debbie Bengry 228-6439 or Chairlion Melissa Wilson 226-7836. We look forward to seeing you there!

## Wii Comes to Cedar Cove

By Elizabeth Denoyer

The Les Cheneaux Lions Club recently fulfilled two wishes for Cedar Cove Assisted Living Facility in Cedarville. They purchased a new digital camera to replace one that was damaged and they also purchased a Nintendo Wii for use by the residents.

This interactive game encourages use of the body for physical benefits, provides brain stimulation for better cognition as well as being a great social tool. With the addition of the new Wii game system, the Cedar Cove facility is seeking some teenagers who would be interested in utilizing it with the residents. The addition of the game system provides a great opportunity to get the youth involved with community service as well as have an opportunity to get to know some of the charming residents. Shown are Lion Don Birkmeier of the Les Cheneaux Lions Club, presenting the gifts to Kim Gay, Activities Director at Cedar Cove.



## Gwinn Lions Presents 50-year Chevron



Lion Gary White of the Gwinn Lions Club pictured on the right recently traveled to Grand Rapids MI to visit Lion Henry Sherry at the Grand Rapids Home For Veterans and to present him with his 50 year Chevron. Lion Sherry was an extremely active member who missed very few meetings, and was always there to help the club's fund raising events. Searching thru the records we could not find any record of his holding an office; however, being an extremely active Lion, he greatly contributed to the success of Lionism and the Gwinn Lions Club throughout the 50 years.

## Move to Grow

By Eberhard J. Wirfs, International President

To recognize and reward effective action I am pleased to announce the Ginkgo Awards. Most Ginkgo Awards will go to district governors for outstanding performance in membership growth and club extension. I hope that you will do everything you can to support your district governor's efforts, but please take note of the President's Ginkgo Awards. These will be presented to 100 special Lions on the basis of recommendations from area Lion leaders. Any Lion, perhaps even you, can qualify for these awards through outstanding actions including:

- Implementing a unique public relations idea
- Developing an outstanding service project
- Executing an innovative fund raising campaign
- Initiating a valuable leadership development program
- Selfless service to the association

## New Ideas Increase Profits

By Willy LaMarche



For many years the Wells Lions Club has participated as a vender at the Upper Peninsula State Fair in Escanaba, Michigan. The funds raised during this annual event support their contribution to the Community, State and International projects. This year Lion Tom Vermillen came up with the idea to add a breakfast sandwich to their typical menu of Hamburgers, Hot Dogs and Brats. This turned out to be a big success as the fair goes and 4-H children turned out in mass to order the new item. The club quickly went through their supplies requiring multiple trips to purchase additional supplies to fulfill the demand for the breakfast sandwich. This turned out to be a big boost in the profits for the Wells Lions Club and kept the crew very busy. This shows that an idea however small can result in enormous results. A big thank you to all the members and their spouses who help out with the annual event and a special thanks to Editor Lion Bruce LaBelle for helping out.

For us, there is only the trying.  
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## Gwinn Lions Support Tour Da UP

By Bill Rowe

On Sunday, August 2nd, the Gwinn Lions Club provided lunch for the participants in the annual Tour Da UP event which is a major fund raiser for the Teaching Family Homes organization. Along with a variety of food items, the bikers were entertained by Lion Mike Prokopowicz playing the accordion. Several local establishments donated food items including Brown's Store, Larry's Family Foods, Snyder Drugs, ECONO Foods and Wal Mart.



Pictured above are the Gwinn Lions members serving one of the bikers and below is shown Lion Mike entertaining the bikers.





## Youth Exchange

By District 10 Chairman Gary Klop

The two girls pictured are on the left, Emily LaPine from Gladstone who will be going to Belgium, and on the right Lauren Savarin, from Iron Mountain who will be going to Austria this coming summer. On May 16, 2009 my wife Judy and I were fortunate to meet with the 2 girls and their families at the home of Laura and Paul Lapine in Gladstone. We went over the rules of the program and each of them received a Lions sweatshirt with their names on them along with a Lions T-Shirt and a Lions of Michigan backpack to take along on the trips. They were also presented with youth exchange pins and banners for their host families and clubs that they will be going to.

Emily will be placed with a host family in Belgium for nearly 5 weeks this summer and Lauren will spend 2 weeks with a host family then will go on to a youth exchange camp for the remaining 2 weeks in Austria. We expect them to have a trip of a lifetime and be able to report to the clubs in their area if asked when they return.

## Chuck's Tree

The Les Cheneaux Lions Club donated a tree to Cedar Cove in memory of late resident, Chuck Mitchel. The tree was plated on the south side of the parking lot in clear view of the dining room. When it gets large enough, it will become the new Community Christmas Tree. The placement of it will allow residents to watch the tree lightings from the warmth of the building.

It is fitting that Chuck's tree should be a Christmas tree; first because he made Christmas special for so many children each year through his position as Treasurer for St. Vincent DePaul and second because he passed away on Christmas Day 2008. Chuck Mitchell was also a member of the Les Cheneaux Lions Club.



## Calumet Lions Club Park in the Green

By PDG Patricia Klarich

The Calumet Lions Club received a \$22,400 grant from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund. The Calumet Lions will provide an additional \$15,000 through fundraising and do most of the work at the Lions Park.

This money will be for the development of a trail at the Calumet Lions Club Park, in addition to several other projects planned at the site. Projects include installing picnic tables, constructing a garden which can be used by the vision-impaired visitors, Braille signage on the trail, a pavilion and restrooms.

The Calumet High School students will build a bridge over an existing dam, under the direction and supervision of the teachers and Lion members.

This Park is an important asset for the township and a much needed recreation site for families to picnic and enjoy the outdoors.

The Calumet Lions Club will be holding one of their largest fundraisers, their annual Sportsman Dinner on September 24<sup>th</sup>. The money from this event will be applied to the matching grant.

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## Wells Lions Presents Award

The Wells Lions Club recently presented the Lion of the Year Award to Lion Steve Lieburn. Lion Steve has been very active in the Wells Lions Club. He was recently the King Lion, organized clean up of the clubhouse, works tirelessly at the Clubs Upper Peninsula State Fair and 4th of July celebration activities as well as assists the Bark River Lions at the Bark River Off-Road Races and much more. He is always ready to help where it needed. Pictured below is King Lion Matt Reeves (left) giving Steve Lieburn (right) the Lion of the Year Award.



## Flea Market Days

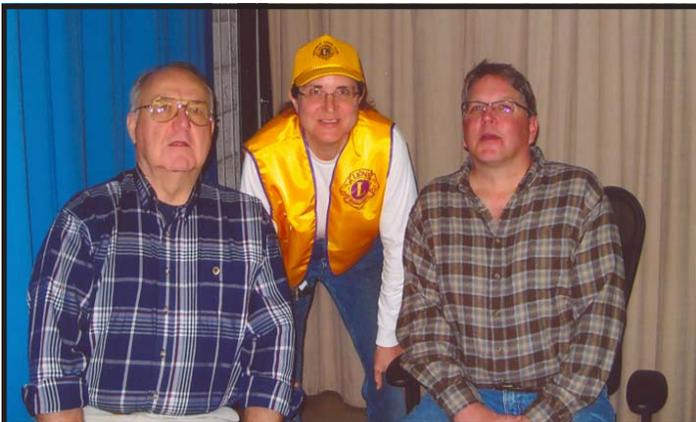
The Delta-Menominee Heart of the North Lions Club held its fifth annual Flea Market Days at the Bark River Sports Complex. The event location was new this year. The event was moved from the Bark River International Raceway in order to utilize the sports center assets. The family-oriented event included a play area for children, new goods, crafts, antiques and a rummage sale, plus food and music. In addition to the listed festivities, the Lions conducted free vision screening for children ages 1-5 during the two day event.



## Republic Lions Conduct Vision Screening

By Ken Salo

Under the guidance of Lion Don Connor of the Crystal Falls Lion Club, five members of the Republic Lions Club conducted their first Project KidSight screening at the Republic-Michigamme School on April 16, 2009. The Lions screened nine children during the event. Shown below from left to right are Don Connors from the Crystal Falls Lions, Maria Serafin and Todd Rankinen of the Republic Lions (not pictured, Dave Finegan and Roy Kemppainen).



## Bark River Lions Purchase Uniforms

Bark River Lions Club President Brian Adams (center) presents a check for \$5,500 to Jeannie Lippens, Bark River-Harris School Board Member (right) for the purchase of band uniforms for the Bark River-Harris Schools. Lion Don Crawford (left) approached the Bark River Lions Club about the lack of uniforms for the Band of the local school system. Our support of this uniform purchase has made an impact on the school's ability to fund the new uniforms.



## Sault Ste Marie Lions Presentations



The Hancock team, (champions for 2009) of the 32nd Annual Sault Ste Marie Lions Club Hockey Tournament, poses for a team photo after a hard-fought victory. On the far right of the photo, event co-chairs Lions Kristie and Bob Juda present the Championship Plaque to the team. 100% of the net proceeds from the tournament are given to the Sault Area High School Hockey Program. This year's gift of \$3400 will be used to help off-set the "pay-to-play" costs associated with athlete participation in the



Lion Bill Munsell, on behalf of the I-500 Snowmobile Race Committee, presents a check for \$6400 to Sault Ste Marie Lions Club President Tom Brown for the club's work in support of the annual race.

## Hand Rail Installed

By Ken Salo

Republic Lions pose on completion of a project installing a series of hand rails which will enable an elderly resident suffering with Parkinson's disease to walk safely from his home to his garage. Shown from left to right, Bill Wixtrom, Bill Carne, Roy Kemppainen, Jon Mykkanen, Maria Serafin and Glenn Adams.



Lions Bill Munsell and Tom Brown present a \$1000 check to the TKE Fraternity of Lake Superior State University for their support over the past year of various Lions projects.



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## Dafter Lions Recognized

By Andrea Osborn

The Dafter Lion's Club was recognized as Volunteer Group of the Month through the United Way of the Eastern Upper Peninsula for August 2009. Included in the picture are Brian Earl, Club Chair and Andrea Osborn, Vice Chair. The Dafter Lion's Club was nominated by the Community Health Access Coalition (CHAC) a local nonprofit that coordinates health care for the uninsured residents of the EUP.



## Manistique Lakes Presents Scholarship

By Bart Spratto

Jennifer Holbrook of Curtis, is the recipient of the Manistique Lakes Lions Club \$1,000 Ed Krepps scholarship. Presenting the check is Karl Krepps, left, and Lion President Bill MacLachan. Jennifer will be attending Michigan State University in the fall.



## Youth Dairy Program

By PDG Jim Decremer, Dairy Superintendent

On behalf of the Youth Exhibitors and all myself, I would like to thank all of the Lions Clubs who donated to the Youth Dairy Program this year. With your generous donations totaling \$705, we were able to run all of our programs at the Upper Peninsula State Fair. With the help of the Lions we were also able to add seven trophies to our Youth Goat Show. I would like to send a very special thank you to the three Lions Clubs who donated over and above our requested amount. The District has received numerous Thank-You cards from the various youth groups for the Lions generosity and sponsorship of this program.



The Youth Goat Exhibit Trophy winners, Back Row from L to R are Shelby Talsma and Phillip Talsma of Skandia, Alex Crimin of the Soo. Kneeling in the front is Katherine Marks of Stephenson.



The youth of the Dairy Barn entered a float into the parade for the UP State Fair in Escanaba showing the Lions sponsorship. Decorating the float were 4-H Girls from Barn 8 and the Barn Staff.

## Internal Revenue Service Rules

By Paul M. Hemeryck, CPA, MD-11 Treasurer

Here is the latest update concerning the Internal Revenue Service's rules regarding all nonprofit entities.

The Internal Revenue is alive and kicking regarding audits of nonprofit entities. In fact there are several Lions Clubs being audited at this time.

Is it a reason to panic? NO. Is it a reason to get your club activity on the right track and file the required forms? YES!!!!!!

Here is a quote from an article on the Guidestar.org website.

Did you know that in May 2010, half a million nonprofits could find themselves stripped of their exempt status? The IRS estimates that that's the number of smaller organizations that have failed to file a Form 990-N.

The Pension Protection Act of 2006 requires exempt organizations that don't meet the income thresholds for Form 990 or 990-EZ to file a new return with the IRS. The IRS created Form 990-N for this purpose, and smaller nonprofits began using it last year to report on tax years ending on or after December 31, 2007.

The Pension Protection Act also mandates that the IRS revoke the tax-exempt status of any organization that fails to file a Form 990, 990-EZ, 990-PF, or 990-N for three consecutive years. Revocations will happen automatically beginning in May 2010.

The Lions Clubs are a little bit luckier. Because we have June 30 year ends, Lions Clubs that don't file won't be dissolved until November, 2010. But why wait until you are in a panic mode.

Small clubs with gross receipts under \$25,000, simply go on line and file form 990-N. There are no amounts required. The only questions are providing the contact person, mailing address and checking a box saying that the organization is still alive.

Medium size clubs with gross receipts between \$25,000 and \$500,000 can file form 990-EZ. More complicated, but still able to be prepared by many nonprofessionals.

Large clubs grossing more than \$500,000 must file form 990 and probably want to hire a professional.

As a last note, keep in mind that the Internal Revenue Service has access to State of Michigan records. If you obtain Michigan licenses for bingo, raffles, sales tax or any other Michigan licenses, the Internal Revenue already knows about your club and can check the Michigan records and then your club tax filings.

So, again, BE SMART and get your records up to date and file the required tax returns.

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### Tax Alert – 990 filing

By Bruce LaBelle, District Cabinet Treasurer

Attention all Lions Club members, insure that your Lions Club files the necessary Tax forms to the IRS by November 15, 2009 or the Club will be fined \$20/day after that. All Lions Clubs should be filing based on a year that begins on July 1 and ends on June 30.

The Club can file on-line at [www.epostcard.form990.org](http://www.epostcard.form990.org) using a 990EZ provided that the Club gross receipts are less than \$25,000. Remember that the Gross Receipts are before expenses, not your profits. It takes less than five minutes to complete the form. The IRS is not just playing around with this. If your club does not file for three years in a row, you will lose your non-profit status and will pay taxes on everything you earn or own. This law went into effect last year and every Lions Club should have filed last year. If you did not, your Club has a major problem; the fine alone could be over \$5800.

I encourage every Lions member to insure that the correct forms have been filed with the IRS.

For additional information, contact the State Treasurer Paul Hemeryck at (586) 484-9613 or myself at (906) 420-3794.

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## TYPES OF MEMBERSHIP

**Active:** A member entitled to all rights and privileges and subject to all obligations which membership in a Lions club confers or implies. Without limiting such rights and obligations, such rights shall include eligibility to seek, if otherwise qualified, any office in this club, district or association and the right to vote on all matters requiring a vote of the membership; and such obligation shall include regular attendance, prompt payment of dues, participation in club activities and conduct reflecting a favorable image of this Lions club in the community. As provided in the Family Membership Program criteria, qualifying family members shall be Active Members and be entitled to all rights and privileges thereof. As provided in the Student Member Program criteria, qualifying student, former Leo and young adult members shall be Active Members and be entitled to all rights and privileges thereof.

**Member-at-Large:** A member of a club who has moved from the community, or because of health or other legitimate reason, is unable regularly to attend club meetings and desires to retain membership in this club, and upon whom the board of directors of this club desires to confer this status. The status shall be reviewed each six months by the board of directors of this club. A Member-at-Large shall not be eligible to hold office or to vote in district or international meetings or conventions, but shall pay such dues as the local club may charge, which dues shall include district and international dues.

**Honorary:** An individual, not a member of this Lions club, having performed outstanding service for the community of this Lions club, upon whom this club desires to confer special distinction. This club shall pay entrance fees and international and district dues on such a member, who may attend meetings, but shall not be entitled to any privileges of active membership.

**Privileged:** A member of a club who has been a Lion fifteen or more years, who, because of illness, infirmities, advanced age or other legitimate reason, as determined by the board of directors of their club, must relinquish his/her active status. A Privileged Member shall pay such dues as the local club may charge, which dues shall include district and international dues. He/she shall have the right to vote and be entitled to all other privileges of membership except the right to hold club, district or international office.

**Life Member:** Any member of a club who has maintained Active membership as a Lion for 20 or more years and has rendered outstanding service to the club, his/her community, or this association; or any member who is critically ill; or any member of this club who has maintained such active membership for 15 or more years and is at least 70 years of age; may be granted Life Membership in this club upon:

- 1) recommendation of the club to the association,
- 2) payment to the association of \$500.00, or its equivalent in the respective national currency, by this club in lieu of all future dues to the association, and
- 3) approval by the International Board of Directors.

Nothing herein shall prevent this club from charging a Life Member such dues as it shall deem proper. A Life Member shall have all privileges of active membership so long as he/she fulfills all obligations thereof.

A Life Member who desires to relocate and receives an invitation to join another Lions club shall automatically become a Life Member of said club. Former Lioness members, who are now Active members of their Lions club or who become Active members of a Lions club on or before June 30, 2007, may apply all of their prior Lioness service toward Life membership eligibility. Lioness members who become Active members of a Lions club after June 30, 2007, will not be eligible for Lioness service credit for the purposes of Life membership eligibility.

**Associate Member:** A member who holds his/her primary membership in another Lions club but maintains a residence or is employed in the community served by this club. This status may be conferred by the invitation of the board of directors and shall be reviewed annually. The club shall not report an Associate Member on its Membership Report. An Associate Member may be eligible to vote on club matters, at meetings where he/she is present in person, but may not represent the club as a delegate at district (single, sub-, provisional and/or multiple) or international conventions. He/she shall not be eligible to hold club, district or international office nor district, multiple district or international committee assignments through this club. International and district (single, sub-, provisional, and/or multiple) dues shall not be assessed on an Associate; PROVIDED, however, nothing shall prevent this club from assessing an Associate such dues as it shall deem proper.

**Affiliate Member:** A quality individual of the community who currently is not able to fully participate as an Active member of the club but desires to support the club and its community service initiatives and be affiliated with the club. This status may be conferred by the invitation of the club's board of directors. An Affiliate Member may be eligible to vote on club matters at meetings where he/she is present in person, but may not represent the club as a delegate at district (single, sub, provisional, and/or multiple) or international conventions. He/she shall not be eligible to hold club, district or international office, nor district, multiple district or international committee assignment. An Affiliate Member shall be required to pay district, international and such dues as the local club may charge.

## Lion's Day at Bay Cliff

By Bill and Kris Rowe, Lions Co-Chairs to Bay Cliff

The Lion's Day at Bay Cliff went really well. We had between 20-30 Lions Members and spouses. The weather was perfect. The teen campers gave us tours of Bay Cliff. The renovations that have already occurred at Bay Cliff are beautiful and handicap accessible. We got to see the Shady Nook building that we are fundraising to rebuild. It is in serious need of renovation.

We had lunch with the campers and some of us were allowed to sit at the "Manner's table" which is a table where each day the campers with the best table manners get to sit with Mr. Tim or Miss Karen. The children were so well behaved and polite. The Lions members were spread out throughout the big house sitting with boys and girls of all ages. Some of the campers gave District Governor Robert Miller a card signed by all of the children.

After lunch we went to the auditorium for a presentation. Checks were presented to Mr. Tim by several clubs. Donations of clothing, quilts and other items were also brought up by club members. All of the campers who are seventeen years old and in their last summer at Bay Cliff spoke to us. It was very moving. They were so mature. They had their future planned out and spoke of all the things they loved about Bay Cliff and all that they had gotten out of being at Bay Cliff. It was a very special day. Thank you to all who attended.

Lions have given \$110,656.50 toward the Shady Nook restoration

Others have given \$22,715

A total of \$133,371.50 has been raised.

Lions have given \$14,438.50 to Operations from January 2009-Present

Please continue to support Bay Cliff with monies or donations. This year your donations to operations have helped make a difference for 163 campers. Thank you for your support.

\* Please respect Bay Cliff's privacy and do not reprint or copy and paste any of these photos of campers. Thank you very much.



District Governor Bob Miller accepts a Thank you card from one of the children of Bay Cliff Health Camp for the Lions continued support of the Camp.



Campers greeting the Lions of District 10 as they arrive for Lions Day and wait for their tour of the facility by the Teen Campers.



Some of the Campers attending Bay Cliff in the Big House for the check presentations by the Lions Clubs of Single District 10.

## Teen nets more than \$20,000 in Trek to Bay Cliff

By Jillian Jamison, Daily Press

It was shortly after 1 p.m. Saturday on June 2<sup>nd</sup>, when Eugene “Gene” Fletcher arrived at Bay Cliff Health Camp. Fletcher, Isabella, the 14-year-old so many people have been rooting for, had completed his 100-mile Trek to Bay Cliff in his wheelchair.

A banner of congratulations spanned the camp’s entrance gate, and a welcoming crowd of campers, staff and parents lined each side of the driveway. Many cheered wildly as Gene sped through the finish-line tape that marked the end of his four-day journey.

Fletcher made the trip to raise money for Bay Cliff.

Gene was joined by his father, Mike Fletcher, and Bay Cliff Health Camp Director Tim Bennett. Mike Fletcher spoke on behalf of his son.

“For the last 2 months, Gene has been collecting money for Bay Cliff. This is the total of that collection, as of last night,” Mike said, as he and Gene presented an oversized check for \$20,801.42. Gene doubled the amount he had set out to raise.

“That was the total as of last night,” said Gene’s mother, Naomi Fletcher, Saturday. “The total actually went to \$21,500 in the last two hours, and we haven’t yet added today’s donations or what’s waiting for us back at home.”

Gene added that he had taken in \$500 more on the road.

Bennett was stunned and pleased with the donation. “On behalf of Bay Cliff Health Camp, I want to thank Gene and his family for making Bay Cliff so successful,” he said. He added the message Gene had sent by taking on such a tremendous challenge is, “No matter what your disability or challenge in life, if you want to accomplish something, you can do it. This is Gene’s message to everyone.”

Mike described the trip as exhausting. “It was a long, grueling trip, worrying about (Gene) being alright. For the most part everyone was very courteous, and he stayed on the road all the way. For Gene, this is huge ... and we’re on time.

“We could never have done this without the organization and planning Naomi did. She was the backbone of this whole operation.”

Gene said it felt great to finally cross the finish line.

He said the worst part of the trip was “staying on the road and not getting run over. My back hurts from the bumpy road and from sleeping in the car at night.”

And the best part of the trip? “The view of the forest and lake, and the quiet,” said Gene.

According to Naomi, traffic was fast and the lanes were very narrow on some stretches of highway they traveled. However, she and Mike took special precautions to protect their son, including having a lead car with caution lights and a follow-up vehicle.

“People were really good about giving us a wide berth as they passed by,” said Naomi.

All along the way, random people stopped and rushed over to stuff cash in the donation can Gene pulled behind him in a little wagon. Several people joined him on bicycles along the way, to show their support and to lend their company.

Just one example of the kindness and generosity extended to Gene during his trek happened on day three. A loaded logging truck stopped on a narrow shoulder and the driver ran across the busy highway to donate \$100. The man gave no name, but only his heartfelt wishes for safety and success.

The whole Trek to Bay Cliff plan was unveiled months ago during the Rapid River Lions Club’s annual Bay Cliff fund-raising event.

The trek, which was Gene’s idea, was to be the climax of a 2-month fund-raiser designed to raise \$10,000 for Bay Cliff.

The public is encouraged to show support for Fletcher’s trek by checking out his Web site [www.trektobaycliff.com](http://www.trektobaycliff.com) and making a donation to this courageous effort. Interested individuals and well-wishers may contact Fletcher by e-mail at [gene@trektobaycliff.com](mailto:gene@trektobaycliff.com).



Heading up the driveway of Bay Cliff Health Camp in Big Bay, camper Gene Fletcher of Isabella takes his wheelchair to top speed as he rushes toward the finish line, ending his successful Trek to Bay Cliff fund-raising campaign. (Daily Press photo by Jillian Jamison)

**SATISFACTION** does not come with achievement but with effort.

Full effort is full victory.

Mahatma Gandhi

## **Lions Liability Insurance: A Quick Overview**

By Art Anderson

Let's take a spin through the Liability Insurance Program of Lions International. This is only a summary, and further details can be found on the International's web site.

- **Liability Plan Summary:** The International Association purchases a program of General Liability Insurance covering Lions worldwide. Coverage is provided by ACE American Insurance. Provisions of the policy apply to most liability exposures of Lions Clubs and districts. This is a liability policy only, and does provide "accident" insurance to pay for injuries regardless of fault. Plan costs are paid for by Lions International (self insured). There is a \$1,000,000 per claim deductible. Losses directly impact the cost of the plan. The cost of the plan is included in International dues. A summary of the plan and coverage can be viewed at [www.lionsclubs.org/EN/common/pdfs/la3.pdf](http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/common/pdfs/la3.pdf) on line.
- **Who Is Protected:** Named insured includes Lions International and LCIF, all clubs, districts and multiple districts, and other Lions organizations owned, controlled, or operated by a named insured. Note: "Lions" and "control" are key. The controlling entity (board) must have at least 50% Lions. Also "sponsor" does not mean control. Additional insured include Lion directors, officers, employees, and members, individual volunteer workers, persons or organizations granting use of their premises, and public bodies issuing permits to Lions.
- **What Is Covered:** The policy pays sums a club or member is legally obligated to pay. The claim must be the result of bodily injury or property damage covered by the policy. Note that ACE Insurance has the right and duty to defend any suit for covered claims (i.e., expect a court fight). The policy insures liabilities, not injuries. This is not an accident policy- the club must be legally liable. Coverage includes premises, operations and products (including food poisoning), hired and non-owned auto liability, personal and advertising injury (slander, false advertising), fire legal liability, contractual liability, and incidental medical malpractice. There is a little known rider with a \$1,000 medical payments coverage policy designed to prevent lawsuits. Further information on this is available from legal.
- **Exclusions:** Not covered are liquor liability, liability of owned automobile, auto physical damage- any vehicle owned or operated by an insured, aircraft and owned watercraft and property owned by Lions, buildings leased or rented (fire exception) and personal property of others. Examples include club supplies, leased or borrowed grills and damage to other personal property (Car slams into leased building, etc.). Also excluded are pollution / asbestos, medical malpractice, medical payments for participation in athletic events, injury to employees (worker's comp) and coverage of co-sponsors. (Ex: Lions and Rotary co-sponsor event, Lions are covered under Lions insurance, Rotarians are not.
- **Evidence of Coverage:** Coverage is automatic. Certificates are not needed for coverage of Lions' events and are used to show a third party what coverage is provided and to name other entities as additional insured. Certificates of Insurance can be requested (and even instantly downloaded from the Lions web site at [www.lionsclubs.org/EN/common/pdfs/request\\_certins.pdf](http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/common/pdfs/request_certins.pdf) after filling in pertinent details. Certificates do not change the policy coverage. Even if you specify coverage for items, which are exempt under the policy, they will not be honored. The policy is superior.
- **Hazardous Activities:** While these events are covered by liability coverage, it is highly recommended that additional insurance be purchased locally: Dunk tanks, carnivals and parades, circuses and rodeos, bingo games (trip and fall hazards), events where alcohol is served, auto and other racing, concerts, swimming pools, fireworks displays, and construction or demolition projects.
- **Safety Planning- What Can You Do?** Appoint a safety officer to review activities and identify hazards. Review the Liability Program Summary to become familiar with what is or is not covered. Complete a self-inspection checklist. Ensure adequate supervision at sponsored events, and obtain certificates of insurance from circus operators, co-sponsors or others participating in Lions events. Ask to be included in the certificate as an additional insured. Also, have a local legal counsel review contracts prior to signing. Your liability risk could be huge if not caught early.

- **Reporting A Claim:** Have your safety officer (or designated member) gather as much information as possible. Take photos if you can. Do not wait for all the details of the claim before reporting (ex: tests, medical reports, etc.). Report to ACE Insurance at 888-217-8074. Most importantly, do not admit liability or offer to settle a claim. That part is for the lawyers and claims agents.

So there you have it... a quick overview of the Lions Liability Insurance Program. Keep in mind that this program is designed for a worldwide organization to provide minimum liability coverage for its members. In this litigious society of the US, it is highly recommended that additional coverage be purchased locally.

Fears of liability should not prevent us from having a good time while helping our communities. The coverage is available if needed. Hoping to never use it should be the goal. Keeping safety in mind, live up to our motto: We Serve!

## **Lions Liability Insurance; A Deeper Look**

Bubba Doofus is attending your Lions' carnival. He's heading to the beer tent for his first liquid refreshment when he trips over the water hose stretched across a walkway used to refill the water in the dunk tank. Bubba breaks his wrist in the fall. Is he covered under the International's million-dollar insurance coverage?

Sally Sniggletooth is watching the annual Lions' Fourth of July parade as the city band comes by. She steps backwards and slips off the edge of the sidewalk. She falls, breaking her wrist. She threatens to sue based on the argument that were it not for the parade, she wouldn't have been on the public sidewalk, and therefore wouldn't have fallen. She wants help with her medical bill. Is there any compensation available through International?

The answer to both is yes.... and no..... and maybe. The Lions' insurance program is a liability program, meaning that there has to be a liability created by the individuals or clubs sponsoring the event. It is not an "accident policy". In Bubba's case, if the hose were simply stretched across a sidewalk without warning signs or protective coverings of some kind, liability was created by the club's placement of the hose and causing a trip hazard. Yes, he's covered. In Sally's

case, she lost her footing on a public right-of-way through no direct action of the club so she isn't covered under the million-dollar policy. However, the threat of a lawsuit hangs over the club. A little known part of the Lion's umbrella coverage has a \$1,000 Medical Payments Coverage that might be available for such a situation. Specifically implemented to prevent lawsuits (and successfully so), Sally might be able to obtain help with her bill. Only a phone call to the Legal Division of Lion's International will begin the legal process of determining liability and potential compensation.

The International's Liability Plan's costs are paid for by Lions International (in other words, self insured), with excess insurance and management provided by ACE American Insurance. There is a \$1,000,000 per claim deductible to Lions International. The cost of the plan is included in your International dues and obviously any losses directly affect the cost to the Association. A summary of the liability plan can be found at [www.lionsclubs.org/EN/common/pdfs/la3.pdf](http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/common/pdfs/la3.pdf) on the web. Coverage is extended to Lions International and LCIF, all clubs, districts and multiple districts. Also protected are other organizations owned, controlled, or operated by a named insured. The key words here are "Lions" and "Control". The majority of an organization's board must be Lions, and Lions must have the ultimate control over operations. In other words, if a Lions club operates a food pantry and the majority of the board of directors are Lions, liability coverage is extended to the food pantry. If, however, the Lions are sponsoring and manning a food pantry which is operated by Goodwill for example, and where the Lions don't hold majority vote on Goodwill's board, liability coverage is not extended by the Lions policy. Sponsorship does not mean control. Confusing? Just remember that Lions must be in control of the project to have coverage under the International Liability Policy.

In addition to the named insured (International, districts, clubs, controlled organizations), additional insured include Lion directors, officers, employees and members, persons or organizations granting use of their premises, and public bodies issuing permits to Lions. What does it cover? The legal-eze; the policy pays sums a club or member is legally obligated to pay. A claim must be the result of bodily injury or property damage covered by the policy. Again, this policy insures liabilities, not injuries. This is not an

accident policy. The club must be legally liable. Also, the insurance company will defend any suit for covered claims to reduce their exposure, so the whole thing becomes a legal issue. As a result, NEVER admit responsibility for an accident or promise that the Lions will cover bills or damage. Only the insurance company can make that determination.

What sort of things are covered? Coverage includes premises, operations and products, hired and non-owned auto liability, personal and advertising injury (slander, false advertising), fire legal liability, contractual liability, and incidental medical malpractice. Exclusions and not covered are liquor liability, liability of owned automobiles, auto physical damage- any vehicle owned or operated by insured, aircraft and owned watercraft, property owned by Lions, buildings leased or rented (fire exception), and the personal property of others.

Additional local insurance should be procured for these. As an example, grills that are leased or borrowed are not covered. Again, this is a liability policy, not property insurance. In addition, pollution and asbestos claims are not covered, medical malpractice, medical payments for participation in athletic events, and injury to employees (worker's comp should be in place). Coverage for co-sponsors is also excluded. If, for example, Lions and Rotary were co-sponsoring an event, Lions would be covered, Rotarians would not.

Coverage is automatic. You don't need to request coverage from International for each event you sponsor. If you need to provide a Certificate of Insurance in order to hold a parade, for example, and list the governing body as an additional insured, certificates can be requested on the Lions web site at [www.lionsclubs.org/EN/common/pdfs/request\\_certins.pdf](http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/common/pdfs/request_certins.pdf) or by calling International. Remember, a certificate does not change the policy coverage. Even if you list items on the certificate that are normally excluded under the master policy, they will not be covered. The certificate cannot change policy coverage.

What do you think is one of the most hazardous events sponsored by Lions? Bingo games! Chairs are crammed too close together, tables are squeezed into tight quarters, and coats are thrown over the chair backs. Slips, falls, and tripping add up to a lot of injuries. Also seen as hazardous activities are dunk tanks, carnivals and parades, circuses and rodeos, auto and other racing events, concerts, swimming pools, firework displays construction and demolition projects, and events where alcohol is served. If sponsored by Lions, are these insured under the liability policy? Yes. It is recommended, however, that

the club purchase additional insurance locally, as these events create a significant risk. In today's litigious society, one million dollars should be considered a bare minimum. Regarding events with alcohol, a separate alcohol policy will be required. While an event may be covered by Lions insurance, any incident involving alcohol will be denied, and must be covered by an additional policy.

What can you do to reduce your liability exposure? First, appoint a safety officer for the event you are planning. Reduce risk wherever possible. Review your activities and identify hazards. Review the Lions Liability program summary so you are familiar with the coverage available and what is not covered. Complete a Self-Inspection Checklist. Ensure adequate supervision of your event. Obtain certificates of insurance from circus operators, co-sponsors or others participating in a Lions event and ask to be listed as an additional insured on their policy. Also, have a local legal counsel review any contract before committing in writing.

If your club has an accident at an event, what should you do? Have your safety officer gather as much information as possible. Photos are extremely helpful. Report a claim to Ace Insurance (888) 217-8074, or call International and ask where to report a claim. Don't wait for all the details of a claim before reporting. Most importantly, do not admit liability or offer to settle a claim. It is up to the insurance company to determine liability, who is at fault, and what rectification might be available. An admission or offer on your part might jeopardize your coverage.

As lawyers like to say, there is no black and white when it comes to the law, only various shades of gray. The minute you start discussing insurance, you enter the world of the litigators. Prevention is always the best protection from lawsuits and insurance claims. Review your events from the aspect of safety. Develop a safety supervisor and a self-inspection checklist. Know your coverage and exemptions. Buy additional insurance. Know how to gather information in case of an incident, and report an incident promptly to the insurer. And again, leave the issues of blame and settlement to the insurance professionals.

Fears of liability should not prevent us from having a good time and helping our communities. The coverage is available if needed. Hoping to never use it should be the goal. Keeping safety in mind, live up to our motto: We Serve!

Information from seminar presented at the 2009 International Convention, Minneapolis.



## Lions Pleased with race turnout

It was the best year ever for the off-road races at the Bark River International Raceway, according to race officials.

Attendance for the August off-road races beat the record set in 2006 by 16.6 percent. Combined with the attendance increases at the July races, 2009 is the best attended year since the Bark River Lions Club started the off-road races 34 years ago.

“We’re just elated with the numbers that are starting to show,” said Roger Charbonneau, raceway marketing chairman. “We had an outstanding year in comparison to most other events as well as taking in consideration the economy.”

After a two-year decline, gate revenues in August jumped 52.2 percent from August 2008. The July races were up 23 percent from July 2008. Reserved seating sales in August jumped 25 percent from 2008. The exact figures were not included in a press release on the races.

Gate surveys showed that 59 percent of those attending the races were from the Upper Peninsula, 25 percent from Wisconsin, 13 percent downstate Michigan and the remaining 3 percent from the other states and Canada.

Charbonneau said the large increase in attendance over the last two years is probably due to the number of pro drivers that came to Bark River this year. In 2007, the racing series split and many of the pro drivers went out west to compete. This year, the two organizations combined into the Traxxas TORC series, bringing many of the racers back to the Midwest.

“Now, we have the pro drivers back plus more with this series. And the spectators are following them,” Charbonneau said.

The fans are also eating and drinking more. Food sales jumped 67.1 percent over August 2008. Beer sales were up 37.8 percent from August 2008.

The Bark River Lions Club also made changes to the track that created excitement among racers and race fans.

In July, lanes were widened to allow more passing, better banking was created and more jumps were added. In August, a large tabletop was built in front of the grandstands. “Our track crew went ahead and accomplished it by adding another 3,000 yards of dirt and it made for some excellent racing,” said Charbonneau.

Officials from the new Traxxas TORC series recommended many of the track changes. Charbonneau said they did not expect the reaction they received from racers. “The comments have been fantastic. A number of them have said this is the best track ever that they’ve ever raced on,” he said.

Rounds 9 and 10 at Bark River were televised on ESPN2 on August 16<sup>th</sup>. Race photos and video of the races can be seen at [www.torc-series.com](http://www.torc-series.com). The Bark River Lions Club is already looking towards next year as they make plans for more changes to the raceway. “We don’t intend on sitting still at this point. A lot of different things are on the drawing board right now as far as some more track changes as well as some more facility changes,” he said.



## Off To The Races!

## Wells Membership Increase

By Bruce LaBelle, SD10 Editor

The Wells Lions Club continues to increase its membership. Last year (2008-09) the Club increased their membership by nine members and continued to expand this year; meeting the District Governors objective to increase all Clubs membership by three members this year. At a recent meeting the Wells Lions welcomed two new members; Al Trombly and Harry Badger. The Lions Club as done such an excellent job at recruitment that they are currently looking at expanding their clubhouse so that they have room for their meetings. The members enjoy a meal prepared by its members at each meeting and the attendance is one of the highest in the District. The Club membership currently stands at 65 and is sure to continue to grow with the Clubs membership drive. Shown below from left to right is Al Trombly, Dan Caron, Harry Badger and Tom Skradski



## Les Cheneaux Lions Hold Public Gathering

By Carol Martin

In June the Les Cheneaux Lions Club hosted a public meeting to inform residents about Blastomycosis, a fungal disease that can infect canines and sometimes humans. “Blasto” as it’s commonly called, is hyper endemic in the Eastern Upper Peninsula. Biologists from Lake Superior State University in Sault Ste. Marie made the presentation and explained symptoms, results of studies, and treatments available.

Thanks to Dr. Derek Wright and his staff for the presentation, and also to Dr. and Mrs. Clinton Groover, DVM, who offered extensive information on treatments for dogs.

## Trenary Lions Assist Fletcher

By Roy Aho

Gene Fletcher visited the Trenary Lions Club, June 16th, on his trek to Bay Cliff Health Camp. The Lions hosted a cook-out & collected donations towards his goal of \$21,000 for Bay Cliff. Around 30 Lions and guests were in attendance. See related article on Eugene’s trip.(pg 17)



Gene Fletcher and his mother, Naomi visit the Trenary Lions on his way to Bay Cliff Health Camp.



Lion Roy Aho cooking brats for the event to help raise money for Bay Cliff Health Camp.



Left to Right, Lions Clay Cotey, Bruce Halline and Roy Aho enjoy the meal and company of the attendees.

## Gladstone Lions Presents Award



Gladstone King Lion Joe Bugay (left) presents the “Lion of the Year” Award to Lion Dave Nemecheck for his outstanding contributions to the Gladstone Lions Club.

## Les Cheneaux Lion of the Year



King Lion John Torsky of the Les Cheneaux Lions Club is shown presenting “Lion of the Year” to Phil Milan. Lion Milan was chosen for the award because of his many years of faithful service and involvement with the Les Cheneaux Lions Club and their projects.



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## Sault Lions Club “A Year at a Glance”

By PDG Don Myers

Lions year 2008-09 flew by quickly for our club which is a normal Lions Club serving their community, state, and international interests. We meet 9 months out of the year with numerous activities that involve our membership. We serve Habitat, Soup Kitchen, Salvation Army, I-500 International Snowmobile race, hockey tournaments, skating club, swim club, and all Lions projects and campaigns.

We have more Melvin Jones Fellows than any other club in Single District 10, taking pride in the fact that we donate a minimum of \$1000 each year to LCIF, for this kind of recognition to one of our club members.

Our club is made up of all ages of members, from every walk of life. We give new members a chance to be leaders by involving them as soon as they are ready.

We have fun during the summer as we relax by meeting in the summer homes of Bill Munsell, Gary Deuman, and Don Wozniak for renewal and relaxation. We also use this time to plan for the New Year, and look into the future with some anticipation for serving our fellow man.

This year we applied for a grant that will enable us to detect early vision problems affecting pre-schoolers and those at the early stages of their education. We work with the Sugar Island Lions Club in this effort.

We have applied for a continuing grant of \$5000 for eye testing and eye glasses replacement. As long as there is a need the grant will continue for those needy people in the Eastern Upper Peninsula.

Next year we plan on working through our eye specialist, and club member, Dr. Dale Johnson on a program for detecting ocular problems of young children and equip them with the proper therapy to increase their ability to learn.

The Sault Lions Club feels a need to be a part of their community in every respect but is always trying to help those visually impaired children who might fall through the cracks due to a lack of funding through normal channels.

**As of June 30, 2009, Lions Clubs International had 1,318,908 members in 45,645 clubs in 753 districts and 205 countries.**

## Area students in All-State Band

By Jillian Jamison, Daily Press

Earlier this summer, five area teens were given a prime opportunity to toot their own horn, as it were, for a two-week time span. Selected through audition to be members of the the 2009 Lions of Michigan All-State Band (LMASB), the young musicians participated in a whirlwind of rehearsals and performances.

According to LMASB Charities Inc. Chief Executive Officer Brian Shepard, the valuable experiences the band members acquire while in the band can't be found through any other means. This is Shepard's ninth year as CEO, and he has been a member and director for the past 23 years, so he feels confident in his assessments.

"It's the kids who make this so worthwhile," he said. "It's seeing our kids head off to college, and suddenly they're Lions. They're Leos (18-28 year-olds), at colleges all over the country, who are involved with clubs and with service."

Shepard explained that the type of young adult who becomes involved in Lions Club volunteerism and in the All-State Band is likely to stay involved after the band experience is over.

This year, All-State Band students from the local area were Lauren Belanger (flute), Jerrica LaVigne (clarinet) and Rachelle Leveille (flute), all of Escanaba, and Jenna Bernson (flute) and Jessie Gagnon (clarinet), both of Gladstone. Each of the high school-age students said they found the experience to be exhausting, fast-paced, filled with long hours of rehearsal and even longer bus rides to their regional destinations, but each also said she would not have missed this opportunity for anything. It was the highlight of their summer and an experience unmatched by any other they'd ever had.

The five young women shared the entire two-week challenge together, and in doing so created a bond that will not be forgotten. At the same time, as is true with All-State Band members each year, the experience gained, the travels made, the effort and dedication put forth were invaluable - as musicians and as individuals.

Not to be discounted is this tremendous annual undertaking is the effort and dedication of the volunteers who make the event possible.

When the band is together for its annual scheduled of practices, performances and the much-anticipated International Show, all attending staff are volunteers and act as the chaperones - this in addition to their duties as music directors for the group. The staff's expenses are not included in the cost of the students' tour price and are covered under the administrative cost of our program. Students pay only for their portion of the tours taken each year.

The adult with the area students this year was Jenny Ware, SD10 All-State Band Co-Chairperson. Ware is a member of the Brampton-Days River Area Lions Club and the Single District 10 Cabinet (Upper Peninsula).

As part of the 2009 itinerary, the band spent June 30-July 3 at Adrian College for Pre-Tour Camp, and then arrived in Escanaba by bus July 4. After performing July 4 at Van Cleve Park in Gladstone, the band headed for Minnesota, where they performed the National Anthem at the Twins-Yankees baseball game July 8 (Lions Night in the Big Leagues). While in Minnesota, they also performed at the International Show, along with the Beach Boys. Keynote speaker at the 1st Plenary Session, at which the band also performed the flag ceremony, was Secretary of State Colin Powell.

Next year, the All-State Band will travel to Sydney, Australia for the Lions Club International Convention. Students of music who are within the appropriate age group are invited to contact their nearest Lions Club representative for information about auditioning to be part of the band.

A few of the girls said they would like to be in the band again next year. For now, though, the positive feelings garnered by this year's experience remain fresh in their minds.

"We are thankful to the Escanaba and Wells Lions Clubs, all Lions and band directors for supporting us," said Leveille, after her arrival back home. "Without them, it wouldn't have been possible."

## District 10 2009 Convention Update

By PDG Larry Klaus

The SD10 2010 Convention Committee has geared up and is in full swing to make the next District Convention one of the most productive and informative District Conventions in a long time. The plans are going well for the 2010 Single District 10 Convention.

The committee consists of Lions from the Chocolay Township, Marquette, Skandia and Gwinn Lions Clubs. Jim Manyen of the Chocolay Lions Club will be acting as the Convention Committee Chairman and Treasurer and PDG Larry Klaus will serve as the Secretary for the Convention Committee.

So far we have an agreement with the Holiday Inn in Marquette to be the Convention Headquarters and that will also be the location of all of the Convention activities.

The group "Black Pearl" has signed a contract for the entertainment on Friday evening at the Mix & Meet. The Committee is currently working on a nationally known due for the Saturday evening entertainment.

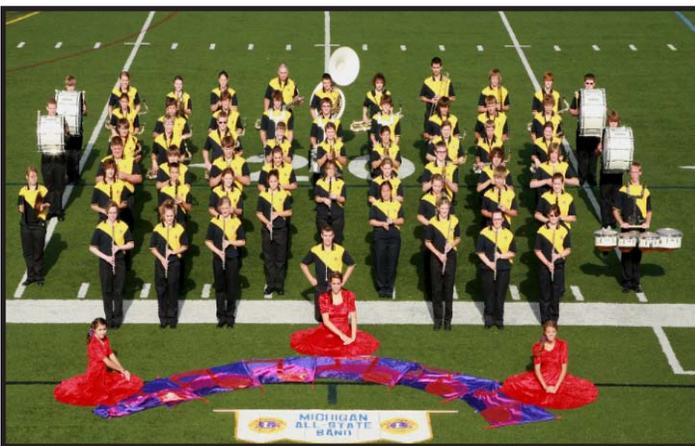
Bill Rowe and the Gwinn Lions Club are working on an Auto Show. We are working on several different and useful Break out sessions for Saturday afternoon. We hope to have something for everyone to enjoy, so start getting a group of your club members together now, and have some fun in Marquette on April 23 – 25, 2010 at your Single District 10 Convention. Keep watching for additional information about the Convention in your SD10 Lions Magazine and on the District website [www.district10lions.org](http://www.district10lions.org).

These dates are one week earlier than the normal convention dates due to the Northern Michigan University graduation in Marquette. We were unable to negotiate any room discounts for the May 1<sup>st</sup> weekend due to the graduation activities.

Mark your calendars now, April 23-25, for a fun time in Marquette with your fellow Lions at the 2010 District Convention.



Taking a break by their charter bus July 4 while at Gladstone's VanCleve Park are area participants in the 2009 Lions All-State Band, from left, Lauren Belanger, Jenna Bernson, Jerrica LaVigne, Rachelle Leveille and Jessie Gagnon. The five, who were selected through audition, are thankful to the Escanaba and Wells Lions Clubs, all Lions and All-State Band directors for their support of their two-week venture. (Jillian Jamison | Daily Press)



The Lions of Michigan All-State Band. Photo courtesy of LMASB Charities Inc.

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### Lions Honored for 20 Years of Service

By Alfred LaMaire

The International Association of Lions Clubs honored Vienna Hummelgard, Eleanor Jutila and Sharon LeMaire for twenty years of service in Lionism.

Vienna Hummelgard and Eleanor Jutila were members to the local Lioness Club before joining the Newberry Lions Club in 1987. Sharon LeMaire was the first woman to join the Lions Club in 1987 in Allegan, Michigan and she transferred to the Newberry Lions in 1993.

The District 10 Governor Bob Miller congratulated the three women on their achievement and all were presented the Helen Keller pin for 20 years of serving together as Lions.

Pictured left to right are Past District Governor Bob Miller, Vienna Hummelgard, Sharon LaMaire and Eleanor.



### Leader Dog

By Alfred LaMaire

The Newberry Lions Club has sponsored its third Leader Dog puppy under the watchful eyes of Trainers Al and Mary Hall. The Halls have raised eighteen (18) puppies for the Michigan Leader Dog School. They drove to the facility in February of this year to take “Jake” to the school and pick up their next puppy to raise. They named the female dog “Star” after the Tahquamenon Area School’s STAR Program. Star was seven weeks old at that time.

“It’s a lot of fun and I wish more people would want to raise puppies for the Leader Dog Program,” stated Mary Hall. You can go online to the Leader Dog for the Blind for more information on the program.

Picture left to right: Trainer Mary Hall, “Star” Leader Dog Puppy and District Governor Bob Miller.

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## Youth Vision Screening

By Bruce LaBelle

Lion Al Connors of the Crystal Falls Lions Club has been very active with the Single District 10 Project KidSight Program. This program screens 1-5 year old children for vision problems by taking two photos of their eyes. Lion Al has not only conducted screening in the Crystal Falls area but has also traveled to many other Lions Clubs and assisted them with the screenings.

In April, Lion Connors made six trips to other Lions Clubs for vision screenings. He traveled to the LacView Desert Tribal Center on April 1st with the Ottawa Lions Club and screened thirty-three children. On April 9<sup>th</sup> he was once again on the road to assist the Ottawa Lions Club in the screening of twelve kids at the Ewen Trout Creek School. April 16<sup>th</sup> found Lion Al with the Republic Lions Club screening another nine children at the Republic School. On April 17<sup>th</sup>, he traveled to the Hannahville Indian School and screened twenty-eight children at their annual Child Find event. He again assisted the Iron-Mountain Lions Club with a screening held at the Iron Mountain Central School. Lion Al should be complemented for his tireless commitment to this District Project; a job well done and greatly appreciated.

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 \$3 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.

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.



## Trek to Bay Cliff

By Gene Fletcher

My sincere thanks go out to all of you who helped me in my fundraiser for Bay Cliff Health Camp. Your donations and support helped inspire others and helped me raise over \$27,500 directly, and another \$27,500 in matching funds for a total of an astonishing \$55,000 plus.

There were so many more clubs, businesses and individual (over 150); I can not list them all. There is a complete list on my web site, [www.trektobaycliff.com](http://www.trektobaycliff.com) under "Sponsors".

To the patrons of the Super One, Elmer's County Market and Wal-Mart of Escanaba and those of the Gladstone Super Value; I would like to personally thank each and every one of you. To do that, I will be at Super One on August 27<sup>th</sup> from 2-5 pm and Elmer's County Market on August 19<sup>th</sup> from 11-2. I will be at Wal-Mart on September 3<sup>rd</sup> from 2-5 pm and Gladstone Super Value September 4<sup>th</sup> from 2-5 pm.

Thank you all for your support and donations. Without your help, I would not have been able to accomplish this amazing fundraiser to help Bay Cliff Health Camp that has given me so much over the year.

## Lions Peace Poster Contest

By Joe Baczkowski

The theme for the 2009-2010 Lions International Peace Poster Contest is "The Power of Peace". The contest is open to children 11, 12 or 13 years old as of November 15, 2009. A Lions Club must sponsor a local school or organized youth group. A Peace Poster Contest kit is available from the International Club Supplies Department for \$9.95 and a kit is needed for each group sponsored. The deadline for ordering a kit is October 1, 2009 so Clubs need to get started now. All rules, conditions and deadline dates are in the kit. For further information please contact District Peace Poster Chair Joe Baczkowski of the Marquette Lions Club.

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### Northwood's Air Lifeline Update

The Northwood's Air Lifeline phone numbers have been changed. The new numbers are: 1-800-311-1760 and/or (906) 282-2196 dispatcher Bruce Rutter.



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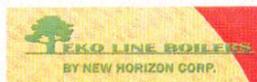
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**World's Largest Service Organization,  
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Joins President's United We Serve Initiative**

A longtime leader in volunteerism and the world's largest service organization, Lions Clubs International is joining President Obama's United We Serve initiative. A national effort launched by the Obama administration to engage more Americans in service, United We Serve kicks off at a time when the economy is down but volunteer efforts are up, according to a new Volunteering in America report.

With more than 373,000 Lions clubs members across the United States and 1.3 million members worldwide, Lions will continue their long-standing commitment to bettering the communities where they live through United We Serve.

"Lions clubs members around the world have long been dedicated to serving their community through humanitarian service programs that improve the health and well-being of fellow community members. Through funding from Lions Clubs International Foundation, Lions in the U.S. are organizing a number of events as part of United We Serve Health Week, including preventative and sight-saving eye health programs," said Albert Brandel, Lions Clubs International Foundation Chairperson.

"In these tough economic times, we need volunteers more than ever," continued Brandel. "Lions volunteers will help us fill the growing need for community services. We are pleased to join this national effort and thank the President for making this call to service."

According to the new report released by the Corporation for National and Community Service, even during a time of prolonged economic recession, volunteering has remained steady, fueled by a compassion boom led by young adults and a wave of do-it-yourself volunteers working with their neighbors to fix problems.

Volunteering in America 2009, the most comprehensive data ever assembled on volunteer trends and demographics, found that a total of 61.8 million Americans volunteered through an organization in 2008, up one million from the previous year. America's volunteers dedicated more than 8 billion hours of service in 2008, worth an estimated \$162 billion.

Last year, the average Lions club provided 739 volunteer service hours to the community. This represents an estimated worldwide total of 33 million volunteer service hours provided by Lions.

Additionally, the average Lions club donated \$13,375 to charitable causes, representing an estimated total of \$601 million donated by Lions worldwide.

Led by the Corporation for National and Community Service, a federal agency that improves lives and strengthens communities through volunteering and service, United We Serve is an initial 81-day program that runs through September 11, which will be marked for the first time as a national day of service and remembrance.

"This summer, I'm calling on all of you to make volunteerism and community service part of your daily life and the life of this nation," said President Obama in a United We Serve video. "Economic recovery is as much about what you're doing in your communities as what we're doing in Washington – and it's going to take all of us, working together."

United We Serve focuses on five key areas where everyone can have a real impact in their community: education, health, energy and the environment; community renewal, and safety and security.

To make it easy for individuals to get involved, the Corporation created [www.Serve.gov](http://www.Serve.gov), a website that allows visitors to type in their zip code to find local volunteer opportunities, recruit volunteers by posting their organization's projects, or get ideas for creating their own projects with friends, families, and neighbors.

Lions events and other volunteer opportunities are listed on [www.Serve.gov](http://www.Serve.gov) and include several free vision screenings in the Washington D.C. metro area; Reston, VA; Beltsville, MD; Camden, NJ; Memphis, TN; and North Liberty, IA. These events are part of a larger goal of Lions clubs members worldwide to fight preventable blindness and provide sight-restoring eye health care for the needy.

Across the country Lions are holding vision and health screenings and education campaigns during United We Serve Health Week, August 10-16. Lions volunteers in mobile health units and other facilities will screen for refractive errors, glaucoma, diabetic retinopathy and other eye issues.

In North Liberty, Iowa, Lions volunteers will help reach and celebrate providing free vision screenings for 1 million children through an LCIF-funded nationwide program to detect amblyopia, known as “lazy eye,” and the leading cause of blindness in children. In Iowa, 147,650 children have been screened through the Iowa KidSight program.

In Memphis, Tennessee, LCIF has partnered with the Mid-South Lions Sight and Hearing Service to fund free vision screenings for 100 adults and children and provide five cataract surgeries. “LCIF has been a Godsend to us and thousands of people in our area,” said Brad Baker, CEO of Mid-South.

“Everyone has something to give, and summer is a great time to get involved,” said Brandel. “Through Lions example in service this summer, we hope to encourage more Americans to make an ongoing commitment to volunteering throughout the year.”

## Minneapolis Convention Highlights

Approximately 15,000 members representing more than 45,000 clubs in 202 countries attended the 92<sup>nd</sup> Lions International Convention in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Highlights included the Parade of Nations, the presentation of the Lions Humanitarian Award and the three plenary sessions. Convention delegates attended workshops, learned about important issues facing communities around the world, elected International Officers, voted on constitutional amendments and helped set the future direction for the Lions Club International. The Lions of Michigan All State Band performed in the International Convention Parade and performed at the Minneapolis Twins Baseball Game.



## Bark River Lions Challenge

By Jillian Jamison, Daily Press

Lion Bill Lake, left, and King Lion Brian Adams, right are shown representing the Bark River Lions Club, presenting a check for \$1,000 to local philanthropist and entrepreneur Ken Gartland to help fund the current expansion and renovation of the Carefree Dental Clinic at St. Vincent de Paul in Escanaba, Michigan. Adams said it is largely due to the success of the recent 2009 Bark River Off-Road Races that this donation has been made possible. Bark River Lions challenge all other civic organizations, and particularly other Lions clubs, to match their donation or, at the very least, make a donation of any proportion to the dental clinic. (Daily Press photo by Jillian Jamison)



Ken Gartland, right, accepts a donation of \$500 from Matt Reeves of the Wells Lions Club, on behalf of the Carefree Dental Clinic at St. Vincent de Paul, Escanaba. Reeves said the Wells Lions Club is happy to help support “the worthwhile community project,” which serves area individuals in need of dental care. The facility, which is located at 115 N. 8th St., Escanaba, is currently undergoing expansion and renovation to help better serve local individuals in need of free dental care. All funds were raised through the Wells Lions Club’s food concession work at the U.P. State Fair, and from support given while there. (Daily Press photo by Jillian Jamison)



## **SD10 Lions Activities Report**

**Date: May 1, 2009 - Aug 31, 2009**

**Bark River** - \$200 Island Resort Charity Classic, \$20 U.P. State Fair Dairy Program, \$250 Bark River-Harris School NASP Archery Club, \$500 Community Foundation for Delta County, \$216 Eye Exam and Eyeglasses, \$100 St. Vincent De Paul Care Free Dental Clinic, \$100 Salvation Army Day Camp, \$30 Project KidSight Screenings, \$5,500 Bark River-Harris Schools Band Uniforms, \$500 Susan Casimir Davis Benefit, \$250 Jonathon Borchert Benefit, \$1125 Faith Grzyb Benefit, \$500 Bark River-Harris Schools Scholarship (1 of 4), \$1000 St. Vincent De Paul Care Free Dental Clinic Building Expansion, \$500 Kim Kleikamp Benefit

**Baraga** - \$1,000 Bay Cliff Health Camp

**Bessemer** - \$156 Eyeglasses, \$25 All State Band Member, \$50 Penoque Range Baseball Team Travel Expenses

**Carney-Nadeau** - \$200 Carney-Nadeau School Scholarship

**Calumet** - \$1500 Calumet High School Scholarship, \$25 Bay Cliff Health Camp, \$25 Leader Dog, \$25 Michigan All-State Band, \$25 Michigan Eye Bank, \$25 Northwood's Air Lifeline, \$25 Teaching Family Homes, \$240 Dictionaries for Calumet School District, \$55 Salvation Army, \$400 American Legion Boys State Program, \$75 Calumet Hockey Association, \$300 CLK Baseball, \$75 CLK Wolverine Hockey, \$100 CLK Figure Skating Club, \$200 Eye Exam and eyeglasses, \$50 Junior ROTC Program

**Chippewa** - \$120 Child's Eyeglasses, \$500 Travel and lodging for cancer patient

**Delta-Menominee** - \$120 Supplies for soldiers in Afghanistan, \$190 Dept. of Human Service 4-H Camp sponsorship, \$25 Lions of Michigan All State Band (member), \$100 Bark River-Harris Archery Club, \$50 All State Band Member (2), \$100 Supplies for soldiers in Afghanistan, \$190 4-H Camp Scholarship, \$200 5-year old heart transplant, \$200 Faith Grzyb Benefit, \$150 Kim Kleikamp Benefit, \$150 Johathon Benefit, \$150 Susan Casimir Davis Benefit, \$33 Project KidSight

**Drummond Island** - \$600 Scholarship, \$50 Road Cleanup, \$100 Diabetes Awareness, \$100 Bay Cliff Health Camp, \$200 PCC Sara Doubledee (International Director Fund), \$500 Drummond Island

July 4<sup>th</sup> Fireworks, \$100 Drummond Island 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade Prize money, \$200 Eastern Upper Peninsula Special Olympics, \$200 Hospice of Chippewa County, \$50 Lions of Michigan White Cane, \$100 Drummond Island Community Food Bank, \$100 Diabetes Outreach, \$100 Drummond Island Medical Clinic, \$100 Bay Cliff Shady Nook, \$100 Teaching Family Homes, \$100 Michigan Lions Service Foundation, \$100 Michigan Eye Bank, \$100 Leader Dog

**Escanaba** - \$196 Wal-Mart Eye Care Case, \$200 Shopko Eyecare Center Eye Care Case, \$20 Project Kid Sight, \$384 Wal-Mart 2 eye care cases, \$250 Kayla Berbohn Citizenship Award winner, \$800 Escanaba School Scholarship

**Gladstone** - \$200 Eyeglasses

**Gwinn** - \$60 Fire Department Pup Program

**Iron Mountain-Kingsford** - \$275 Kingsford Major Little League Sponsor, \$200 Kingsford Minor Little League Sponsor, \$100 Bay Cliff annual donation, \$100 Leader Dogs annual donation, \$100 Michigan All State Band, \$100 Michigan Eye Bank annual donation, \$183 Project Kid Sight Vision Screening 61 children, \$294 Eye Glasses and exam for local resident

**Ishpeming** - \$100 SD10 Diabetes Outreach, \$100 UP Diabetes Outreach Camp Scholarship, \$100 SD10 Student Scholarship, \$200 Marquette County Habitat for Humanity, \$500 Ishpeming Township Fire Department Victims Fund, \$200 Michigan Eye Bank Capital Fund, \$120 Eyeglasses

**Keweenaw** - \$500 Donation unknown

**Lake Linden-Hubbell** - \$200 Lake Linden Senior Class Party, \$100 Hubbell 4th of July, \$300 Medical Expense local resident

**Mackinac Island** - \$300 Eye Surgery local resident, \$100 City of Mackinac Island recreation department

**Marquette** - \$1,000 Club Scholarships, \$1,000 Room at the Inn Homeless Shelter, \$25.00 Eugene Fletcher Trek to Bay Cliff, \$50 Girl Scouts, \$50 Michigan All State Band, \$100 Bay Cliff Health Camp, \$25 Diabetes Outreach, \$50 District Scholarship, \$50 Michigan Eye Bank, \$25 Welcome Homes for the Blind, \$50 Leader Dogs, \$150 Lions of Michigan Service Foundation, \$100 Northwood's Air Lifeline, \$50 Hearing and Speech, \$100 Teaching Family Homes, \$50 UP Library for the Blind, \$50 District 10

Diabetes Committee, \$195 Eye Care Local Resident, \$166 Eugene Fletcher Trek to Bay Cliff, \$25 All State Band Member

**Manistique Lakes** - Free monthly brunch for children age ten and under, \$1000 Ed Krepps Scholarship, \$1000 Northwood's Air Lifeline, \$20 U.P. State Fair Dairy Program, \$50 Seney Natural History Association, \$150 gas cards (2) for medical travel, \$400 Project Backpack, \$100 Aid to elderly

**Negaunee** - \$1,000 Pennies in the Park (Playground equipment), \$100 Negaunee High School Graduation Party, \$1,500 Scholarships (3), \$100 Sarah Doubledee for International Director, \$250 Negaunee American Legion Baseball, \$20 4-H Club UP State Fair, \$1,000 Bay Cliff Health Camp, \$100 Negaunee Elks Club Pioneer Days Kids Parade

**Newberry** - \$100 Vocational Tech Award, \$200 Sponsor Leader Dog Puppy

**Powers-Spalding** - \$35 Youth Exchange Camp, \$100 other donations

**Range** - \$50 phone cards for GI's in Iraq, \$300 Scholarship, \$100 4th of July Fireworks, \$50 Village of South Range fireworks, \$50 Bay Cliff Health Camp Capital Campaign, \$20 UP State Fair Dairy Program

**Rudyard** - \$600 Bay Cliff Health Camp, \$600 Leader Dog for the Blind, \$50 Rudyard Historical Society, \$11 Boy Scout Troup 122, \$10,025 Thompson Cancer Benefit

**Skandia** - \$35 Eye glasses repair for local resident

**St. Ignace** - \$100 City Fireworks committee, \$100 Zion Lutheran Church Youth Camp, \$100 Glenn Memorial Baptist Church Youth Camp, \$100 Legion House, \$100 City Fireworks, \$100 Zion Lutheran Church Youth Group, \$100 Glenn Memorial Baptist Church Youth Group

**Sugar Island** - \$20 UP State Fair Dairy Program

**Tri Town** - \$500 Scholarships, \$175 Bay Cliff Health Camp, \$20 UP State Fair Dairy Program

**Vulcan-Norway-Loretto** - \$ 200 Leader Dog, \$100 Big Brothers-Big Sisters, \$300 Hospice, \$400 Bay Cliff Health Camp, \$50 Michigan All State Band, \$100 Michigan Eye Bank, \$300 Northwood's Air Lifeline, \$100 Dickerson County Library Summer Reading Program, \$100 Special Olympics, \$500 Scholarships (2)

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Member Name	Date Joined	Sponsor
<b><u>Barbeau</u></b>		
James Lewis	06/01/09	Jeremy Hornung
<b><u>Bark River</u></b>		
Al Behr	07/01/09	Gary Aderman
William Sagataw	07/01/09	Joseph Potvin
<b><u>Chocolay Township</u></b>		
John Dawydko	05/01/09	James Manyen
Michael Gschwind	06/01/09	James Manyen
<b><u>Crystal Falls</u></b>		
Jason Gasperich	07/01/09	Max Woelffer
<b><u>Dafter</u></b>		
Emily Tomasi	08/01/09	Daniel Tomasi
<b><u>Drummond Island</u></b>		
Michael Olexsy	06/01/09	Daune Goltz
<b><u>Ford River</u></b>		
Robert Edwards	06/01/09	Phil Johnson
<b><u>Houghton</u></b>		
Kathleen Jarvenpaa	06/01/09	Edward Tunstall
John Mackrain	05/01/09	Edward Tunstall
<b><u>Ishpeming Tri Township</u></b>		
Stacie Williams	04/01/09	Rosemarie Strom
Carol Holmgren	06/01/09	Evelyn Valente
<b><u>Keweenaw</u></b>		
Karen Kezele	01/01/09	Joseph Kezele
<b><u>Lake Linden Hubbell</u></b>		
Elaine Buchbinder	05/01/09	Clarence Little
<b><u>Les Cheneaux</u></b>		
Olga Dean	07/01/09	John Torsky
<b><u>Negaunee</u></b>		
Larry Marta	05/01/09	George Sedlacek
<b><u>Ottawa</u></b>		
Robert Spears	08/01/09	Reino Alanen

<b><u>Perkins</u></b>		
Mary Ault	04/01/09	Dennis Cole
<b><u>Pickford</u></b>		
Earl Wilson	05/01/09	Frank Ball
Greta Wilson	05/01/09	Christine Ball
Josephine Cook	06/01/09	Roger Cook
<b><u>Powers Spalding</u></b>		
Harley Coolman	05/01/09	Jeffrey Naser
Linda Lynch	07/01/09	Joanne LaBelle
<b><u>Range</u></b>		
Otto Dickow	08/01/09	John Baima
Scott Manninen	07/01/09	John Baima
Debbie Pyykkonen	06/01/09	Lido Paoli
John Tolonen	06/01/09	Lido Paoli
<b><u>Republic</u></b>		
Ann Carne	04/01/09	Roy Kempainen
William Carne	04/01/09	Roy Kempainen
Jon Mykkanen	04/01/09	Roy Kempainen
Marie Sarafin	04/01/09	Roy Kempainen
<b><u>Sault STE Marie</u></b>		
Alfred Schwartz	05/01/009	Jerry Stephens
<b><u>ST Ignace</u></b>		
Wesley Maurer	05/01/009	Paula McNamara
<b><u>Stephenson</u></b>		
Sara DeYoung	06/01/009	Jasmes Svinicki
Susan Strazzinski	07/01/009	Richard Lesperance
Wayne Thoe	06/01/009	Richard Lesperance

Total 2008-09 New Members: 121  
Total 2008-09 Dropped Members: 149

Total 2009-10 New Members: 17  
Total 2009-10 Dropped Members: 21



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<u>Lions Club</u>	<u>Member Name</u>	<u>Deceased</u>
Chippewa	Aline Morningsto	07/01/09
Keweenaw	Jacob Spreitzer	05/01/09
Manistique Lakes	Leslie Walstrom	05/01/09
Negaunee	Ralph Carlson	05/01/09
Wells	Art Pilon	05/01/09



**Total 2008-09 Deceased: 27**  
**Total 2009-10 Deceased: 2**

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